

GILEAD GAZETTE



What Waterballoons Taught Me **BY ANNIE RASMUSSEN**

I attended Camp Gilead in Carnation, Washington for each summer during my elementary school years. I hold the fondest of memories of my time there. The staff and volunteers at Camp Gilead create an environment that promotes the social, emotional, and spiritual health for all campers. The staff and volunteers work tirelessly to build up kids by showing love and care for every person. Because the counselors, leaders, and volunteers made such a meaningful impact on my life, I wanted to give back to the camp. So, for the past three years, I volunteered four weeks each summer so that young people could be encouraged and hopefully have the same type of exceptional experience I had at camp. At Gilead, I volunteered for the position of Leader in Training (LIT). This was a position that challenged me to grow as a servant leader. During the four weeks I volunteered each summer, I served to meet any need of the staff and campers. Some of my responsibilities included “behind-the-scenes” work that kept things running smoothly at camp.

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I realized how much work people put in each day, doing non-glamorous, mundane jobs that were necessary to allow kids to have a wonderful experience. It sounds odd that something as simple as doing the dishes could make a difference in the life of a camper, but it does. One of my jobs was washing dishes and cleaning the kitchen for every meal. After each meal, 200 campers would pass by in a hurried manner, setting their dirty plates down, to quickly scamper to the playground and fields for free time. Many campers, especially the younger ones, did not understand the hours of preparation and cleaning that goes into putting food on their plates. Yet, that fact gives me great satisfaction. Because of selfless volunteers, each child can have a week filled with hope, fun, and love. They do not have to give a second thought to who makes their food or who even who cleans the bathrooms. Children are given the gift of a week filled with time to run, play, create, build friendships, and participate in a variety of unique and fun-filled activities.

Besides my behind-the-scenes work, I supported counselors during cabin meetings, game times, and chapels. All of these experiences allowed me to build relationships with campers and to help them feel the care, support, and encouragement that the staff seeks to provide for each person. By modeling care and love for all kids, we would see kids begin to display love and care towards one another. One of my greatest joys was to see friendships fostered, empathy learned, and respect displayed. Through my experience as an LIT, I developed a love for kids. It was rewarding to watch them grow over the course of the week. The campers came from a variety of socioeconomic, ethnic, and family backgrounds and experiences.

I now recognize and appreciate all the work that is required to make a camp run well so that the campers can have a meaningful, life-giving experience. That fact drove me to work hard in every job that was asked of me. I found meaning in jobs like filling thousands of water balloons each week for the famous "Water Balloon Challenge" between campers and counselors, cleaning bathrooms, or setting up for chapel. I learned about servant leadership and the importance to do what was necessary to create an exceptional experience for all campers and to not care who gets the credit for it. My volunteer experience taught me several vital lessons that I know will serve me well in life. I learned that there are great rewards in helping other people and I am choosing to pursue a career in pediatric nursing in large part because of my experience at Camp Gilead. My hope and goal in life is to make a difference in my community through serving and helping others. I also learned the values of hard work and servant leadership. I learned that helping people, even while doing mundane tasks, is how I want to live my life. I also learned the importance of loving and showing respect, empathy, and kindness to every person. I have learned the power of respect and the importance to seek to understand the lived journey of all people. It was a privilege to serve at Camp Gilead and to see how this experience has changed my life in so many ways.



Annie Rasmussen
 with fellow high school staffer
 Rosa Robbins



MEN'S RETREAT

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**April 8 - 9,
2022**

Keynote Speaker



Greg Trull

Dr. Trull teaches Old Testament, Bible interpretation, and homiletics and serves as Dean of the School of Ministry at Corban University in Salem OR. He co-leads study tours to Israel and Egypt and leads Corban's Africa Training Partnership, a Bible certificate program for pastors in Cameroon. He is the senior pastor of Valley Baptist Church in Perrydale, Oregon, where he has served since 1992. Before beginning his teaching career at Corban in 1991, he worked as an associate pastor and church planter. Greg married his wife, Tiffany, in 1991, and they have three children: Bradley, Bailey and Bethany. He loves the outdoors: camping, hunting, fishing, hiking, and cycling. He's also a hardcore Dallas Cowboys fan.

