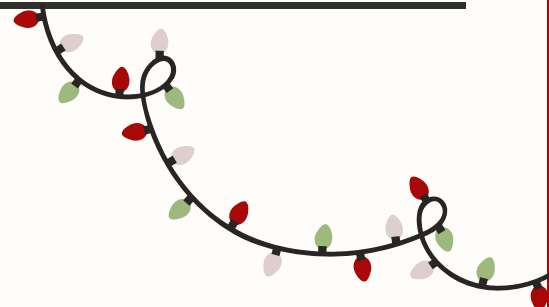


# GILEAD GAZETTE



## ***GILEADVENT***

THIS year:  
Longer route, more lights -  
we can't wait to see you!



### WISH LIST



### Want to get involved?

- \* Volunteer on Event Nights
- \* Purchase items from our GileAdvent Wish List
- \* Adopt a camp building to decorate
- \* Come out and help string lights

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# Gilead Advent WORK DAYS



***NOVEMBER 27***

10 AM - AFTERNOON

***&***

***DECEMBER 4***

11:30 AM - AFTERNOON



*Come out with your church,  
your family or just by yourself  
and help string lights at camp.  
We'll have Christmas music  
playing and hot chocolate to  
keep you warm.*

**Please RSVP to  
[kimberly@campgilead.org](mailto:kimberly@campgilead.org)**

## STAFF FEATURE

*Evan Arbogast - 2021 Camp Counselor*

I went into camp this last summer, only having the perspective of being a camper. I never knew what it was like to be on staff, and now I do. Most of us had no idea what this summer was going to look like, we just knew it would be different. This year was like no other year, but it still is memorable, just like every other summer at Gilead.



Being on staff is not as easy as it looks. You spend most of your day working with the kids, and you don't get much off time, but all in all it's worth it. Being on staff at camp Gilead is one of my most favorite memories that I've had in a long time. I'll never forget my time as a counselor; being with the kids, leading them to Christ, and making friendships with my fellow staff members.



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## CAMP GILEAD HISTORY A LOOK BACK

**TOM RUHLMAN**

*Pastor | Shoreline, WA*

*Tabernacle  
Baptist  
Church*



**Imagine Having Your Own Camp!** That was the experience of the members of Tabernacle Baptist Church of Seattle, Washington, in 1948! Pastor Forrest Johnson had a vision for a summer camp for kids when he showed up at the church in 1944. He wanted to reach children with the Gospel! So, he began to spread the word that Tab was looking for a place out of town and up in the hills to build a Christian camp. He told people at the church, on his radio broadcast, and around the Northwest of his desire. These were his exact words printed in a church publication:

*"October 1947 - With your Pastor, the need of creating a place where we can take gangs of boys and possibly girls too, to play with them, hike with them, eat with them in order to talk with them about their need of Christ, is a great and growing burden. Will you pray that such a place may be had and that privilege granted as immediately as is practical to expect it?"*



Well, God provided 27 acres on the banks of the Snoqualmie River from a lady named Elma Faul. On the property she had had a long chicken coop and a house and she gave it all to the church. It was named Camp Gilead. Tab had the camp all by themselves for 26 years until 1974. What an asset to have as a church family! But the early 70's were tough times for Tab and they considered selling or merging with other camps. So, in 1974, 6 churches from Whatcom and Skagit counties merged with Tab! There were now 7 churches in the membership! Today, in 2021, we have 26 member churches around the Northwest who govern, direct, and support the camp. They send campers and also provide staff and counselors to the camp. So, we have gone from one church to 26 churches who now own the camp. If you are a member church, you do own your own camp - along with 25 other churches in the Northwest!

*What a joy to be part of a ministry  
that is carrying out its purpose!*

According to the constitution of Camp Gilead we read "The purpose of this camp shall be to assist local churches in the work of evangelism and discipleship through the conducting and hosting of camps, retreats and other similar meetings." Does that sound good to you? Is your church a member of a vibrant, fruitful, productive camp? We would love to talk with you about becoming a member of one of the best camps in the Northwest. God has blessed Camp Gilead for 73 years! Why not join us for the next 73 years or until He returns?

