

GILEAD GAZETTE



Teachability & the Christian Musician **DAVID HARSH**

*In the Marvel movie Avengers: Infinity War, Thor talks about a planet called Nidavellir. Drax (one of the Guardians of the Galaxy) says, "That's a made-up word," to which Thor replies, "All words are made up." I came across a word that has consistently shown up as a typo in my documents: teachability. Each time I've typed that word, I've watched that red zigzag line appear underneath it, which is Microsoft Word's way of saying, "Are you sure you want to use that?" Teachability, like so many other words, is "made up," but I think it's worth considering. The related word "teachable" is searchable as a word with a definition. The first definition is "(of a person) able to learn by being taught." We all learn, but I believe the most effective learning process happens when someone places themselves in the posture of demonstrating, you guessed it: **teachability**.*

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Details**

When I made my way to Carnation, to my first In Tune worship retreat, I witnessed a level of teachability in the attendees that was truly inspiring. People came from multiple churches and church paradigms, all with Christ in common. And do you know what else they had in common? Open hands. The opportunities I had to offer my guitar insights at In Tune began with a workshop I call "What if My Guitar is the Worship Band?" We gathered in the cozy lodge, where the pellet stove radiated wonderful warmth as we embarked on strategies for artistically compensating when we're missing one, some, or all of our band mates on a Sunday. I was deeply encouraged to see people smiling, listening, and taking in what I was offering.

Later that evening, we had a tremendous showing of guitar players who wanted to dig into a "Skillbuilder Session" that took us late into the night as we tackled a bird's eye view of the CAGED System. Again, I was uplifted by the smiles and nods as people responded to the discussion. Early the next morning, Adam Smith welcomed us into the chapel as three dozen worshipers gathered to play songs that they knew, or did not know. We all strummed and just enjoyed bringing praise to our Lord, where the only agenda was to glorify Him. And there weren't just guitarists - I spotted several string players as well. Saturday continued with study, worship, and fellowship. By the time the retreat concluded, some folks were so deeply moved by the experience that they wept with gratitude.



Everyone I crossed paths with at this retreat drank deeply of the experience. And if pressed, I'd say that was in no small part due to their teachability. Now, in my experience, the Lord has not been deeply concerned with our ability. He's more concerned with our availability. He brings tremendous glory to Himself throughout Scripture by using people who are seemingly inadequate for the task, and when they submit to His authority, He does great things. Abraham was very old, and yet the Lord chose to make him the father of many nations. David was a young shepherd boy, and yet the Lord used him to defeat the greatest warrior of the Philistines. In Exodus 4:13-14, we get a taste of what happens when someone resists the Lord's calling even when the Lord promises to supply the need; Moses said, "Please send someone else." So the Lord's anger burned against Moses and he used Aaron instead.

Teachability includes the word ability in it, but only qualified by being able to be taught. Have I met people who were not humble or teachable, even in Christian music circles? More times than I can count. They stick out in a group like a sore thumb. They frown, they fold their hands, or they noodle incessantly on their guitars as I'm trying to guide them. Some won't make eye contact. It's a missed opportunity for those individuals because they either think they know everything they need to know, or they're just too stubborn to admit that there's more they could learn. Each time those folks have crossed my path, I've sensed an invisible ceiling above them. They have no desire to grow further, and some of them are quite young in years.

Here's what I saw at In Tune: there was no ceiling. Everyone I interacted with wanted to learn. They each desired to develop their skills and understanding of music however far the Lord wanted them to. Even the mealtime conversations with folks who were attending other workshops, gave me great hope. In all of my workshops, there were people from many different seasons of life. All were graciously sitting under my teaching. That's a mark of character and humility. Do you have a desire to learn from others? Do you see other musicians as people who each have the potential to teach you something? Then you have teachability. Camp Gilead's In Tune retreat is most certainly one of the avenues where teachability was clearly on display. It was a sweet time, and I hope I get the opportunity to be a part of In Tune again.

For some beginning or intermediate Christian guitar players, an ongoing experience could really enhance their progress. That exists as well - but only for those who are demonstrating teachability! In GuitarSuccess4U, my online membership, you can walk with me and my community of like-minded Christian guitarists at your pace, from home. If you're looking for a totally new approach to discovering or rediscovering the guitar, this just might be the opportunity for you. I encourage you to check out www.GuitarSuccess4U.com to learn more, or to join now.



