

SUMMER 2021

BIG RIVER Reel



FOCUSED ON CHRIST

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Do you have your summer plans all figured out? Me neither. But then again, maybe you do have your summer all planned and it's just us who don't. Most times by the end of May we are feeling like camp is getting so close. This year it's the end of May and we don't know what the summer will be like. Last year by this time we knew that camp wasn't going to be happening and so we were able to plan work and upgrades. This

year it feels like we need to have a plan A/B/C and maybe D and E.

Every year we try to come up with a camp theme. Last year the theme was "FOCUS 2020." Hebrews 12:2 was the verse, "Fixing our eyes on Jesus." Even though camp didn't happen, the theme still applied in my life. I needed many reminders to keep my eyes fixed on Jesus because so many things were out of our control.



This year the theme that keeps bouncing around in my head is “do not fear.” When I mentioned this to one of our staff they suggested the theme “FEARLESS.” I liked it instantly. Over and over in this year the Lord has been reminding me to not fear, and to remember that God is in control and has a plan. Two verses that have stuck out to me lately are Hebrews 13:5-6. I would encourage you to pick up a Bible and read those two verses.

I haven’t counted myself, but I’ve heard that the Bible says “do not fear” 365 times. How fitting that it’s mentioned enough times that you could remind yourself daily to not fear. We need to turn to the one true God Who is in control.

It seems like it’s easier for me to encourage someone to not be scared than it is to remind myself. How easily I forget

that I need to turn to God and not try and figure things out on my own.

I was reminded this week of the people who pray for us on a daily basis. I am so thankful to have people who hold us up in prayer.

I’m curious if you are tuning in to our social media presence? Our team works hard at providing content. I’m hoping you’ve tuned into our online Awana or watched some of our YouTube videos of past summers. You know, it might help you remember what camp was like. If you haven’t done it already, I’d encourage you to check us out on Facebook, Instagram, or YouTube and give us a “like” or a “follow.” As we prepare for summer I ask you to keep praying for us. We need the reminder that we can be fearless and that we need to keep our focus on the Lord. •

AFIFA FAROOQI ONLINE

THIS PAST YEAR I was a student at Nipawin Bible College in preparation for my work as a career missionary with NCEM. Through the formal class lectures, I realized my understanding of our Trinitarian God to be skewed by my Islamic-influenced understanding of a completely monotheistic god such as Allah.

I learned that the word “Trinity” refers to the relationship between three distinct Persons of equal nature and essence, constituting one whole God. Although each Person in the Trinity is NOT one and the same, together, these distinct Persons work in unity and are involved in all external works of this universe. These works of God are described to be conducted from

the Father, through the Son, by the Spirit. Hence, each Person Who is of the same essence, value, and nature is involved in all works of creation in three distinct ways, remaining eternally in relationship with One Another in perfect love and unity.

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Afifa (bottom right) with friends at NBC.



A MOMENT WITH STAFF

A glimpse of the ministry BRBC has in the lives of staff who come and serve here.



Q: Anita, we heard you took “Caring for the Heart” training. What is “Caring for the Heart”? A: The CFTH mission statement is: “We exist to care for the heart by assisting individuals to identify and resolve emotional and spiritual issues utilizing wisdom from the Word of God, trusting in Jesus as Healer, and the enabling power of the Holy Spirit.”

Q: Why did you choose CFTH? A: CFTH came highly recommended to us. We hosted a training session at BRBC in 2018 and saw first-hand how this method of counselling helps people overcome and heal from pain or sin issues. It is not just talking about your past and dragging up all the old memories, nor is it avoiding

sin issues. It is talking with people and hearing their stories and then praying with them and bringing them to Jesus to deal with the pain, and to find freedom.

Q: How will this be valuable to your ministry? A: This is a relational way to walk with people and care about them. We don’t have to have all the answers or give the best advice. We pray with them and ask the Spirit to bring healing and clarity. There are times when we are totally at a loss, but God knows what is going on in someone’s heart, and He can minister directly to them.

Q: What is the most valuable piece of wisdom you gained? A: I don’t have to carry others’ burdens on my shoulders. I abide in Jesus and stay connected to the Vine and then I love others by walking with them on their journey. I pray for them. I listen to them and I bring them to Jesus and ask Him to minister to their hearts. I tended to get overwhelmed with all the brokenness in the world and it caused me to be too paralyzed with concern to pray. Now I try to remember that my responsibility is to abide in Jesus and bring all that is heavy on my heart to Him to carry. I wasn’t meant to carry that load, He was. •



PRAISE & PRAYER

- Pray that we will be able to have somewhat regular camps this summer and praise the Lord that things are looking better for this summer than last.
- Pray for wisdom for the camp team as they work to put the BRBC facility to use as much as possible. Thank the Lord for the wonderful facility that He has provided us with.
- Pray for kids from previous years.
- Pray for the landscaping work to be completed and the grass to grow well.
- Pray for the kids at our youth group – that Sarah and Sophia would be examples of Christ to the girls. Pray that they will be strong through the summer.
- Pray for guidance in running camp effectively this year.
- Pray that God would provide the right staff/volunteers for whatever can happen this summer. •



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Jr Teen Week! August 1-6

Kids Week 2! August 8-13



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I further learned that it is only through a Trinitarian God that sinful mankind has any hope to engage in an eternal relationship with a Holy God without compromising His perfect nature and the standard of Holiness that is equal to His. Furthermore, it is by existing as a Trinity that God can be completely self-sufficient and independent from creation. I was not made because God needed me, but because there was



Afifa's Mind Map

such an abundance of love that eternally existed within the Trinity that the overflow of love resulted in my creation. I was created in love, by love, to be loved and to delight in the Father's love as the Son has rejoiced and delighted in the Father for eternity.

My time at the school also provided me with the means to internalize these facts. I truly cannot imagine working as a full-time career missionary, ministering towards the spiritual needs of our First Nations peoples, sharing with them about Who God is, and His love for us, without understanding it to this degree myself. •

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