

GILEAD GAZETTE



What is Camp Gilead? JACK MOYER

I'm often asked about the history and ownership of Camp Gilead. Many are surprised to find out that we are more than just a summer camp! Camp Gilead began in 1948 as a ministry of Tabernacle Baptist Church, when they were gifted the property near Carnation. The church members began traveling out from Seattle on a regular basis to start the work of converting existing buildings into housing, building new buildings such as the chapel and dining hall, and pushing back the ever-encroaching blackberry bushes. This quick overview is certainly a simplification of a lot of labor! I like to say that the folks from Tabernacle utilized "recycling and repurposing" long before it became the trend it is today. Many of the buildings that serve us today are a result of the reuse of beams and timbers from other buildings in the Snoqualmie Valley, and natural logs from the property itself.



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**Painting
Details**

In the early 1970's the camp ministry had grown to more than one church could manage. At the same time, a group of churches had been renting Camp Gilead for their summer camps, and talks between the two resulted in a merger, and the "Gilead Baptist Camp Association" was born.



The Gilead Baptist Camp Association (Camp Gilead) is a non-profit ministry, currently made up of 22 voting member churches. The primary goal is reaching and discipling young people for Christ in the unique setting that is Christian camping. The Association has a board of trustees, drawn from those churches, that assists in the overall direction of Camp Gilead.

Camp Gilead operates in a year-round capacity, and while the summer camp ministry IS what we are most known for, in the non-summer months, weekend retreats occur on most Fridays and Saturdays. Some of those retreats are sponsored and directed by the Camp Gilead team such as the Men's and Women's retreats, or the Mother/Daughter and Father/ Son weekends. We also host churches and Christian ministries, providing the facilities, food service, and general assistance as needed, while they lead their retreat program.



We are thankful for the many years of ministry that the Lord has allowed here, and I would ask that as you think of Camp Gilead, you would ask Him for His continued hand of blessing in sharing the Good News of Jesus.

JACK MOYER

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*Painting by Tessa Sydnor
Commissioned by Sarah (Iddings) Carrig
"I wanted her to paint one of my favorite
childhood places at Camp Gilead"*

MOTHER DAUGHTER RETREAT

This was the first Mother Daughter Retreat I've attended at Camp Gilead. It was everything I was hoping it might be! My daughter and I made so many special memories together. We will definitely be returning next year!

Laura Railing



This was my 3rd year at the Mother Daughter retreat at Camp Gilead and I came with my daughters aged 12 and 20 as well as my youngest sister, mother, and grandmother. It's so fun to live the camp experience over 24 hours, sing childhood Christian camp songs, sleep in a cabin (and yay for a bathroom inside!) and I'm always impressed with all the craft stations available. I really appreciated this year's speaker's testimony (Lisa Chapman) who also encouraged us to share our story with our daughters. I couldn't fit it all on the little piece of paper that was given to us, so I decided to write about a few spiritual lessons I'd learnt over the years (one of them being "God always provides") and invited them to come ask me about it. My girls were also inspired by Lisa to write me a note saying how much they value me (one jotted down 3 lines with illustrations, the other wrote a full 2 pages!). I followed their example and wrote my mom a note too. Thank you, Camp Gilead team, for another blessed Mother Daughter retreat!

Nora Richardson

Father Son Adventure Weekend *November 4-5*

Speaker:
Troy Hacking



Email kimberly@campgilead.org for more info.

SUMMER STAFF 2022

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



Julia Lauritzen
living in Port Orchard
working as a barista!



Kylie Phipps
in Salem, OR
at Corban University

Working on staff is preparation for so many things; take a look at where our staff are now!

Currently, some other staff members from Summer 2022 are:

- Working as an electrician
- Leading youth groups
- Finishing high school
- Managing their home & children
- Serving in camp ministry
- Attending community college
- Teaching in Christian schools



Alivia Badgley
in Phoenix, AZ at
Grand Canyon University

SUMMER STAFF 2022

I attended Camp Gilead as a camper for many years, and it has always been a very special place for me. I remember how influential camp was in my life. I learned so much about Christ through the messages taught during chapel. The love I felt from the counselors stayed with me long after camp ended, and I remember how dedicated all of the staff was pouring the love of Jesus into the hearts of the campers. Because Camp Gilead made a huge impact on who I am today and helped give me a firm Christian foundation, I wanted to give back and serve this summer as a camp counselor.



