

FALL 2018

BIG RIVER Reel



THANK YOU!

BY JASON BOUCHER, DIRECTOR

Summer has come and gone again. What an amazing summer! I'm so thankful to be able to give an update on the summer of 2018. Over 300 campers—that's a first for us. What an amazing team God brought together to serve. Our fellow workers from the Lethbridge E-Free church blessed us with lots of help for our teen camp—did I mention we had 68 teens, our largest teen camp to date!

It takes a lot of people to keep camp operating. We're so thankful for our prayer team. Eph. 6:12 says, "For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of the wickedness in the heavenly places." We are in a spiritual battle and we need people praying, so thank you for your prayers!

We're thankful for the many financial gifts we receive. Without people giving camp would not exist. We are excited to announce that our new dining hall is officially paid for! Every dollar raised came from individuals. What a testimony to God's faithfulness. We've also been able to pay for our huge tax bill every year since the building construction started. Every gift helps and we can't say thank you enough.

Volunteers, where would a camp be without volunteers? We are blessed to

have people so excited and interested in BRBC. We can't do camp without their help. Thank you to each person who came out for an hour, a day, a week and the summer. To the many who came before camp to help get things going—thank you.

Continue to pray for us as we try to disciple our staff throughout the winter. We look forward to hearing from you. Stop by for a coffee. ♦

A MOMENT WITH STAFF

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

Q: OWEN, How did you hear about Big River Bible Camp? A: I heard about BRBC from my foster parents, because they sent me there.

Q: How long have you been coming to BRBC? A: I'm not too sure. My first time coming was when I was around 12. Then I left for six years and came back and I've been at camp three out of the past four years.

Q: What are some jobs the you've had? A: Maintenance worker and senior cabin leader.

Q: Is there a favorite job you have? A: There's really no favorite job, but I do prefer cabin leading. The interaction with the kids on a day-to-day basis, listening to their stories, where they've come from and sharing my experiences with them, relating back to them is what I love most.

Q: What is something God has taught you at Big River Bible Camp? A: How to be a

patient man. God is continually showing me how to be a patient man. Also realizing the concept of being "All In" and what that means.

Q: How has working at BRBC helped you in your spiritual walk? A: It's a safe haven; it allows one to grow in the Word, because it gives the space of a schedule and the place to be in the Word continually. It (camp) teaches how to be in the Word, pray and develop a devotional lifestyle.

Q: Is there anything you would like to tell people reading this interview. A: I'm immensely grateful for Big River Bible Camp and the people who make it happen. The body of Christ is extremely evident at BRBC and the love and grace of Christ is portrayed through the approachable senior staff at camp. Being an ambassador of Christ is truly the greatest privilege in and for my life and I'm able to do this better on a daily basis at BRBC. ♦



Owen Earnest
with camper



THE HEART OF THE MATTER

BY DAVE PETKAU

One of the key elements in a successful Bible Camp is fellowship. The beauty and joy of having a sincere and vibrant relationship with God and fellow believers because of what Jesus Christ has done.

"God, who has called you into fellowship with His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful" 1 Cor. 1:9.

Fellowship is spirit and soul connection with God first, and then with fellow believers. Relationship establishes that connection while fellowship maintains that togetherness. Fellowship is partnering with God in His life, in His purpose, in His love, in all that He is.

Fellowship is working together as God's people to advance the

kingdom of God. This has been happening at BRBC, not without challenges, but the desire and effort for acceptance and sweet attitudes between staff and campers has been very good. How exciting to see the variety of personalities of sometimes over one hundreds people get along so well - many become very good friends. Fellowship is great and greatly needed! Truly and obviously a "God Thing"!

