

Hey friends,

Summer is over and a new school year is just beginning! This summer flew by. We had a new record number of kids attend camp this summer and many lives were impacted for Christ. The theme for this summer was “drawing near” from Hebrews 10:19-25, which says,

“Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” Throughout the summer we had different speakers come each week to speak for evening chapels and it was so encouraging to hear each one of them share from God's word about this passage. Because of the work of Christ, we can freely and with confidence, draw near to God—not only for salvation, but also for

His continued work in us after salvation.

One of my favorite parts of each week of summer camp is Thursday night when all of camp gathers for a time of testimony. It is so encouraging to hear the many ways that God works each week—not just through the chapel speakers, but through conversations with the counselors, things that happen in games, riding lessons, and archery, plus all of the different activities. God uses so many things to teach lessons and draw many to Him and it is such a blessing for me to be a part of these things even when it's not in an overt way. God is faithful and willing to use each one of us. I am so blessed that He uses me and even in all of my weaknesses and sin, He does not

reject me, but is faithful to forgive me, continues to change me, and invites me to draw near.

This summer I had the opportunity to run in a 5k that was organized by a local church and also to ride in several horse shows. Showing gives the horses broader experiences and also provides good exposure for the ranch. I am also planning on showing once this fall and then traveling to Texas to ride with some horse trainers to continue to get experience and grow in my understanding of how to train horses and instruct others in their riding.

At the end of summer Hannah Landis, who worked with me in the kitchen for the past several years, finished her time working at the ranch and will be starting nursing school this fall. She was such a blessing to work with and I really enjoyed the time spent with her, but I am also so excited to see how God continues to work

in and through her. The ranch is looking for another staff member to come work in the kitchen to help share the workload. In the meantime, many other current staff have been stepping in and helping. Through this change I have been reminded again of the faithfulness of God. That though things may seem uncertain to me,



God is still in control, He is still at work, and His plans are always best.

This fall will be busy with the ranch hosting retreats most weekends. Retreat season is always exciting as I get to see some familiar faces, as well as meet new people.

This past year (2024-25), I was teamed with the Bridges family as advisors and it was great. This fall I am rejoining the Freeman family. The School of Discipleship has thirty-nine students starting with us this fall. This is the largest group that we have had for quite a few years and it means that there are more students to rotate through all of the different chore areas till they choose their area of interest. Having more students means that we feed about 50 people every meal, but it also means that there are plenty of hands to help prepare meals, clean up after meals, and for kitchen cleaning projects. This is both fantastic and challenging! The kitchen is sparkling, but it's difficult for my brain as I have six people simultaneously asking me what they can do to help or for instructions on how to do the things that I have them do! All of that being said, I have already really enjoyed getting to know and work with these new students.

Praises and Prayer Request:

- A new kitchen staff that would fill the opening in the kitchen
- That the students would have a great year of learning more of who God is and how that affects their lives
- Peace as I seek God's sovereign timing and that I would rest in His goodness
- We had an excellent summer and God did great things
- There were enough horses for summer camp needs

Thank you for your continued support of my ministry here at Miracle Mountain Ranch. I appreciate your words of encouragement, prayers, and financial support very much!

In Christ,
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