

# GILEAD GAZETTE



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## *Gilead Staff Alumni - CEO of Daily Bread Ministries* **MATT LUCAS**



**Our Daily Bread**®

*Boldly unhindered. These two words frame the mission and mindset of Our Daily Bread Ministries' new president and CEO and Camp Gilead alum, Dr. Matt Lucas.*

*Matt takes his cue from the apostle Paul about whom Luke penned these words in Acts 28:31, "He proclaimed the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus Christ—with all boldness and without hindrance."*

*"I love this passage. This is my heart's desire," Matt said. It's how I hope Our Daily Bread Ministries continues to advance its mission."*

*Camp Gilead was an early way point on Matt's journey to Our Daily Bread Ministries. He served for two summers as a camp counselor, one of those summers with his future wife, Tammy. During one of those summers, he began dreaming of being a devotional writer.*

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## **NEWSLETTER NOOK**

**Newsletter Editor:**

*Kimberly Mallory*

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*"I practiced writing devotionals one summer. My heart was in the right place, but I didn't have the depth of biblical knowledge and life experience to produce anything worth printing," Matt shared. "I did, however, develop as a leader which has served me well over my professional years."*

*Since his time at Camp Gilead, he has served as Provost and Executive Vice President of Corban University and later as Chancellor at Indiana Wesleyan University. "During my time in Christian higher education, I saw the impact that Christian content can have on developing and shaping the next generation of the Church. That passion has led me to Our Daily Bread Ministries," Matt said.*



***Matt Lucas with his wife, Tammy***

*The ministry is best known for its quarterly devotional, but it has a much larger reach than that. With over 700 employees and 35 global offices, it develops a broad range of devotional and discipleship content in over 50 languages and over 150 countries. "Our ministry is doing ground-breaking work around the world," Matt said. "We are developing new content for diverse audiences across the spectrum of media. We also support many Christian ministries, including camps like Camp Gilead with camp devotional material."*

*While Matt and his wife now live in Grand Rapids when they are not traveling to the ministry's many offices, his heart is still in the Northwest. "We loved our time at Camp Gilead and still visit when we are in the area. Our girls have worked at the camp, we have attended Family Camp, and I hope our grandkids go there as well," Matt shared. "There is nothing like waking up to a cool cascade mountain morning and hearing the bang of box hockey and the laughter of children as they gather to hear God's word."*

*If you would like to learn more about Our Daily Bread Ministries, you can go to their website, [www.odb.org](http://www.odb.org) or download their app. You can also find them on YouTube, Instagram, Facebook and many other social media platforms. One of their newest channels is [www.reclaimtoday.org](http://www.reclaimtoday.org) which is focused on serving young adults.*



# REGISTER NOW!



## 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*



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## 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





# MEN'S RETREAT

campgilead.org

*April 8-9*

Speaker:  
Greg Trull



*What a great time together of fellowship, teaching and encouragement from other brothers in the body of Christ, from all around the northwest.*



# Father Son Fishing Retreat

*Speaker: Shane Algard*

*June 3-4*



# Mother Daughter Retreat

*Speaker: Whitney Harsh*

*June 10-11*





# WORK WEEKEND

*The annual Volunteer Work Weekend was such a blessing! I'm so thankful for the faithful groups of families and individuals that come with willing hearts, ready to work hard. This year, we had a total of 50 different people come in throughout the weekend!*

*There is no lack of jobs to do around camp, this time of year. The harsh Pacific Northwest weather takes its toll, and sprucing up the 27 acres here at Gilead can be a daunting job. That first spring weed wacking can be a doozy! The grass is so thick and long and we had 3 - 4 line trimmers going, almost the entire weekend! It made for a great start on keeping that grass controlled throughout the summer.*



*Other jobs accomplished included weeding, pressure washing, applying fresh beauty bark, trimming shaggy bushes, and rejuvenating many areas of the property. We also had some major upgrades and replacement of posts on the back of the lower dorm deck. What started as a simple replacement with lumber we already had, became a much-needed, but bigger job adding posts and adjustable pier blocks, by some very skilled men who did an outstanding job! I wish I could keep them around for a few years! Other jobs consisted of trimming ferns, deep cleaning cabins, repositioning concrete blocks for our entrance sign, improving steps and paths in the mini-golf walkways and so much more.*



