

## Good News Reflections

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Dear Praying Friends,

Camp Fairview is always an exciting week for us! There's something special about getting away from outside influences and focusing on God's Word - especially in such a beautiful location. July 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, there were right at 80 children and counselors in attendance from 4 different Churches.

In the morning sessions, we focused on the life of **Daniel** and his three friends. They were taken from their home and pressured to become like the Babylonians. The Bible tells us that "...Daniel purposed in his heart..." that he would not pollute his life with things that didn't honor the Lord! Instead of Babylon changing Daniel - **Daniel changed Babylon!** Rachel helped lead the music during the morning sessions, and Susan was able to help with the singing, as well as bring *Dusty and friends* to each of the evening services.

Six precious young people put their trust in Jesus to save them, and 2 young people got assurance of their Salvation. On Wednesday evening, we focused on the fact that we are **"Here by Design."** We are not the result of a freak explosion billions of years ago, we are "...fearfully and wonderfully made" by a creative and loving God.



During the invitation time on Tuesday evening, Sophia raised her hand slightly when Brother Tim asked if there was anyone who wanted to ask Jesus to save them. Her little friend, Addy, pushed Sophia's arm all the way up. And then Addy walked with Sophia to talk with someone about Salvation. Pastor Steven had the privilege of talking with them, and it was obvious that Addy had been trained to share the Gospel (she had just come back from Ecuador on a 4-week Mission's trip with her parents). Pastor Steven allowed Addy to talk with her friend, as they shared the Gospel together with Sophia. Sophia bowed her head and asked Jesus to save her. Addy was also very comfortable sharing some truths about eternal security. Addy's concern for her friend was so precious! It was awesome that she had such a big part in bringing her friend to Jesus!



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**Camp Fairview** is located on 148 acres in beautiful East Tennessee. Many improvements have been made to the facilities over the last few years (*new boys' and girls' cabins, etc.*), but there are some very exciting plans for this next year. The ground



Lodge

floor of the **Lodge** houses the Kitchen, Dining Hall, and Chapel. Both the Dining Hall and Chapel are much too small, so the plans are to begin building a **new Chapel** in the fall. When the Chapel is completed, we will begin expanding the Dining Hall and winterizing the Lodge (*making the entire camp usable year round*). The Bathhouse and pool will also be relocated, leaving room for a large patio area overlooking the pond and game fields. **Exciting times are ahead for Camp Fairview!**



New Chapel



New Boys' Cabin



New Girls' Cabin



We enjoyed our time of ministry at **Maranatha Baptist Church**, in Rantoul, IL, July 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. On Monday evening, 8-year-old Jackson and 13-year-old Peyton asked the Lord to save them (Peyton's brother got saved a few weeks earlier during their teen outreach). God is really using **Maranatha Baptist** to make an impact in their community.



On Wednesday evening, 9-year-old, Nico came during the invitation time. Pastor Wilkerson had the privilege of talking with him. "As I quoted Romans 10:13 after praying with him, Nico finished the verse with me . . . **'shall be saved'** . . . and with a spark in his eye, pumped his fist and said . . . **YES!**" Praise God for these 3 young people who called upon the name of the Lord this week!

Tomorrow morning, we begin a *Family Crusade* at **Riverside Baptist Church** in Clarington, OH (*one of our supporting Churches*). *Pray that God will use us to be an encouragement to this dear Church family, and that souls will be saved.*



We've had the privilege of celebrating our anniversary many times over the years while ministering with them. On August 1st, we will be married for 37 years.

Before each trip, we pray and ask the Lord to give us His safety and protection. Just a few hours into our trip on Friday, we had a blowout on the 5<sup>th</sup> Wheel. Not only were we able to get pulled over to a safe place, but another RV'er saw the blowout and pulled over to help. What a blessing they were to us! Without a spare tire for the remainder of the trip, we did a lot of praying and watching! We are grateful for the Lord's safety and protection as we travel. **We appreciate your continued prayers for us!**

Reaching Families for Him,

*Tim & Susan* ☺

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