THE RUSSELL FAMILY - JULY 2020

Good News

Good News Camp is here!

We are thrilled to be able to say that camp has arrived. Our family has lived and breathed Good News Camp for the past 13 summers, and we just couldn't imagine a summer without it. Since 5-Day Clubs® will be few and far between this summer, Jacob and Olivia will mostly be working at camp. This will be a new experience for us to work together all day instead of splitting up and doing ministry in different places.

Over the past few months, when CEF ministry was slow, our family spent a lot of time helping at our church's new location in Hagerstown, MD. The church bought an old elementary school in 2018 and we've been working hard to renovate it ever since. It's been a lot of fun to do demolition, insulation, painting, sanding, cleaning, landscaping, and design as a family. It also got us out of the house and gave us something to do on days when we were trying to keep busy. We're thrilled that the church is scheduled to open this week.

The past few months were very different for us. The time that is usually the busiest was suddenly very slow. The time that our kids are usually far from home was became a time when they never left home. As we come out of this unique situation, we're thankful for the time God gave us to spend together. Soon, our days will be very busy once again. We're looking forward to that and are excited to see what God has in store for this next season.

Cora



Cora has decided to make the move from 4th grade to 2nd grade this Fall. She is working on a Master's degree as a reading specialist, so she thought some more handson experience teaching reading to younger kids would be beneficial. She's pretty excited about it.

Caleb



Caleb will lead chapel at camp again this summer. He is also in the process of looking for a part-time job (hopefully in ministry) that he can start this summer and then continue in the Fall as he finishes his classes online.

Jacob

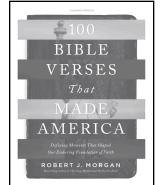


Jacob is taking one summer class which will end in a few weeks. After that, he'll be done until he returns to Liberty in August. This summer at camp, he'll be a fill-in wherever needed, so his flexibility will come in handy.

Olivia



Olivia had a beautiful outdoor graduation on June 19. She gave a heartfelt speech about finding the silver lining in dark situations. The next day she was honored at her sports banquet with the "Blazer Award" as a team leader. We're so proud of her!



While home, our family read a book by Robert Morgan called 100 Bible Verses That Made America: Defining Moments That Shaped Our Enduring Foundation of Faith.

We really enjoyed this book. We learned about people that we thought we already knew as well as some we had never heard of. Jacob even used some of the information to help write a paper.