

2018 has been a crazy year. A lot has not gone as I expected, which has both been challenging and incredibly exciting!



2018 recap:

- January: I began substitute teaching, which has allowed me to gain valuable teaching and leadership experience that I will use at The Pines
- February: I took an amazing trip with my mom to celebrate my college graduation and had a lot of quality time.
- March: I continued taking Perspectives, a missions class, and finished a Financial Peace class, both of which I took to better prepare for my time at The Pines.
- April: I was able to sub a lot at The Potter's House where I was able to deepen relationships with students and staff that I love. I also celebrated my birthday with family and friends
- May: I got to walk at graduation (even though I had finished in December) which was a cool experience.



June: I began my summer nanny jobs, which were amazing, allowing me to build and continue relationships with sweet kiddos and have a lot of fun with them. I also went camping with my family and a group from church, an annual tradition

- July: I flew out to Denver to spend time with Sally, the director of The Pines. I got to volunteer at a camp with most of my family, serving in the dining hall for middle school students. I also was able to

travel up north with a nanny family and help with their kids for a weekend.



- August: I went to the second summer church group camping weekend with my family. I also worked on the West Coast for two weeks as a nanny where I gained lots of skills in relationship building, flexibility, and independence, things I will definitely need at The Pines.
- September: I was able to present at two churches, connecting with new people and sharing the ministry of The Pines. I also began involvement with Urban Family Ministries, working with their Super Saturday program for school-age kids and helping head up their teen program, both of which have been very helpful as I prepare to serve at The Pines.
- October: I held the support marathon and my support level doubled in three weeks! God showed up in incredible ways and blew me away with His goodness.



- November: I was able to share the ministry I'm preparing for with another church. I also was able to spend quality time with family over Thanksgiving, time that I will cherish after moving away.
- December: I continued to deepen relationships with families that I nanny for which further impresses on me the value of relationships. I also was able to celebrate Christmas with my family and imprinted those memories, knowing we have many Christmases apart ahead of us.

Looking towards 2019, it's impossible to know what the future holds, but I am hoping this next year includes:

- Great memories with my nanny families, who make leaving so bittersweet
- Quality time spent with family and friends
- Lots of packing and preparing time
- A move to South Africa
- Getting established at The Pines and beginning ministry there!

I am so thankful for everyone who made 2018 incredible and all of you who come alongside of me as we go into 2019. **Thank you!**