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BAPTISM & THE BODY

It's very easy for us to make hierarchies in our church families with our faith. We sometimes put the experience of our pastor in front of the elders, then the elders in front of the members, and then we put members in front of non-members. This is a good example of how the world affects our faith in a negative way sometimes. The world tells us that 'there is always a bigger fish in the sea' or that some people are more important than others. This is a very bad habit that Paul tries to address in many of his letters in the New Testament. "From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way." In this passage, Paul is dealing with the reconciliation of the Jews and the Gentiles and helping them recognize that we are no longer bound to our worldly perceptions of one another, but through the lenses of Christ in our lives.

THIS WEEK'S OUTING

LASER TAG & MALL TRIP TO MADISON

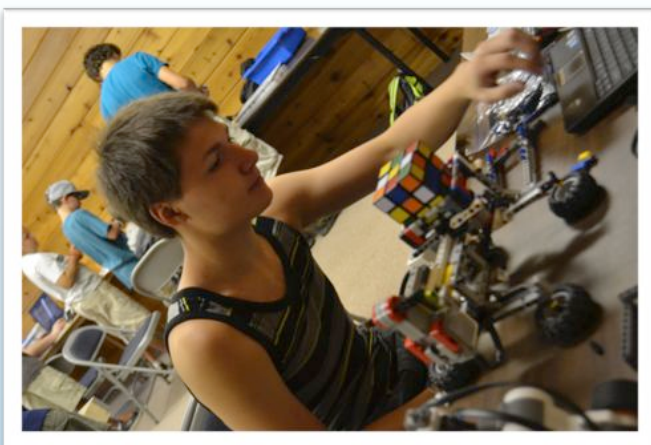
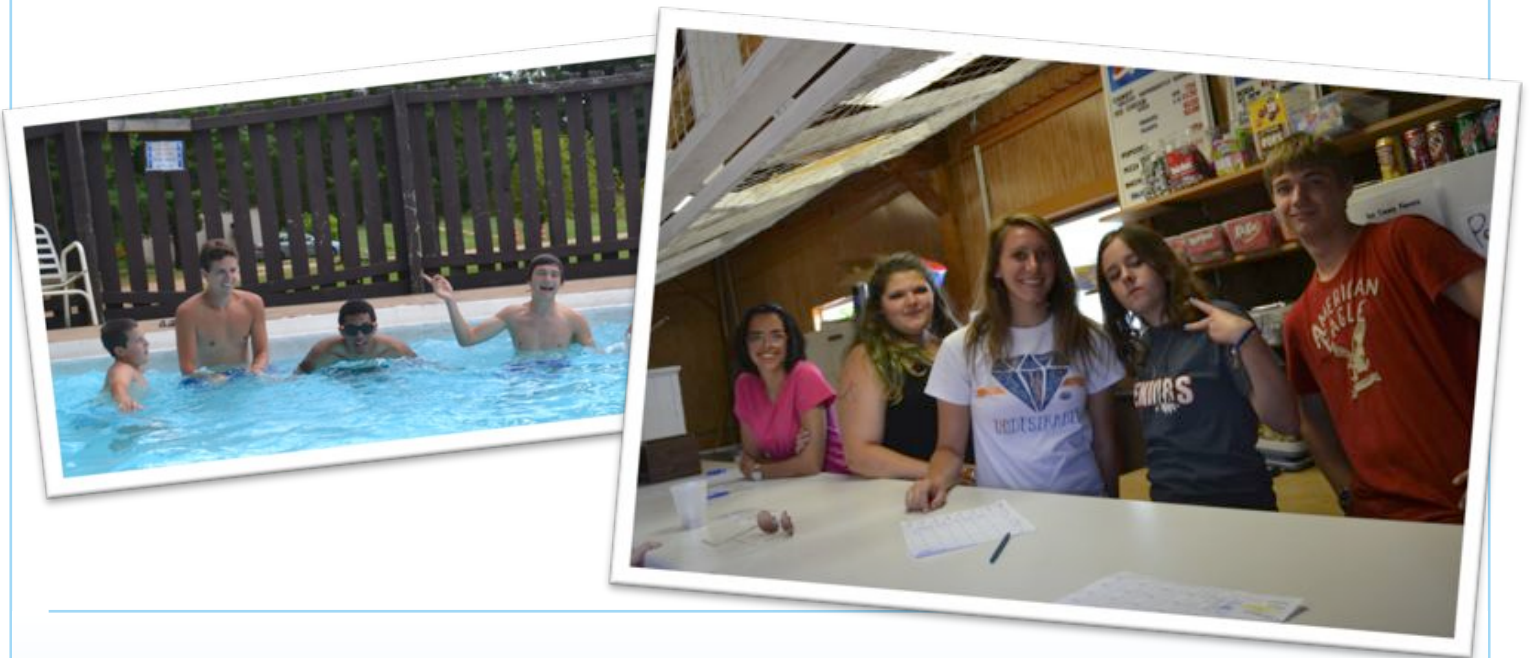
This Saturday we will visit Madison's West Town Mall for some shopping, and while we're there you will have the option to go LASER TAGGING!

Through baptism, we welcome an individual into a community of believers that truly believe that “all have sinned and have fallen short of the glory of God”. Baptism is a time to celebrate a “new life” in Christ into a community of believers, not to put someone on the bottom of the mature Christian spectrum. In addition to Paul’s call for us to change our thinking of one another, we get another image of the Body of believers (the Church): “There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for we are all one in Christ.”

This whole equality in the Kingdom was hard for many people to understand. In the book of Philemon, we get the story of a slave owner having to reconcile with one of his former slaves that ran away. We have the story in Acts where the church had issues of food distribution between the Hebrew and Hellenistic widows in the community. We’ve had a long history of having trouble with understanding oneness in Christ, but through baptism, we are reminded that through Christ, we are reborn into a body of believers.

“Do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham.”

-Matthew 3:9



BIG WORD OF THE WEEK

Permutation

Definition: (*noun*) the action of changing the arrangement, especially the linear order, of a set of items

In a Sentence: The Rubik’s Cube is an example of a permutation puzzle.