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“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.” — Colossians 3:15-16

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Peace seems to be elusive for most people in the world today. And yet it is interesting to note that many who step on the grounds of Mt. Gilead, whether they are campers, guest group renters or even the mail lady, they sense peace.

Paul’s words above to the Colossians may shed light on why the peace is felt at camp. All of us that serve at Mt. Gilead are believers and yet we still struggle as we live out our walk with Christ. The last portion of the passage speaks about letting the Word of God dwell in you richly. At Mt. Gilead, it is the anchor of our ministry. We unabashedly proclaim the Word of God, the whole Word of God, not just the words that are comfortable and popular, but the words that come with a cost. The reason our guests and visitors sense God’s peace is that the Word of God is



taught here and lived out, not perfectly, but with a reliance on the guidance and grace of Jesus. We are so thankful to Jesus for His peace that is felt at Mt. Gilead but even more thankful that the Word of God is faithfully proclaimed. Through the Word of God, sin is revealed, repentance is sought, and that peace is felt in the hearts of our guests and campers for an eternity. To God be the glory.

Thank you for in helping us proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ to a world in desperate need of God’s peace.



Camper Testimonies from Summer 2022:

- *Before I came here, I never thought twice about my relationship with God, but now I love God so much more!*
- *I learned that Satan's hate will never be able to take down God's love.*
- *Jesus gave us a choice to follow. And I chose to follow Him!*
- *My relationship with God has gotten stronger and I've learned how to keep it strong!*
- *This week I learned that our sins do not define us and that all we need is the Lord.*
- *This week I learned that even though I mess up God will always love me!*
- *I grew up going to church, but this week has answered many questions I had and helped me grow in my faith.*
- *I have been a Believer since a young age, then something happened and I stayed away, but this week at Mt. Gilead has drawn me back. I've learned He never leaves us.*

Testimonials from Parents: What difference did Mt. Gilead make in the life of your campers?

- *They recommitted their lives to Jesus*
- *Deepened his love for God and grew closer with his friends*
- *My daughter was one of the 19 during her camp to accept the Lord*
- *My boy asked if he could read his Bible the night we got home!*
- *They kept saying it was all so fun!*
- *It helped her out of her comfort zone and to be a bit more bold*
- *More independence, connection with God, developing friendships and a love for time spent outdoors*

These testimonies are the result of your prayers, giving and serving. We thank you for your faithfulness to Christ and for sustaining us with your prayers and financial giving. We simply could not do it without your help.

May the peace and joy of Christ surround you this Christmas Season!

Serving Him with You,

David F. Gould,
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