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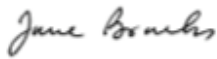
And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.
2 Corinthians 9:8

Greetings from Camp Good News! Our 2026 season is almost here. Cris and Christian returned early from Ecuador to prepare the campgrounds and ropes course. We are excited to introduce a Low Ropes Activity this summer. Grace Willard is also leading a major project: transforming the Route 130 Guesthouse into Faith Learning Academy, with hopes of opening the school in September. Camp nurse Colleen Hyland has made several visits to help Grace remove furniture, clean, and paint.

The camp experience is about far more than our beautiful sunsets, wooded paths, pristine waterfront, or first-class Athletic Field—it is about the people who come here. We are blessed with a leadership team of community pillars who greatly enrich each camper's stay. It all began when Granddad chose to "give the property" to God. Today, we continue serving the King and benefiting from His generous provision!

Please let us know if you'd like to come for a visit or want to help in the kitchen, laundry, arts & crafts, waterfront, lawns ... the possibilities are endless!

Sincerely,



Jane Brooks
Director



Christian and Cris

Anderson Alumni

I recently attended Dale Stultz's memorial service in Indianapolis. Dale was the Boathouse Director when I was a small girl. I vividly remember him teaching us to row, paddle, and sail. He graduated from Anderson College, and many camp alumni attended the service. Our Anderson College connection begins with Gert Wunsch, a legendary professor and coach known as the "mother" of Anderson University women's athletics. She was inducted into the college's Athletic Hall of Fame and awarded an honorary doctorate in 1997.

During my visit to Anderson, I enjoyed reconnecting with camp alumni from past decades, including Phil Harrington, Avis Liverett, and George Abiad. Avis recalled, "I was only there for a summer, but I wouldn't

change it for anything.” Phil and Dale’s wives, Tara and Cheryl, plan to spend a week at camp this July; our Kitchen Director, Grace Willard, may even invite them to volunteer for a few kitchen shifts!

George Abiad

George first came to camp in 1979 as a fifteen-year-old from war-torn Lebanon. At the time, Faith Willard was teaching at Eastwood College in Beirut during Lebanon’s sixteen-year civil war. She invited four Eastwood students to Camp Good News and four others to her brother’s camp in Maine, with George among the first group. His mother, Georgette, later said, “Everything began on Cape Cod. You are the first people who adopted my son and started him in the States. Otherwise, he wouldn’t have come.” The following year, Faith brought eighteen students to camp. George returned to Good News as a Counselor-in-Training.



Faith and Gert

During the 1970s and 1980s, Lebanon was torn by conflict among political factions, Israel, and the Syrian peacekeepers. Georgette, who was born in Haifa, Israel, described Lebanon as a ticking time bomb. The children who came to camp then included Christians, Shiites, Sunnis, and Druze; some later died in the war. When Gert invited George to live with her in Indiana, he accepted. In 1989, he received a full scholarship to Anderson College, lived with Gert while studying there, worked on campus, and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in graphic design. Today, George stays busy as a landlord, photographer, and master craftsman. We hope he will return to help at camp one day!



George and his mother Georgette

Time to Say Good-Bye to Two Camp Friends

Dr. Seppo Rapo (January 1939 – March 2026)

Dr. Rapo, a longtime camp board member, lived a rich and full life. Originally from Finland, he graduated from Wheaton College in Illinois, where Granddad Willard served for many years as Assistant to the

President. That role allowed Granddad's children—Hope, Faith, Paul, Peter, and Barbara Nix—to attend tuition-free.

Dr. Rapo became a thoracic surgeon and hired Steve Brooks to work with Cape Cod Surgical Associates in 1990. Seppo volunteered his services as a missionary doctor in Honduras and would fly his Cessna to Martha's Vineyard and Nantucket to care for his patients. He loved music, sailing, and imported and raced H-boats from Finland. His daughter Kristen was one of the best Boathouse Assistants we ever had! Most importantly, the Rapo family loved and served the Lord with joy. Seppo is now enjoying the wonder of being in the presence of the Lord.

Dale Stultz

(November 4, 1939 – March 23, 2026)

For many summers, Dale traveled from Anderson, Indiana, to serve on the camp waterfront. A gifted and generous man, he taught Arts & Crafts and Shop for thirty-five years, named his first yacht Good News, and helped found the Church of God Historical Society. He also farmed, started several businesses, and was an artist, builder, pilot, and author. Dale was dearly loved by his wife Cheryl, his two children, and many friends. Above all, I remember him as a wonderful Boathouse Director who encouraged me when I was a shy six- or seven-year-old.



Dale Stultz

I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day—and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing. 2 Timothy 4:7-8

I enjoy reading cards, letters, emails, and notes about the lasting impact camp has had on people's lives. Here are two recent unsolicited letters from alumni:

Camper from 2025

Camper from Ukraine: *Good evening (Steve)! How was your week? I know work is hard and sometimes you can't reply but it's okay, I understand that work make you feel tired and I hope God will bless all of you. In summer 2025 you made me feel more free, before camp I thought Jesus will not forgive my sins, but your songs and the Bible you gave to me just opened my eyes. When I reading Bible I feel like a cat that getting petted, and my dreams becomes wonderful, so I hope we will meet again! Have nice days.*

Reunion Guest: I was very nervous about coming to the camp reunion last year. Knowing Cathi was coming helped a lot. We have



kept in touch and seen each other over the years. When her flight got cancelled, my anxiety went through the roof. Will anyone remember me? I was only there for one summer, '82. I decided to go, if it didn't feel comfortable, I would leave. I was greeted with open arms and big hugs from Darren, Brenden, and Scott. We started talking like we had just seen each other yesterday.

As the weekend went on, I began to feel ... I can only describe it as different. My anxiety was gone. I didn't care if I had makeup on, what my cloths and hair looked like, I felt "free." It was the happiest I've been in a long time.



I took a few extra days to drive back to New Jersey down the coast. It was a great time to reflect. It took a few months for me to piece it all together, but I did ... I could never explain to anyone for forty years why Camp Good News (CGN) was so important to me. I now truly believe I had anxiety back then and didn't know it. CGN took it away then, as it did last summer. That is why I couldn't explain it!

I also never understood how a girl from a rural town in southern New Jersey ended up at a camp on the Cape. You helped me piece that together. I struggled in school, but while we were putting away the archery targets after the reunion, you pointed out the tutoring building. That reminded me that I was promised gymnastics if I agreed to tutoring. Thank you for all you do.

Blessings, Traci (Henderson) Ciani

Camp Needs

Before Faith Learning Academy can open, the dilapidated barn/dormers next door must be demolished at an estimated cost of \$20,000. A second barn/garage across from it also needs reinforcement to prevent collapse, which will be an even greater expense. God knows our needs and may lead you to help. Thank you for your prayers and support!



See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! 1 John 3:1