SUMMER CAMP IS BACK

It was one of those Midwest evenings we have in late summer that seems to hold onto the heat of the day even after the sun dips low to touch the horizon - the kind of early dusk when the wavy lines of hot air distort objects in the distance. I stood in the heat on the crunchy grass at our Pekin Camp on a Friday after a long week and watched a group of young men and women line up to play a game of 9 square together. It was our end of summer party for the camp staff, and it seemed like everyone on the team had turned out to celebrate. I was uncharacteristically overcome with emotion as I recognized the fruit of God's faithfulness in front of me. He brought this group of Jesus-loving, young leaders through a 12 weeks of summer camp. They had served their campers in person, without even a thought of video calls or finding a reliable wifi connection. While we certainly had difficult moments and unique challenges to face this year in order to have summer camp, I was reminded in this moment - surrounded by the happy shouts and laughter of our staff - that Jesus was truly with us. We had followed his call to make disciples, and with the help of the Spirit, these high school and college students would leave this place to make more disciples as they entered a new school year.

Thank you for the part you played in making this happen. The support, prayers, encouragement, and generosity that you have demonstrated towards our ministry has brought us through the countless difficulties of the past year, and we are more eager than ever to make disciples who make disciples.

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BY THE NUMBERS

199 CAMPERS || 147 FAMILIES
22 GOSPEL RESPONSES || 52 STAFF MEMBERS || 4 CAMP LOCATIONS
$22,579 GIVEN IN SCHOLARSHIPS

FROM THE STAFF

“One of the best parts was when one of my campers said she wanted to follow Jesus and make him a permanent part of her life. She went and talked to the site director, and when she came back she was so excited and kept saying,”

“HEY, I AM A CHRISTIAN NOW!”

-MORTON CAMP COUNSELOR

SUMMER CAMP 2021 THEME

UP TO SOMETHING

GOD IS ALWAYS UP TO SOMETHING GOOD
EPHESIANS 1:9-10

LOOKING AHEAD

2 NEW LOCATIONS COMING IN 2022!
CHILlicothe - CHILlicothe BIBLE CHurch
NORMAL - CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

NEW CAMP OFFICE (MOVING OCT 1ST)
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AND THE PARENTS

“I am so incredibly thankful that my daughter has been able to be part of camp this year! She has played hard and made new friends! She has a smile on her face 98% of the time when I pick her up and if she doesn’t it’s mostly because she’s so exhausted!”

-FIRST YEAR CAMP FAMILY