

# The Nice News

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Greetings once again from Big Sky Bible Camp in Bigfork, Montana. We are enjoying our very short fall season as we know that winter and snow will be here soon. While every summer is unique in its' own way, summer 2020 was particularly unique; one that will likely not be forgotten. I don't want to dwell too much on how Covid-19 impacted the summer because I think all of us are tired of hearing those reports. However, I do want to mention how thankful I am for the Lord's protection over camp and how he continues to prove himself faithful to sustain us in ministry. It was so encouraging to see a small glimpse of His sovereign hand working to provide a few summer staff who would not have worked here if Covid-19 had not interrupted their original plans.

I spend a majority of my summer ministering to our staff while they minister to the campers. My prayer at the start of every summer is that the LORD would provide a staff that has a strong desire to grow in their knowledge and love for Him.

The highlight of the summer for me was the LORD answering that prayer! We had a fantastic staff that I loved working with. I had countless opportunities to answer questions related to personal Bible study and questions from their campers, and I was able to spend a lot of time searching the scriptures with them. Our staff meetings were so encouraging as we heard from our counselors about campers coming to know the LORD, and asking questions. The love and care our counselors had for their campers this summer could only be produced by the Spirit working in their hearts.

Another highlight from the summer for me, was the opportunity to teach our LIT (leaders in training) classes for a couple of weeks. The first week we went through a book called "What Can

We Know About God" and the second week we went through a book called "How Can I Be Blessed"; both written by RC Sproul. It was fun to teach through some of my favorite truths and expose the high school students to a deeper study of who God is. What a blessing it is to come alongside students and help them study the Bible!



The Nice family homeschool class has officially begun with Abram entering kindergarten and the girls tagging along. The school year has kicked off with a lot of reading of chapter books, combining letter sounds, an ancient Egyptian feast, and the acting out of Spartan battle practices! It has been such a joy for Amanda to study God's word with the children, memorize and apply scripture, and take part in and instill a love of learning. In fact, she might be learning more than



the kids. I have also been plugging away at school. Lord willing, I will earn my bachelors degree in business management at the end of the school year, and begin seminary in the fall (all online).

Some highlights for our family this summer were Abram attending day camp for the first time, multiple camping trips, visits from both my parents and Amanda's parents, swimming, and a lot of campfires in our new fire pit. Of course the biggest blessing was the healthy arrival of sweet Hosea Phillip in April. He is quick to laugh and the other 3 kids have had many battles over whose turn it is to be right in his face. He is dearly loved. As we continue to do ministry here at Big Sky, you can be praying that we would love our guests and campers well, that we would teach our children the truth of the Gospel diligently, that they would respond in faith, and that we would grow in Christlikeness as we are shaped by His Word.

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