Register online at www.campgilead.org



SUMMER 2022

*Hiring cabin counselors,
assistant cooks, dirt board
instructor, lifeguards & high
school staff*

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2022*

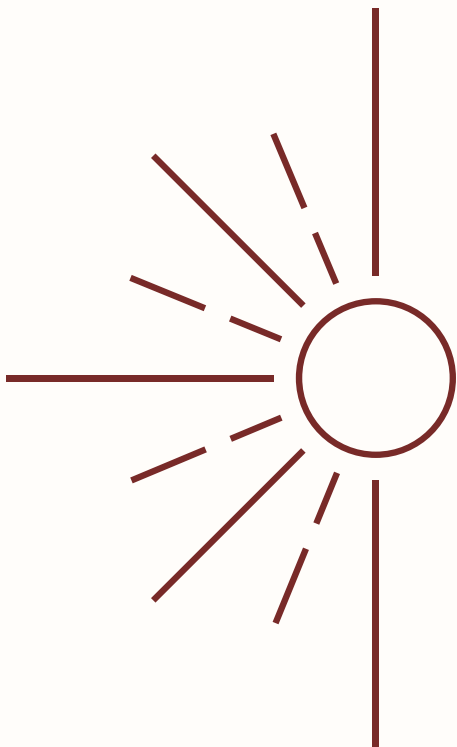


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MOTHER AND DAUGHTER
*Girls
Weekend!*
RETREATS - 2022

JUNE 10-11
OCTOBER 7-8
OCTOBER 14-15



FATHER & SON
Fishing Retreat
June 3-4

Camp
GILEAD
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Special Speaker
Shane Algard

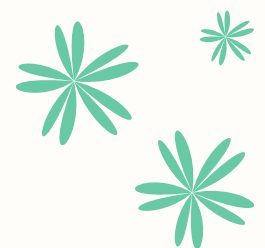
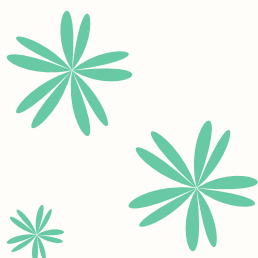


WOMEN'S RETREAT RECAP

JAMIE FLICKINGER



I had a wonderful time at the Camp Gilead Women's Retreat, it was my first time actually attending any kind of women's retreat. The speaker for chapel times, Jane Schmidt, was encouraging with solid biblical teaching (I've been chewing on my notes from what she shared for the last few days) and very relatable tips on how to implement that wisdom into my daily life. Combined with the singing of worship together, chapel time was my absolute favorite. I came with some heavy weights on my heart, and it was so refreshing to "retreat" from regular daily routines and take time to focus on God and His teaching. I really enjoyed the variety of workshops available as well. The flower arranging was so very informative (and fun!) as I like keeping fresh flowers in my living room and I feel like I got some great tips on helping them last longer and look more beautiful. I also attended the workshop for painting tote bags with potato slices (Celia is so creative and knowledgeable, and a delight to learn from), as well as Stephanie's workshop on hospitality. I appreciated how Stephanie wove biblical truths with practical suggestions on ways to put them into action, regardless of how much time/means I have available. All of the workshops gave me new skills and perspective. There were so many wonderful workshops to choose from, but to be honest, I also very much took the "retreat" part of this weekend to heart, and enjoyed some solo worship time with my headphones on an early morning run around the area (so beautiful!) as well as taking one of the workshop times to simply be alone with my bible on my bunk. To add to the wonderful experiences, the camp itself is so clean and inviting! The people who work there clearly have a love for God and each other, and that was very much reflected in their interactions and service to those of us attending. I'm so glad I went, and I will happily recommend it to anyone else that I can!