# GILEAD

## *IN THE FALL*



*I love Camp Gilead! Throughout the past nearly 20 years of serving at Eastgate Bible Fellowship in various roles and now as the Lead Pastor I have truly grown in my love and appreciation for the power of camp ministry. Camp Gilead stands out as a camp that does an amazing job of creating a special space for kids and families to be impacted by the power of the gospel.*

*When I was 16 years old my life was forever changed by camp ministry. In December 1992 I confessed my sin to God and received Christ as my Savior. The following summer I was invited by my friends to go to camp and attend my very first Christian camp. It was throughout that week at camp that my life was impacted in such a way that I would never be the same.*

**BOARD  
HIGHLIGHT**

**ROBIN  
PORTER**

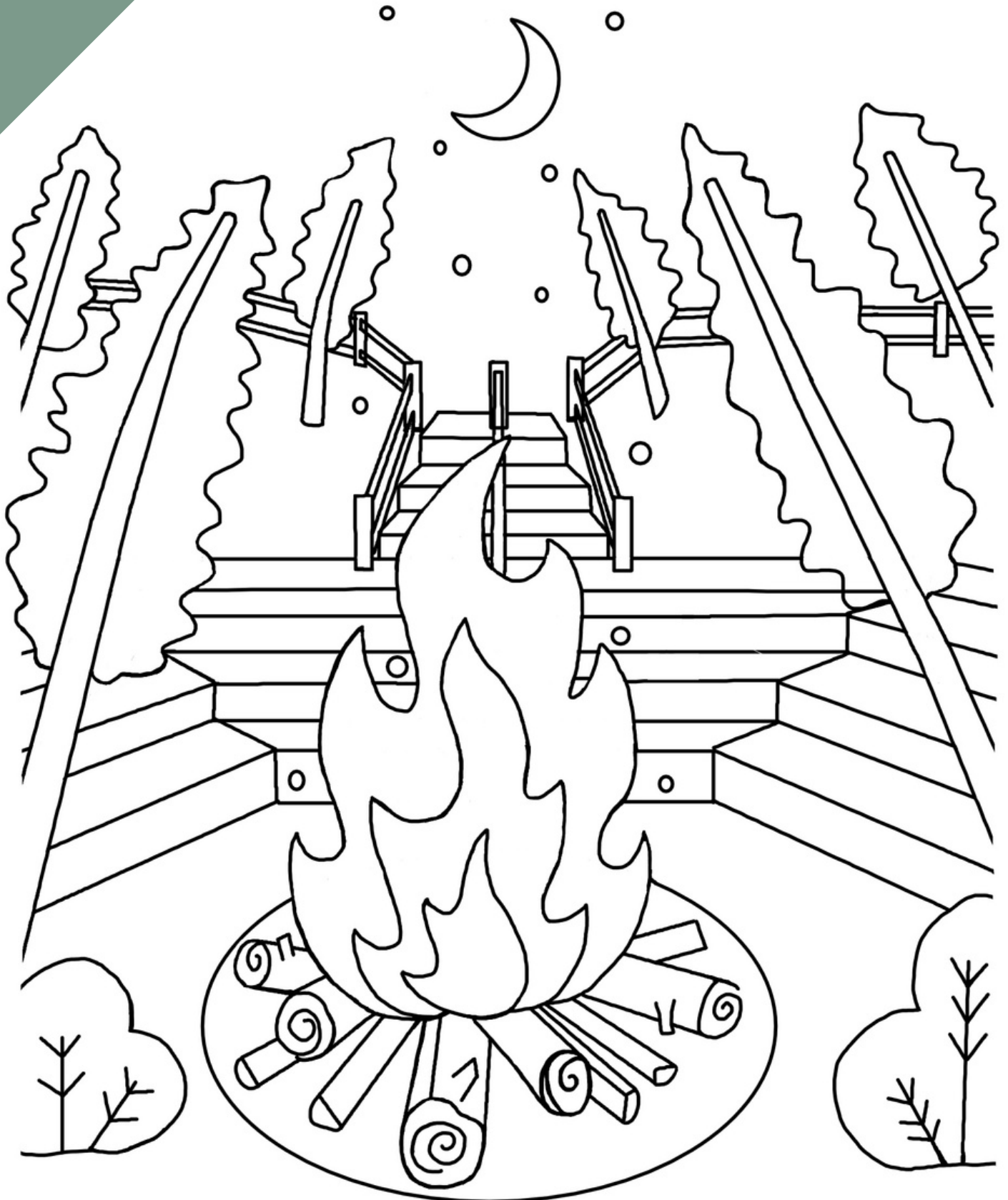
*Before coming to know Christ as my Savior I had never given much thought as to what I wanted to do with my life. One week at camp changed that. At camp I benefited from adults investing in kids' lives by showing them the love of God, teaching them about the importance of memorizing Scripture, and the lessons they taught during the chapel times. I also saw other teens who wanted to live for God and encourage their friends to live for Jesus.*



