

# CAMPER NOTES

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## Hello Campers

As we approach that time of year when we would normally be busy planning for Legacy Builders Retreat, our committee would like to extend a greeting and reach out with some information.

Camp is an important part of summer. We connect with old friends, renew relationships, establish new friendships, relax and most importantly focus on spending time with our Creator and Savior. Many of us have been blessed with amazing camp memories over the years. We enjoy many spiritual miracles, blessings and a fresh renewal of His Spirit at camp.

Without camp, this year there is certainly a void. This newsletter is created to reach out and let you know that we are thinking and praying for each one of you at this time. We are encouraged, excited and looking forward to next year's camp and are busy making plans to make it a special time. We are so thankful to each one of you, and miss you all and are looking forward to reconnecting next year.

Please continue to pray with us for each other, Legacy Builders Retreat 2021 and Nanoose Bay Pentecostal Camp as a whole.

## Meet the President – Barb Molly

I would like to introduce myself as the newly elected President of Legacy Camp (Vancouver Island Seniors Camp Society). This position is very new to me but I am up for the challenge.

*“There are different kinds of gifts but the same spirit distributes them.”*

*1Corinthians 12:4*

I was born and raised on a farm in Nova Scotia and am a true “Bluenoser”. We did not have a lot when I was growing up, but we had what we needed. I looked forward to Sundays - everything was closed, no chores to do, we were free to do whatever. We would shed the farm boots and everyone went to church dressed in our “Sunday best”, which included the hat and those shoes with the small heels. This tradition, I still enjoy today, except the hats are bigger and the heels higher. On Sunday afternoons, I would stroll around the graveyard, reading headstones, hoping to find the history of people before me. I found this fascinating.

I have always felt God was listening, even when no one else did. Even though I was involved in the church, I did not really know what it meant to be a Christian. Sure, I listened to the sermons, which were short and to the point, said my prayers and even had my own bible. But there was something missing back then.



Now, here we are in a pandemic. I believe this is a wake-up call from God for all of us to slow down and take an account of our lives. We have become a materialistic, self-centered world and the list goes on. Its time to re-evaluate our lives put Christ at the top of the list and fill up those empty pews on Sunday. We need to look around us at all of His creation and see what He has given us. Oh, how I yearn for the simplicity of yesteryears versus the chaos of now.

*“The Lord will fight for you; you need only to be still.”*

*Exodus 14:14*

What I realized I was missing in my early walk with God was “LOVE”. Knowing now that He loves me and finds me worthy of that love. My faith has been tested many times and He is always there to pick up the pieces.

God keep you all safe and healthy and I rejoice in seeing you in 2021. *“God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.” Psalms 46:1*



## HAVE YOU HEARD...

One of our activities during camp is working on puzzles, and Myrtle Medd is very well known for supplying all manner of puzzles for the camp. One day she invited me over to her cabin to help with a puzzle. She mentioned she was having some trouble getting started, that she had it all spread out on her table and was ready to go. I asked what kind of puzzle it was and she stated it was a puzzle of a large rooster. I went over to help her get started, looked down at all the pieces spread over the table and said, “Myrtle put the cornflakes back in the box.” 😊

## NO FEAR

Submitted by Pastor Dave Hauser

As we look around us, listen to media, talk to individuals we see and we hear a lot of fear during this time of COVID-19. I am not knocking reactions or attitudes, this is the way it is unless we have an anchor, something to hold to.

Once we get past this monster of fear, we can start to deal with it an understandable way. The fear that has overtaken the world is not of God because the scripture tells us that God has not given us the spirit of fear. *2 Tim. 1 :7* God has not given us a spirit of fear but of power, and of love and of a sound mind.”

I see two kinds of fear: a fear that is crippling, leaves us paralyzed and holy fear, a God inspired reverent respect of God.

Crippling fear is when we encounter a situation and loss our minds over it, we become consumed with the thought.

Read again, “God has not given us the spirit of fear” fear it is not God orientated, so where does it come from?

Let us concentrate on what God has given us: love, power, and a sound mind, so we can live in His love and at the same time see God’s power at work.

But this sound mind is an interesting thought! It is described as clear thinking, rational, wisdom bases, realistic mind. It is like we need to step back and let sanity have a go at this, one translation calls a sound mind a” disciplined mind “and that is a great concept for people who understand and live in discipline.

Dr Bonnie Henry, our provincial Heath Office, has written a book about how to deal with this thing that she has entitled “Soup, water and common sense.”

That sounds like a sound mind which includes wearing a mask and gloves, practicing safe distancing, and using sanitizing products.

The bottom line is belief and apply your faith in God. COVID did not catch Him by surprise. Observe good hygiene practices and enjoy the love and power of God at work.



## SAVE THE DATE

August 9 – 12, 2021

We are so happy to announce that Dallas Siggelkow, from Generations Church, Nanaimo, will be coming as our speaker.

Our theme for this camp will be **“Transformed by Grace Divine”**.

We are also planning some new activities, so stay tuned.

Please mark your calendar soon, anticipating an exciting and blessed week.



# Just Reminiscing ...

There was an opportunity to interview a few campers who have attended Legacy Builders Retreat over the years and wish to pass along some memories to you.

**D**oug and Rose Taylor have been coming for the past 20 years, and they share it is the people who keep them coming back year after year. They are really missing the fact that no camps are happening this summer. Over the years they remember many special times visiting and getting reacquainted with old friends. Also, enjoying the blessings received, through messages from our special speakers such as Boyd Tremblett and Andy Moore. Doug remembers one year, where campers were to bring in very old items and he and his buddy Clare Bergman were sitting on a panel, to try to figure out the use of these items. The bantering back and forth with Clare and the outrageous ideas of how these items functioned, entertained the whole camp. Doug also remembers years of volunteering doing pots and pans and the comradery of his co-workers. Rose remembers shopping at the sidewalk sale, buying bubble bath. She tells me she will have to go to the store now, to purchase some of the items she would buy that would last until the following year. Both Doug and Rose are looking forward to camp 2021.



**L**ouise Wilson has only been attending Legacy camp for the past three years. She is very sad there is no camp and saddened by the fact of our camp tabernacle sitting empty this year. She especially loves morning prayer at camp and the freedom she felt to receive daily from the Lord. Her highlights are the wonderful speakers and the opportunity for a fresh anointing. She rejoices in the wonderful Spirit of God here at camp. One of her special memories from Legacy a couple years ago was running into a nurse who she hadn't connected with in many years, someone who years ago she had actually had the opportunity to lead to Jesus. What a blessing to see the Fruit in this individual's life. Louise is excited to come back to camp next year.



**N**orm and Mary Lou Williams are also really missing camp this year. They have been attending for over 20 years and enjoy the fellowship with all the campers. They would bring their truck and camper and enjoyed camping down at the beach. Norm tells me that it wasn't about going to camp with their best friends. It didn't really matter if their friends came or not as both him and Mary Lou would make new friends whenever they came. It was important to them to bless others through fellowship and relationships. For all you who know Norm, you surely understand this to be true. Norm reports how God has blessed them and been good and faithful to them through the years and it is important to share those blessings with others. Norm and Mary Lou are certainly looking forward to coming again next year the Lord willing.



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Talking to people has really brought out a theme, as you may have noticed. We thrive on the fellowship, community, and interpersonal relationships with each other. Sharing Christ, being renewed and filled. **What an amazing place!**