



PONDEROSA WINTER CAMP

January 2020

In January, Ryan served as Ponderosa's Winter Camp Pastor for 2 weekends. Ponderosa is a year-round camp and conference center annually hosting over 300 groups, serving approximately 20,000 guests with a full-time resident staff of 12.

God showed up and did some amazing things in hearts on those weekends....many decisions to surrender to Christ made. We saw 8 salvations & 55 felt called to full-time vocational ministry!



One church tells us they brought a young man - who we'll call James - they'd been working with for months. James came from a broken home and had spent 2 years in juvenile detention. He almost didn't come to camp, but sure enough - the first night he surrendered his life to Christ!

On Saturday morning, he got a call from Grandma telling him ALL CHARGES HAD BEEN EXPUNGED from his record! And if that wasn't enough to praise the Lord about, after going home he invited a friend to church who also accepted the Lord! A few weeks later, they were baptized together. How incredible is the God we serve? All praise to Him!

FROM THE CAMP

We're so grateful to you, Ryan, for your obedience to God's calling on your life. You were part of a kingdom-impact month here at Ponderosa - so good to partner with you. I've also attached ALL the specific comments given to us. You were WELL LOVED and we'd be blessed to have you back again! - Marcus Rawls

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FROM RYAN

In January M516 was on the road for a solid month. I left my house on January 9th and got home on February 9th. The Lord allowed us to be a part of so many incredible things in that stretch. You see that I was at Ponderosa for their winter camps.



Karistin speaking at the Marriage Conference in Burley

From there I went to Burley, Idaho where Karistin and I led a marriage retreat for some local churches. The conference was on a Friday-Saturday, and we started a four-day revival from that Sunday-Wednesday. We saw the Lord do so many great things. Salvations occurred, families were saved, children came to Christ as well as several adults.

This picture is with Jane and me. She surrendered her life to Christ on Wednesday night of the revival. From Burley we traveled to Hesperus, CO where I preached a Men's Conference, and then I had the privilege to preach on Super Bowl Sunday at FBC Aztec, NM. The following weekend we got to be a part of Whiteout 2020 back at Hesperus Camp in Hesperus, CO!



February was full of student ministry weekends. I had the privilege to preach a revival at Franklin Baptist Church of Norman. The last time I preached, before Covid-19, was on March 8th at my home church, FBC McAlester. At the end of that week in March our family relocated to Joplin, MO. It was a difficult decision on where we would relocate, but at the end of the day this is where we feel the Lord has us for this time.

We appreciate all of your prayers, cards, letters, calls and messages during this time for us. All speaking events in April/May have been canceled. We are going into the summer not knowing for sure what that will look like but we know one thing, God is in control. All glory to Christ.



Men's Retreat at Hesperus, Colorado



Revival in Idaho



Decisions made at Whiteout 2020 at Hesperus Camp



FBC Aztec, New Mexico



Worship moment at Men's Retreat



The crew from Whiteout 2020 at Hesperus Camp