

DLBC CONNECTION

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DLBC Summer Recap & Development Update -



Feedback

"My boys both came away filled and recharged to start off the school year with a rekindled faith. I am so grateful they were able to go. It was a truly impactful and fun week for them that they wish didn't have to end." - Grateful Missoula Mom

"My overarching memory and thankfulness moment from Jr Camp was watching our "less experienced" staff really step up. They trusted the Lord and shined as counselors. God used them with each one of our campers." - Hilary, Junior Camp Director

"There are so many wonderful memories! The one that sticks out to me most was just how unified the staff was this year, and how well of a support they were to me as I was directing. It felt like everyone was pulling 'the rope' the same way!" -Dawson, JH Boys & HS Co-Director.

God is faithful

"I will always thank the Lord; I will never stop praising him. I will praise him for what he has done; may all who are oppressed listen and be glad! Proclaim with me the Lord's greatness; let us praise his name together!"
-Psalm 34:1-3, GNT

It's with great pleasure and genuine gratitude I share with you what the Spirit of Jesus did at camp this summer!

Let's start with a story. Several people said this was their favorite summer memory. Veteran staff member, Morgan Pelletier, recounts it like this: *"One of my favourite memories from camp this year, and every year, is the midnight worship we do at high school camps. However, this year was unique; because of an area wide power outage, we had to improvise. This didn't stop the students and their excitement to worship. We worshiped with an acoustic guitar, drum and our voices. Needless to say, I think that night was the most Spirit filled night of camp I've ever been to. The students' voices rang out even louder to the Lord. Counselors and students were brave enough to stand in the front, speaking life and encouragement over the group -spurring each other on to continue in their faith. For me, it was a glimpse of what the disciples must've experienced when they would gather after Christ ascended; and it was also a glimpse of what I believe heaven will be like."*

During our 76th summer of camp...

- 1) More campers were ministered to than ever before.
- 2) At our youth camps alone, 386 kids attended.
- 3) Well over 100 volunteers helped with 5 weeks of DLBC sponsored summer camps.
- 4) Junior Camp was particularly special to me. My oldest son, Emet, personalized his faith in Christ and was baptized with 4 other kids. *Thank You Jesus!*



- 5) During JH Boys Camp we had a furry intruder during an evening chapel, but that didn't stop at least 5 campers from giving their hearts to Christ and 2 from being baptized. (**Fish & Wildlife trapped at least a couple of the area bears that thought camp food smelled amazing. By the way, there were no more bear sightings once girls camp started, they knew better!*)
- 6) Maddie Pelletier once again spoke at JH Girls camp and shared, "As I think back to the week of

girl's camp, one of the things I remember most and think of often, is that God likes when we have fun. Oftentimes girls are hindered with perfectionism and the desire to please others -and that robs joy from us. At camp I saw a chapel of girls who were just having fun and it made me think of how much God must love when his daughters are laughing and having a good time. Camp brings out the fun for girls and I got to see that first hand. It also made me want to be

more joyful to show a watching world that following Jesus is fun stuff! -Maddie

You are so right Maddie, *thank you!*

We're just scratching the surface. I wish I could share all that God did with you. But you know what? *Since our camps are bursting at the seams, and soon we'll have to expand, you should just volunteer and see it firsthand!*

In addition to our youth camps, we had great teaching and a great time at our Young Adults Retreat, Family Camp, Women's and Men's Retreat. A few highlights were Marc and Laurie Hoffman Directing the Young Adults Retreat and creating a special space next to the lake for a 24 hour prayer room. Deb Westrom has been involved at DLBC since 2005 and facilitated a special (and much needed) time of connection for families at Family Camp.

Anne Siebert was our speaker at Women's Retreat and said, "As I spoke, many ladies shared areas of victory and where they still struggle. Here are just a few of the many powerful statements they shared:

"I don't have to look like the perfect Christian. I can allow others to see the true me."

"Still struggling to let God have full control because sometimes it brings hurt..."

"My imperfections, my flaws, my ugliness, are made perfect and beautiful because I am clothed in Jesus!"

I don't have to prove my significance. God has already spoken it... Before I was born!

Men's Retreat was relaxed and fun. Wonderful RMD pastors, Paul Taylor and Jacob Gardener led the ministry and

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Saturday night we gathered in small groups and every man was prayed over. Paul shared how the Gospel of Jesus Christ is our source of Victory, from I Corinthians 15. Praise the Lord that we are victorious through Jesus (vs. 57).

Each week of camp was unique and powerful. Our program directors did a phenomenal job making camp both impactful and fun. Nikki Fisher and David Thomas co-directed the camp ministry and were instrumental in keeping us true to Jesus, our calling and values. We can't do enough to thank them, the 12 pastors and 100 + other volunteers for their gift of time, talent and love. *I am so glad you were here!*

To all of you, thank you for your partnership in the Gospel ministry at Dickey Lake Bible Camp. Through the work of the Spirit, you're making an eternal difference!

Looking ahead

Our new Maintenance Building is well under way and should be dried in soon. We'll be looking for help to complete the inside (wiring, heating, wall covering, etc.) if you have those skills and time to help, please contact us.

Boone Shanks, one of our camper's from C-Falls, is building an outdoor chapel for his Eagle Scout project. As you'll see below, it's nearly done and going to look great. Thank you Boone and crew!

We're also very excited about the two new cabins that were delivered and put in place November 4th. These will replace the wall tents that were deteriorating. When the site for our planned cabin village is complete, we will be able to move these cabins and join



them together with a bathroom in the middle.

However, before we get too far down the road in planning for a new chapel and cabin village, we need to be certain of what our options are for needed infrastructure. We are currently looking for an engineering firm for a review and design of our infrastructure systems (water, power, sewer). We know this can be very costly, so we'd love to hear from you if there's someone in the RMD family or beyond that can help.

Because you give

All that happened this summer is due to the Lord's generous giving and yours. Apart from Christ we can do nothing. Please pray that we would increasingly know Christ, and His will for DLBC. Then, may we respond in heartfelt obedience.

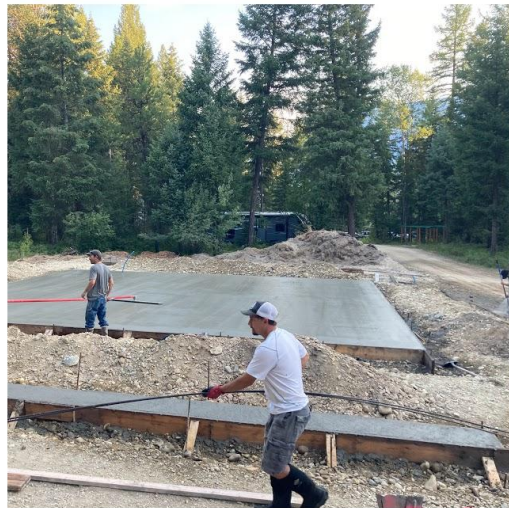
If you would like to partner with us financially, by volunteering or through our prayer team, we'd *love* to have you on the team. Please email or call the camp office today!

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