



Prayer Partner's Update – March 2024

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A Not-So-Winter for Winter Retreats!

Thank you for your prayers over this winter and our staff! God is Good! Even though we have only had a few inches of snow and were not able to do many traditional winter activities, we added some new ones and there was still a lot of fun!

We had 17 students say YES to Jesus for the first time!

47 Students told us they were giving their lives to Jesus again!

Over 100 students told us they were taking a next step in their walk with Jesus!

We asked you after summer to pray for the students who told us honestly that they were not ready to say YES to Jesus, but they were thinking about faith things. One was pretty against faith and talk of God. Well, at Jr High Avalanche – He said YES to Jesus! What a great reminder of God's tireless and faithful pursuit of our hearts.

We praise God for what He did at Big Sandy Camp this winter! Your prayers matter! Thank you for your investment in camp and letting God use you for eternal kingdom impact.

New Retreat Starting –

We also want you to know that we are starting a Young Adult Retreat (April 19-21) for ages 18-30. Many of the District youth pastors see a growing need to minister to this age group. We are happy to host this retreat and pray that it will be the beginning of a movement among young people to grow deep in their faith in God! If you know a young adult – let them know or consider sponsoring one to go!

More information on this and all our summer camps is at www.bigsandycamp.org

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Specific Prayer Requests –

1) 2024 SUMMER CAMP!

a. SUMMER CAMP – Our theme is ***Finish Line*** with our theme verse being Hebrews 12:1-2. Pray for our students and leaders that they would grow deeper in their understanding of their walk/run/race with Christ!

b. VOLUNTEERS – A host of great folks help to make our retreats and summer camps successful. Pray that we will have lots of volunteers to keep the workload light and for people to be blessed as they serve and make kingdom impact!

c. REGISTRATIONS – Please pray that the Lord lays the desire for parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, and friends to send campers this summer to hear the message of HOPE through Jesus!

d. WEEKLY SPEAKERS – Pray for the five speakers we have coming for summer camps for them to have clarity as they prepare their message God wants them to share and for hearts to receive it!

2) FULL TIME STAFF TRANSITION

a. AJ and Nicole Kotansky and their family are moving to camp!

AJ is the new food services manager. Pray for their family as they transition from Alaska to Minnesota in May. Pray for safety as they travel and grace as they pack and say goodbye.

3) PROJECTS

a. Workday – MAY 4!

Boardwalks, beach repairs, painting, cleaning, trail maintenance – there is always lots to do at camp keeping our 38 buildings and over 120 acres ready for guests.

If you have a day, a weekend or even a week and you want to come help, let us know! We would love the help and we would love to host you, your family, your small group, church group or your youth group!

4) UPCOMING RETREATS

a. First time Young Adult Retreat! Pray for many young adults to be able to come and that God would challenge their hearts and help them make great connections with others to help them grow in their faith!

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A Personal Note

I continue to Praise the Lord for His healing work in my body as I continue my journey with cancer. I continue to go in for monthly blood checks and quarterly visits to my oncologist. On a positive note, I have only 5 blood tests that are still not in the "good range" versus starting out with 15 that were "out of whack". I give the Lord praise, honor, and glory for His healing power in my life!

Thank You

Thank you for your continued prayer support for Big Sandy Camp. If you wish to be taken off this list, please let me know by sending me an email (doug@bigsandycamp.org) or call me (218) 460-7959.



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