

2022 Summer Theme: Faith Alone

In the summer of 2021, our theme was “In Christ Alone,” and we explored why and how Jesus Christ alone is sufficient for our salvation. This summer we’ll address what our response must be as we learn about Christ. The Bible teaches that we are saved through faith alone in Christ alone. If our salvation is dependent on those two things, then it is essential to understand them.



We want to know who our faithful God is, what it is to be saved by faith, why we cannot be saved by good works,

and how our faith will endure in a world that is both enticing and increasingly hostile to Christianity.

Last summer, we also learned about “Christian” in John Bunyan’s classic *The Pilgrim’s Progress*. This summer, we’ll be introducing campers to some of the great men and women in history who showed extraordinary faith. As always, we look forward to opening up God’s Word with each of our campers!



Did you know?

*Big Sky Bible Camp held its first camp in 1947 in the Swan River country, 100 miles from Missoula.

*In 1948 and 1949, BSBC was held at a camp on the west shore of Flathead Lake and was overrun with pack rats!

*BSBC only had \$100 to put down on the original 140 acres purchased for \$20,000 in 1961. A payment of \$5,800 was due September 22nd of that year, and the Lord faithfully provided for that payment and every annual payment thereafter.

*A theme verse for the early founders of BSBC was 1 Kings 8:56 – “not one word has failed of all His good promise.”



1947-2022: CELEBRATING 75 YEARS OF MINISTRY AT BIG SKY BIBLE CAMP

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever! (Hebrews 13:8). As we reflect on 75 years of ministry, we are so thankful that the God we served then is the God we serve now. God has remained faithful, and we believe God will remain good to us. Two key principles have sustained us and will guide us into the next 75 years of ministry: faithfulness to the true gospel and an unwavering commitment to discipleship.



Christian camps are often places where the gospel is watered down, compromised, unspoken or ignored. At BSBC, however, the gospel drives everything we do – from the songs we sing to the intentional relationships between permanent and summer staff to the conversations happening on porches and playhouses. These are unprecedented times, where every fiber of the culture is pressing against what God’s Word teaches. It is in this dark context that the opportunity of camp continues to shine through.

Camps, by nature, are not disciple-making ministries. Campers come for a week of intense Bible teaching and Christian community and then head back home. While we believe God uses camp in each camper’s life to accomplish great things, we also see its value for the discipleship of summer staff. We want to invest in our summer staff members – mentoring them, challenging them, admonishing them, encouraging them and counseling them in the myriad difficult situations they face each week. From counseling a young child caught in an abusive home situation to a high school girl struggling with depression to a special needs camper who forces their counselor to put “self” aside, young folks who love the Lord are able to see what it looks like to put feet to their faith. Weekly meetings with a mentor, book studies, prayer times and simply the culture of seeking and serving the Lord equip each staff member with experiences and tools that will serve them their entire lives.



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A PROMISE KEPT UPDATE

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DONATION SUMMARY

Total Phase 1 Cost: \$5,100,000
Pledged or in-hand: \$3,750,000

Goal for 2022: \$1,350,000

Good news! We will be breaking ground for Phase 1 of “A Promise Kept” - the new dining hall - in early April. Our goal is to have the dining room dried in by the end of the year! We are grateful to have more than 73% of the Phase 1 cost raised. Our goal is to raise the remaining \$1.35 million needed for Phase 1 by the beginning of 2023.

While we have made good progress so far, we still have a ways to go. You can help us by *praying*, *promoting*, and *providing* for this project.

Please *pray* that we would have favor with several grantmaking organizations we have approached with requests for funding and that we would not have to pause the project at any point due to a lack of funds.

Please help *promote* the project by spreading the word on your social media, at your church, and among your family and friends. Simply emailing your contacts our project website, bigskypromisekept.org, is a great way to help spread the word.

Please help *provide* for the project by giving financially. We know that the Lord is our ultimate provider, yet He uses us to accomplish His ends. Would you share in our joy by giving financially today? Visit bigskypromisekept.org and click on “Donate.”

