

THE LANDIS NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2017

Camp season is fully upon us here at Big Sky Bible Camp, and we are thankful for the Lord's goodness and sustaining grace that allows us the opportunity to be a part of His work here at Big Sky this summer. As I (Lisa) write this, 60 some high school students are here for our first official week of camp as well as a sizeable group of little day campers! God's goodness is evidenced through His faithful provision of all our needs, bringing together the necessary team of counselors, cooks, nurses, maintenance personnel and numerous other helpers that are indispensable to accomplishing the work and goals we have determined for the summer.

Our theme for this summer from
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Pictures from our trip

FAMILY UPDATE

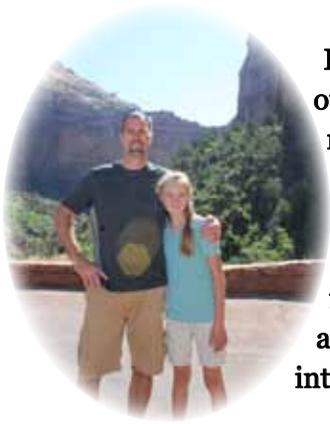
The past six months has felt a bit like a whirlwind as a family as life abounds in FULLNESS- fullness of schedules and routines, people and ministry, children and activity- but truly exceeding all things, full of God's mercy and grace that sustains and keeps us through the storms and seasons of life. As we grow together in life, Jamy and I also grow more keenly aware of our utter need for a perfect Redeemer and our absolute dependence on His grace to run the race of everyday life. As we continue to raise our children and commit our lives to the work here at camp, we are so thankful for the sustaining work of the Holy Spirit that allows us to get back up and keep going when life is burdensome or trials befall.

Springtime in our lives included an enjoyable visit to the east coast to spend time with family and friends in Pennsylvania, another season of cross country running for the girls, hours of hard work wrapping up another year of home school and a family venture to the Grand Canyon before the onset of our camp season. We have been blessed in our ability to travel as a family, from spending time with so many loved ones while in Pennsylvania to being awestruck by the splendor of God's handiwork in our journey through numerous National Parks, the time spent together has been refreshing and encouraging, as well as educational and fun!

70 YEARS OF MINISTRY



This year has marked the 70th year of camp here at Big Sky, and we have been blessed alongside so many others in reflecting upon the Lord's faithfulness throughout the years at camp. We have had many, many people with past and present ties to camp share stories and testimonies of how God has used camp in a significant way in their lives with the purpose of drawing them closer to Him and making His name and glories known in this place and in their lives. What a blessed encouragement it has been to share small glimpses into the big story He has been weaving through countless lives being changed and drawn to Him at camp, as well as witnessing His sovereign hand in sustaining the work here for 70 years! We are truly encouraged to be reminded that His faithfulness is completely independent of who we are or what we may strive to do, but it is completely dependent on His character and nature and sovereign reign over all things. We are so thankful to be able to experience a minute taste of God's great plan and purpose for Big Sky Bible camp!



DIRECTOR'S BLOG

For those of you who enjoy technology and would like to be more intimately involved in our work here at Big Sky, please check out the camps face book page or website for more regular updates on what is happening around camp. Jamy began writing a weekly "directors blog" this spring, and in it he has shared various glimpses into camp life and the work happening here. Last week he shared a bit about what goes on during our week of orientation that we just finished, which is a very intense time of staff training and preparation for a summer of camp. Some of the articles are informative, others meant to encourage and challenge- feel free to check them (at www.bigskybiblecamp.org) out if you are further interested in our purpose in serving at camp!

PRAISES:

- For almost every week of camp filled to capacity.
- For provision of some last minute staff positions.
- For another great year of home-schooling.
- For how much of a blessing our children are to us.
- For great opportunities for mentorship this summer.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- For energy for Jamy & Lisa to handle the demands of a large family and camp.
- For each of our children (except Caleb) as they attend camp - that they can grow in their walk with Christ!
- For a good balance between family time and camp time.
- For protection for the camp in all aspects.

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which we are centering our bible lessons and chapel times around is the theme of Beholding God. Our goal is to challenge young people in a true understanding of the God of the bible, calling them to allow the knowledge of the God of all truth to penetrate their hearts and change their lives. Our speaker this week has reminded the campers that the message of the gospel is a message of our ultimate depravity and our ultimate hope, pointing out to them that we are all worse then we could ever possibly think we are and that God is infinitely greater then we could ever imagine Him to be. Would you pray alongside us that lives would be changed this summer by the message of the gospel and that God would be glorified in this place and in the hearts of those who serve here? As the culture continues to draw young people into the lusts of the world and entice the desires of the flesh, we truly see more and more young people broken and in need of the hope and freedom of Christ and the message of the gospel. Please pray with us that God's purposes will stand this summer and that His word will produce fruit in the hearts of the hearers.

