

## Capital Campaign Article by Tyler Keene:

As you probably heard already, we completed a staff home last fall. My family (picture on the Right) feels very blessed to have the privilege of living in it. Previously we lived in a trailer on camp property. While the trailer can accommodate a four person family, it was very crowded. We are enjoying the extra space in the new home. When the board made the decision to build a staff home last year we did so because we felt that by offering better housing options we would be in a better position to both retain our present staff and recruit new staff when the present staff moves on. My family is blessed to live in the new house, and we can say that the new house is already helping us to keep present staff!!



With that said, I have some very exciting news!! Can you believe that God built a house at Great Oaks Camp last year and is making a way for us to build a home this year as well. Recently, we have received a matching funds check for \$100,000. Therefore every dollar we raise will be matched, and in the end we could end up with \$200,000. This will help us to build another staff house along with completing various other camp projects. Praise God for His provision!!



As exciting as the grant is, we now have some work to do. We need to raise the matching funds. God has already brought in \$4,000 dollars, but we still have a long ways to go. How can you help? The easy answer is to give to the capital campaign fund. However, if you don't have funds to give or would like to do more than give

funds, you can help us raise funds! If you are interested in helping contact the office. In conclusion, I trust that everyone who has read this article will pray for God's continued provision and guidance here at Great Oaks.

## Summer Program Article by Paul Tanner

Choice

How much better to get wisdom than gold,  
to choose understanding rather than silver! Proverbs 16:16 (NIV)

These days it seems in most areas we are overwhelmed when making choices. Something as simple as choosing a restaurant can be complicated by the over abundance of options. Our theme this year for camp is "Choose your own adventure"

Borrowed from my childhood of reading books by the same name in which you got to choose which way the story went, this summer's theme will focus on helping each child understand their ability to choose and the good and bad consequences of their choices. Many of our campers do not have good role models or family members who demonstrate how to make good, healthy choices. Of course, the camp will build off of the foundational choice for everyone's life, which is to choose Jesus as Lord and Savior. From such a foundation, we will examine different characters in the Bible, the good and bad choices they made, and the consequences of those choices. Along with that, the campers will learn about the different principles from each story and how to apply them to the rest of their lives.

Helping campers make better choices is just one step in the journey of helping them escape the cycle of hopelessness and poverty. We want to encourage each camper to have the ability to choose a continuous life in Christ.