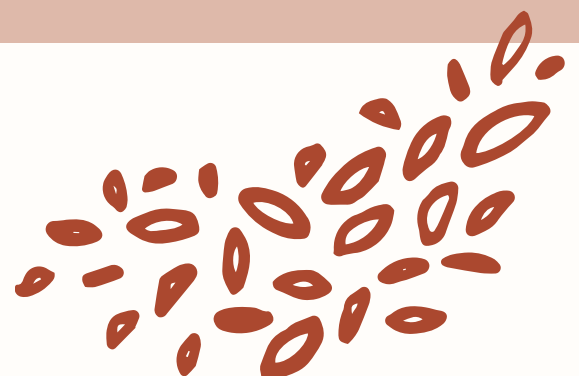
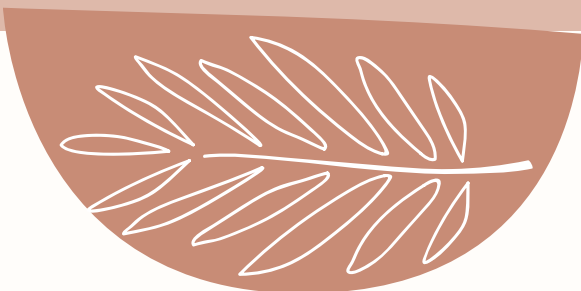


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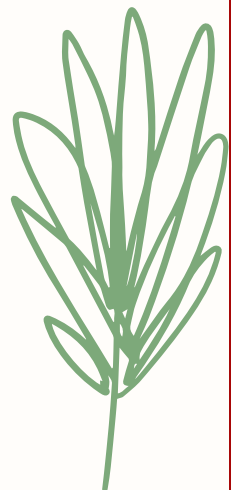
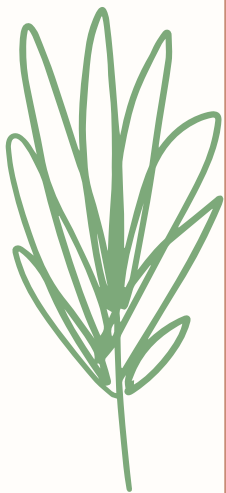
ELISE ENGEN

It was so fun to go to my first women's retreat at Camp Gilead! One of my favorite parts of the weekend was looking around the circle as we gathered for a workshop on prayer, and thinking how neat it was to be surrounded by women who have gone before me. Women who are seeking God and sharing His testimony in their life. And I got to see it and hear it and learn from it.

Some highlights I gleaned over the weekend; I heard over and over how God is faithful. He is trustworthy. His Word is powerful. Praying His word is powerful. God must be at the center of my responsibilities, my jobs, my ministries. My tasks of the day are like the spokes of a wheel. He is at the hub of the wheel—all the spokes attach to Him. I need to be at the hub of the wheel with Him to have the proper perspective for the work He has given me to do.



 NEW
at Gilead!



We are just so thrilled with what Gilead Staff Alumni, Courtney Banceu did this weekend with our beloved prayer chapel.

Guests and campers will love finding these verses as they visit this little spot on top of the hill at camp. You can find more of Courtney's gorgeous work on Instagram at [courtingcalligraphy](https://www.instagram.com/courtingcalligraphy).

Thank you for giving back to Gilead in such an amazing way, Courtney!



