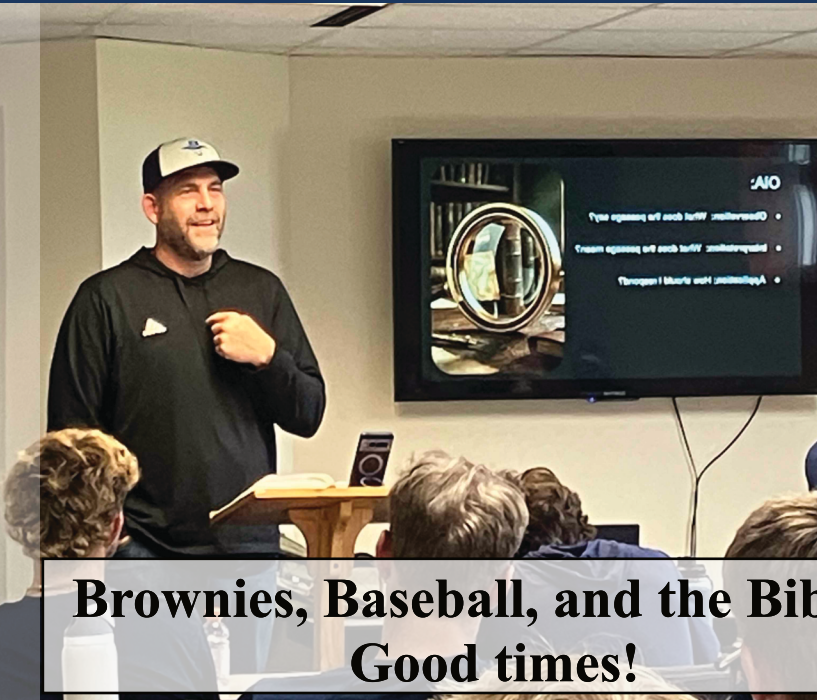




**Brownies, Baseball, and the Bible =
Good times!**



Left: Dan teaching
Right: Three of the players

Owen and Ethan now know Jesus!

What a unique summer! Our assignment this year had us in the middle of Ohio, serving as chaplain for a collegiate summer league baseball team. Honestly... it wasn't something we were looking forward to. But, as is often the case, God did things we didn't expect, and it turned into one of the best summer assignments we could have asked for. It was full of meaningful conversations, Bible teaching, and family involvement.



We were with the team for two intense weeks. I now know I would not want to be a minor league baseball player! As the coach said, their schedule was very similar. We had team time, practices, and games almost every day. During team time, DeAnn and Lily baked goodies each day for the guys. Then Elijah, DeAnn, and I helped lead worship with some of the players. After that, I taught through the book of James—from how to study a book of the Bible to specific applications for life, both in the dugout and beyond. My favorite day, though, was when DeAnn taught alongside me. That was so much fun!

Then, in the dugout during games, I had the opportunity to have some really deep conversations about life, faith, and sports. The players were obviously hearing from the Lord. Many of them want to return to their schools with a new missional mindset. And two of them, Owen and Ethan, made decisions to follow Christ this summer!

The team also shared the gospel and a personal testimony with their opponents after games. We don't even know the ultimate impact those conversations will have, but we're excited to see what God continues to do.

On our way up we got to visit Mammoth Cave National Park. This was something Dan had heard about for 40+ years! And it was amazing!

Prayer Request: Summer has come to an end. Please pray that these players will continue to grow in their walk with the Lord. But while the summer season is over, the fall semester is just beginning. Please pray for open doors to share Jesus on campus and for much spiritual fruit this year. **Thank you for your prayers!**