*We can't thank the volunteers enough for all their help and service at camp. Let me know if YOU would like to come out and help! There's always something to do!*

*Josh Mallory* MAINTENANCE  
josh@campgilead.org





# 8 Reasons Why I Loved Being a High School Staffer at Camp Gilead



EVA COLLINS



- 1. I met lifelong friends (it's been 4 years since my first year on staff and I am still good friends with people from that first year.)*
- 2. I got to evangelize to people who were struggling in ways that I had.*
- 3. I got to share my story with people and testify about God's faithfulness in my life.*
- 4. I had a blast making up games, singing, and having the most random and hilarious conversations with the other HS staffers.*
- 5. I got to function as the "fun aunt or uncle" of a cabin full of campers (in other words you get the fun of ministering to and interacting with campers without the pressure of being in charge of them 24/7).*
- 6. It was so encouraging to be in the Word multiple times a day.*
- 7. Some of the most moving worship and teaching moments in my life happened while I was a HS staffer.*
- 8. I left staff with more motivation to serve God and love others well in my life outside of the CGB (Camp Gilead Bubble).*

*Being on staff at Camp Gilead is one of the most enjoyable, challenging, fun, amazing, and impactful ways that you can spend your summer. The first time I went, it was in the pursuit of giving back to Camp Gilead for the ways that God had used that ministry in my life, I left having had one of the best summers of my life and that's why I went back for a second time instead of being a camper my senior year.*

*Each of the times I've had the privilege of being a high school staffer at Camp Gilead, I've left stronger in my relationship with God, more in tune with my identity in Him, cherishing memories with amazing friends, and more convicted to pursue a posture of evangelism in my day-to-day life. If you want to grow in your faith, meet great people, and have some of the most fun of your life, a summer on High School Staff is a great way to do that.*





## TALK FRAGILE X PODCAST

### Nicole Smith



*I'm Nicole Smith, long-time camper, and I served on staff for two summers at Camp Gilead. I also married my husband, Moe Smith, in May 2021. Something people may not know about me is, I'm also the creator of a podcast called Talk Fragile X, launched in 2020! Talk FX is all about creating awareness and advocacy for a rare disease called Fragile X Syndrome that affects over 1.5 million individuals, including my 13-year-old cousin, Nathan.*

*At the age of 2, Nathan was diagnosed with Autism. Then just 6 months later, he was co-diagnosed with full-mutation Fragile X Syndrome. Fragile X is an X-linked genetic condition that causes a malfunction of the FMR1 gene resulting in cognitive and behavioral learning challenges. It is also the leading genetic cause of Autism. At the time of my cousin's diagnosis, I was only 15 years old. I remember being encouraged by my family and genetic counselor to have a genetic test done to see if I was a carrier of Fragile X as well. It wasn't until I was 17 years old that I decided to have the genetic testing done. I remember when I got the call confirming that I was in fact a full-mutation carrier of Fragile X, like my cousin Nathan, except without the cognitive or behavioral aspects, as this is common in female full-mutation carriers. Since Fragile X is an X-linked condition, the second X chromosome that females have often masks the cognitive and behavioral effects of Fragile X.*

*After receiving my diagnosis, I didn't want to talk about it with anyone, including my family. I started to question so much about myself, my abilities, and why God would allow this to happen in my life. I spent a lot of time grieving my diagnosis, because it also meant I had a 50% chance of having a child with Fragile X. It took several years for me to become more open about my diagnosis. I let it define who I was, instead of being defined by the Lord. As I watched my cousin grow up into this caring, loving, and joyful boy, I realized that Fragile X doesn't define who my cousin is, because he was created in the image of God, and so was I. Nathan is my reminder of how important it is to exemplify the joy of the Lord in all that I do. He impacts every life he encounters; I see it in his smile and in his caring heart.*