I was expecting God to work in miraculous ways this summer, however I did not know how He would. I assumed that He would work in the hearts of campers during chapel or cabin Bible time. While that definitely happened, I was surprised when God worked during the most unexpected times. One day while my cabin was at archery, one of my high school campers pulled me aside. She started crying and told me how she felt convicted about the way she was living and wanted to rededicate her life to Jesus at that moment. I was amazed at how God can call people closer to Him at any time...even while shooting arrows during archery and being attacked by mosquitos. God reminded me that God can work at any time or place. We proceeded to pray together, and I felt so thankful for God allowing me to be a part of that moment.

I also felt so blessed by the other staff members at Camp Gilead. During times that were hard, everyone was so supportive of one another, whether that be to take a person's cabin for an extra 15 minutes, being a shoulder to cry on, or praying over that person. It has been a little less than a month since camp officially ended. While it has been a shift adjusting back to life at home and I have missed camp, I am so thankful for the staff who have continued to reach out after camp.

Sierra Spring

DAY CAMP 2022

I was on day camp staff during the first week of August. Another girl and I led a group of 10 girls, ages 7-8. We took them to chapel, taught them verses, played with them during free time, and showed them how to do the activities each day. Some things I enjoyed were getting to know the girls and seeing their eagerness to memorize verses and hear the Bible lessons in chapel. Every evening the day camp staffers got to go to resident camp chapel, and the songs were super fun! I really enjoyed it. I helped lead activities I had never done and learned how to get kids involved.

By the end of the week, I was exhausted, but wishing I had signed up for another week.

Abigail Rauk



SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT MOUNTAINS AND VALLEYS

This summer, I spent a week presenting the Word of God to several dozen 5th - 7th grade campers. As I approached Camp Gilead, I caught a glimpse of Mt. Si, and was reminded of the first time that I agreed to accompany my bride on a mountain hike. I didn't really want to go, but as a newlywed, I figured it would be good "dying to yourself" training. Spoiler alert: I wasn't wrong.

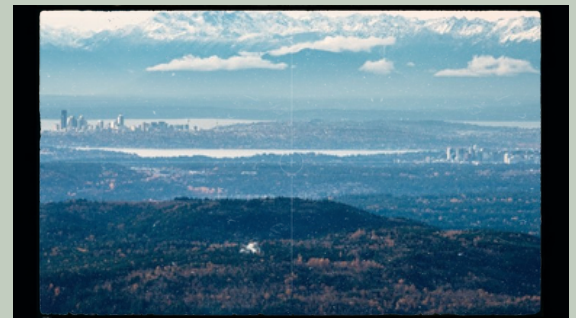
The hike started well enough, but it didn't take long for me to realize that I was in for more than I'd bargained. Before long, I was sweating and my legs were burning, but that was just the beginning; I started catching spiderwebs with my face, and all manner of flesh-eating insects sought to nibble me to death. I don't mind so much being in nature, but when nature gets on me, that's when I start getting grumpy. I began a how-much-longer-is-this-gonna-take-and-why-are-we-doing-this-anyway whine that persisted on-and-off for most of the three-hour hike up that tree-covered rock. How my wife put up with me, I'll never know. I think the only reason that she didn't pitch me off the trail was that she was too busy laughing at the sight of me aggressively waving a stick in front of my face for several hours and carrying on like Daffy Duck whenever I caught another web with my face. "Dethspicable."

After what felt like days of climbing, I finally came to understand why this is some people's idea of fun. The trees vanished, and suddenly I could see... Bellevue and Seattle off to the west, Mt. Rainier to the south, and all kinds of lush, green fields directly below. Smartphones hadn't been invented yet, so I did what we all did back in the day—I pulled out my Nokia 2110 cellular phone and dialed.

"Mom! You're never going to guess where I am right now!"

"Where?"

"I'm on the top of a stinkin' mountain! This is so cool! I wish you could see this!"



Have you ever stopped to think about why we can see so far from the top of a mountain? It's because there're no trees up there. The view is amazing, for sure, but there is no growth on the top of a mountain. The growth happens in the well-watered lowlands and valleys below—where the mosquitoes and the cobwebs are, where it's sweaty and our joints are achy, and our muscles are screaming for a break. It is there that we get stronger, where our faith is put to the test, where people mock and ridicule us for the cause of Christ, and where we lack answers to the simple question "Why, Lord?" (1 Kings 18-19). It's where His power is made perfect in our weakness (2 Corinthians 12:9; 2 Corinthians 4).

