

# Winter Newsletter 2021



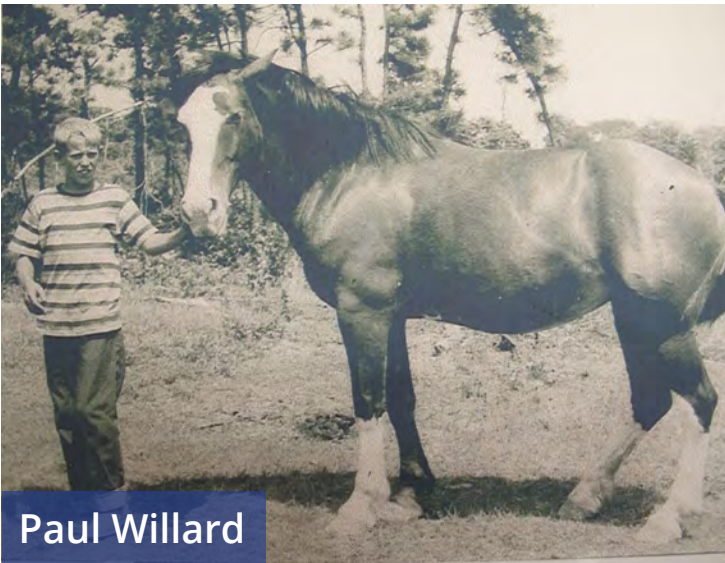
## Camp Good News

Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever. Psalm 106:1

### Dear Friends,

We look forward to a wonderful New Year. God has promised to go before and make straight our paths. It is wonderful we don't have to flounder aimlessly around because He gives us hope and purpose. We enjoy getting letters from alumni from the different generations.

Paul Willard was the eldest son of Grace and Warren Wyeth Willard, the founder of Camp Good News. Back in the 1940s when Uncle Paul was around twelve years old, he wanted to work with horses on campus. So his father decided to board three or four horses at camp. Paul managed their care and rode them on the wooded trails. Boarding horses is a big operation; they needed food and supplies year around. Wyeth decided to contract a good stable in Barnstable where children could take riding lessons. This was a more practical way to conduct a very popular activity.



Paul Willard

Throughout his life, Paul loved getting to know the campers and staff. Later in life he moved into a camp cottage and drove cross-country in his eighteen-wheeler. Paul liked to pray and read his Bible down at the waterfront. After a full life, Paul passed away on October 16, 2021, at age of eighty-

seven. His health had deteriorated, but as he passed from death into God's presence he had a new body. When he saw Jesus, the Bible says he would be like Him. We have peace knowing the joy of his present life. He loved the Lord and sought to please Him. We found a half empty box of Bibles he purchased to hand out to truckers. Each was signed with a familiar cross and verse used by his father. He also organized and attended a Men's Breakfast for years.

### Short excerpts from letters and emails about Paul:

All of us at Anglican Church of the Resurrection are sorry for your loss.

I got to spend some time with him at his breakfasts at the golf club. What a great man he was, full of wit, intelligence, insight, and faith. I felt inspired being around him, and know that those of you who knew him better have an even greater feeling of loss. We know he's gone on to a better place, but we will miss him until we're reunited with him.... God bless you, Father Alan

Paul is a darling. What a dear man. Thanks for allowing me to connect with him. He is a pleasure and very funny.... Imagine that homecoming! And how the Lord welcomed him back, caring for him with such love and dignity.... Love Patti

**I thank my God every time I remember you. Philippians 1:3**

It was through Paul that I first heard of Camp Good News. I went to pick up a food order at a restaurant in Yarmouth and he was sitting there going through clippings of his father. He asked me if I had ever heard of Camp Good News while I was waiting for the order of food to come out. Paul gave me a pamphlet of the camp and it was soon after that that I went to the camp office to sign up my daughter for a session and ended up meeting Faith there and she offered me a job. The rest is history, they say.

I always thanked him for that meeting that day as the years passed at camp. I loved working there. Now Paul has a divine meeting with His Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I see him surrounded by all who loved him and are in glory with him ....  
With love, Hope

*What a day that will be  
When my Jesus I shall see  
And I look upon his face  
The one who saved me by his grace  
When he takes me by the hand  
And leads me through the Promised Land  
What a day, glorious day that will be.  
Lyrics and music by Jim Hill*

**Wishing you a very Happy New Year!**  
Sincerely,

*Jane Brooks*

## Tricky Nicky



**Nick Cenzalli**

Out of the horseback-riding program inspired by Paul, Camp Good News continued to offer campers lessons at a local stable. Faith Willard came to help her father at camp and would often drive the children to the stables. Her attention was drawn to a rather sad-looking young man leading the horses. She inquired about "Nick" and was told by the instructor that he came from an unhappy situation and "maybe you could help him." The next day Faith offered him a place at camp. Two or three days after his arrival, Faith's father asked where this boy came from. Faith admitted she had felt sorry for him and enrolled him into the program. He returned for many summers and got to know Mr. Worm who nicknamed him "Tricky Nicky." Nick tells the story as follows:

When I was thirteen (1977) I came to Camp Good News for three and a half weeks. As I look back at those three and a half weeks, I can see its importance and what an impact camp had on the rest

of my life. I experienced many activities for the first time; the water sports at camp were the best. I knew how to swim but improved and learned three more strokes: breast stroke, butterfly, and backstroke. I learned to sail that summer, along with canoeing, and caught my first fish.

