

GILEAD GAZETTE



GILEADVENT 2021

Lights, Volunteers, Cookies - OH MY! It was a gorgeous clear night, sandwiched between a long week of wet and soggy rain. The opening night of the 2nd Annual GileAdvent was met with anticipation, excitement, and expectation.

Planning, preparing and praying had gone into hours, days and months of stringing lights, adjusting drive through route to accommodate more cars, and securing volunteers for event nights. As the start time of 5:00 PM approached, lights were turned on, volunteers took their places and we waited to see if cars and vans of excited Christmas lovers would drive through!



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As we looked across the river to where we were starting our line-up, we were excited to see the cars begin to arrive! Traffic attendants began to direct them ... and the night had begun! Carolers could be heard, candy canes were given out, angels were singing, and sheep were bleating. Shouts of Merry Christmas and Happy New Year were heard across the camp, windows were rolled down and smiles were seen all around.



The flow of cars continued on steadily throughout the night and into the 2nd night as well! We were blessed with GREAT weather for both nights, with just a trickle here and there on Monday evening. There were well over 100 volunteers on each night, and participants generously donated over \$4300 in both evenings, combined. We saw a total of 400+ cars and estimated over 1500 people came to see the lights, the sounds and the sights!



Overall, it was a night of celebration, laughter and music. We rejoice at the opportunity to share the message of Christmas, the birth of a Baby, who came into the world to redeem His creation. In a world so filled with darkness, hate and greed, we praise the Lord to be able to offer beautiful lights of Christmas, but ultimately point to the Light of the World and the Hope, Peace and Freedom only He can give.

- Kimberly Mallory





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CAMPER TESTIMONIAL

Jason Scott - Churchclothes.com

This journey started years ago. I was one of 6 boys of an alcoholic Vietnam vet struggling to maintain work and his wife trying to raise their family on welfare. My first remembrance of church was cookies at the end of a service. It may have been at the end of an AA meeting -that part is vague.

A stranger paid the way for a brother and me to attend a Christian summer camp. My parents were more than glad to let us go for a week. Gave them time off - maybe it would help our bad attitudes and behaviors. They didn't see what God was trying to do - nor did I. I didn't grow up in church. I didn't know the lingo. I didn't dress the part. My long hair didn't fit the mold. But Jesus ... He is not like us.



In 1992, as a high school student, I started designing shirts. Out of that hobby, Church Clothes was born.
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Listening to that camp preacher go on and on about sin and its consequences, and Jesus and His love, night after night began to penetrate my hard heart. I didn't know how to respond, so I went outside. I talked to my counselor. There on that hillside, under the stars at Camp Gilead, I called out to God. I felt Him remove my sin ... I cried ... He changed my heart.

I still had long hair. Jesus loved me anyways. I still wore the wrong clothes. Jesus loved me anyways. I still didn't understand the lingo.

Jesus loved me anyways. The journey is still going on. Is anyone else walking on that journey? What has Jesus done for you?





GILEAD IN THE SNOW





















BOARD MEMBER TESTIMONIAL

Adam Harris - Pastor, First Baptist Church, East Wenatchee



I was eighteen years old when God called me into the ministry by means of an evangelist who was preaching at camp. Of course, that the crescendo of my camp experience, but many years previous to that one, I had been a camper, annually growing in excitement for a n d then enjoying renewed friendships, a environment, and fun-filled activity. admit that spiritual enrichment was not one of my reasons for going, but without fail, every year it happened. I can testify that God uses camp.

Through my years in the pastorate, I have tried to devise a way that the church could invest in a beautiful property to be used for our mutual enjoyment and enrichment just as I experienced in my youth, but we have never had the room in our budget for such a purchase. However, I have recently come to realize that our church does have such an investment. I had viewed Camp Gilead as another one of our supported missions ministries, without thought of how we could find direct physical blessing from it, but we, like you have ownership of Camp Gilead. It is available to us as a tremendous resource for individual church use, corporate church fellowship, and traditional camp opportunities. The grounds are beautiful. The staff is devoted to the Lord and His service. The facilities are rustic and comfortable (as a camp should be). And these are ours to enjoy.

I would like to encourage you to begin, or resume taking advantage of this wonderful camp God has generously prospered. Your involvement enriches the whole experience. In a world where churches have placed more interest in high tech, dynamic staff, attached cafés, branding, and online ministry, we may have overlooked an obvious avenue of church blessing, Camp Gilead.





Summer schedule will be announced soon!

