

One of the things Beth has brought to camp this year is several fun, creative new activities. Today before lunch we had a cabin dress up time – each cabin was given costumes along a certain theme, they all got dressed up and put together a brief skit. A lot of fun was had by all! You will see some photos on the next page, and I hope to post a few videos of the skits on my Instagram and Facebook pages tomorrow.

One of the highlights of each day is Chapel. I have written previously about some of the Bible lessons. But the other part of Chapel is worship – and that is an area the campers excel! None of this sitting with serious face or hands in pockets here – the campers love getting into the worship with lots of hand motions, action, and shouting to the Lord. The joy on some of the faces makes all the tiredness and struggles of the week fade. This year's new song that quickly became the big hit for the campers is Rend Collective's "Joy of the Lord" which talks of God's joy being our strength even in trying times, and of course it has an exciting chorus. (some of the words below). In addition to being a great counselor, one of Paige Lawton's other roles is song leader – she has put together great motions for our songs and leads them with great joy!

Please be in prayer for our campers in the coming weeks. Tomorrow is our last day of camp, but they will all be going home with a booklet that lets them go back and look at the Bible accounts we studied, as well as a clear presentation of the Gospel. Many of the counselors this week have had great spiritual conversations with the campers, and Beth plans to send follow-up emails and begin a monthly discipleship follow-up program. So pray for the final conversations we will have opportunities for at camp, but also pray for God's work to continue in each camper's life (and each of us leaders too!).

Though tears may fall
My song will rise, my song will rise to You
Though my heart may fail
My song will rise, my song will rise to You
While there's breath in my lungs
I will praise You, Lord

In the dead of night
I'll lift my eyes, I'll lift my eyes to You
When the waters rise
I'll lift my eyes, I'll lift my eyes to You
While there's hope in my heart
I will praise You, Lord

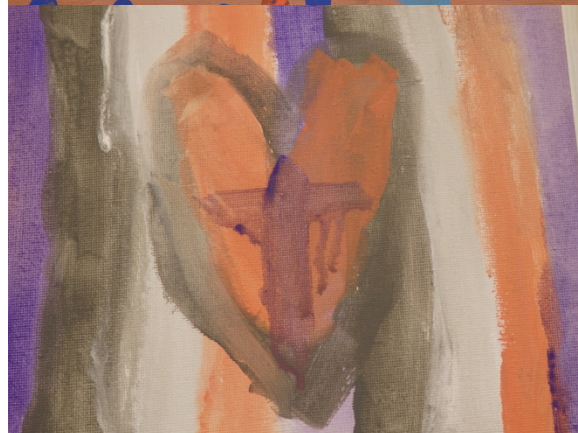
**The joy of the Lord is my strength
The joy of the Lord is my strength
In the darkness I'll dance
In the shadows I'll sing
The joy of the Lord is my strength**

When I cannot see You with my eyes
Let faith arise to You
When I cannot feel Your hand in mine
Let faith arise to You
God of mercy and love
I will praise You, Lord

Oh You shine with glory Lord of light
I feel alive with You
In Your presence now I come alive
I am alive with You
There is strength when I say
I will praise You, Lord

When sorrow comes my way
You are the shield around me
Always You remain
Like courage in the fight
I hear You call my name
Jesus, I am coming
Walking on the waves
Reaching for Your light





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