

GILEAD GAZETTE



U.S. Christian Camping Thriving Camp Gilead: Part of Powerful, Global Movement of God

BY GREGG HUNTER

*President of CCCA,
Christian Camp & Conference Association*

As a 17-year-old growing up in Eastern Washington, I was invited to go to a Christian camp for a week at the end of my junior year of high school. I was an obnoxious, mean, partying kid who heard that camp was a great place to meet girls, so I went. What happened in my first-ever camp experience changed my life.

In Christian camping, we often call the camp setting "temporary community," referring to campers leaving behind their daily routine, maybe most of the peer group and the pressures that accompany it, and stepping into a place free of those burdens and expectations. This freedom and the natural beauty of God's creation provides an ideal environment for young people to experience a stillness in their minds in which they can hear the voice of God saying, "I love you. And I made a way for us to be in relationship forever."

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U.S. Christian Camping Thriving

More than 40 years ago I responded to that invitation and gave my life to Christ at Malibu Club in Canada, a Young Life camp in British Columbia. And now, decades later, camp is still the best, most effective ministry I know of to present the Good News to people young and old.

So, you see, I'm not only the President/CEO of Christian Camp and Conference Association - the largest collective of Christian camps in the United States - with the mission of maximizing ministry for our more than 860 member organizations. More importantly, I am a product of the ministry of Christian camping.

Across the United States, Christian camping is still going strong in spite of two years of a global pandemic. And while one expert predicted that more than 480 of our members would close permanently due to COVID in that first year, only five camps closed their doors that year - which was slightly below the annual average of camp closures.

Time after time, I have heard stories of camp supporters, champions of their ministries, stepping up and providing the needed resources to keep operating even when they could not offer camps. Losses of hundreds of thousands of dollars at some camps have been made up by generous people who value the eternal impact of their favorite camp.



Gregg & Penny Hunter

I believe God has uniquely prepared the ministry of Christian camps to meet the needs of kids and their families for such a time of this. The pandemic has put a punctuation mark on the need for connection, for time in nature, for self-discovery and, most significantly, to know there is a Creator who loves campers and wants to be in relationship with them. We're grateful for the ministry of Camp Gilead and the lives that have been changed on that sacred ground. Gilead is part of a global movement of God, and the work of the ministry is so important. Whether taking into account the young people who will come to camp by the hundreds in the next few months, or simply considering the one obnoxious, rebellious, partying kid whose heart is ready to receive a message of hope and love. I'm convinced the world needs Camp Gilead now more than ever.

My wife Penny and I feel a strong connection to Camp Gilead, primarily because she grew up in Wilson Creek, Wash., where Kimberly Mallory's dad served as a pastor for several years. Small town; small world. Big God.

***Thank you for your part in making the ministry of
Camp Gilead possible.***

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CAMP CHANGED MY PLANS!

EMMALEE MILLAGE

Camp was always the place where I could escape reality, make new friends and more importantly grow closer to Jesus. I loved every minute of the week I got to spend each year at Camp Gilead. Each time I would again be refreshed in my faith; feeling so close to Christ.

This year has been a challenging year for me and my family. Through the tears, pain and hard times God was teaching me that he has a plan and all I need to do is trust in him. At the beginning of the summer, I began to push God away and instead replaced Him with things of this world. The "drought" that was plaguing me felt like I could never get out; I couldn't seem to find that fire that I had earlier. I stopped praying and digging deeper into God's Word. This caused my life to fall farther into sin and I couldn't seem to stop it on my own.

Even though I had stopped pursuing Jesus, he had never stopped pursuing me. Before I came to camp, God used my local church to pull me back into Him. I finally felt the fire that had once consumed my heart. During this summer, the Lord was teaching me boldness in my faith and obedience in Him. While I was at camp, God gave me opportunities that allowed me to see even more that He was there, even when I didn't think he was.

I came to camp with a plan for the rest of my life- college, career, and ultimately my life after high school was planned out. Still God kept telling me that he wanted me to obey what He asked me to do. During one of the morning seminars, the speaker talked about long-term mission trips to the unreached countries that have never heard the gospel. This touched my heart in ways that I could not express but I pushed it away, so blinded by what I thought was the only option for my life.

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On Friday morning, I was able to get in God's Word, it was just me and God. I began to ask him to reveal himself and His Will for my life, because the call to be a missionary was still on my heart. I finally opened my Bible to Romans 1:5, which reads, "through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations." This was one of the direct indicators that God was trying to get my attention. During worship and through the message that night, the Lord continued to speak out to me. This new adventure was out of my comfort zone and I was afraid of the thing that God called me to. Through the words of the speakers and the worship, he comforted my fears.



