

# GILEAD GAZETTE

2023

CALENDAR



## *Gilead Board Chairman* **GRADY KRINGEN**

*Having grown up in a non-Christian home in San Mateo, CA, I never once heard anything about Christian camping or Bible camps of any sort. Even as a new believer living in Ashland, OR there was no mention of such a thing. After 4 years of Bible college and a move to Everett, WA into an Associate Pastorate, there was still no mention of Christian camping. It wasn't until 1982 when I took the pastorate at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Snohomish that I was introduced to Christian camping at Camp Gilead. It was Camp Director Virgil Vater who called me and invited me to "come on out and see for yourself!" When I arrived at camp and was given a tour by Virgil, it was then that I realized that Camp Gilead was a very special place. I volunteered right on the spot to help in any way that Virgil saw fit.*

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*It wasn't long before I was able to do some volunteer work at the camp. My girls started to attend summer camps and it wasn't long before Virgil asked me to be a speaker at one of the youth camps. To spend that week watching what took place, in the lives of kids, sold me 100% on Gilead's ministry.*

*Under Jack Moyer's directorship, I was asked to serve as a member on the Camp Gilead Board. My desire to serve on the board was ignited by seeing God's saving power unleashed at camp through His gospel. I wanted to be part of that ministry. I served on the board with joy and appreciation for several years and was then asked to serve as Board Chair, which is my current capacity.*

*What a joy to be involved in such a Christ-centered ministry; to be the week's speaker, to volunteer, to see the camp grow in its program ministries, as well as the in-depth staff and counselor training. So many have been here long-term which speaks to the blessing of the Lord on Gilead. It's a joy to see its campers grow up at camp through the years and become Leaders in Training and eventually counselors and staff themselves. This is a great strength of Camp Gilead; to have home-grown staff and counselors who have lived and experienced Camp Gilead through their growing years and then return as leaders, who now themselves have campers under their wings to befriend, love, teach, and lead to Christ.*

*I love Camp Gilead. I love its staff and their full commitment to the gospel ministry. I love its connection with the local church; I love its focus on reaching families with the gospel and its solid Bible teaching. I love its excellent programming, activities, Bible lessons, worship and yes, the great food! I love its rustic appearance; I love serving and working with a board of like-minded, godly men and women whose bottom line is not financial but spiritual, who want to see kids and adults come to saving faith in Christ and then be equipped to serve Him in their churches and lost communities.*

*Lastly, I love that the Bible is the core curriculum, and the gospel is the basis of all that goes on at camp. It is preached, taught, and lived out by the most wonderful staff and highly equipped, loving counselors in the world, all to God's glory. When I look at Camp Gilead, I think: "God is so faithful!" He has proven that faithfulness through the years, since its inception under the first director Forrest Johnson, to its current director Jack Moyer. Without presuming on the Lord, I trust that He will continue in His faithfulness to bless Camp Gilead in the years to come. To God be the glory!*



*Grady Kringen*

**Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist, Snohomish  
Board Chairman of Camp Gilead**

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## FULL TIME STAFF

- |   |                                     |
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| <b>Director:</b><br>Jack L. Moyer               | <b>Registrar:</b><br>Sara Moyer     |
| <b>Program Director:</b><br>Kimberly Mallory    | <b>Maintenance:</b><br>Josh Mallory |
| <b>Food Service:</b><br>Stephanie Bird          | <b>Intern:</b><br>Carly Hall        |
| <b>Program Assistant:</b><br>Elizabeth Anderson |                                     |

*New Contest!* →

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# 75TH ANNIVERSARY CALENDARS



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## **Camp Gilead Member Churches**

