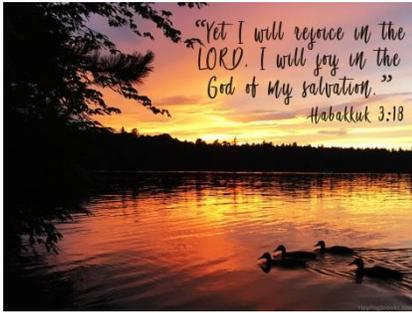


“...ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” Acts 1:8

### Fall 2021

The prophet Habakkuk shares at the end of Habakkuk, “Yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation.” We, like Habukkuk, can rejoice in the Lord no matter the situation in which we find ourselves. Our joy is grounded in God Himself. It does not depend on our circumstances. Too often, though, we tend to get our focus off of God and onto our circumstances – what is going on around us – just like Peter did when he went walking on the water to go to Jesus. It seems troubles abound in our world



today, but when we keep our eyes on Him, we find there is still much to rejoice about.

We invite you to join us in praising the Lord for His working this summer through the VBS ministry. We were able to partner with churches as they invited neighborhood children to join us on a Wild Algonquin Adventure and learn about the helps the Lord has given us as we navigate the wilderness of life. We also rejoice that we were privileged to see some make a profession of faith in Jesus Christ.

Between the last VBS and the start of school, our family enjoyed an Algonquin adventure of our own, taking a little time to enjoy camping in the Adirondacks. The Lord blessed us with beautiful weather in a beautiful setting and many fun family adventures and memories.

As soon as we packed away the props and supplies from our summer travels, we turned our focus ahead to the 2022 VBS season. Planning stages are underway for next summer,



when we will break out the chaps and spurs and take on the bucking broncos at the rodeo! The theme is titled “Ridin’ to Victory: Taking the Challenge to Live Victoriously.” If you are interested in getting on the schedule for next summer, please contact us.

You may remember we mentioned in a previous letter that we were looking for a cello. The Lord supplied, and, after a long wait because it was on backorder, we now have one! Brielle is excited to get started learning to play the cello, and we are excited about the new dynamics this will add to the music ministry.

We continue to update the inspirational backgrounds and bulletin art pieces on the website as we have time. We hope these resources are a blessing to you as you carry out the ministry week to week, and encourage you to explore what is available there if you haven’t already.



It’s not quite the Christmas season yet, but it will be here soon, and we are busy practicing and preparing the set for this year’s Christmas program, “Christmas: Behind the



Door.” Set in the 1940s, when the world was at war and ‘peace on earth, goodwill toward men’ seemed nothing more than an empty greeting card sentiment, the program

will demonstrate that peace comes, not in the absence of war or troubles, but in the midst of the troubles as we rest in the knowledge that God has everything in His control.

Our Christmas program schedule has filled up quickly. If your church is not on our schedule and would like to be, we could still squeeze in a few more weeknight programs. You can check out [www.ripplingbrooks.com](http://www.ripplingbrooks.com) for a current listing of churches where we will be presenting this special program. Currently we are scheduled to present the program in eleven different churches, but as the past year and a half has demonstrated, plans can change quickly! Please pray for health and safety in travels and, most importantly, that the Lord would use the program to turn hearts to Him.

Serving the Savior,

*Erich & Shawna and family*