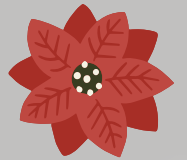
So, as you go through the valley, remember James 1:2-4 and consider it all joy, because the summit is just ahead (Luke 21:28).

DAN KREFT

GILEADVENT

A DRIVE THROUGH CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE

December 18-19 : 5-8PM



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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."

A vertical event poster for Camp Gilead. The background is a deep blue gradient with a subtle pattern of light blue dots and a faint anchor icon. At the top left is the Camp Gilead logo (1948). In the center is a large, detailed anchor icon. Below the anchor, the text reads "MARCH 17-18" in yellow, "ANCHORED" in large yellow letters, and "WOMEN'S RETREAT" in yellow with a dashed underline. At the bottom, it says "SPECIAL SPEAKER" in white and "PATTY ARDAVANIS" in large yellow letters. The website "CAMPGILEAD.ORG" is at the bottom left. The poster is flanked by decorative rope-like borders with anchor icons.

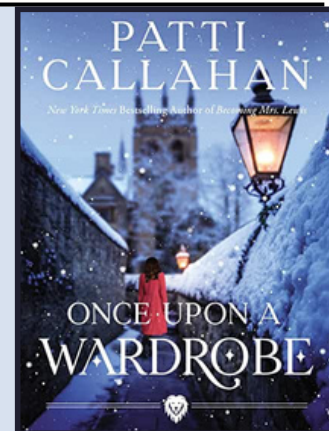
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SPECIAL SPEAKER
PATTY ARDAVANIS

BOOK REVIEW SERIES

Carly Hall

Camp Gilead Intern



ONCE UPON A WARDROBE

by Patti Callahan

Synopsis

Megs Devonshire is a college student at Oxford during the 1950's. Her little brother George has a heart condition, and he wants to know the origin of the story that has captured his imagination more than anything. How did Narnia begin? The analytical Megs gathers her courage to ask Professor C.S. Lewis this question, which starts a journey she could have never expected. As Mr. Lewis answers her question with stories of his life, Megs learns how things unseen are just as important as the tangible.

Review

It is evident when reading this work that Patti Callahan is a gifted author as her poetic style quickly draws readers into the story and clearly conveys emotion as well as fact. I appreciate the care she took to tell C.S. Lewis' life story from a new and refreshing perspective. This story, while being a work of fiction, contains true events from C.S. Lewis's life and would be an excellent introduction to the world of biographies. Inside the pages of this story, I found myself joyously agreeing with the points made of why fiction is important and worth reading. Overall, *Once Upon a Wardrobe* is a well written and thoroughly enjoyable book, especially for fans of Narnia and C.S. Lewis.

Positive Themes

- Love and loyalty. In both Megs' and Mr. Lewis' life, these traits are held in high esteem.
- Benefits of reading, particularly fiction and fantasy.
- Work-life balance as Megs studies hard while also prioritizing her family in pursuit of the answer to George's last wish.

Potential Concerns

- Mentions of both world wars. Parental discretion recommended for younger children.
- Terminal illness of a child. The struggle and grief of a child's illness could be a sensitive subject for some families.
- Megs falls in love. Light romance in the second half of the book.

Have a book you would like reviewed?
 Send your suggestions to carly@campgilead.org



CAMP CABIN SERIES

The Story Behind the Name

CABIN 15: SPAIN



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SPAIN

Over 10 million Spanish people live in a city without an evangelical church. In Spain, where the Reformation never truly took hold, there are less than a million followers of Jesus. Chris and Rosalie Duryee, along with their children Susanna and Austin, are privileged to help plant a church alongside a national pastor in Cabanillas del Campo, a city in Castilla la Mancha that has never had an evangelical church. They reach out to Spaniards, most of whom are agnostic or atheist, and share the love of Jesus through hospitality, English classes, Bible teaching, and various outreach events.

Susanna and Austin attend Evangelical Christian Academy, an international school for 1st through 12th graders that is always in need of teachers and administrators. The Duryees are proud to be sent from Eastgate Bible Fellowship and have participated in a few events at Camp Gilead over the years.

