

# The Nice News

September 2019

Greetings! It is nice to sit in the office with time to think and reflect on how the Lord used this past summer of ministry to glorify Himself. His faithfulness was so evident all summer. Once again in June we did not know if we would have enough guy counselors to care for all of the campers that were signed up. In the Lord's providence, He used a Facebook post



about our need, to catch the eye of a woman in Minnesota, who has a grandson in Arkansas, who was looking for work and who loved the Lord. I got a call the Friday before orientation started and he was here at Big Sky on Thursday the next week. While in the moment, that was a stressful time for me, I look back now and see God's sovereign care over all of life. Campers came and went all summer hearing deep and sometimes hard to understand truths about the Trinity. Many of them commented on learning about how each person of the trinity was at work in the story of Redemption; from Creation to the end. Paul, in Romans 12 calls us to be transformed by the renewing of our minds. Campers and counselors minds were renewed this summer!

Fall brings changes to my schedule at camp. It is so nice to be home in the evenings and Sunday afternoons again with my family! It was great to have my brother and his family out here for a couple weeks after camp was over. His church brought a work team out and I enjoyed doing some building with him. September brings a lot of guest groups and cleaning. While cleaning is not my favorite job, I enjoy being able to do some mindless work while listening to sermons or podcasts. Once again this year we will host a retreat for youth groups in November and our Big Sky Breakfast in December, which is a restaurant style breakfast served in our dining hall.

## Another Nice baby is on the way!

For those of you who are not in Abram's Sunday School class, (who heard the news prematurely) the Lord has given us another gift of life! Amanda and I are so excited to add to our family. Ruth is not so sure she wants to share mommy but the other 2 are very excited as well. Abram longs for a brother and Naomi of course wants another sister to show around.

There is always so much to do during the summer and the months fly by! The highlight for both Amanda and I was our opportunity to meet one on one with a

couple of our summer staff. It is encouraging to hear how the Lord is teaching our staff about Him through the joy and trial of ministry. The highlight for our kids was our 2 camping

trips. They love to sleep in our tent and eat smores! While Amanda and I would like to get a lot of reading in and catch up on sleep while camping, it is fun to

play with the kids and enjoy time together. Some other fun things we did were swimming in the lake, hiking Mount Aeneas, visits from our parents, and serving in ministry as a family. Amanda even took charge of our craft room this summer and did a fantastic job! This fall, we look forward to ministry at church, having people over for dinner, and, as always, the anticipation of Christmas coming! We appreciate all of you who pray for us and ask that you would continue to do so. Pray for

Amanda and I as we disciple our kids and teach them the things of the Lord. Pray that God would show them their sin and need of a savior. Pray for the health of Amanda and this little one growing in her. Pray that we would trust God for sufficient grace and not always just liberating grace. Pray that we would serve Christ with joy and as we fill our minds with truth, our affections for the Lord would grow as we learn more about Him!

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