

Rippling Brooks Ministries

“...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

July 2022

It's been a busy summer at the rodeo! We have really enjoyed seeing the enthusiasm and imagination of kids as we hold our “stick horse rodeo” in the closing time each evening. If you haven't seen a good stick bull rider, you're missing out on a fun time!

People ask us often if we put together the VBS program ourselves, and the answer is “yes.” Each member of the family invests many hours in the spring researching, compiling, building, and creating to bring the whole program together. We are very thankful for the unique talents the Lord has given each of our children and the tremendous help they are to us. If you haven't been to a VBS program, here's a little glimpse of what they do.



Breanna coordinates the preschool class's Bible Learning Activity, which involves finding fun activities to reinforce the Bible lesson

and then leading those times with the little ones. She also helps with the “office work” and lends her talents on the piano and flute.

Blake is our rodeo clown and has been doing an excellent job even though it was a bit out of his comfort zone at first. He also heads up the games time, sometimes leading them, and sometimes being the answer man for the church games leader, plays trumpet, and takes care of the sound system.

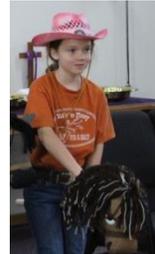


Beth fills in everywhere somebody needs help. She helps Breanna with the preschoolers, helps with the registration table, helps prepare crafts, takes pictures, plays mandolin, and is a huge help getting food ready each weekend between trips.

Brielle contributes her artistic abilities by drawing all our clip art and helping in the craft time. She also agreed to be a second rodeo clown to help Blake with his antics. A favorite clown skit this year features her copying Blake as he does a disappearing



trick with a yellow bandana. She also plays piano and violin.



Braelyn moves back and forth between the role of “VBS-er,” where she makes new friends each week, and “team member” where she has roles in skits, memory verse activities, and even does some barrel racing.

We have another month of VBS programs to go and look forward to seeing how the Lord will work through them. We praise the Lord for the many blessings along the way such as the VBS where 13 of the 18 kids learned all the memory verses, and the boy who raised his hand in a lesson and said “Can you tell me more? I've never heard this before!”

Once we finish our last VBS, we will head to Iowa to take Breanna to college. She is very excited about this new experience, and we are glad for all she will learn, though we will miss her at home and are realizing how quickly the time with our children at home comes to an end.

Thinking of fall, we'd like to invite anyone with an ATV/UTV to join us for a



Creation Ride on September 10. We'll take in the beauty of Potter County Pennsylvania's Susquehannock Trail System, stopping along the way to consider what God has to teach us about Himself from His amazing creation. You can find details about the ride and RSVP on our website at www.ripplingbrooks.com/creation-ride.

We are also scheduling craft events for ladies. If you are looking for something special to do this fall at your church, or even as a combined event with fellowshipping churches, please contact us for more information. The event includes several craft options and a related devotional.

Thank you for your prayers and the many other ways you have reached out to encourage and help us! We are continually humbled by the Lord's faithful care. Please pray that the Lord will be glorified as we serve Him.

In His Service,

*Erich & Shawna
and family*