Baker Creek Bible Church - Bellingham, WA  
Calvary Baptist Church - Everett, WA  
Christ Fellowship - Everson, WA  
Eastgate Bible Fellowship - Bellevue, WA  
Emmanuel Baptist Church - Snohomish, WA  
First Baptist Church - East Wenatchee, WA  
First Baptist Church - Ferndale, WA  
First Baptist Church - Quincy, WA  
First Baptist Church - Redmond, WA  
First Baptist Church - Richland, WA  
First Baptist Church - Tumwater, WA  
Grace Baptist Church - Wilson Creek, WA  
Living Hope Community Church - Port Orchard, WA  
Prairie Baptist Fellowship - Yelm, WA  
Puyallup Community Baptist Church - Puyallup, WA  
Seattle Open Door Church - Burien, WA  
Sleater-Kinney Road Baptist Church - Olympia, WA  
Snoqualmie Valley Bible Church - Carnation, WA  
Southcenter Community Baptist Church - Tukwila, WA  
Southside Baptist Church - Tacoma, WA  
Tabernacle Baptist Church - Shoreline, WA  
Valley Community Church - Burlington, WA

## **Camp Gilead Board Members**

Jim Carlson	Dan Minyard
RC Coty	Paige Norman
Kiyle Decker	Joe Parkinson
Adam Harris	Robin Porter
Doug Johnston	Tom Ruhlman
Grady Kringen*	David Schwab
Ken Mills	Marty Simons

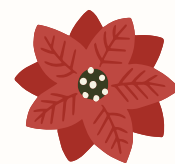


*\*Board Chairman*



# GILEADVENT

## By THE NUMBERS



2000 Christmas Cookies

800 GileAdvent Buttons

30 Pizzas Donated

157 Volunteers

87 Bins of Lights

Gazillions of Light Bulbs

6 Artificial Christmas Trees

11 Fake Deer

1072 People in Attendance

294 Vehicles

263,951+ Snowflakes

30° Fahrenheit

4007+ Smiles

8 Angels

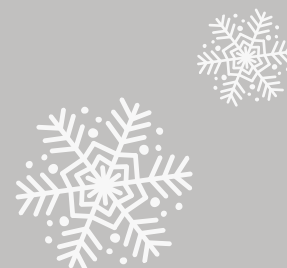
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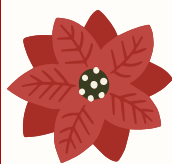
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32 Carolers

2 Magical Nights

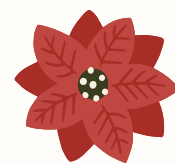
\$5,839 Total Donations





# GILEADVENT

## 2022 REFLECTION



*It's hard to believe that this is our THIRD year hosting the GileAdvent Drive Through Christmas experience! As the date draws nearer, we get almost giddy to think about what a lit up Camp Gilead will look like! Coming in and out of the camp, we begin to see more and more lights on trees, buildings, fences and all around! It IS a ton of work, but it is SO worth it to watch the vehicles drive in, the windows come down, and the faces of children and adults light up with joy and wonder at the beauty of the lights of the Christmas season.*

*This year, there was snow in the forecast for both event nights, but we were pleasantly surprised with a steady stream of visitors that consisted of first timers from our community and beyond, as well as camper families and people that call Gilead "home." Over 100 volunteers each night welcomed our guests with caroling, smiles, candy, cookies and the love of Jesus.*



*Some of the highlights were the live sheep at the Nativity, the witty wisemen, the constant singing of the angel chorus and the wee little candy cane crew! Of course, cookies at camp are a highlight...and there were over 2000 of them made!*



*Thank you for those that donated time, lights, and finances to help make this event happen. It has become a well-loved tradition for many since 2020. Most importantly, it gives us a chance to share the true meaning of Christmas with those in our community as well as remind US, once again, about why Jesus came as a baby. To bring HOPE, JOY and LIGHT to a very dark world. To God be the glory.*

**KIMBERLY MALLORY**  
*Program Director*

# WOMEN'S RETREAT

## March 17-18

*Patty Ardavanis, first and foremost, is so thankful to be called a child of God! She has been married to Scott Ardavanis for 35 years and together they have ministered in local churches in Southern California, the suburbs of Chicago, and now in Kingsburg, CA.*