As you continue forward, let teachability be an attribute that you prayerfully allow the Lord to continue to cultivate in you. I look forward to seeing what He does.

David Harsh

David Harsh attended Camp Gilead at the age of 15. He and his family live in Marysville, WA, and he tours all over North America serving at Christian churches, camps, conferences, and schools with message-driven musical creativity, leading worship, and equipping worship teams to bring their very best. **Learn more at www.DavidHarsh.com.**

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Email Elizabeth Anderson at elizabeth@campgilead.org with your best guess.

In Tune Testimonies

This year's In-Tune conference at Camp Gilead was a fantastic experience.

After looking at all the offerings, I decided on attending the three guitar centric sessions taught by David Harsh. This turned out to be time well spent. David covered several guitar techniques that were new to me and I was able to use a few of them right away that Sunday at my church. I was blessed most by the guitar skill teaching and the worship at the chapel sessions. Well done!

Don Lee

"What a treat for us at Tab to have all 7 members of our worship team in attendance. Each member commented on the things they learned, but most of all they commented on the fellowship with so many other churches that were serving in their churches in worship. We had one thing in common: "Praising the Lord in song." I loved the songs we sang in the last session as we combined our voices (In-Tune!) and praised our Excellent Lord with our best excellence.

Let's not wait too long to do it again!"

Tom Ruhlman

I have attended both In Tune conferences - and both were experiences I count as huge blessings and among my favorite memories. It's always great to be able to be with other musicians and "talk shop" but at In Tune where everyone is a believer and everyone's goal is to get better at serving the Lord through music, it's even better. There were several people I was privileged to get some small group and individual time with and I hope I was able to leave them with some answered questions and things they can implement immediately in their churches. I'm sure everyone who was there agrees it was a great blessing to sit under the teaching and ministry of Dr. Plew. On a more individual note, I had through no fault of my own narrowly missed being able to see David Harsh three times in the past few years, and finally at this conference I was able to worship under his leadership and hear him teaching, and it was well worth the wait. I sincerely hope this conference becomes an annual event!

Adam Smith

This was my first time going to In Tune. One of the most profound experience was the 7:15am praise and worship time. Playing guitars with well over 20 other guitarists, violinists, cello and cajón - all in tune. Very difficult to find words to express how profound it was to praise the Lord. The worship time was a huge blessing. Working with David Harsh in the late nights skills group with so many other guitarists was the best workshop I attended all weekend. Being together with other worship team leaders brought joy.

Lori Yates

SNOWBLAST



SNOWBLAST
JANUARY 2023

What an amazing weekend of snow, fun with friends and times of teaching & worship in chapels!

BNN PASTOR'S PRAYER SUMMIT



In early February, this group of pastors from the Baptist Network NW (BNN) met for encouragement, refreshment and, most specifically, for a time of prayer. Prayer for their ministries, their marriage, their families, the personal walk with the Lord; all these things and more, were prayed over. We are so thankful to be able to provide a place for these men to meet and uplift each other in the calling that God has led them in. Remember to pray for your pastor, and the spiritual leaders in your life!



EARLY DAYS IN THE BAPTIST NETWORK NORTHWEST

The man who started Camp Gilead, Forrest Johnson, was one of the key early leaders in the BNN! He finished school at Practical Bible Training School in Johnson City, New York in 1930. After a couple pastorates in New York and Texas, he became pastor at Calvary Baptist Church in Everett in 1939. In 1944 he became the pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church in Seattle, Washington. Whenever there were churches without pastors, Forrest would call his friends from New York, asking them to consider the Northwest! Many came including Carl Wheeler (Ferndale, Bellingham, Tumwater), Dick Riffle (Concrete, Lynnwood, Clarkston), Al Eisenhart (Sedro Wooley, Port Angeles, Burien), D. Thurlow Yaxley (Mt. Vernon), John Ruhlman (Bellevue, Eastgate, Tukwila).

The original group was the Columbia Basin Mission which started GARBC churches in Eastern Washington, Idaho, Montana and Oregon. It evolved into The Northwest Baptist Home Mission. This evolved into the Northwest State Baptist Fellowship, then the Northwest Regular Baptist Fellowship, and now the Baptist Network Northwest.