Not only did camp bring me even closer to my Savior but it opened me up to vulnerability and God used that to speak to me personally. Camp gave me a place where my faith was renewed and the spark in my heart ultimately returned, on fire for Jesus. I plan to come back next summer and be able to say how good this year was in my walk with Christ.



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LOVE DAY 2022

ALAN & MARIANNE BADGLEY

Camp Gilead is a very special place for the Badgley family. I, Marianne, grew up going to family camp, youth camps and was a counselor from 92-94. Alan was a camp counselor in 1993, and that was when we first met. After staff training week, I ended up tagging along as a fifth wheel with two couples on a date, one of the couples being Alan and his date. When we returned from hiking at Snoqualmie falls, Alan's date had to leave for a wedding for the weekend. The rest of us went to eat at the camp dining hall. By the end of that June night, we knew there was an attraction. By the Carnation 4th of July show, we were a couple.



We knew right away that someday we would marry. We have always enjoyed each other's sense of humor and spending time together. Soon after camp ended, Alan went to Navy basic training, and we had a long-distance relationship. Many letters were written and we became good friends. In 1995, we were married and 26 years, 6 kids and one grand baby later, we are very happy and love each other more than we ever thought we would.



For our kids, it seems that Gilead runs through their veins. I have attended the Mother Daughter retreats with my two daughters since they were small. The kids have attended youth camps and just last year we were able to attend family camp together. Our two girls hope to work at camp this summer, and who knows? One of them could meet their future mate, serving at camp!



Camp Songs Word Search

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| mylivinghope | turnyoureyes | lightthefire | riveroflife |
| thisistheday | thefrogsong | wiggleworm | woodpecker |
| allglorybe | poochielip | childofgod | seekyefirst |
| lordineedyou | usemehere | everyday | sanctuary |
| sweethome | behemoth | noel | youareholy |
| lordlift | asthedeer | blessedbe | allinall |

CAMP...THROUGH A MOM'S EYES

TAMARA KRACHE

A little different, from a Mom perspective, but Camp Gilead changed our life in the best way and we wanted to share. Did I hope Camp Gilead would be fun for my kids? Yes. Did I hope Camp Gilead would bring them closer to God? Yes. Did I hope Camp Gilead would help them practice independence? Yes. Did I expect Camp Gilead to change my child in a way that I am still in awe of? No. Before we get to that part, let's take a step back.

My husband is a firefighter and I work full-time for our local school district. When we have down time, you can find us in the car ferrying kids to and from sports practices, cheering said kids on from the sidelines or adventuring. Each year when it's time to set our family New Year's Resolution, it is always something along the lines of adventuring. In our free time we camp, hike, boat, crab, fish, travel and experience all the beauty of world. When summer rolled around last year, we had a few weeks that both of us had to work so we started looking into possible summer camp options. Our oldest daughter was an easy sell. She is independent, social and we knew she would flourish in a camp setting. If I am being honest, our middle son, was a worry for me. I didn't know if camp would be a good fit for him. Full transparency, we have described him as feral most of his life. He goes to school, attempts to follow the school regime as best as he can, bounds off the bus, grabs his 'survival backpack' from the house and stays outside until dinner and then back out until dark. When asked about camp he said he wanted to give it a try. But would camp keep him entertained? He lives all of the 'camp things' every day? We went for it. I figured the worst that could happen is he would end up coming home.



I dropped my son off, said my goodbyes and headed down the hill to my car terrified. Why terrified? Well, after meeting his counselor, Kirk, and getting him all settled in, Kirk told him he had free time for about 40 minutes. Free time?!? All I could picture is my son heading into the woods and never being seen or heard from again. So there I am, panicking. In my panic, I head back up the hill to ask Kirk to keep an eye on him make sure he is drinking enough water since he is terrible at drinking enough water and it was going to be hot. I should mention that I am a worrier, but I'm sure that is clear by now. Being a worrier, I worried all week about him. All. Week. I scoured each Camp Gilead social media post for a picture of his existence. Each time I found him in a picture I would let out an audible sigh of relief. Then I started to notice something, not only was he in pictures, he was in a lot of them and he was smiling, joyful even. I felt my anxiety lessen, just a bit.