*They had the wonderful privilege of raising 7 children, 5 of whom are now married, and now they are thrilled to have 9 precious grandchildren!*



***Patty Ardavanis***

*Patty is active in women's ministry at Grace Church of the Valley, where her husband pastors. She loves teaching and discipling women to love the Lord and His Word. Her prayer is that those in her family and in her circle of ministry would come to know the truths of Ephesians 3:17-19; "...so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith - that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."*

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MARCH 17-18

# ANCHORED

WOMEN'S RETREAT

SPECIAL SPEAKER  
**PATTY ARDAVANIS**

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# MEN'S RETREAT

[campgilead.org](http://campgilead.org)

## March 31-April 1, 2023



**Keynote Speaker**

# Dan Frank

Dan Frank, pastor at Whitney Baptist, Boise, served at Camp Gilead as a camp counselor in the early 1990's. He attended Moody Bible Institute and Northwest Baptist Seminary, landing in Boise in 1995. After 15 years working with youth and wearing many ministry hats he became the senior pastor.

Dan enjoys the outdoors, hiking, reading, sports, eating ethnic foods, and good coffee. His three kids are mostly grown up. Josiah is a high school science teacher, Ella a senior in mechanical engineering at Boise State, and Vania sophomore at Moody Bible Institute. He and his wife, Rebekah, love seeing how God works in people through the ups and downs of life. After 27 years at Whitney, they can say with John that there is "no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth."

**Register online at [www.campgilead.org](http://www.campgilead.org)**

## STAFF ALUMNI FEATURE JON & MICHELLE CRAMER

*We met at Camp Gilead in the summer of 2004. Jon was starting his second summer working at camp as the high school staff leader, and Michelle was starting her first summer on staff working as an assistant cook; that was the summer we started dating. The next several summers were spent at camp. Michelle served as the counselor of cabin 7 for one summer while Jon served a few summers on program staff, and a year working to build an outdoor program.*

*In May 2008, we got married at camp in the soccer bowl in a gazebo built by Michelle's dad; it is now located down by the skate park. We also lived in the Speaker's Cabin for the remainder of 2008 while Jon continued to work at Gilead, until we moved to Spokane where we got plugged into ministry at our local church, New Hope Bible Church.*

*Now we have three kids: Ben is 11, Jacob is 9, and Lizzie is 4. Jon is currently serving as a deacon, we are leaders in the young adult ministry at our church, and we are currently raising support to be missionaries with ABWE in Nicaragua. When we visited Nicaragua in 2021, we heard of the need for men to be involved in the church from a local pastor. It was evident when we visited a church plant later in the week, and saw it was mostly women and children. We met Pablo who was saved at camp, started working at the camp ABWE was running at the time, eventually ran the camp when no missionaries were in country due to civil unrest, and is now a local pastor. He told us of the same need and said "I will pray for you to come, and you will come."*



*Those meetings shaped what we feel God is calling us to do down in Nicaragua. We are going to use camp to disciple and train older teenagers and young adults for leadership roles that provide evangelistic and discipleship opportunities for them and their churches. Our desire is to see these young adults, especially the young men, develop an eternal perspective and love for the church. We have experienced and seen how camp can change the lives of campers and staff as well as strengthen the local church. Our desire is to utilize camp as tool in Nicaraguan churches to make an eternal impact.*

*You can find more information and partner with us in this ministry by visiting our website: [www.CampCramer.wordpress.com](http://www.CampCramer.wordpress.com).*



REGISTRATION OPEN

FOR ALL 2023 EVENTS

[www.campgilead.org](http://www.campgilead.org)

# SUMMER STAFF 2023 Applications NOW OPEN



## TOP TEN REASONS TO WORK ON CAMP STAFF

1. **Outside activities like archery and swimming are part of the job**
2. **A two month tech break**
3. **Personal growth and life lessons**
4. **You are surrounded by beautiful views of nature**
5. **Being silly and having fun counts as work**
6. **Yelling excitedly at the top of your lungs is encouraged**
7. **Singing songs everywhere is normal**
8. **Learning more about God and the Bible from great speakers**
9. **Being part of life-changing decisions & experiences**
10. **Creating lasting friendships and memories**

*CARLY HALL*  
*Camp Gilead Intern*

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Counselor  
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Dirtboard Instructor  
Assistant Cook  
High School Staff

# HIGH SCHOOL STAFF

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- Build life skills
- Gain job experience
- Team building
- Lifelong friendships...  
and more!



