

I am back in the office for the first time since our week of high school camp, and what a week of camp it was! The theme Round Lake chose for the summer is 'Whatever,' and for our week of camp that meant that whatever could go wrong, did go wrong. In the weeks leading up to camp, we had several key volunteers back out of camp for reasons beyond our control. This meant finding new teachers, new sound technicians, new small group leaders, and more. It also meant we wouldn't have access to the sound system and lighting unit we often use. Just making it to the start of camp with enough staff to function was a challenge.

Then we arrived. Technology wouldn't work appropriately. Round Lake was understaffed because a few kitchen workers had contracted COVID. Thirty-six hours into our stay there, the power went out. (and stayed out). We even ended camp early, sending campers home two days earlier than expected.

There was one obstacle after another standing in the way of what we wanted to accomplish. I was tired and frustrated. Months of planning, hours of work, dozens of volunteers, and the week wasn't happening the way we had planned. Nothing seemed to be going right.

And yet God was working anyway. We sent nearly \$2700 to a mission organization that helps sexually trafficked girls recover from their trauma. Three students were baptized the following Sunday morning. Several young men who struggle with depression and loneliness made connections with churches and counselor to help them start healing. I had three conversations with high school students about serving in vocational ministry and how they could start training for that today.

Despite everything that went "wrong" God was still moving. He was still working in the hearts of adults and teenagers. His purpose was being accomplished even if my plans weren't. This is what the Bible means when it tells us to wait upon the Lord. This is what the Psalmist is writing about when he tells us to "Be still and know that I am God." We are to trust that God is working even when we can't see it. Maybe your life isn't going according to your plan. Perhaps you are in a season where things are falling apart. Let me encourage you to trust that God is working anyway, even if you can't see it.

Josh

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## CHURCH IN THE PARK JULY 3

Join us on Sunday, July 3rd for Church in the Park at 10am. We are joining our sister church, New Phila FCC for a unique opportunity to fellowship and worship together at Tuscora Park Amphitheater. We recommend you bring a lawn chair.

## VBS DECORATING JULY 8TH & 9TH

We are gearing up for another year of VBS fun. We will be decorating the church on Thursday July 8th starting at 4pm and then again on Saturday morning at 10am. Please join us if you are able to help.

## VBS JULY 10-14

VBS starts on Sunday, July 10th through Thursday, July 14th. We will meet nightly from 6pm to 8:30pm. Our theme this year for VBS is Zoomerang: Returning to the value of life. This is for Pre-K through 6th grade. You can register online at [doverfcc.myanswers.com](http://doverfcc.myanswers.com) or pick up a paper form in the foyer.

## VBS CARNIVAL JULY 15

Join us on Friday, July 15 as we wrap up a great week of VBS. We will begin at 6pm inside as the kids sing a few songs that they learned through the week followed by a carnival full of food, games and lots of fun for the family.

## SWIM PARTY JULY 17

As a follow up to VBS, we are going to spend an evening at Dover Pool. Everyone is welcome to join us on Sunday, July 17th from 6:30-8:30pm for a relaxing evening by the pool.

## PICNIC IN THE PARK AUGUST 28

We have reserved a lakeside pavilion at Tuscora Park for our summer church picnic. We will provide the meat to grill, drinks and table service. Please bring a side dish and/or a dessert to share on August 28th at 5pm

## CRUISE-IN SEPTEMBER 25

Looking ahead to fall, please mark your calendar for our 16th Annual Cruise-In and Benefit. It will be Sunday, September 25th from 3-6pm and it will benefit our friends at Beneath the Shade.

Dover First Youth,  
Thank you all so very much for coming out and helping us work on tearing apart the trailer. You are all so kind and amazing to give up a Saturday to do service for our mission. Thank you for being a part of Beneath the Shade.

Sincerely,  
Kathy Neal