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Camp Blue Haven Registration

Registration for Camp Blue Haven is now active online! Returning campers have until January 14th to register. Registration for new campers is available on January 15th (Friday) at 9 pm. Space is very limited so new campers will want to sign up as close to 9 pm as possible (set an alarm for 8:55). Camp Blue Haven are for those entering 5th grade in the fall to graduates. This is the camp that most of our students go to in the summer. We take several vans to 5th session and have a growing number that go to 3rd session. If you have any questions or need financial assistance to go, please let me know.

Outlook for this Year

I know a lot of people have been more than ready to turn the page on last year and see what this new year holds. My friends always caps off every year by texting each other "It's been a long December, and there's reason to be believe maybe this year will be better than the last." This is from the song "Long December" by Counting Crows, a popular song in our playlist in college. This year was certainly no different and took on new meaning. I know that a new year doesn't mean things will get magically better, but I have a lot of changes on a personal, family, and church level that I wanted to let y'all know about.

One of the issues I have found in my position is that I can easily find myself reading ABOUT the Bible more than reading the Bible itself. I truly believe that we have been given the greatest story every told. So I have a two-fold Bible reading goal for this year. The first is to read through the entire Bible this year. On top of that I intend to read through Genesis once a month, going through different translations and trying to gain new perspectives each time. Do you have any goals for this year? That may seem lofty to you (and it may be for me too, but I'm hopeful). Even if it was just to read the New Testament or the Gospels (or a Gospel), do it!

A lot of you know that we are in the process of fostering, with the ultimate goal being adoption. In December we completed everything that is required

on our part. Any day now we should be certified to take in children and then we just wait for a call. We are looking to take in a sibling group that is younger than Carson (5 years old). Thank you to everyone that has encouraged us as we have gone through this process.

I am working on our summer schedule. I am excited to announce that our interns from last year, Carson and Ayse, will be returning this next year! I'm excited to build off the great summer we had last year.

Churchwide, we announced last week that you have the ability to give online! You can find the link on our website, click [here](#), or text [ucc canyon](#) to 77977. As you do this it would be most helpful for us if you would make ACH deposits through your bank, but do what's best for you. If you give in person Sunday morning, please keep doing that if it works for you. This should mostly help those that mail in their checks. Regardless of how you give, this will allow for members to check their giving statements throughout the year. This may take a little time to set up but overall should make Clint and Renee's job a little easier. This will also allow me to accept payment for events and other things. I'll get that info out as it becomes relevant.

If you have any questions about anything in this article, fee free to reach out to me. Have a great weekend and I'll see you Sunday!