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# Harvester

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## Family Legacy

Dan's personal highlight was having Micah and Caleb come on the canoe trip. According to Caleb, "It was a great time to think about what legacy we want to leave and how we want to invest in the next generation." Sixteen year old Micah added, "Good insight on the importance of sharing the gospel with people close to you whose lives you impact, and a great opportunity to be with other Christian guys."



## Legacy Retreat

This July Dan and Joe led a handful of men for two days canoeing on the St. Croix talking about passing one's faith on to the next generation as fathers, uncles, and church members. The goal was to help men think beyond just their own faithfulness to instilling a faith that outlasts them for generations to come. While canoeing and camping they addressed how to create an environment where your kids can be real and open with you and how to set boundaries of what you allow into your life and mind. How can we make the best of our lives when we wake up, go to sleep, sit at home, or travel? (Dt 6)

Please Join Us in Prayer this August

### Annual National Thrive Reunion

Aug 10-15 all Thrive staff (15 adults and 30 kids!) will gather for prayer, fun, and direction setting. Please pray that we'll discern God's will as we plan, connect deeply, & be refueled.

### Rafting

Aug 21-24 Thrive rafting trips. Pray for non-believers to come & meet God personally.





## Making Your Faith Your Own

"The temptation from the beginning of time has been to trust in man rather than in God." This was how the teen retreat started. Through outdoor activities and Bible studies, we discussed the nature of God, who is trustworthy, choosing the world vs. God, straddling the fence, and how to live counter-culturally. Floating on paddleboards all hooked together, Dan had me let go of the group and everyone watched how quickly I floated away, much like we do when we are out of fellowship. The teens shared their struggles of wanting to be popular and being afraid to stand out, and we had a chance to answer their deep questions about God. In the end, many committed to reading the Bible, determined to choose God over friends, and made a decision to share the Gospel. Please pray that they will do so!

## Tea Time

This month Emma and Aliza and I hosted a tea party for women living here at the pond. Many who attended did not know each other so it went a long way in building community. Since then I've been walking weekly with a neighbor, sharing good and hard things and praying for her. We want to know people, build trust, and be a light. We are planning an ice cream social in August!

## Celebrating Marriage

In April Dan and I had our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary but we saved the celebration for this month. Although we did not renew vows, we did praise God for what he has done. The boys read verses they had chosen and talked about marriage, our girls sang a worship song, and a friend gave a blessing. We also thanked our loved ones. Thank you for supporting us through marriage and ministry, which have so often gone hand in hand!

### What have you learned this weekend?

#### Teen responses:

***"What you do matters."***

***"Push yourself off the fence."***

***"It's a hard, long journey, but worth it."***

***"Have positive influences pointing you to Christ."***

***"Be a positive influence."***