The group today consists of about 70 churches and ministries in Washington, Oregon, and Idaho which voluntarily work together to enhance their individual work for Christ. For over 75 years this group has stood together on God's Word as expressed in a theologically conservative doctrinal statement. Together they have planted churches, borne one another's burdens, sent out missionaries, created camping ministries and more.

Dave Lunsford is our director

Nelson Zarfaz is our business manager

Pete Steele is our youth person

Tim Baker is the chairman of the council of 15

There are three events each year:

Renew - Men's Spiritual Life Retreat, three days in January, mostly prayer

Refine - Ministry, Fellowship, Instruction, three days in the Spring

Refresh - Ministry Retreat, three days, pastors/wives & ministry workers at Cannon Beach.

We are technically not a denomination. Each church writes their own constitution and bylaws, owns their own building, calls their own staff, decides on their own name, and supports their own missionaries. It is an association of like-minded churches in fellowship with each other.

Tom Ruhlman

CCCA NW Super Sectional



PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT

Adam & Ana Harris, Tom Bird, Jack & Sara Moyer, Tom & Becky Ruhlman, Sophie Lembke (Dunes Bible Camp), Elizabeth Anderson, Tyler Wells (Camp Pinewood), Carly Hall, Jon Cramer (ABWE - Nicaragua), Stephanie Bird, Josiah Mallory (Cannon Beach Conf. Center) Kimberly & Josh Mallory

Camp Gilead is a member of the Christian Camp and Conference Association, a national organization designed to equip, support and provide training for camps and conference centers across the country. Each region of the U.S. is broken up into "sections," and Camp Gilead is part of the Northwest Section, which provides conferences each year, alternating in Washington and Oregon. Our program director, Kimberly Mallory, holds the position of President of the NW Section.

Every three years, the conference is held at The Coeur d'Alene Resort in Idaho, and the NW section is joined by the Northern Rockies Section and the Alaska section, for a Super Sectional. These conferences provide workshops, teaching, networking, resources, training and encouragement for those in full time camp ministry. There were over 350 at this year's conference.

This year, the full time staff at Camp Gilead was joined by two board members, Tom Ruhlman & Adam Harris, and their wives. We were also able to see some other Camp Gilead alumni (pictured in this photo) who are now serving full-time in other camps!



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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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Dates

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LIT Session #2

July 30 - August 19

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CAMP GILEAD HISTORY - A LOOK BACK

Were you startled by this month's cover? Perhaps you were, for it is a bit unusual. But then, "Camp Gilead," which you saw advertised on the sign hanging over the handsome horseman and his trusty steed, is unusual itself - since it is a summer camp under the direction of just one church, Tabernacle Baptist of Seattle. The horseman himself, shown above with young people from the church, is a genial gentleman whom we feature as this month's pastor. Ample evidence that the interest of the pastor and his church in its youth "pays off" is seen in the fact that twenty-four of the young people are abroad, serving Christ in no less than eleven countries. All told, sixty members are in full-time ministry.

Pastor of Tabernacle Baptist since May 1944, Forrest Johnson served earlier pastorates at Calvary Baptist, Wellsville, New York; Ramseur Baptist, Paris, Texas; Calvary Baptist, Everett, Washington. Both pastor and Mrs. Johnson (the former Mary McCloud) were graduated from Practical Bible Training School. When he began his ministry in Seattle in 1944, he was greeted by initial attendance of 28 in Bible School and 43 in morning service. Today, morning congregations number around 450, with the Sunday Bible School averaging approximately the same. That "missions is the major" in the TBC program is seen in the fact that the missionary budget last year was \$22,000, as well as in the fact that so many are in missionary service and many others in preparation for it.

With reference to the highly successful youth program, Pastor Johnson reports that it is "centered in Camp Gilead. Attractive rustic buildings and playfields, built by the men of the church, beautiful mountain trails with bridle paths and six saddle horses owned by the camp have created a spiritual rendezvous for our young people. A good number have found Christ here, and scores of others have made dedication of their lives to Him."