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## Cost

Leaders in Training - \$250  
Counselors in Training - \$350

## Dates

*LIT Session #1*

July 9 - July 19

*LIT Session #2*

July 30 - August 19



## CIT

*Must have one year  
HSS experience*

June 25 - July 1 *Training*

July 9 - August 19





## CAMP GILEAD HISTORY - A LOOK BACK A WELL-WORN ENVELOPE



*At the beginning of our second term, new Baptist believers began to meet for services in a small chapel using the Scriptures we had translated. Their lay pastor, a young man named Siblian, was our translation assistant who had come to faith at the translation desk. In the fall of 1964, Pastor Forrest and Mary Johnson came to the Philippines to visit ABWE missionaries and graciously included us in their itinerary. We had them flown into our village and they stayed overnight with us in our bamboo and thatch cottage. The next morning Siblian came to me and said, "We should have a special service and ask Pastor Johnson to speak. You can interpret for him." Pastor Forrest agreed to this and in a short time the believers gathered to hear him.*

*The thatched chapel was miniscule in size, about ten feet wide and twelve feet long. The floor was dirt, and the seats were rough-hewn planks set on posts. Among the thirty people inside there was a strong sense of togetherness. They were all desperately poor and for the most part poorly dressed, but to Betty and me their expectant faces displayed a nobility that was far beyond anything that affluence or prestige could offer. Pastor Forrest's message was relevant and powerful. When he finished, some of the listeners were in tears. Siblian stood up and spoke in Manobo to the congregation. Forrest and Mary did not understand anything of what he said, and we chose not to enlighten them.*

*I remember that he said, "At this time we are going to receive a love offering for our dear brother, Pastor Johnson and his wife." Someone produced a straw hat and it quickly passed up and down the crowded benches. In a moment or two, Siblian left the chapel taking the offering and soon returned with it in a well-worn envelope. He asked Forrest and I to come and stand at the front. Siblian handed me the envelope and asked me to present it to Forrest.*

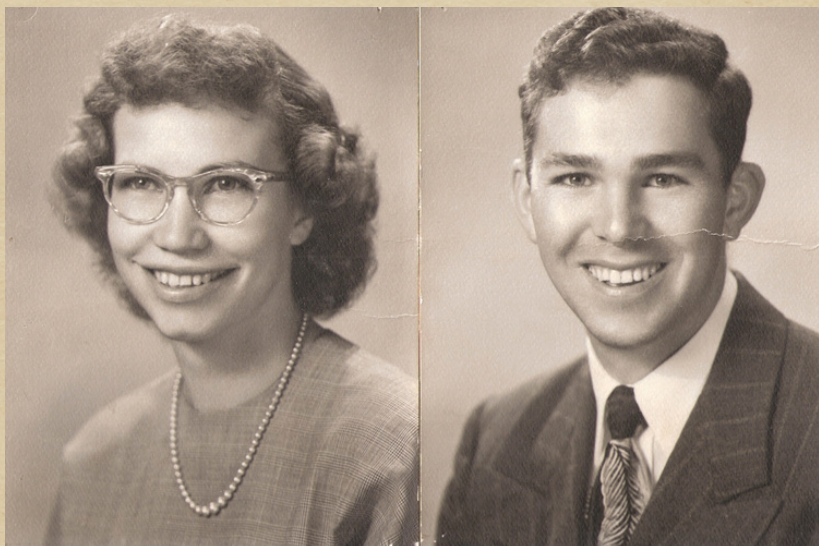
**"Pastor Johnson," I said, "this is a love offering for you and Mary from these dear friends and fellow believers."**