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Let's fast forward to pick-up day. When I picked up my daughter (they went to camp different weeks) I was greeted with a smile and a wave from afar as she headed to breakfast. Not quite the enthusiastic greeting I was hoping for, but I'll take a smile and a wave from a tween any day. My son at pick-up day? He bounded down the hill and jumped into my arms, tears in his eyes. Jumped into my arms. My 10-year-old jumped into my arms in front of all of camp. Immediate panic, did he have fun? Did he have such a bad time that he is crying? They weren't tears of sadness; they were tears of joy. Tears. Of. Joy. From a kid that rarely expresses emotion. I kept him in a tight embrace telling him how much I loved him and missed him. He exclaimed, "he loved and missed me so much and he had SO much to tell me, but had to get back to his cabin group." I watched him meet up with his new found friends and counselor and was speechless as I watched my son actively participate in all the silly camp songs, arms around his new friends and counselor, and worship freely. Tears stung my eyes. My son was exuding joy and was 100% comfortable with it. He was being his authentic, goofy, lovable self in front of a room full of campers. When it was time to leave it took a long time as he exchanged numbers with new friends, took pictures, and was finally ready to go, camp champion flag in hand. Oh, but the surprises didn't stop there. He talked my ear off all the way home about his new goals, how he wanted to grow his connection to God and would I be interested in studying the Bible with him? That night, as I tucked his very tired person into bed under his camp champion flag, I was at peace. I didn't really know what to expect sending my son to camp, but the gift that it produced, is absolutely priceless.

As days turned into weeks and weeks turned into months the changes continued. He is gracious with his siblings and parents, is more connected to friends new and old, he has always been a 'good kid' but he now expresses kindness to others and looks for ways to serve others in ways that he has never done before. And I am not the only one to notice, grandparents and family friends have all commented on the shift.

Was Camp Gilead fun for my kids? Yes. Did Camp Gilead bring them closer to God? Yes. Did Camp Gilead help them practice independence? Yes. Did Camp Gilead change my child in a way that I am still in awe of? Yes. And for that, I am incredibly thankful. Thank you, Camp Gilead, for the massive effort that must go into running camp and thank you for Camp Counselor Kirk for giving my son the best camp experience (and for even remembering to send him something on his birthday!). Camp Gilead, you have a good thing going. My kids are both on a countdown to return to camp and our youngest, is looking forward to his first camp experience this summer. Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts.

- Tamara Krache



KEYNOTE
SPEAKER
Jane Schmidt



Jane is a deep well of wisdom. When people are stuck, or need a new perspective Jane is the kind of leader they call. Jane co-leads Camp Tapawingo with her husband, Brad where she uses her gift of extravagant hospitality and has the opportunity to actively demonstrate the love of Jesus to hundreds of guests a year. While Jane is formally a sister to seven, a mom to two, she is a friend and mentor to many. Jane has taken the pain and challenges in her life and asked God to use them to refine her. One of Jane's greatest treasures to spend time with Jesus in her home, amongst the trees.

March 18-19, 2022

Register online at
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March 18 - 19

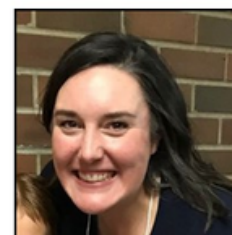
Women's Retreat 2022

Workshops

Keynote Speaker:
Jane Schmidt
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Courtney Banceu – Chalkboard Lettering

You will learn some basic layout, shading and lettering tips to help you create your own mini-chalkboard design. Space is limited to 12 per session.



Mendi Everett – Cultivating A Meaningful Prayer Life



Do you struggle with having a meaningful dedicated prayer time? Do you find that your prayer life mainly consists of praying on the fly-by or when things are going wrong? Does your mind wander and you get easily distracted? If so, you are not alone. Our enemy would like to deceive us into thinking that it's ok to not be real regular with prayer. But the truth is- it is incredibly important. Come learn to more closely follow Jesus by discovering how to cultivate peace and joy through prayer.

Celia Baker – Potato Paint ... a Tote Bag!

Come spend some crafting time creating your own custom potato printed tote bag. We will be going step-by-step, so no stress; just fun! Let's fellowship around the crafting table and create something together that will remind us on each shopping trip that our Creator God has good and beautiful designs for our lives. Space limited to 12 per session.



Nancy Suko – Cultivating Your Bible Study time

Do you find your personal Bible study sporadic, dull, or somewhat routine? Let's take a fresh look at developing new habits and means for the flourishing of your soul and the glory of God.

Corin Engen - Flower Arranging

Growing and arranging flowers has been my love and hobby and at times, my business over the last 30 years. Come and have some fun learning some tips for flowers in your yard, from the store and on arranging them as you make your own arrangement.



Stephanie Murillo - Cultivate Hospitality

Together, we will find confidence in hosting guests, learn budget friendly tips and tricks and see what the Bible says about this important subject!

Bethany Lafferty - Cultivating Good Health

Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body. 1 Cor. 6:19-20 Be empowered to use the tools that God has given us to support all aspects of our health --from the food we eat, the water we drink, to the God given natural solutions for healing and repair to live more healthfully.