*It's because of how the Lord has used Nathan to work in my own heart that I was able to become more open about my diagnosis and create Talk Fragile X podcast! It was the scariest, yet the most amazing thing I've been able to accomplish in my life. Talk Fragile X is a platform for others effected by FX to share their stories in the hopes of creating more awareness and advocacy for this rare genetic condition. It's also become a platform for me to share my faith walk, and how the Lord has changed the way I look at my diagnosis with the 6,000+ listeners I've reached. I'm incredibly grateful for what this experience has taught me thus far, and I can't wait for what the Lord has in store for Talk FX.*

***To learn more about Fragile X, go to [fragilex.org](http://fragilex.org).***



# RIVER RUN 5K RESULTS - 2022

## Female 10 and under

	Age	Time
1. Olivia Brevick, North Bend	6	28:19
2. Sylvia King, Kenmore	6	28:49
3. Indy Banashak, North Bend	9	31:40

## Male 10 and under

1. Cache Tait, Issaquah	9	20:43
2. Trevor Keller, Snohomish	9	22:45
3. Isaac Wilson, Fall City	10	24:42

## Female 11 - 14

1. Megan Rauk, Snohomish	12	25:19
2. Macy Sullenger, Orting	11	25:41.1
3. Abigail Rauk, Snohomish	14	25:41.5

## Male 11 - 14

1. Judah Mallory, Carnation	13	19:57
2. Jack Green, Duvall	14	22:22.1
3. Henry Green, Duvall	12	22:22.9



congratulations!



## Male 15 - 19

	Age	Time
1. Elliot McIntosh, Issaquah	15	17:38
2. Henry Tait, Issaquah	15	17:52
3. Tinker Gorton, Snohomish	18	18:30

## Female 20 - 29

1. Jennessa Overman, Monument	27	32:28
2. Rachel Boyer, Bothell	21	36:09

## Male 20 - 29

1. Noah Bragg, Monroe	27	19:52
2. Jimmy Yopez, Duvall	23	23:15
3. Kevin Ulrich, Monroe	26	24:06

# RIVER RUN 5K RESULTS - 2022

## Female 30 - 39

1. Kelsey Wong, Seattle	38	18:32
2. Nikki Jensen, Seattle	36	21:28
3. Michelle Turner, Carnation	36	22:52

## Male 30 - 39

1. Robert Boyer, Everett	30	21:27
2. Justin Nelson, Duvall	35	32:51
3. Zach Hensrude, Snohomish	38	34:45

## Female 40 - 49

1. Amy Tait, Issaquah	43	22:01
2. Michelle Keller, Snohomish	42	25:38
3. Candy Tuohimaa, Everett	46	28:46

## Male 40 - 49

1. Ben Rauk, Snohomish	41	18:05
2. Mark Ruhlman, Marysville	45	18:54
3. Sunil Gowda, Bellevue	48	26:28



## 2022 5k Volunteer Crew

### Female 50 - 59

1. Deanna Muller, Auburn	54	25:58
2. Brooke Swart, Duvall	50	29:30
3. Kelly Szabo, Shoreline	52	32:36

### Male 50 - 59

1. Jeff Blair, Seattle	55	21:09
2. Daniel Bannon, Kirkland	54	21:10
3. David Hurchalla, Woodinville	57	22:12

### Female 60 and up

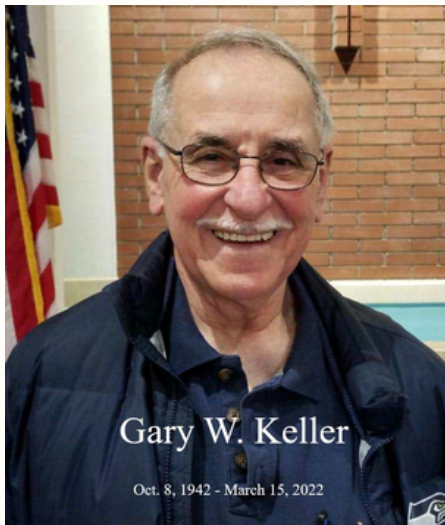
1. Kathy Perry, Redmond	64	26:08
2. Peggy Hatem, Carnation	62	50:00