Archery was another first and has become a lifelong passion. Cabin night activities were a blast. I slept outside under the stars for the first time and can still taste the blueberry pie my cabin picked blueberries for. My counselor taught me how to tie a proper bowline knot, which I used as a commercial fisherman and tree arborist. The first time I participated in a charity was at camp. I heard the Good News while there, which led me to accept Jesus as my Savior.

In 2009 I was diagnosed with primary progressive multiple sclerosis. As my walking ability declined, I remembered Romans 8:28 and started to plan things I could do in a wheelchair.

*And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. Romans 8:28*

I am blessed not to be in a wheelchair yet and today operate a charity called **Sharing Serenity Inc.** to help people in wheelchairs get out on the water by means of a wheelchair accessible pontoon boat to fish or just enjoy God's creation on the waters of Cape Cod. So I would like to thank Camp Good News for the difference they made in a thirteen-year-old boy's life. I also would like to extend the services of sharing serenity by providing our twenty-six-foot pontoon boat for cabin night on Mashpee Wakeby Lake.

Nick Cenzalli

## Counselor from the 1960s

Dear Camp Good News, How time flies, I remember 1960 being a camp counselor for the first time and how God blessed me the whole summer. At the age of fifteen I became a junior counselor and then a regular counselor that same summer. Camp and all my special memories are in my heart. Back then evenings off were spent going to the laundry mat and canoeing. I knew nothing about oil lamps and no indoor electricity, but I learned at camp. I met my husband there, and we have been married fifty-seven years. ... I just thought I'd give you an idea of who I am, a pastor's wife and lover of Camp Good News.

Karen Wills

## 2021 Camper Letter



*Younger campers often express themselves quite tenderly. Their struggles are often hard for us to understand and we cherish their efforts to explain themselves.*

Dear Jane, I had so much fun sailing with you! Thank you for helping me reach my goal.  
P.S. Thank you for letting me go for free. I'm sorry Jane for hurting one of your campers.  
I wouldn't do it again, I promise.

His apology illustrated great parenting, the importance of forgiveness, and the hope we all share for acceptance. Only God knows the impact summer camp makes on a child. Camp Good News was founded in 1935, and granddad often told campers that he was a very bad boy. A one-week stay at a church camp changed his life forever. The awareness of an all-knowing, loving God prompted him to invite Jesus into his heart. We truly hope that children continue to embrace the saving knowledge of their Lord and Savior at Camp Good News.

## 2021 Junior Counselor



Lee with his mother Kyong Mee, Jane and Faith

I was astonished by the size of the country. In the place I live in Bangladesh, the buildings and people are so densely packed together. Jane tells me we have entered the camp property. The further I go in camp, the more stunned I am. I did not expect the camp to be this enormous in size. Huge fields, tennis court, basketball court, volleyball court, recreational area, and just the natural environment and the clean air just overwhelmed me. In addition, the camp also has a huge pond with a sandy shore. The view was magnificent. The place is indescribable with words. Sailboats, Canoes, kayaks, paddleboards, and the swimming areas made up the utopia for the kids and counselors to have fun. I wish I had a chance to come here as a little child. ... Every moment with the kids and the counselors was such a bonding experience and are an unforgettable memory. Everyone singing together during chapel time, skits, talent shows, swimming, boating, playing sports, even reading the Bible

together, and moments before going to bed and cleaning our cabin all those times are precious memories and was such a healing time for me. ... Things that are normal in America are all special in Bangladesh. I still have flashbacks of all the good memories and all the quality conversations I had at Stephen Andrews cabin, all the activities we had at the campground, biking along the canal, the sunset at the beach which was absolutely stunning, car wash fundraising, the kids and the counselors I bonded with, Steve just lifting up the ambience all the time, and the kitchen staff who were always nice to me, cooked us amazing food and their humor, all still remain vivid in my mind. I'm very grateful to Jane for giving me this opportunity to serve as staff at camp. By the grace of God, everything was possible, and I thank God for giving me the privilege. I hope I can come back again next year.

## 85th Camp Reunion

**August 5-7, 2022**

Everyone is invited to join us in celebrating the opening of Camp Good News over eighty-five years ago. A camp reunion is scheduled at the beginning of August in hopes that we can meet and fellowship together. It will be great fun to visit with people from different generations to hear their stories and learn what God has done in their lives since camp. The docks will be up, boats will be on the waterfront, and other fun activities in the works.

There are a limited number of camp cabins and cottages available, so please sign up with Adrienne in the camp office as soon as possible to reserve a place on campus. There are many other accommodations in the surrounding towns, where you



might also book comfortable hotel rooms on Cape Cod, but those spots also fill up as the summer nears. May the Lord bless and keep you close this coming year!

*No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him. 1 Corinthians 2:9*

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