Chris & Rosalie Duryee



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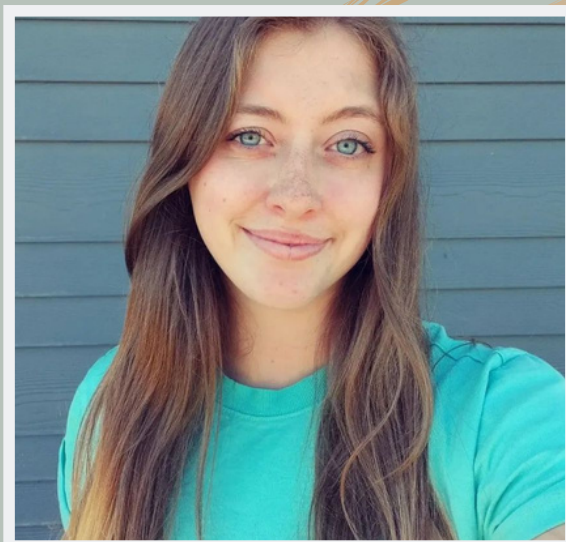
STAFF ALUMNI *Small Business Spotlight*



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Hello everyone! My name is Katherine Estrada. I was a camper at Gilead for many years and served on staff for five. I had the opportunity to serve on high school staff, as a counselor, and as an assistant cook. I am so thankful for the friendships and connections made there that still continue to this day.



Valley Made is my clay earring business. I handcraft all my earrings here in Moxee, WA. I honestly wasn't a huge jewelry person until I found clay earrings. I love how they look, how light they are, and that they are handmade. I really enjoy supporting local artisans in general because everything is created with intent and passion. I feel thankful to be joining that group and sharing what I have made with others. I am so excited to see where this new adventure will lead.

Katherine Estrada

<https://valley-made.square.site/>

STAFF ALUMNI FEATURE

NOLAN CASON

If you've ever experienced Camp Gilead, you know that, in certain ways, it stays with you forever. It is a place of memory, as all that have experienced it can rehash great stories about God's working and the many fun times that each summer brings. Unlike most of the people I served with as a counselor, my time at Camp Gilead was limited to a single summer, and I've always thought back with a measure of sadness that I was never able to return in subsequent years. However, I know the paths the Lord takes us on are not only best for his Kingdom, but are incredibly fulfilling.



Nolan Cason

Since my time at Camp Gilead in 2013, the Lord has led me to various ministry positions, now culminating in my work as a fund development rep for StoryRunners, a missions organization that starts church planting movements among unreached people groups in oral cultures. StoryRunners works with local speakers through a four-week residence workshop, called a school of storying, to develop a set of 42 oral Bible stories into their heart language. Participants can then utilize these stories for evangelism, discipleship and eventual church planting, and are equipped to do so through church planting training during the school of storying. In oral cultures, oral Bible stories are an extremely effective tool for ministry that sidesteps the challenges of literacy. My passion is to introduce people to this wonderful ministry, and help create partnerships that will lead to full funding for its mission, while presenting opportunities for God's people to be involved in God's work.

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STAFF ALUMNI FEATURE

NOLAN CASON

In March, I had the privilege to be able to observe a school of storying in Tanzania, as StoryRunners worked with members of the Maasai people group to develop our story set (called the Promise) into the language. The project was an absolute dream, and it ended with a completed story set, and 87 new believers! The participants were extremely eager to share their faith in the form of the developed oral Bible stories, and just now we have more StoryRunners staff back in Tanzania to deliver additional church planting training to the 20 participants in the project. They hope to start 3 oral Bible story groups each by the end of the year, with the goal that these groups will become planted churches in their communities.

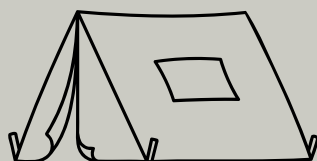
Nolan Cason



If you want to learn more, please check us out at storyrunners.org!

Calendar at a Glance

- November 4-5 * Father Son Adventure Weekend*
- December 2-3 * GileAdvent Work Weekend*
- December 9-10 * GileAdvent Work Weekend*
- December 18-19 * GileAdvent*
- January 15-16 * Junior High Snowblast*
- January 27-28 * In Tune Worship Team Retreat*
- March 3-4 * Gilead Council/Board Meeting*
- March 17-18 * Women's Retreat*
- March 31-April 1 * Men's Retreat*
- May 19 * Spring Hymn Sing*
- May 19-20 * Volunteer Work Weekend*
- May 29 * River Run 5K*
- May 29 * Memorial Day Service*
- June 2-3 * Father Son Fishing Retreat*



October Photo Challenge



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