

# MERRY CHRISTMAS!



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*"Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters: and he who has no money, come buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk, without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear to me; hear, that your soul may live..."* Isaiah 55:1-3

We hope this finds you and your family rejoicing in the blessed and glorious hope of Christ this Christmas season! What a comfort to possess such a beautiful hope that is sure, steady and secure- resting on the unchanging promises of the One who upholds the universe by the Word of His power! Our prayer for you this advent season is that you may come, as Isaiah urges, and find your joy and life in the One who came to seek, save and satisfy our souls.



## FAMILY UPDATE

We have much to be grateful for as we approach the close of another year, foremost in the sustaining goodness and grace of our Lord through the gospel and for His loving kindness towards our family. We are exceedingly glad for the hope we have in the gospel, the glorious truth that the work of redemption is done and the promise that our citizenship is in heaven. These truths have afforded considerable comfort and encouragement through the uncertainties of this past year and we are thankful for the reminders that Christ is our well-spring of life, hope and peace.



As we reflect on the Lord's continual faithfulness, we are most grateful for His gift of salvation, the comfort and life found in His Word and His blessing of a loving church body. We are

appreciative of our ability to continue homeschooling and serving as a family here at Big Sky and for the Lord's ceaseless provision for us as we trust Him for our care. We find so much joy in the work He has given us and in the beauty of His creation around us! We relish the opportunity to love and enjoy life together- from simple joys such as welcoming new puppies into our home or the satisfaction of working with our hands- milking the cow, birthing and raising farm animals, processing meat and garden produce for the freezer- to the greater joys and work of serving the people He has brought into lives while growing together in our love for Christ and His Word. What rich treasure we possess to be called the people of God and to find our highest joy, greatest good and fountain of life in Christ!



## BIG SKY UPDATE

Amazingly, through the sovereign grace of God, camp was able to operate for the entire summer! Despite a few Covid “scares” and countless laborious hours spent rethinking and rewriting camp policies and rules, we were able to run our programs and comply with the stipulations given by our health department. It was a tremendous praise to finish the entire summer with only a few bumps along the way, and we are incredibly thankful that the Word was proclaimed and the gospel shared with countless children. Here are some ways that the Lord used Covid to accomplish His purposes at Big Sky:

\*Once again we were blessed with a very mature and hard-working summer staff whom the Lord used greatly in the lives of campers. Many of these staff came to us because Covid had cancelled their previous plans and a handful of these staff members do plan on returning for 2021.

\*The one program that we were unable to run was our camp for those with special needs - Camp Promise. Instead of hosting two weeks of overnight camp, we ran a Camp Promise day camp for one week. Through this process, we realized that there is a great need for a Camp Promise day camp in addition to overnight camps and we plan on running a week of day camp in 2021.

\*One final way the Lord has used Covid is in the amount of families moving to Northwest Montana. For Big Sky, this means increased opportunities for ministry. Kalispell is also the only city in Montana that has a children’s hospital which has and will continue to draw many with special needs to this area.

Financially, the Lord’s provision for Big Sky in 2020 has been abundant. Although we lost a lot of guest group income, our full summer and low overhead will help us make it through 2020 in the positive and we praise God for that!



### A PROMISE KEPT

It has been a while since we have given an update on the new facility campaign, entitled, “A Promise Kept.” However, that does not mean that wheels have not been turning! The team here at Big Sky has been busy creating a new website and video among other things. The website is [www.bigsky-promisekept.org](http://www.bigsky-promisekept.org) and the promo video can be viewed there as well. There is also updates on the progress of the new facility. Much of my (Jamy) time is devoted to this facility and my excitement for how the Lord will use it continues to grow as it gets closer to becoming a reality. We are so thankful for all of the support and interest each of you have shown in this project. Please continue to pray with us for the Lord’s guidance and provision!



CAMP PROMISE



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