Hymn Sing



Hymn Sing



With song leader:
*Pastor Tom Ruhlman of
Tabernacle Baptist
Church, Shoreline*

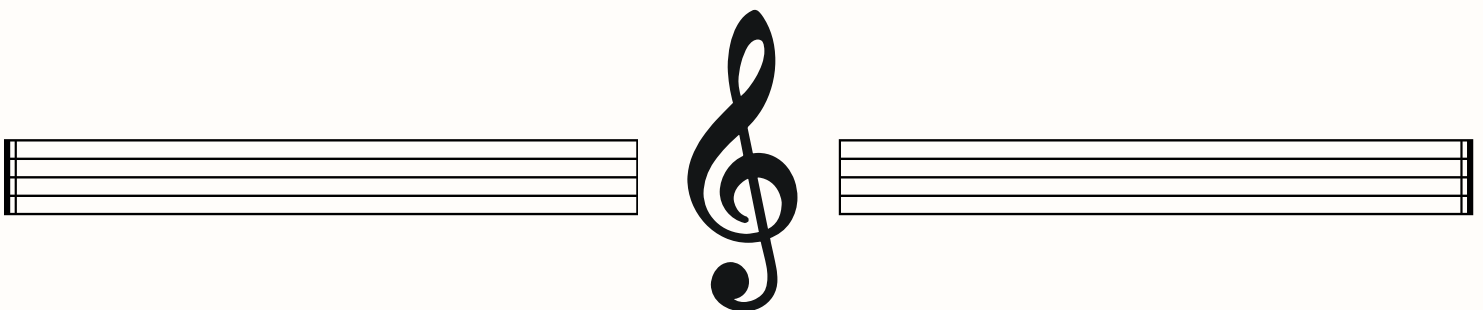
Friday, May 13, 2022
10:30 AM / 12:00 Lunch

All ages welcome to attend ... and take a journey down memory lane!

At the Camp Gilead Chapel / Lunch at Dining Hall \$5 per person

RSVP to Jack Moyer * jack@campgilead.org

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MAY 13-14
CONTACT JOSH MALLORY TO RSVP
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**Celebrate
Memorial Day
at Camp Gilead**

May 30, 2022

11:00 AM Service

*With speakers:
Mark Suko - Coast Guard
(retired)
Steve Hicks - Army Colonel (retired)*

**Bring your family, a lunch
and stay the day!**

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*April 8 - 9 * Men's Retreat*

*May 13 * Hymn Sing 10:30 AM*

*May 13 - 14 * Volunteer Work Weekend*

*May 30 * River Run 5K 9:00 AM*

*May 30 * Memorial Day Service 11:00 AM*

*June 3-4 * Father Son Fishing Retreat*

*June 10-11 * Mother Daughter Retreat*

*October 7-8 * Mother Daughter Retreat*

*October 14-15 * Mother Daughter Retreat*

*November 4-5 * Father Son Adventure Weekend*

*December 18-19 * GileAdvent*

DAY CAMPS SUMMER 2022

Day Camp #1:
June 27 - July 1 Grades K - 3

Day Camp #2:
July 11 - 15 Grades K - 3

Day Camp #3:
July 18 - 22 Grades K - 3

Day Camp #4:
August 1 - 5 Grades K - 3

Day Camp #5:
August 8 - 12 Grades K - 3

Day Camp #6:
August 15 - 19 Grades K - 3



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RESIDENT CAMPS SUMMER 2022

Junior Camp #1:
July 11 - 16 Grades 3 - 5

Junior Camp #2:
August 8 - 13 Grades 4 - 6

Junior Camp #3:
August 15 - 20 Grades 5 - 7

Teen #1:
July 18 - 23 Grades 6 - 8

Teen #2:
July 25 - 30 Grades 9 - 12

Teen #3:
August 1 - 6 Grades 7 - 9

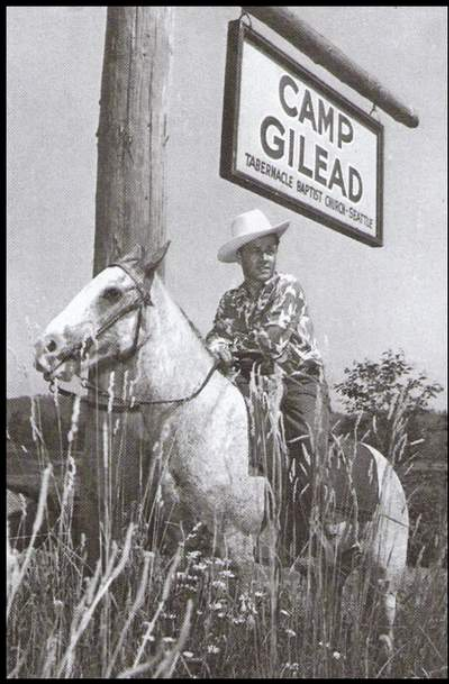


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INTRODUCING...

