

BODLIEN HEADLINES

Summer 2024 Recap

Wow! What an amazing summer, God was good and He was glorified. God strengthened each of us, He surrounded us with an amazing team and He showed himself faithful. There were many challenges and adversities, as there are in any youth ministry, but this team was resolute in ministering to the kids that God brought here. I am so proud of each of them.

Just at the Ranch and Ridge we saw 2143 campers, 1443 Life Dedication decisions and 423 Salvation decisions. We are in awe at what God has done through the team this summer. We have had a front row seat to see him work in the lives of campers and in our own hearts as well.

camper Maydeline "Because of this camp I have enjoyed my summer: I have learned what the Gospel is and have made the choice to give my life to christ."



More Camp ahead!

Starting this fall, Mark will no longer serve directly with the Bible Institute during the school year, but instead he will focus on camp full-time! Previous, he oversaw the Ministry assignments and outings for the Bible Institute students, but now full focus will be given to camp growth, staff recruitment, winter camp and the Camp Ministry Internship (CMI). Throughout the year Mark will be traveling and connecting with youth ministry leaders, recruiting summer staff and working with the camp interns in New York. In the winter, Mark will be heading up 4 weekends of Word of Life Intersect camp in January and February in Ohio and New Hampshire. There is much to do and we are excited to take this step forward for Word of Life Camps.



Bible Institute Ministries

Many of you have asked about the Open Air Evangelism trip that I assisted with this past spring. It was a huge task to work out the safety and logistics of 240 Bible Institute students sharing the Gospel on the streets of New York City!

During that trip our students were able to minister to 19,152 people, share a full Gospel presentation with 2,874 people and we saw 126 salvation decisions on the streets! God was working in and through our students. It was so amazing to see the passion and boldness that our students had to reach the lost. Those are skills and experiences that will stick with them for the rest of their lives. They were certainly able to put those skills right into practice during their summer ministry here at Word of Life Camps.

Family

- Joanna and I celebrated our 21st wedding anniversary (May 31)
- Bekah and Nicole served in Camp Crew this summer, they had a great time serving campers and growing in their walk with Jesus through discipleship and service.
- Abi and Ellie were helping out with the animals whenever they could. We love that our girls love camp and love working hard.
- We are taking a family vacation to Atlanta this weekend to see the Braves play. Mark has always been a fan since he was born in Tennessee, but this will be his first ever home game.



Praise/Prayer Requests:

- **Summer Camp-** Praising God for an amazing summer. Only 9 Months until next summer!
- **Bible Institute-** Over 300 graduates. We are praying for God to use them in their next steps this coming year.
- **Personal Opportunities-** There will be many opportunities for Mark to teach or preach this fall, pray that the Lord would work through his Word.
- **Family-** We are planning another missions trip to Portugal this October. This time a few additional people will be joining us from our local church. Pray for this work-trip.