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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*March 18 - 19 * Women's Retreat*

*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*

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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This is Camp Gilead

*Written by Forrest Johnson
Camp Director circa 1969*

*In 1948, **Elma Faul** looked over her land. She saw 26 acres of brush and blackberry vines, chickens scratching in front of the bunkhouse, a leftover from some previous sawmill. And she saw something more -- the possibility of a church camp. This vision took hold, grew, became an urgent desire to see the possibility become reality.*

*In 1969, over 2500 people, kids and grownups took part in the camp programs. Looking around now at the buildings, the pool, the tennis courts and grounds, it's difficult to imagine how it began. Or that **Mrs. Faul** would have a hard time giving this land to whichever Baptist church would develop it. She was turned down again and again before she approached **Forrest Johnson** of Tabernacle Baptist Church in Seattle. (He was the 19th or 20th pastor she had contacted! Ed.) He needed no persuasion to be sold on it. He and others explored through briars and nettles. They found the natural amphitheater which became in their eyes, as it is now in fact, the Victory Circle, where fireside services are held. They discovered three springs, a plentiful supply of pure water for the kitchen, dormitories, swimming pool and fountain. There was no doubt in their minds that this was a wonderful opportunity.*



***Pastor Johnson** urged immediate acceptance of Mrs. Faul's proposal. The trustees were more reluctant, seeing obstacles as well as potential. **Mr. Lyman Black**, chairman of the trustees, was most hesitant, doubting whether a church of this size could be capable of developing such a project. When the matter came before the church membership for a vote, nearly 3/4ths voted in favor for it. Within 3 days, Mr. Black gave a check for \$1000 to the camp fund, and continued to actively support it.*

*Forrest Johnson
with his favorite horse*

This is Camp Gilead



Elma Faul

*Then the work began. Every Saturday, a crew of 8 or 10 or sometimes as many as 20 men went out. In the beginning, men like **Weldon Gwinn, Dave Schwitters, Ralph Kono and Art Heisler** worked with bulldozers, clearing and leveling. They planned and directed the layout of the work, spending nearly as much time at camp as their own jobs. Through the years there has been a solid core of those who believe in the camp outreach and prove it by their willingness to do what must be done -- the big jobs, the nuisance jobs, the dirty jobs, the exasperating jobs. There are women who stand out as faithful in the necessary work of staffing the kitchen, scrubbing and painting and mending. Women like **Mary Johnson, Emma Heisler, Erma Swanson, Lucille Nilsby and Gwen Jerome**. Women who count it as much a privilege as a duty to offer their services.*

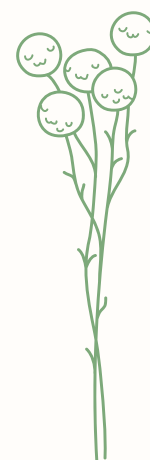
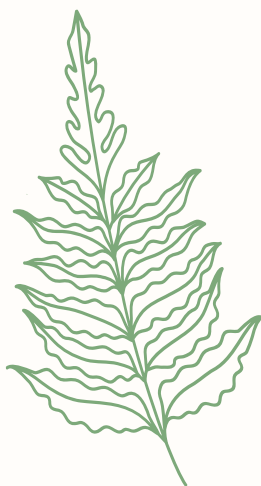


*But the real story is not in the buildings and grounds. It is in the fruit of the Holy Spirit's operation. This is very difficult, if not impossible for humans to measure. And yet, there is ample evidence that He is operating in people's lives. There is **Polly Strong**, youth director at TAB for 5 years. Through her ministry at camp, she felt the Lord directing her to Africa, where she is still engaged in a similar ministry. There is **Mavis Buck** who was greatly influenced by things she heard at camp to give her life to the Lord. She is now on the mission field to Brazil. There are counselors whose lives have literally been changed. Some have changed their majors to Christian Ministries because they have discovered their own vision while working with kids at camp. Others have earnestly decided to find God's plan for their future.*

Camp Gilead is called "Hill of Witness." A vision began it. A vision developed it, sustains it. That vision is to present Jesus Christ --so that kids will be saved, that lives will be changed, that everyone involved in the program will experience the Holy Spirit's design.

FAMILY CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

JULY 3-9, 2022



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



*Tim Copper, and his
wife Mary Beth*

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Newsletter Submission Request

Do YOU have a story or memory of your time at Camp Gilead that you'd like to share? We would love to hear from YOU! Whether you were a camper last summer or a LONG time ago ... send us your story, thoughts, and memories of your time at camp and we'll publish it in a future Gilead Gazette!





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- Arts & Crafts Supplies
- Disc Golf
- Lighting for the Victory Circle
- Dump Bed Truck
- Enclosed Trailer for Carnival Games



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



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