THE CAMP CABIN SERIES

The Story Behind the Name



Forrest Johnson, Gilead's first director & pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church of Seattle, had a heart for missions. Each cabin was named for a country that had missionaries serving there. Many of those missionaries are now retired or with the Lord. We bring you the names of today's missionaries in those countries, and the ministries they are part of.

CABIN 1: TOGO

Cabin 1 was named Togo in the 1970's, honoring the ministry of Tim & Esther Neufeld, who served faithfully for many years in Togo, with ABWE, beginning in 1975. Though retired, they still maintain connections with the ministries, hospital and churches they were involved with.



Tim & Esther Neufeld



CAMP CABIN SERIES

The Story Behind the Name

CABIN 1: TOGO



Ethan, Melissa and their four boys serve at the Hospital of Hope in northern Togo. The hospital provides quality compassionate healthcare in Jesus' name to a region of Africa that is primarily Muslim and unreached. The hospital provides a platform for sharing the gospel and planting churches. Ethan serves as the hospital's administrator and Melissa is a doctor who serves in the clinic and the hospital. They are also active on the church-planting team and weekends, many times, find them visiting patients and employee families. The Molsees serve on the Togo North Team of missionaries where there are always needs for short and long-term teammates. From schoolteachers and maintenance workers, to doctors and nurses, more workers are needed.

Ethan & Melissa Molsee

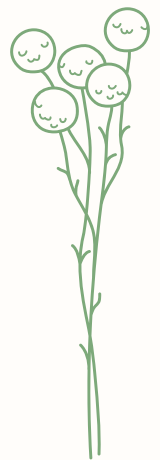
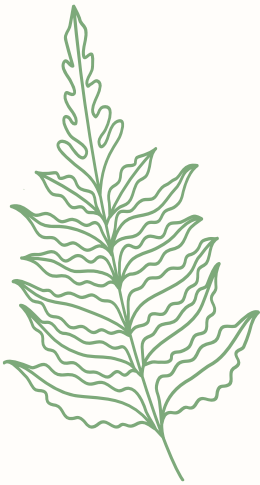
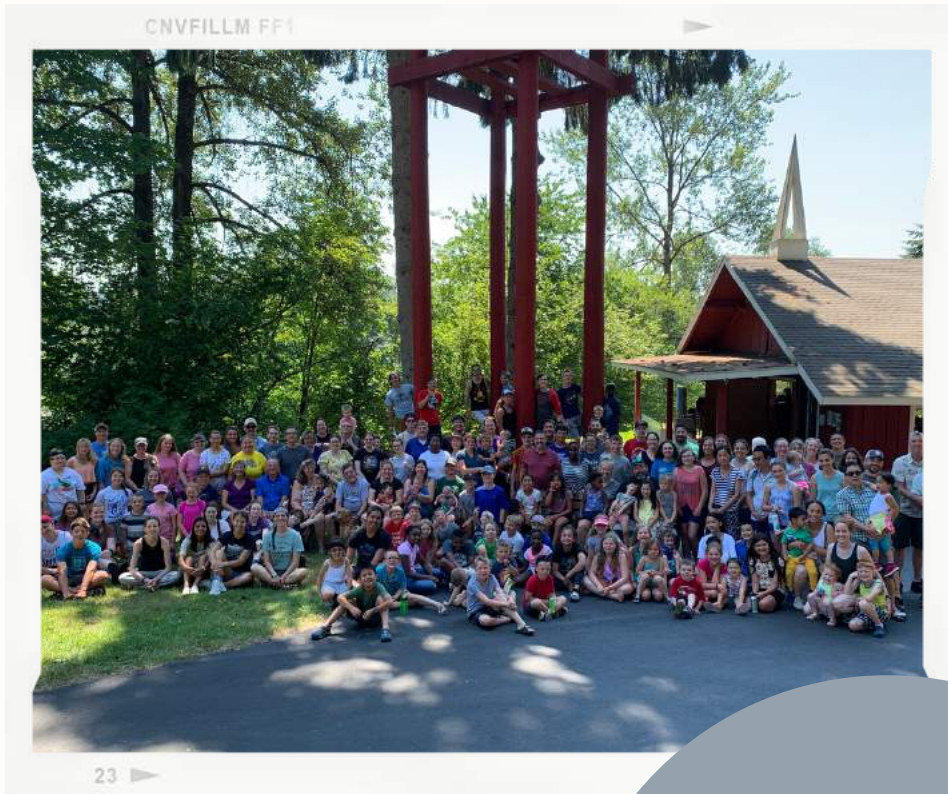
ABWE Missionaries to Mango Togo