*There were so many great things that happened throughout that week at camp. On the final night of camp, the youth pastor spoke about how we needed to be aware of spiritual warfare and be on guard against falling back into the same ruts that we had before coming to camp. The first verse I memorized at that camp was Joshua 24:15 where God's people were challenged to choose whom they were going to serve. That night I chose to live for Jesus. It was that night that I realized that while I knew Jesus was my Savior because of my faith in him, I had not yet submitted to him as my Lord. That night I cried my weight in tears as I confessed to the Lord the things I knew I needed to get rid of in my life so that I could honor him with my life. I prayed for God to use me any way he wanted to so that people's lives could be transformed by the power of gospel the same way that my life was being transformed.*

*In the many years that have followed since that year at camp I have had the opportunity to be a part of several camps (Some good and others not so much -- not all camps are created equal). I believe that Camp Gilead stands out as a very special camp that God continues to use to build into people's lives. Over the last 20 years I have been blessed to be able to be a camp speaker, worship leader, a camper (Family Camp, Father-Son Fishing), and even sending my own kids to camp. I have also had the blessing of serving as a member of the Camp Gilead board. My life, my family, and my church have all been greatly blessed by the ministry that takes place at Camp Gilead. As a father, a pastor, and a board member it is my hope that Camp Gilead will continue to be used by the Lord as we prayerfully consider the privilege and opportunity that we have to invest in the lives of each and every person that comes to camp for the glory of God. You never know how God will use a week(end) to change a life!*

*Add some color to the*  
**VICTORY CIRCLE**



*Drawn by Staff Alumna Sophie Lembke*



# FATHER SON ADVENTURE WEEKEND

## NOVEMBER 5-6

### Doug Dahl

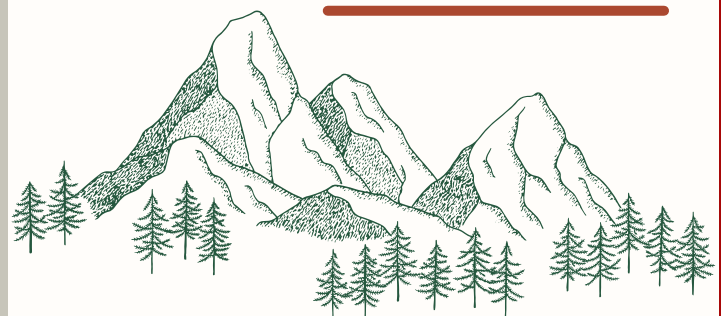
It was great to get off work early on Friday and drive with Matthew through the countryside to Camp Gilead for the Father Son retreat. We checked in and immediately played carpet ball, tetherball, and went canoeing. Matthew was excited to run into someone he knew from his summer camp experience and other boys he knew from our Trail Life troop.



After the chapel service in the evening, we roasted marshmallows for smores around the huge bonfire that was burning in the victory circle. Later that night, we watched The Lost Medallion movie, cheering on the good guys with everyone else. I was grateful to have a quiet and warm cabin to sleep in that night and have a good cup of coffee in the morning. The next day we shot BB guns, decorated cookies (I ate too many), played Gaga ball, and spent a lot of time around the fire as it sprinkled rain. Special thanks to Trail Life Snohomish for bringing the compound bow archery set.



