



"God's work done in God's way will
never lack God's supply
-Hudson Taylor

Pointing People to the Cross

August – September 2017

News from JT Thompson (Director)

God is AWESOME. We have seen God work greatly in the past few months. More on this in a moment.

Hudson started 1st grade and of course had an awesome day. Lucy and Adalynn will stay home for lots of mommy time and to help "run camp". Adalynn is doing everything her brother and sister do just with no words, just grunts. They are all growing like crazy. The oldest 2 will start YMCA soccer soon, which they are very excited about playing. Hudson will play U8 and Lucy will play U6.

At the very end of summer we were able to sneak in a quick trip to the beach. Family time is a little short in the summer so you have to take it when you can. It was Adalynn's first time to the beach. It took her a bit to get use to the water and then she truly loved it. They all did. The weather was great, just a little over cast which made it great for spending the day on the beach.

The Lord brought us 369 campers this summer. That is a 52% increase in attendance compared to last summer!! We trained 60 student staff for the summer. Some of those students worked 1 week while several worked for most of the summer. There were 4 program staff that worked for the whole summer. There was also a great team of cooks that provided wonderful food for all those tired bodies.

Camp is filling up for the fall as well. We are booked most weekends for Aug-Oct. Praise the Lord for the opportunity to do more ministry. As more people find out about camp, the more they want to be here. Camp is truly an AWESOME place.

An exciting addition to camp this spring has been the addition of Alisha Burdett to our camp staff! We are so blessed to add her skill set to our year round staff. She will be doing videography and publicity for camp. Alisha and her husband live at camp and GOD has supplied her husband with a job in Pelham. Another miracle of GOD!

Prayer Requests

- Hudson as he hopefully continues to like school
- Our house in Adel will sell
- Hudson and Lucy to compete well in soccer
- Adalynn to speak, she is getting frustrated with us

News from Harold Smith (Assistant Director)

I know that it has been several months since we last wrote to catch you up on the excitement of Camp life and the Smith family events! First of all for camp we had an amazing summer! The saying "time flies when you are having fun" was meant to describe camp life in South Georgia! It was filled with heat, and rain and more rain! We learn to be flexible and roll with the challenges, as well as cherish the spiritual lessons that GOD is teaching us. Each week has been unique and we have seen growth as well as children getting saved, which is why we are here of course, to point people to the cross! The mission week was a unique week that took our teens out on work sights and park evangelism. A teen prayed one morning to ask GOD to allow her to tell someone about Jesus that day. At her site later that morning a child walked up to her and she had an opportunity to witness to the child! Praise the LORD, that is what it is all about!

On a personal note our family continues to expand!!! First with the arrival of Charles Bradley Snellgrove on January 30, 2017, missing his mama's birthday by only a few days! His arrival makes Harold and I first time giddy GRANDPARENTS!!! He is truly amazing and beautiful, we are in love with his adorable smile and every little cute thing he does! Secondly, our eldest son Joshua is soon to marry his sweet fiancé', Marissa Price, whom he met during his last few months of Pensacola Christian. We will soon have a family adventure up to his wedding, August 19th, to take place in Redding CT. Joshua has found a wonderful church family in Redding and we are so thankful for the blessing they have been to him. For the rest of our crew; Rebekah is in her final year of nursing at Truett McConnell Univ. and loves it, Daniel is at PCC (where 2 of his cousins will join him this year!) to enter his sophomore year and changing his major to art/illustration, Katie will begin her sophomore year at PHS and will be cheering football and basketball as well as showing her goat (how's that for a range of interests?), Silas begins 7th grade at PCMS and is planning to play every sport he can, especially football (if there was an Olympic sport in gaga ball I am pretty sure he would make that team!).

Prayer Requests

- Harold as he balances jobs at church and camp, and my job as we balance them with our growing family.
- Rebekah and the rigor of the final year of nursing school and working.
- Wedding travels and details.
- Financial support for us at camp.

SUMMER CAMP

This summer our theme was “Farming is the life for me.” We had 369 campers and 60 staff. We ran 7 weeks of camp. The weeks were training week, 2 weeks of day camp for K-6th grade, Missions camp for 7th-12th grade, 5th-8th grade week, and two weeks of 1st-6th grade. We had the privilege of seeing 12 salvations this summer. We serve an awesome God!!

Mission’s week—This summer was our first attempt at a missions week for our 7th-12th grade students. These students spent 6 hours each day in the community doing different projects. The projects included, back yard bible club at a local park, working with the Boys and Girls Club, working with the City of Pelham doing beautification projects, building a porch, painting at the middle school, and working on campus. They did an AWESOME job. We had the privilege of seeing two people in the community come to know Christ as the students shared the Gospel.



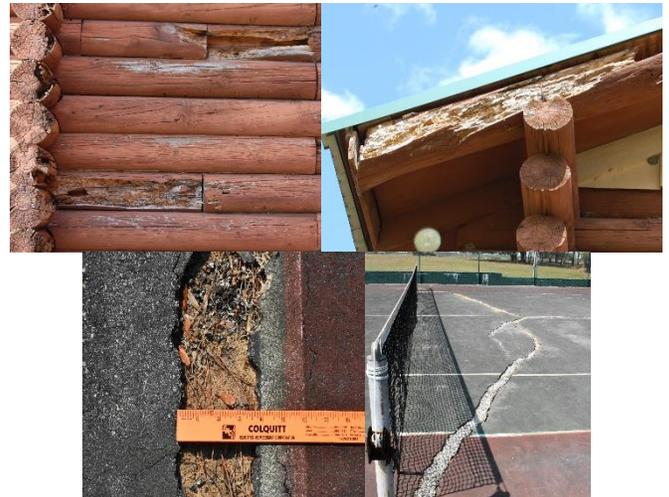
Upcoming Events

- Sept 15-16 Ladies & Girls Retreat “Love Anchors the Soul”
- Oct 27-29 Youth Weekend “Confronting the Dark Side”
- Nov 3-5 Kids Weekend “Heroes”
- Dec 1-2 Country Christmas
- Dec 7-9 Country Christmas

***For more information visit our Facebook page and website. To register visit our website.

Capital Campaign

We are fixing to start a million dollar capital campaign for camp to retire our debt, make much needed repairs and to help move towards building a new lodging facility. We still owe close to \$800,000 on our debt and need to repair the lodge, tennis courts, and basketball court. Please join us in praying for God to provide the finances for us to be debt free and make the repairs that are needed to help improve camp.



PRAYERS

Prayer is a powerful thing. Please join us in praying for camp. Pray for:

- Camp to be used to make disciples and Glorify God.
- Wisdom as we lead and make decisions.
- Partnerships with churches and other organizations.
- Our upcoming events.
- People to come to know Jesus and the nations to be reached.