

# The Purdie's Post

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**F**all. We love this time of year! The weather is perfect for evening campfires, the leaves are changing into beautiful colors, the air smells crisp, apple cider and pumpkin spice things are here, corn mazes are opening, and Thanksgiving and Christmas are right around the corner!

With the beginning of fall comes the end of our summer season.

Summer camp was very full this year. We had just over 1200 kids attend our various summer camps with each week full or within 5 kids of being full. Our theme for the summer was God's amazing love, 1 John 4:7-11. No one left without hearing the gospel multiple times and being shown the love of Christ through the staff here. We were blessed to fill all of our summer staff positions with young people who have a passion for kids and sharing Christ's love with them.

**J**ust after summer camp ended, the 29 students from the School of Discipleship graduated. Of those, 11 of the first years stayed on to continue in our second year program this fall. Our girls from last year, Anna, Esther and Sarah, are missed in our home already. Anna and Esther both chose to stay a second year in the barn program so we thankfully still get to see them around the ranch. Sarah however headed to a local college. She is only an hour and a half from here so we are looking forward to seeing her throughout the year.

**T**his fall we had 2 young men join our advisor group, Daniel Logan is a second year in the operations department and he is from IL, Kenton Behrman is a first year and he is from MI. It has already been great getting to know them and we

are excited to see the work that God will continue to do in their lives. They join 28 other young adults who are here for the next year to study God's word, learn more about ministry, build relationships with each other and those that come for events and retreats.

**O**ur fall retreat season is off to a busy start as we have had 4 retreats already and are about to host a youth group the second weekend in October. On October 15 we have our Harvest Party which is our fall open house. If you are in the area or would like to be, we would love to have you join us. It's free and super fun!!!! =)

**H**annah turned 3 at the end of August. She has been enjoying participating in some of the activities that happen during retreats, mainly pony rides, vaulting(gymnastics on horseback), and cooking doughboys(biscuits on a stick) over the

Cowboy Campfire. She started attending Cubbies this fall at our church's AWANA program and loves it! She's sure to let us know that she is going to go, "all by my self." We love to see and hear her memorize and recite Bible verses and share with us the stories and things she is learning in class. Just today, while riding in the car, she was singing a song she made up about Jesus dying on the cross for us.

Ruby has been enjoying horse rides too! When she sees one she usually says "ride" no matter where the horse is at. She has been learning so many words and can pretty clearly communicate what she wants or needs with words instead of whining or yelling. She enjoys going outside and ANYWHERE with Teddy. Her and Hannah have been playing nicely together more recently as Ruby is learning how to play with someone instead of just grabbing whatever toy she sees that she wants. I often hear them laughing together from their room or Hannah trying to "teach" Ruby how to get on and off of things or put a baby to bed the right way.

They are also very excited to be big sisters in March! I am pregnant with baby number 3 and am feeling great! Hannah often tells me, excitedly, that my "belly is getting bigger!"

Teddy and I are very excited for this child that God has given us and are looking forward to meeting him or her in March.

We are so thankful for all of you and the prayers for our ministry here at MMR.

We would love to hear how all of our friends and family are doing! Please feel free to write us at: 101 Rodeo Dr Spring Creek, PA 16436 or e-mail at: [noellee08@gmail.com](mailto:noellee08@gmail.com) If you would rather receive our newsletter via e-mail, please let us know by e-mailing us at the above address.

Love,

Teddy, Noelle, Hannah, Ruby &  
Baby

## Help Wanted

### Praises

- A full camp this summer and many salvations and rededications
- A new group of students, eager to learn and grow
- I have been healthy and feeling great so far this pregnancy

### Prayer Requests

- The sale of our Saturn (our 2<sup>nd</sup> vehicle)
- That we would continue to learn how to show patience and grace in parenting
- That Teddy's winter projects would go smoothly and efficiently