*For a moment Forrest stood there in shock and his face turned pale. "I cannot accept this, Dick," he whispered. "Not from these poor folk." "You have to accept it, Forrest," I said. "They are saying thank you for the gospel. You and the saints at Tab made it possible for us to come. These folk will probably never have more than a tiny share of this world's goods, but they are now enriched with a wealth and a dignity that is beyond our wildest dreams."*

## A WELL-WORN ENVELOPE

*Forrest turned to Siblian, took his hand and struggled to keep his composure as he offered his thanks. An hour or so later he and Mary left on a JAARS plane to resume their visit to other mission stations. Betty and I were in the process of packing up to leave for our second furlough in the United States.*

*A few weeks later we were in Seattle. During our stay there Pastor and Mary invited us and our family to their home for dinner. Several of the deacons of the church were there as well. After the meal Forrest came to me with the envelope which still contained the bills of Philippine currency. He handed it to me and asked, "Dick, how much is this in American money?" I opened the envelope and counted the offering. "This amounts to \$3.68," I responded. "I am buying this," he said, and he opened his wallet and gave me the exact amount. "You may use this in any way you like for the Lord's work." I handed him back the money. "This is for Camp Gilead," I said. "God called me to be a missionary at a Bible camp. Perhaps He will use this in some way to call other young believers to take the Good News to a people who are still waiting."*



**Forrest kept that envelope as a sacred memorial of the power of the gospel. A number of years later Betty and I saw it again. Forrest had "gone home." We were visiting Mary and she brought it out to show it to us again.**

*Thinking back, we realize that most of the people who were in that little chapel on that day are now with the Lord. Of all who were there it is likely that only Betty and I remain here. I am sure that someday He, who multiplied five loaves and two fishes, will tell us what He has done at Camp Gilead with those few Philippine pesos in that well-worn envelope.*

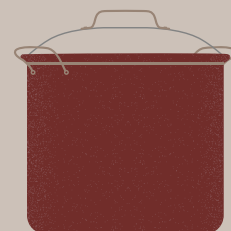


**Dick & Betty Elkins**

# FROM THE CAMP KITCHEN: *Cranberry Chicken Recipe*



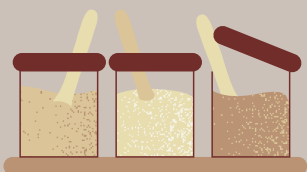
*I can't really remember where I found this recipe. I think it might have been in a magazine quite a while ago. I do remember thinking it sounded a bit odd, but at the time, I was trying to find new, easy recipes. I was so glad I tried it, because it is very good!*



- 6 Chicken Breasts
- 1 16oz can of Whole Cranberry Sauce
- 1 C Catalina Dressing
- 1 Envelope Dry Onion Soup Mix



Mix the cranberry sauce, dressing, and onion soup mix in a bowl. Place the chicken on a pan, and pour the cranberry mixture over the chicken. Bake uncovered at 350 for 30 to 40 minutes, or until chicken is done.



Enjoy!

*Stephanie Bird*  
Food Service



# Calendar at a Glance



**March 4 \* Gilead Council/Board Meeting**

**March 17-18 \* Women's Retreat**

**March 31-April 1 \* Men's Retreat**

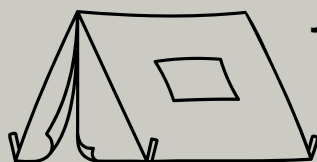
**May 19 \* Spring Hymn Sing 10:30 AM**

**May 19-20 \* Volunteer Work Weekend**

**May 29 \* River Run 5K 9:00 AM**

**May 29 \* Memorial Day Service 11:00 AM**

**June 2-3 \* Father Son Fishing Retreat**



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