**Doug Dahl & Matthew**



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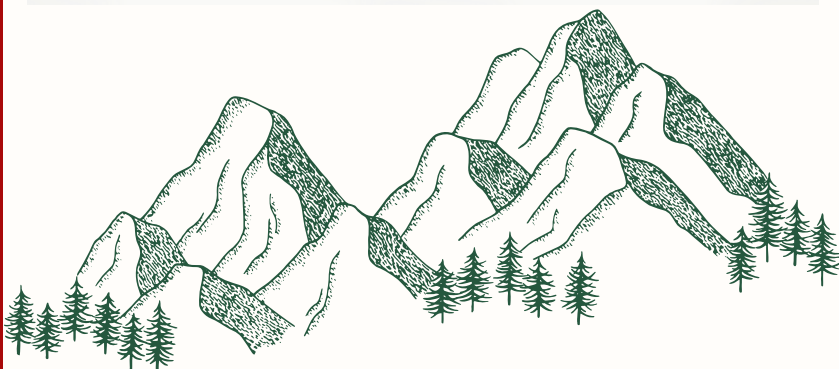
# FATHER SON ADVENTURE WEEKEND

We enjoyed the worship led by First Baptist Ferndale's Raul Murillo and his call to passionately follow Jesus and Pastor Kiyle Decker's call to wait for God and to trust. Pastor Decker summed up his message by saying don't focus on yourself, acknowledge God, and keep trusting him even in tough times for God can straighten things out.



It was an action filled 24 hours. Maybe next year we will play in the Turkey Bowl if we remember to bring mud ready clothes. However, we found Turkey Bowl time a great opportunity to shoot BB guns with everyone playing football. Can't wait for next year.

- *Doug Dahl*



**HOST  
YOUR NEXT  
RETREAT  
AT CAMP  
GILEAD!**



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CANVA STORIES



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*Please contact Jack Moyer for scheduling & availability.  
**[jack@campgilead.org](mailto:jack@campgilead.org)***



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## STAFF ALUMNI SMALL BIZ SPOTLIGHT



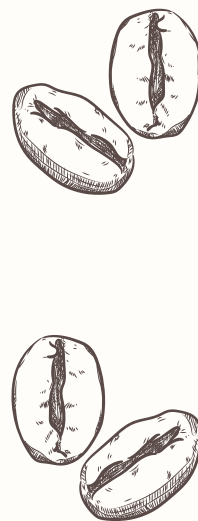
### WAYFARER

*Karen (Ruhlman) Bassett grew up anticipating the smell of cows going by Carnation Farms knowing that the best week of her summer was just around the corner at Camp Gilead. She has enjoyed camp as a family camper, a youth camper, and a support staffer as Craft Coordinator in the summer of 2003.*

*Karen met her husband, Reuben, at Cedarville University. After they were married, they moved to New Hampshire, where they put down roots and started a family. They have 2 kids, Josie (10) and Philip (8), and live on a 35 acre farm in Gilmanton, NH.*



*Karen's passion has always been to bring coffee and community to New Hampshire, and in 2015, she opened Wayfarer Coffee Roasters in Laconia, NH. Over 6 years later, Wayfarer has expanded to include two cafes, a local goods marketplace, and a growing wholesale coffee business. Karen and Reuben also own two other successful restaurants in Laconia: Burrito Me and Local Eatery. They love bringing people together around the family table to connect to each other and to the food grown on their farm and in the surrounding community.*



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# PRAYER REQUESTS

## FROM THE FULL TIME STAFF



- *That the testimony of the camp will glorify God in the Snoqualmie Valley and the Pacific NW.*
- *The health and safety of all campers, staff and staff families.*
- *That my heart and mind would have a laser focus on God's direction as I lead and serve at camp Gilead, my church and my family.*

- *That God would continue to draw godly young adults to serve on staff*
- *For continued impact in the lives of youth campers and families*
- *That the gospel would be clear in all we do.*
- *For wisdom, creativity & direction*



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