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FAMILY CAMP SPEAKER | SUMMER 2022

Tim Copper was born in Oregon and raised on the family farm with his four siblings. His was a good home, with honest, hardworking parents, where there was no commitment to God, Christ, or the Bible. After high school he attended Dartmouth College where he began as a philosophy major looking for answers to the meaning and purpose of life, but found none. The summer of his junior year he attended a Bible study back home where he heard the gospel and accepted Christ as his Savior. God had begun the transformation of his life!

A year later he married Mary Beth. They lived three years in New Hampshire where Tim finished college and graduate school. After graduation they moved back to the NW where they raised their five children. All are now married, following the Lord, and have given Tim and Mary Beth 18 grandchildren – so far.



Tim Copper, and his wife Mary Beth



CANVA STORIES

For 6 years Tim worked in corporate America using his business skills and became an elder in his church. Then in 1980 he was led into full time pastoral ministry by the encouragement of his elders. He has pastored three churches over the last 40 years, earning an M.Div and a Th.D along the way, as well as starting schools and home school ministries.

One of his favorite times of each year has been the summer family camps of his church, seeing the fruit of extended times of fellowship and Bible teaching together. He and Mary Beth are looking forward to camp!



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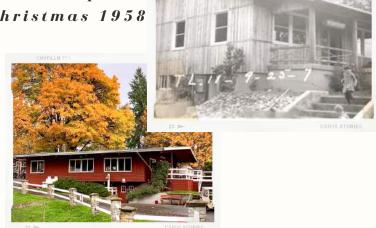


CAMP GILEAD HISTORY - A LOOK BACK

Story of the Dining Hall

Adapted from a letter to Tabernacle Baptist, from Pastor Forrest Johnson, Christmas 1958

The dining hall was one of the first buildings constructed when Forrest Johnson and his crew arrived at the Snoqualmie River property in Carnation. It was a beautiful building with a lower kitchen area and upper dining room. It wasn't long, however, before tragedy struck.



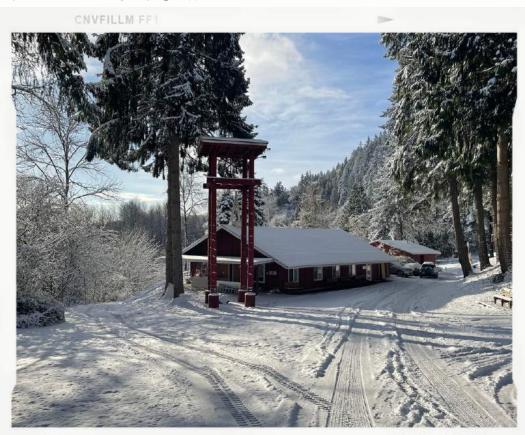
At 5:00 AM Saturday morning November 28, 1958, the dining hall was discovered on fire. The people renting the camp that weekend tried valiantly to fight it, but discovered the fire had reached the walls and rafters and theirs was a losing battle. They proceeded to empty the kitchen of utensils until smoke forced them out. The Carnation Volunteer Fire Department was summoned and to their credit, they came with great dispatch and soon were pumping water to their pumper and then on the building that was now completely gutted. However, their haste and efficiency is the only reason that our kitchen is practically intact. Halting the fire when they did prevented the floor of the dining hall from collapsing into the kitchen below. Had this happened, all of our equipment, not removed, would have been lost. So, in spite of our building being a total loss, we thank God that we did not lose barely a dollar's worth of equipment, except the tables in the dining hall. Fire is a sickening experience. Some of us look on the buildings at camp with almost as much devotion and interest as a home. The dining hall was erected with great economy and yet with wonderful efficiency and beauty. Volunteer labor did it all.

The Christmas offerings that year were collected for the dining hall reconstruction project, totaling \$2,956! The new dining hall was built on the existing foundation and still stands today. As campers walk into the kitchen, through the serving line, and up the stairs to their table, they don't give a thought to the many hands that labored to build the dining hall, prepare and serve the meals, or clean up afterwards. But we know that without good cooks and a great kitchen staff, camp would not go on! Their ministry is vital to the overall impact of a week or weekend at camp. We are thankful to the men and women, young or old, who have served in the Camp Gilead dining hall!