Would you pray with us that this vital component of camp ministry would be promoted and practiced - doing things together for the glory of God! ♦





UPCOMING DATES

- **This Fall**
Beginning of New Cabin #2
- **November 5-23**
NCEM Missionary Candidate Training
- **November 26-30**
CCI Conference in Alberta

PRAYER REQUESTS

- Please pray that the staff weekends are a valuable time for encouragement and strengthening faith.
- That the staff who go home to families who don't share their faith would be able to stay strong and be a witness and example to their family.
- Please pray for the Awana programs that we do as it is a valuable way to connect with staff and campers.
- Pray for unity among our team.
- Pray for strength against the spiritual attacks of the enemy.
- Please pray for the weather to cooperate for the progress of the numerous projects wanting and needing to get finished this fall and winter.
- Pray that we will be able to finish the project of installing a new cabin and acquiring and installing a chair lift for the new dining hall.
- Please pray for God to bring the needed staff and people to help this ministry better honour and glorify Him. ♦



FEELS LIKE FAMILY

THE FIRST WORD THAT COMES TO MIND WHEN THINKING OF BRBC IS COMMUNITY.

Stepping onto the camp grounds, everyone seems so eager to greet you, whether it's the first time meeting or you've been lifelong friends. Being new to the Bible Camp, it was an encouraging surprise to see an atmosphere that makes you feel like family right away, regardless of who you are. There is no denying that the camp is a place of joy, fun, and laughter and it is so important to see kids having fun.

What was even more encouraging, however, was what I saw on many occasions in the midst of the games and running around. There would often be a staff member with a camper or a group of campers, discuss-

ing life, Bible, struggles, and just being real with one another. Upon seeing this, I thought "this is what camp is all about." In these moments, camp was more than just

a week away from home, it was a time to connect with people in a way that seems impossible anywhere else.

My first experience with the camp this summer felt brief, but it was just enough to taste why everyone gets so excited for camp each and every year. The excitement is because BRBC is a place where you can come and be real with one another, but most importantly can meet Jesus. ♦

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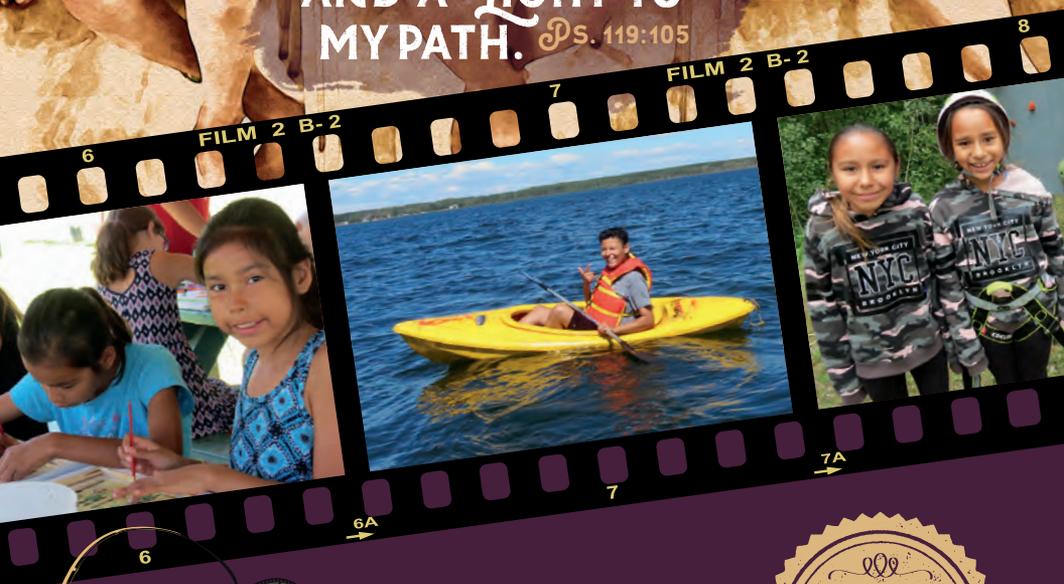
Landon Schubert

Pastor, Big River Evangelical Free Church
Newest Big River Bible Camp Board Member



YOUR WORD IS A
LAMP TO MY FEET

AND A LIGHT TO
MY PATH. *Ps. 119:105*



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