### Male 60 and up

1. Neal Brown, Monroe	66	27:10
2. John Moore, Duvall	79	31:36
3. Thomas Reutter, Redmond	63	32:51







## *The Life Story of Gary Keller*

**October 8, 1942 -  
March 15, 2022**

*“Absent from the body, present with the Lord.”*

***Gary was the third child born to Gerald and Isabel Keller of Everett, Washington. His father Gerald was a logger and a builder. Gary was born in Everett on October 8, 1942 and joined siblings Gerry and Glen. He was raised in Everett and moved to Shoreline where he attended Shoreline High School. He enlisted in the United States Army and served in the military police in Texas and Korea. He married Chris Pennington on July 2, 1976. They had two sons, Aaron and Joey, both who worked on staff at Camp Gilead. He worked for a short time in insurance, but spent most of his life in security at Boeing, Swedish Hospital, Seahawks Stadium, Harborview Hospital, and Northwest Hospital.***

***He came to know the Lord as a teen but recommitted his life under the ministry of Darrel Morgan in Lynnwood. He was a man of prayer and led the Tabernacle Baptist Church Men’s Prayer Breakfast and served as a deacon. When he was asked “What would you say to the next generation?” he said “Speak your heart, don’t worry about being accepted, realize that the Lord is the Alpha and Omega and everything in between, and spend more time in the Word of God.” After a tough battle with lung cancer, he went home to be with his Lord on March 15, 2022. He is survived by his wife Chris, his sons Aaron (Michelle), and Joey (Hannah), and grandchildren Hailey, Lucas, Trevor, Kaitlyn, and Brayden.***

***Gifts in memory of Gary can be designated to  
Camp Gilead***

## *John Ruhlman, Jr.*

**July 9, 1966 - January 12, 2022**

*John Ruhlman, Jr., 55, died on January 12, 2022, in Oceanside, CA. He was a believer in the Lord Jesus Christ. John was born in Hillsboro, OR, to Pastor John and Nancy Ruhlman, but grew up in Everson, WA, attending Nooksack Valley Schools from kindergarten to 12th grade. He was a proud member of the NVHS Class of 1984. From there he graduated with a degree in History Education from Christian Heritage College in El Cajon, CA. He was the father of Rachel Ruhlman, an RN, BSN, born in 1995 and Jono Ruhlman an ESL teacher in Japan who was born in 1997. He was the principal owner of Mission Deck and Patio since 2019.*

*John also received his Master of Divinity at Southern California Seminary in El Cajon, CA. He taught history at Christian High School in El Cajon and then became the youth pastor at Shadow Mountain Community Church. He led the youth on many international missions trips. The family moved to Murietta, CA in 2001 and John founded and pastored Life Church of Temecula. John also pastored Sandals Church in Murietta.*

*While at Life Church, John led a dunes ride at Pismo Beach, CA in which he broke his neck and almost completely severed his spinal cord. He became a "walking miracle" but struggled the rest of his life with physical & pain issues. A beautiful and recommended book which we all have read, including John Jr. is "The Heart of Recovery (How Compassion and Community Offer Hope in the Wake of Addiction)" by cousin Dave Beddoe and his wife Deb.*

*John is predeceased by his father, John Sr. Besides Rachel and Jono, he leaves his mother, Nancy Ruhlman of Mount Vernon, WA; his sister and family, Eric and Sheryl Rasmussen, Ellie Rasmussen, Austin and Emma Hays and Annie Rasmussen of Shoreline, WA; his brother and family, Bob and Lee Anne Ruhlman, Kate, Sophie and Audrey Ruhlman of Shoreline, WA. John also leaves his uncle, Pastor Tom, and Becky Ruhlman of Shoreline and 2 aunts: Ruthanne Beddoe of Boise, ID and Kayleen and Joel Jeffers of Ontario, CA and numerous cousins throughout the Northwest and beyond.*



*Gifts in John's memory may be sent to a favorite place of his:  
Camp Gilead.*



# MEMORIAL DAY PICNIC



*We have been coming out to Camp Gilead for Memorial Day for years. When my kids were young, I wanted them to know Memorial Day wasn't just another holiday, but it was a time to honor those men and women who have died for this country. We didn't have any local parades to attend, but then heard about Camp Gilead having a service honoring our veterans as well as those who died and sacrificed their lives for our country. We came out as a family, all dressed in red, white, and blue, and loved singing all the patriotic songs. At first we just came out for the service, but quickly turned it into a whole day event and started bringing our lunch and having a picnic afterwards. As my kids now have families of their own, we continue to come out to the Memorial Service at Camp Gilead, dressed in our patriotic attire and all! Some of our kids and their friends have been participating in the 5K run to help kids be able to go to camp who otherwise might not be able to. It has been fun watching my kids and now grandkids look forward to this special event every Memorial Day.*