GILEAD

IN THE SNOW

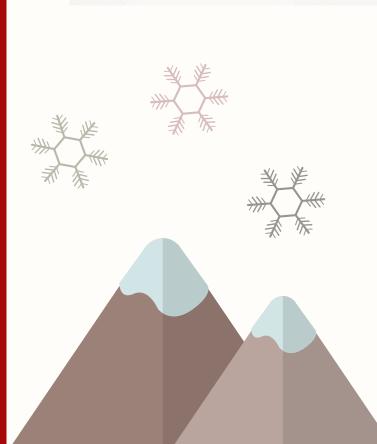










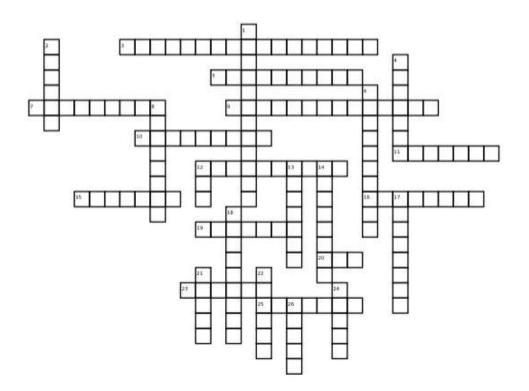






How well do you know CAMP GILEAD?

Camp Gilead Crossword Puzzle



Down:

- 1. helmet & pads required
- 2. Fabulous Conversation
- 4. in the camp chapel, there's nothing like it on earth!
- 6. it tolls on high and calls all to draw nigh
- 8. jump or dive?
- 12. last night laughs
- 13. Helllloooooooo
- 14. put put
- 17. It's time for
- 18. best job ever
- 21. Kiss
- 22. popsicle sticks, paint, glue, rexlace
- this little camp mode of transportation turned from red to grey in a total makeover
- 26. Eyeballs

Across:

- 3. Opposite of "Lucky Square"
- 5. camp billiards
- 7. exploding plastic & H2O
- 9. the 1948 Visionary
- protector of all that enjoy water
- 11. We don't know where your mom is, but we've got _____ in the cooler
- 12. pack them all up, it's better than Disney!
- 15. collectible discs of memories
- 16. the 1940's woman who gave a gift
- 19. The black marker of a camp counselor
- 20. first year camp staff job
- 23. conduit for most camp melodies
- 25. Robin Hood



STAFF ALUMNI MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT



Why Working at
Camp Gilead Has
Been One of the
Best Decisions of
My Life

Tim Counts



NORTHSHIRE BAPTIST CHURCH

In high school, my English teacher had us close our eyes and imagine a place where we are happy. She asked us to smell it, hear it, see it in our heads, and then write about it. So I wrote about Camp Gilead. At this point in my life, Camp Gilead has been my happy place for at least part of 18 summers: 8 weeks as a camper, 4 summers on staff, and 6 weeks as a speaker. There are so many reasons to love this special camp: friendships that have lasted a lifetime, time with my family as I grew up attending Family Camp, time with my family now serving at Camp Gilead together many summers, sharing the gospel and teaching God's Word with hundreds of kids and college age staff members over the years, and meeting God personally in a unique way.

Working at Camp Gilead has been one of the best decisions of my life. When I worked on staff as a college student, I didn't quite realize that I was developing skills that I would use for the rest of my life: learning to lead others (who sometimes are enthusiastic and other times are not sure at first that they want to follow you), growing in a "can do" attitude, developing in leading a small group Bible study which I have done both as a pastor and non-paid ministry leader, and working as a team with many others. These are all skills that have served me well both as a pastor but also simply in regular life and work and ministry involvement.



I don't think I quite realized the impact when I was 18-22 years old that working at Camp Gilead on staff would have on my life, but I can look back now and see so many ways that God has used it and continues to use it whether it's leading my church, my family, or serving in youth ministry. Just last September my wife Melanie and I were at a pastor's retreat in Vermont. Somebody stopped me and said, "I overheard you talking about being from Washington state. Your name sounds familiar, and I'm from Washington also." It turned out that she was the wife of the worship leader for the retreat, and she had been on high school staff while I was on summer staff at Camp Gilead. We reminisced about camp days, remembered a mutual friend who is now in Heaven, and mostly shared gratitude for a place that can indelibly mark us with the privilege of knowing Jesus better while helping others to know Him at the same time.



WISH LIST

- Archery Tag Equipment
- New Gutterball Tables
- Arts & Crafts Supplies
- Disc Golf
- Lighting for the Victory Circle
- Dump Bed Truck
- Enclosed Trailer for Carnival Games



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Josh Mallory



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

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