

# THE LANDIS NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2019

*"The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein..." Ps. 24:1*

The hum of children's voices drifting on the breeze alongside the distant purr of the boat engine on the lake resonating the cheery sounds of laughter and squeals through my open windows all indicate the commencement of summer camp here at Big Sky Bible Camp. Camp is officially underway and we are anticipating



a fruitful summer of ministry as we serve alongside the countless individuals God has summoned to join us here at camp. As we focus on the doctrine of the Trinity this summer in our Bible classes and chapel times, it is



our prayer that the sweet aroma of Christ and knowledge of God would permeate the hearts of all who hear the Word proclaimed and that the life giving message of the gospel would be on display.

Our first weeks of June have been teeming with a flourish of activity with the arrival of summer staff, an intense week of orientation and staff training, high school week, our first week of day

camp and Camp Promise. We are thankful for the Lord's provision of mature counselors and workers from both near and far, many who are serving at camp for the first time. Jamy's schedule has been filled with orientating the staff, training lifeguards, speaking for day camp chapels, boat driving, meeting one on one for discipleship and accountability with summer staff and various other duties. Late nights and early mornings affirm camp has arrived!

Throughout the past eleven years that we have worked at Big Sky, an aspect of living at camp that we have greatly appreciated is the opportunity to involve our children and family in the work that transpires at camp. We have likewise eagerly anticipated when our children grew in their maturity and ability to begin serving independently in roles around camp. It has been a joy for us to have our kids beginning to reach that season of life! After spending many hours assisting mom in the camp kitchen, Joella and Aleyah have begun to have opportunities to cook alongside our summer cooks as well. Joella served as assistant cook



for our first week of camp and she will also fill that role additional weeks throughout the summer. This entails her and our head cook working long 10-12 days cooking for 100 plus children and adults, and she has readily embraced this role! The next three girls have also been very eager to serve in the dish pit and spent the first week of camp washing dishes after meals. Who knew washing dishes could be so entertaining and appealing! We are truly blessed to witness our children flourishing in the tasks God has called our family to.

As expected, the weeks and months ahead are especially busy, and as we anticipate another season of camp here at Big Sky we covet your prayers for the work here and for our family. We would appreciate both prayers of thanksgiving and supplication as our family labors together this summer!

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## Praises:

-The completion of another successful school year and a much enjoyed week of rest and family time camping in Canada before the onset of camp.

-The arrival of a new full-time staff family this spring, Tyler and Keturah Kerst and their 4 daughters from Colorado who will be joining the permanent staff here at camp. The Kerst family has many years of camp ministry experience and bring numerous gifts and talents that will be a blessing and asset to the work here!

-The Lord's provision of summer staff and counselors- we were headed into the summer understaffed and God has been faithful to bring the right people at precisely the right time! We are particularly thankful for one more male counselor and the Lord's ability to call a young man in Arkansas a week before camp started to fill a much needed hole!

## Prayer Requests:

-That the Lord would be glorified in this place and the gospel clearly proclaimed as countless children, staff and work teams will cross our grounds this summer.

-For wisdom and energy for our family in the midst of a demanding season.

-For Jamy and I as we meet individually with guys and gals throughout the summer and seek to encourage growth in them through prayer, studying the Word and sharing life together.

-That the Lord would continue to sustain and pour out His grace on our extended family as we walk through a difficult season of trial alongside my (Lisa) brother's family as he endures on ongoing battle against cancer.

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## New Facility Update

I (Jamy) continue to work diligently along with a team of others on preparations for the new facility. I have a new understanding of all of the time, money and energy that goes into a facility such as this before construction even begins! We continue to work with our architect and various engineers including civil, structural, mechanical and electrical. We have changed the plans of the dining hall slightly after some excellent feedback from our structural engineer. This will allow for more simple and cost-effective construction. At this point, we are planning on beginning the slab for the dining hall in the spring of 2020. We are so grateful for the many inquiries of folks wanting to help out with this project! Please continue to join us in prayer for this project and all that it entails. Financially, a very rough update is that we have about one-third of the cost of the facility raised.

*Thank you all for your love, prayers and support!*