*Kay Boyer*

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*mother  
daughter  
retreats*

*October 7-8*

*October 14-15*

**Father Son  
Adventure  
Weekend**

*November 4-5*

**GileAdvent**

*December 18-19*

**EVEN WHEN**  
GOD WHISPERS, IT'S LOUD





# CAMP CABIN SERIES

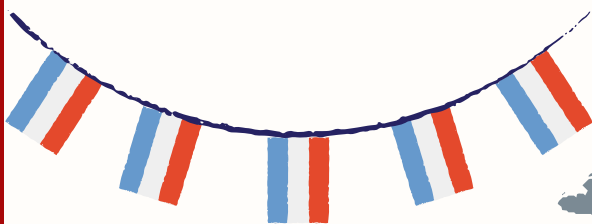
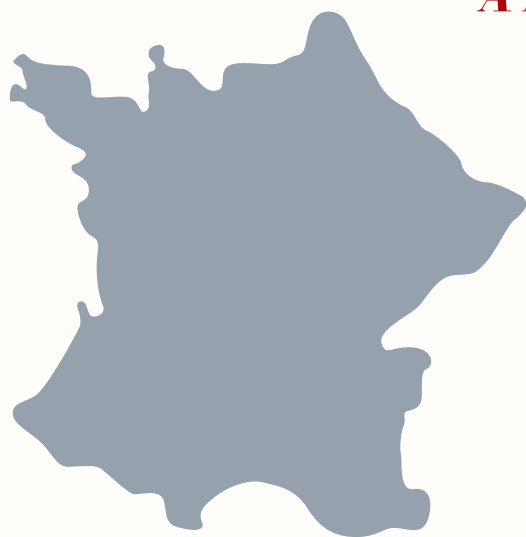
## *The Story Behind the Name*

### CABIN 18: FRANCE



Nathan, Annie, Benjamin (5) Caleb (1) Phillips serve with Synergie Francophone in Montélimar, France, where Nathan is a graphic designer at a Christian print shop Iméaf (ee may af). Synergie Francophone impacts the French speaking world by providing printed and digital literature, partnering with start-up printing ventures overseas, sponsoring authors writing for their own cultures, stocking libraries for students, and raising money to help train Christian journalists. This impact is largely focused on Africa where there are many French speakers and a large need while using resources produced in Europe. Nathan grew up coming to Camp Gilead and attended Southcenter Community Baptist Church.

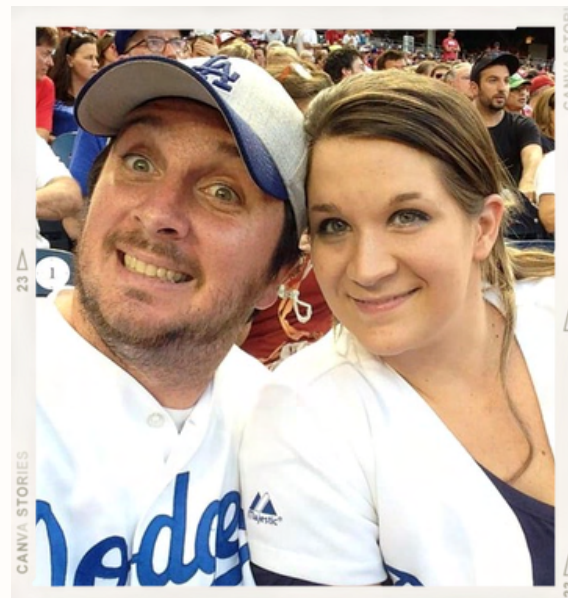
### *Nathan and Annie Phillips ABWE Missionaries to France*



