

# Family/Camp Updates!

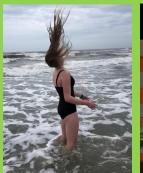
God has been good to us in so many ways, but here are some key areas:

**Summer Camp**: On Jan 10, we opened registration for summer and had 1,255 kids register that day. By the end of the week it was up to 1,550, and currently we are  $\sim$ 98% filled for all on-site programs. We are finalizing a master plan for LLBC's future expansion and are looking to create more space as soon as we can.

**Financial Support:** At the end of the 2024 calendar year we were praying that our financial goal would be met, and it was! There were many special gifts that helped to make up the deficit. We are currently praying that God would move the hearts of additional families/individuals to regularly partner with our family.

**Church**: Our little church plant has been rapidly outgrowing the church building that was donated to us. God has answered this prayer by opening up a new larger building in near-miraculous fashion (still working on the timeline). Additionally, when the church started there were only a couple people who helped with the music team, which meant that I (Sponz) was alone on the stage pretty regularly. Today that team has grown to 10+, which includes Ember on piano and Juliet on Cello (which they both learned over the past 12 months). See picture above...

**Future Growth @ Camp:** As mentioned above, we are working towards some pretty major changes for the future at camp. Our end goal is to roughly double the





number of campers we can accommodate, which will require a new dining hall, new worship space, and additional cabins. This is a big goal, but we know that our God is bigger, and we can't wait to offer more opportunities for people to come and experience the gospel.

## **The Theater Bug**

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Hannah, Ember, and Juliet auditioned last fall and were cast in a community theater production that performed in late January (titled: Sideways Stories from Wayside School). They were incredible in their roles and made the show spectacular. The also had a total blast and are all excited to be involved in future productions that become available to them.



#### **Ember**

The winter for Ember has been filled with theater practices, basketball, volleyball, piano lessons, music at church, and much more. She has had the opportunity to volunteer a couple different times for weekend retreats at camp and has spent



some of her extra free time reading and making crafts/ art at home. Things at school are going well academically, but Ember is more than a little excited for summer to come soon.



An action shot from the theater production in January.

#### <u>Juliet</u>

Jules has also been busy with theater, basketball, volleyball, and music at church. Both girls have a standing invite to play on the worship team at church since we don't currently have any other

piano or cello players competing for those positions. She likes to unwind by listening to audiobooks, animating flipbooks, and writing poetry. She is also very excited for summer to get here.



#### Hannah

In addition to teaching 2nd grade, and performing in the community theater production, Hannah also coached high school Forensics (speech, debate, etc). She enjoyed helping her students improve and growing those relationships. One of her students got a gold medal at the state level of competition (gold requires a perfect score)!





#### **Financial Support Update**

As mentioned on the front of this letter, we are so grateful that God allowed us to reach our support goal for 2024 and we fully trust Him to provide what we need for 2025 and beyond. The goals of our ongoing support efforts as a family are typically best met by donations given on a regular basis. This allows us to see and plan ahead better as a family. Ideally, we are praying for an additional 25 families to support us at any level.

If God is leading you in this direction, we would love to have you as part of our support team.

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### Praises & Requests

- -Pray for wisdom at camp as we take more steps toward future expansion.
- -Pray for God to lead families to partner with our ministry here.
- -Praise God for the ongoing spiritual growth in our family and in the community through our church plant.

We love you all and are so grateful that you are in our lives.

-The Sponholz Family