The Johnsons have four children. He writes that they are: "Janet, age 17, Judy 12, Danny 8, Kathy 6. Our two oldest children were both born on June 29th. The two youngest on May 18th. Four children, but only two birthdays!" And with pardonable fatherly pride, he adds the parenthetical remark: "If you think your babies were cute, you should have seen ours!"

A forceful, uncompromising minister of the Gospel, vitally interested in all phases of his church program, he is another reminder of the fact that we should continually thank our Lord for His faithful servants who man our GARBC pulpits.

Pastor
of the
Month



With his young people

2023 MARCH MADNESS



WINNER: FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE



Bracket Winners

- 1ST: JUDAH MALLORY
- 2ND: ISAIAH TAYLOR
- 3RD: SELENA TAPIA



Spring
HYMN SING



May 19 at 10:30 AM

Volunteer
WORK WEEKEND



May 19-20

Gilead
RIVER RUN 5K



May 29 at 9:00 AM

Father Son
FISHING RETREAT



Special Speaker
Trevor Jenison

June 2-3



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CAMP CABIN SERIES

The Story Behind the Name

CABIN 16: INDONESIA



16
INDONESIA



David and Christie Sommers serve in Indonesia through education. They live in an area called Lippo Village on the west edge of Jakarta. Jakarta has the second largest metropolitan population in the world. The only other larger metropolitan area by population is Tokyo.



David serves as a teacher and leader at a Christian K-12 school called Sekolah Peliata Harpan (SPH) in Lippo Village. David serves in the middle and high school, and teaches science and digital design classes. He is also involved in organizing and taking students on trips to other islands to participate in service activities. He is actively involved in various ministries at our English-speaking church, including working with Indonesians that will complete a seminary degree and then return to their home areas to share the gospel.



Christie serves as the provost or chief academic officer at a Christian university, Universitas Pelita Harapan (UPH), also in Lippo Village. The university has over 16,000 students and has several campuses in other parts of Indonesia. Christie also serves as the executive dean of the nursing program, which has over 1,000 students.

David and Christie have four children who are in the U.S. now. Their son graduated from a high school in Bangladesh and their three daughters graduated from the school where David teaches in Indonesia. Over the years, their children have had the opportunity to attend camp at Camp Gilead and have fond memories of their time there. As a family, we were able to attend family camp, and it was a blessing to be able to fellowship and meet other families from around the Northwest.

David & Christie Sommers

Calendar at a Glance

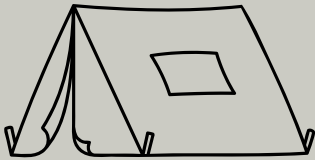


*May 19 * Spring Hymn Sing 10:30 AM*
*May 19-20 * Volunteer Work Weekend*

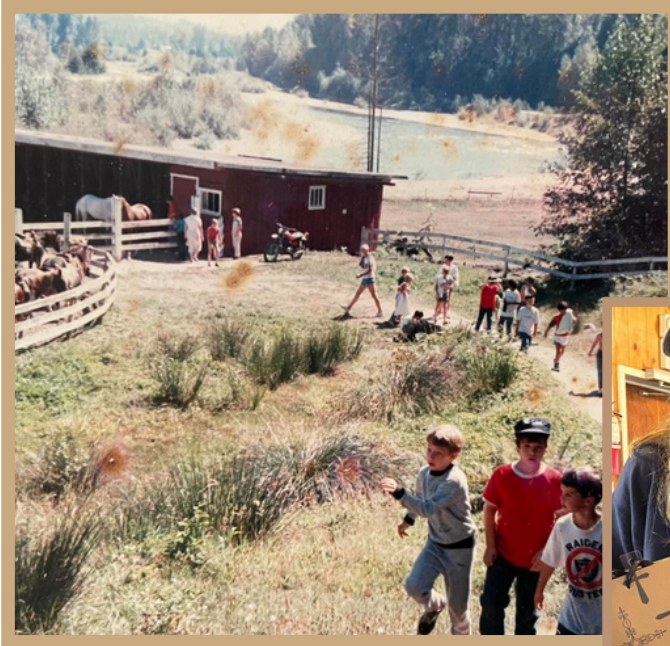
*May 29 * River Run 5K 9:00 AM*

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

*June 2-3 * Father Son Fishing Retreat*



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