[https://www.abwe.org/work/missionaries/
ethan-and-melissa-molsee](https://www.abwe.org/work/missionaries/ethan-and-melissa-molsee)

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JULY 3-9, 2022



**This Year's Speaker:
Tim Copper**



Tim Copper, and his wife Mary Beth

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RECONNECT.**



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DAY CAMP GRADES: K-3

- June 27-July 1 * Day Camp #1*
- July 11-15 * Day Camp #2*
- July 18-22 * Day Camp #3*
- August 1-5 * Day Camp #4*
- August 8-12 * Day Camp #5*
- August 15-19 * Day Camp #6*



RESIDENT CAMP

GRADES: 3-12

- July 11-16 * Junior Camp #1*
GRADES 3-5
- July 18-23 * Teen Camp #1*
GRADES 6-8
- July 25-30 * Teen Camp #2*
GRADES 9-12
- August 1-6 * Teen Camp #3*
GRADES 7-9
- August 8-13 * Junior Camp #2*
GRADES 4-6
- August 15-20 * Junior Camp #3*
GRADES 5-7

STAFF ALUMNI FEATURE

JARED HAGEMAN

It has been more than a decade since I last worked at Camp Gilead, but still I find certain things bringing back warm memories. Recently, it was walking into an old wood chapel just after sunset that brought back the feelings of excitement and anticipation that always accompanied going into the Gilead chapel. I remember that anticipation both as a camper and a counselor. I was always excited to see how God was going to move in chapel. I don't know which memories are more meaningful to me - joining in the voices of hundreds of Jesus' followers in the loud worship of our Savior or the many great sermons that challenged my faith.



Typically in life, the further you get from something in time, the less meaningful it becomes. But with Gilead, it seems as though the opposite has been the case for me. The older I get, the more I see how God used my time at camp to move me from being on the sidelines of ministry to getting in the game. Since camp, I've spent about a decade serving in youth ministry, as well as being a small group leader and Sunday School teacher. All of that traces back to my time at camp. It was there that I learned how to lead, how to disciple, how to evangelize, how to share my testimony, how to serve, and even how to teach the Bible. It was at camp that I first experienced the joy of seeing the Holy Spirit work in the lives of those I was ministering to. In short, my time at camp started me down the path of service to our King.

I remember well the challenge as a high school and college student of making summer plans. There was always a plethora of opportunities - far more than I could ever fit in a single summer. There were mission trips with my church, vacations with family, and job opportunities to save money for the following school year. But I thank God that I was able to spend two of my summers working at Camp Gilead. It truly was a life-changing experience that I wouldn't trade for anything else.



- Archery Tag Equipment
- New Gutterball Tables
- Arts & Crafts Supplies
- Disc Golf
- Sports Balls
- Dump Bed Truck
- Enclosed Trailer for Carnival Games



- New Playground Equipment/Structure
- Dining Hall Carpet
- Lower Cabins Flooring
- Boom Truck
- PEX Piping (Lower & Upper Restrooms)

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