## STAFF ALUMNI FEATURE

### KIEL & FAITH BOYNTON

*My name is Kiel Boynton. I am the worship Director at Grace Church in Granger, Indiana and the assistant baseball coach at Bethel University in Mishawaka, Indiana. Camp Gilead has been a HUGE part of my life! Growing up I went to Camp Gilead every year, whether it was as an individual camper or as a family camper. Once I graduated from high school, I was on staff as a counselor in 2002, 2004, and 2005. I loved being a camper, but I truly loved being a counselor. The impact that you can have in camper's lives is amazing and is full of memories and stories! I have many great memories from camp as a counselor, and I have been asked to write down a few for your reading enjoyment!*



*The first memory that I have at camp was in 2005. Craig Haskins and I had become friends over the years while he was working as an LIT and CIT, and he was now able to fully join us as an official counselor. I was in cabin #13 (Best Cabin EVER!) and Craig was in Cabin #14. We had a younger camp this specific week. As we looked forward at the weather, all we saw was rain. Kimberly and the leadership staff do a fantastic job at being creative when it rains, but the counselors know that being able to do the activities is always what the campers love and enjoy. So, one day it was raining and very wet and muddy. Craig and I were supposed to be doing the dirt board course during this specific hour. The group in front of us had canceled going to the dirt board course because "it was too muddy". Craig and I looked at each other and both of us had the same thought in our minds; "too muddy" is code for "TONS OF FUN!" So, we told our boys to go get clothes on that could get muddy. The campers were confused as most of the time we were having to remind our campers to brush their teeth, take daily showers, and stay out of the mud. On this day we had other plans. We spent the entire hour trying to ride a dirt board down the course without falling in the mud. It did not go well! Eventually our campers were riding the dirt boards on their belly so that the mud was flying in their faces and all over their clothes as they fell to the ground. I am sure the parents LOVED getting a clothes bag full of muddy clothes at the end of the week, but the smiles and memories created in that one specific hour were worth it in our minds. We took a situation in our life and did our best to turn it into a positive when it easily could have been a negative. I think that is a great reminder for us in our lives to not focus so much on all the negativity around us, but to focus on the positive things and blessings that God gives us each day. Craig and I still talk about this dirt board memory to this day!*



## STAFF ALUMNI FEATURE

### KIEL & FAITH BOYNTON

*The second memory I have relates more with my current position as the Worship Director at Grace Church. It was also in 2005 that I had the opportunity to lead worship a few times for chapel, staff meetings, and special events. Once again, Craig Haskins is involved in this story. We were in chapel, and we were singing through some worship songs, when we sang the song "God of Wonders". I remember sitting next to Craig and listening to him worship. I was impressed with the fact that someone who does not think of himself as musical was worshipping so well and singing out so loud. I led worship the next morning at staff meeting, so I brought this up to the rest of the staff. I thought I had a great way of expressing this thought in my mind to the rest of the staff. Unfortunately, what I said did not come out so clearly. I sat down in front of the staff and said how impressed I was with Craig. He reinforced in my mind, "It does not matter how good you sound, it's about the heart!". Craig responded, "I don't know how I am supposed to take that?". I immediately had to rethink what I was trying to say while the rest of the counselors were laughing at my unintentional insult. Even after that comment Craig and I are still friends to this day! I would put him on my church's worship team anytime he wants because it is not how good you sound, but what is in your heart!*



*I also met my wife, Faith, while we were counselors in 2005. I had known Faith for a few years but in 2005 she joined me as a counselor. She was the counselor of cabin #9. I got to spend an entire summer seeing how God worked through Faith to help her campers come to know Christ, and I have seen her continue that great ministry with our own family. Faith and I have two kids, Parker and Aubrie, and we are expecting our third, a girl, in June. We also have a dog named Ella.*



*My time at camp as a counselor and camper has helped shape my love for God and love for ministering to youth. I loved my time at camp and would highly encourage anyone out there wondering if they want to be a counselor at Gilead to take advantage of the opportunity! The spiritual growth that you will experience in your own life will be AMAZING! The relationships that you will build with campers and counselors will be AMAZING! Camp Gilead is AMAZING!*

*Kiel & Faith Boynton*



**THANK YOU**

*THANK YOU to those that have purchased items off of the Gilead Summer Needs & Wish List from Amazon. These items and more will be such a blessing to our summer programs!*

*To support Gilead's ministry in this way*



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