



Campus Life

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Above the Noise

At the beginning of August, we took 43 middle and high school students to Rocky Gap State Park for a four-day camping retreat in the woods. This trip was focused on being completely unplugged and “above the noise;” completely immersed in God’s presence. Getting away from the “noise” of everyday life gives God the space to move in our lives in a way we can’t normally see, and God certainly moved at camp!

God used activities like kayaking and fishing competitions, spontaneous dance-offs, beach games, and a relay race around the lake to forge bonds between students that no iPhone or video game

ever could. It was so sweet to see students from different schools and backgrounds laughing over s’mores and truly bonding. That’s what God’s love does. It transcends every boundary, every wall that we put up, to bring us closer to Him and closer to one another.

God didn’t just use camp to bring students closer to each other, though; He used it to bring them closer to Him. On our last night in the woods, nine students made the decision to follow Christ. Nine students said “forget what the world says, I choose Jesus.” Nine students will never be the same.

Camp is something I look forward to every year because it is so amazing to see the tangible ways God is working in our students’ lives over the course of a few days. However, please be praying for these students because the enemy seeks to steal, kill, and destroy what God wants to build up. Pray that God will continue to encourage them and build them up despite what they might face “off the mountain.” Thank you for your continued support of Campus Life, and thank you for caring about our kids!

God bless,

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