

Brocks Upper Room Update & Highlights

Winter 2021

Kickstart Music Camp at Firestarters Worship Center (FWC) Nov 27-29, (Ottertail, MN)



After our son's (Samuel & John) KC weddings, Tim, Melody, Stephen—along with 2 KC students joined Samuel & Zanny in Ottertail, MN to equip and inspire a new generation of beginners! FWC graciously hosted and provided a wonderful space for training 12 children & youth. The 3 day camp included master lessons (twice daily) in guitar, piano &

violin. Classes included Rhythm/Note-reading/Theory (RNT), Team Worship (drum-circle), Group Ensemble and Parent Education. The camp culminated with an after-church recital for the congregation, family & friends featuring drum-circle, instrument ensembles and a final (all instrument) worship segment. It was amazing to see family & children progressing so quickly and all playing together in unified worship in the midst of the ongoing pandemic. Samuel and Zanny (now based in Ottertail) continue to teach these new students & more (online)!

Winter Tour to South Carolina & Florida (incl. Florida Keys) Dec 27—Jan 9

Brock Family at Christian Retreat, Bradenton

Our Winter Tour began in Fort Mill, SC at the Bob Jones Vision Center (Morning Star) and 2 home gatherings. Stephen (and his college friend, Gabe, who joined us on keyboard for the entire tour) alternated leading with Dad (Tim) Brock. Melody & Joseph provided musical atmosphere for encountering the Lord, giving numerous opportunities to play/pray as family over individuals for impartation & healing.

In Florida we ministered in home gatherings, churches and Houses of Prayer (HOPs) in St. Pete, Bradenton, Islamorada Key & Vero Beach. (Ulrich Home, Christian Retreat, Spirit & Truth Church [Keyes], FL Keys HOP, Vero Embassy HOP & Eden Homestead). In the Keys, one of the highlights was joining Pastor Marlin—known for spanning the Keys carrying a full-size cross & captaining small vessels to Cuba (in 12ft seas) to smuggle in Bibles! As we played (as a family) over one individual, she received healing from a 3 year trauma of losing her daughter in a tragic, untimely death. God cares!



Thank you for making it possible, as we continue & expand our ministry circuit as musicianaires!

Parallel Universes

In quantum mechanics, the definition of a parallel universe is theorized as existing alongside our own universe *although undetectable*. In the world of fiction, a parallel universe is conceived of as *coexisting with* and having certain similarities to the known world but different from it in some fundamental way).

Jesus said, [Don't look here or there externally] "...for behold, the Kingdom of God is within you." (Paraphrased, Luke 17:21) Jesus also said, I will open my mouth in parables [riddles]. I will utter things *hidden since the foundation of the world.*" (Matt 13:35)

Recently, I saw a shadow of a tree (with a strong wind blowing through the branches & leaves). It created a movie-like image, as though dancing, on my living room wall. Instantly I knew God was wanting to show me something—that dancing shadow caught my attention as though it was real, but in reality it was just a shadow. Hmm, I thought, this is like our current earthly existence—just a shadow of the real universe. That shadow momentarily *distracted* me from looking at the "real world" (a real tree and a real sun etc). How often are we distracted by worldly things?

In that moment, I realized God was inviting me into a deeper understanding of His parallel universe—a reality that is far more "real" than anything we've known or seen in this physical world. An invitation pointing to an invisible, yet deeper, coexisting universe: the Kingdom of God!

Pilot asked Jesus if He was a king. Jesus answered, "My Kingdom is not of this world..." (John 18:36). Hebrews states we have "come into" this parallel universe—the heavenly Zion! (Heb 12:22)

If we are "born again," we have been delivered out of this present world of "shadows" into the real universe of His unshakable Kingdom that will never pass away. In Hebrews 11, we're shown that the *currency* of this kingdom is faith! In John 4:21-24, we're told the *vehicle* by which we go there is worshiping Him in Spirit and Truth!

In humility, through our "born again" spirit, we can worship: training our spiritual senses—to see, hear, smell, taste & feel what is really real.

Let's go "parallel" daily—its our privilege and inheritance!

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***Note:** This by no means promotes a theology that denies the beauty of or deems evil, the physical world we live in. Nor is it meant to encourage "asceticism"—the practice of denying all physical pleasures in order to gain spiritual goals—which can only be obtained through the Cross of Christ.

In stark contrast to the futility of humanistic self-denial (Eph 4:17-18), by invitation and gracious escort, the Holy Spirit and The Word, give us access to the unseen Kingdom/Universe of God. Let the reader understand, as Catherine Marshall once said, There is "Something More!"