WINTER CAMPS WRAP-UP

We're so thankful for a wonderful Winter Camp season. This year, we welcomed 186 campers to our Junior High Snow Camp, Senior High Getaway, and March Madness events - 25 more campers than last year! Campers enjoyed Bible teaching, worship in music, and plenty of camp activities. March Madness camper Zeke (11) says he had fun and also came away with a deeper understanding of God's omniscience. “God knows me,” he said. “Other people know some things, and I know a lot about me, but God knows everything - my future, my past, and my present.” Praise the Lord for the opportunities we have through Winter Camps to disciple young people in the valley year-round!



SUPPORT US ON REACH DAY!

Reach Day is a 24-hour online giving event where Big Sky will seek to meet the following fundraising goals:



- \$5,000 for Camp Scholarships
- \$5,000 for new Chapel Lighting
- \$10,000 for our new Ropes Course

Reach Day will take place on April 29 this year. During these 24 hours, BCM (Big Sky's parent organization) will waive all administrative fees on gifts given. Would you consider helping Big Sky meet its goals? If so, go to www.bigskybiblecamp.org to donate on April 29. Thank you!

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The world has changed a lot since 1947. There will likely be even more dramatic changes by the year 2097, should the Lord tarry. Rest assured that we will hold to the true gospel whatever the consequences for us as a ministry or as individuals. Our desire as a ministry, above all else, is to be faithful to God's Word and the work He has called us to.

SUMMER KITCHEN ASSISTANT

Do you love the Lord and want to work with an encouraging team in a beautiful natural setting to help make disciples? This is a wonderful full-time opportunity for someone who enjoys food services, is detailed, and is willing to commit to this vital ministry. Duties include: overseeing inventory, quality control, and occasional cooking as needed. This is a paid position with a desired but flexible start date of May 1, 2022. Lodging provided. There is a possibility of full-time work at the conclusion of the summer season. Email jamy@bigskybiblecamp.org for next steps and to apply.



MALE COUNSELORS

This is an amazing paid opportunity to disciple young people over a fun-filled and enriching summer. Counselors benefit from mentoring relationships with older, full time staff so they're being ministered to as well. Room and board provided. Please personally encourage someone you know who would be a good fit, and please feel free to forward this opportunity to your family and friends and request that your local church include an announcement in the bulletin. Email ryan@bigskybiblecamp.org for next steps and to apply.

FROM THE DIRECTOR



As we celebrate 75 years of ministry here at Big Sky Bible Camp, I would like to focus these words on thanking our great God! While there have been countless individuals involved in founding, establishing, growing and sustaining Big Sky Bible Camp, it is the true and living God who has ultimately and divinely guided and directed Big Sky for the last 75 years. Psalm 89:1 says this:
I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

This is my goal for those of us who love and care for Big Sky – to make known the faithfulness of God to all generations involved in this ministry we hold so dear. From depressions to wars, times of surplus to times of need, from staffing to facilities, God has watched over this ministry and I pray that each one of us gives genuine credit to God for 75 years of Big Sky's very existence.

It is this foundation of reflecting on God's faithfulness that we pray will encourage and motivate us over the next 75 years. When the saints throughout the scriptures were facing uncertainty or doubt, they continually looked back to how God had been faithful throughout all of time and allowed that to propel them onward in a sin-filled world.

In my brief 14 years here, I could fill countless newsletters with stories of the faithfulness of God. And I could also recall just as many situations where I doubted His faithfulness. One such example over the years involves our A Promise Kept project, the new dining room and duplex cabins (www.bigskypromisekept.org). My doubts have been many over the years regarding the feasibility of such a facility for a small camp like Big Sky. But even with all of the craziness in construction and volatility in the Flathead valley right now, God has chosen this time to begin this facility and we know that He will be faithful to see it through and then use it to accomplish His purposes. Please join us in reflecting on and thanking God for His faithfulness to us over the last 75 years as well as lifting up BSBC in prayer for the next 75!