Bound for Glory Camp **NEWSLETTER**

SUMMER CAMP 2019

A FREE LITERACY AND ADVENTURE CAMP

Bound for Glory Camp 2019 was exhilarating and full of beautiful memories! It was our first trial at a day camp, and it surprised us with new opportunities and dreams for BFG Camp!

> Camp was held at St. Philip's Episcopal Church from July 27th to August

9th. Eleven campers (seven girls and four boys) attended the two-week day camp session. It was a full day from 8:30-5:30. **EDUCATE** Campers started their day with a nutritious breakfast, and then they were off to their literacy classes: one-to-one Orton-Gillingham tutoring, guided oral reading, and

written expression/ vocabulary development class. After a hearty lunch, campers enjoyed enrichment activities and camp fun. Two days a week, campers rotated between culinary class and art class. On the other days, they swam at our local pool and played camp games. We even fit in a trip to our local farmers' market and fishing at Connestee Lake. The afternoon was filled with worship music, devotion, and prayer. Our scheduled weekend campout was canceled due to rain, but it did not stop us. We went bowling and had a sleepover at the church. The following morning, we went on our annual horseback riding trek through Pisgah Forest and swimming in the Davidson







"Bound for **Glory Camp** offered me JOY, happiness and gave me friendships." -Camper



made lasting friendships, explored new interests,

MISSION: To educate, enrich, and encourage underprivileged students struggling with reading by providing a free summer camp in a Christian environment.

VISION: That all children can become assured readers and find hope and purpose for their lives through Jesus Christ.

HOW WE DO IT: Provide a FREE summer camp that offers evidence-based literacy instruction, strategic enrichment opportunities, and the chance to learn about the hope of Jesus Christ.

CAMPERS: Transylvania County students ages 9-12 who qualify for free/reduced-cost lunch and have been identified by their school as at least one year below their reading level.

HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2019

- Campers improved their literacy skills and avoided summer learning loss.
- The day camp format provided new ways to serve campers, such as taking meals home they prepared in culinary class to share with their families.
- Campers faced challenges, such as riding a horse for the first time and learned to persevere.
- Guest speaker, Graham Beasley, gave insight to campers by sharing his personal experiences with dyslexia.
- Campers enthusiastically embraced new worship leadership and Godly Play ministry.



Low-income struggling readers are the most at risk students to NOT graduate.



CAMP 2020

- BFG Camp will host a three-week day camp from July 5th through July 24th at St. Philip's Episcopal Church.
- Fifteen qualifying campers will be able to attend.
- Two weekend overnight excursion trips will be offered.
- A new collaboration with the Hunger Coalition of Transylvania Co. will offer pantry and fresh food items to be sent home weekly with campers.
- The BFG clothing closet will expand to include new shoes for each camper.

FUTURE GOALS FOR BFG CAMP

- Host a five-week camp session for 2021.
- In the near future, expand to an eight-week summer program.
- Host up to thirty campers.
- Have year-long outreach programs for campers: after-school tutoring, culinary classes, a weekly youth ministry, weekend retreats, and holiday gatherings.



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CAMPER SPOTLIGHT

Maddix was a first time Bound for Glory camper. Her literacy skills in word reading, spelling, and written expression improved during just two weeks of camp. Maddix tremendously enjoyed the food at camp and making homemade pasta during culinary class. During one of the first Bible devotions, Maddix shared that she did not know much about the Bible. She was excited to learn and asked great questions. I believe one of the greatest successes at BFG Camp this summer was the transformation in Maddix's life. On the end-of-camp evaluation, her response to the question, "In your own words what did BFG Camp mean to you?" embraces the impact BFG Camp had on

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Todd Alewine, Spencer Knapp, Laureen Herzig, Denise Tatarzyn, and Scott Adair

Program Director: Wendi Adair

her life: "I was blessed by God, and I know the true meaning of heaven. I learned if you believe, you can go to heaven with God forever, and I got saved." Maddix improved her literacy skills, discovered new interests, and found hope and purpose in Christ. We pray and prepare for every BFG camper to have similar experiences as Maddix.

-Wendi Adair, Program Director



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