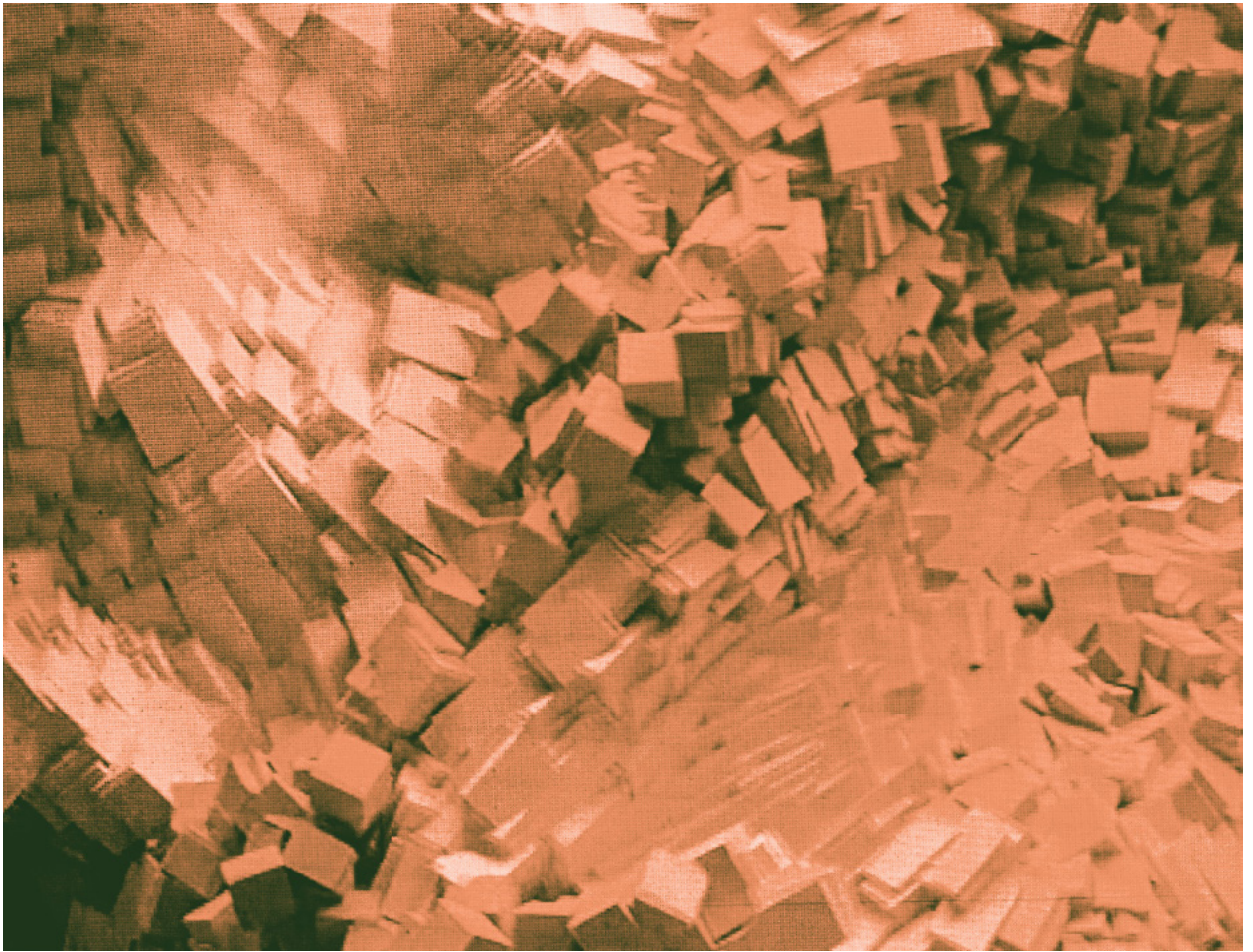


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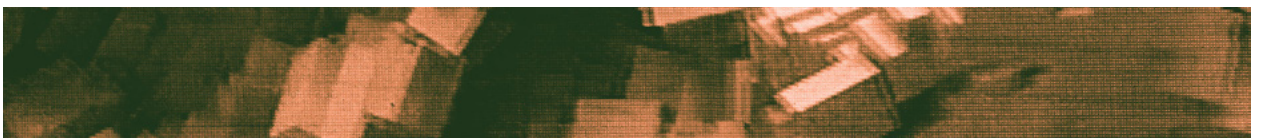
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THE HOLY LAND

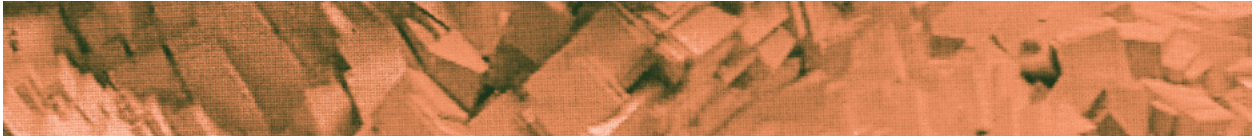
TRACI KELLER & VICTORIA FLAHERTY



LEFT: TRACI OUTSIDE THE TOWN OF CAPERNAUM; RIGHT: POOL OF SILOAM OUTSIDE OF HEZEKIAH'S TUNNEL



LEFT: CAROLYN, VICTORIA, TRACI, AND LOVENA ON A BOAT IN THE SEA OF GALILEE; RIGHT: MATT PRAYING AT THE WESTERN WALL



TRACI KELLER

There were so many amazing things about Israel, but I really loved the biblical part of it. The architecture was beautiful, but we got to go to the places where Jesus and the disciples walked. Being able to go through the Bible and see the places that correspond with the Scriptures was amazing to me. When they say that the Bible comes alive, they are not joking!

Everywhere I turned around, God was blessing me. I knew He was there. He was showing me things in the Bible and they were coming to life. He came to life to me. Each

place we went to, God was showing me something special about that place. It was just incredible.

God blessed me everywhere I turned by showing Himself to me more and more in ways I have never seen before. I am thankful because He is everything to me, and for Him to show Himself to me like that was amazing. It was a blessing to feel His presence there the whole time.

The Sea of Galilee was one of my favorite spots. I got to experience the peace and calmness of the waters that the

disciples fished on. This was the water that Jesus walked on, and I got to swim in it.

The Western Wall was also amazing. We got to gather with people of different nationalities and religions to pray all in the same place. It was very touching to see that God loves all these people. We could come together and respect one another no matter how we prayed. There were hundred of billions of prayers stuffed into the wall and God sees all of them, He knows all of them!



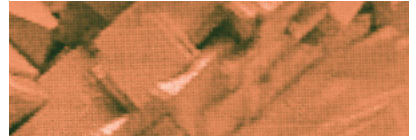
VICTORIA FLAHERTY

My favorite site on our Israel trip was Mount Carmel because it put the story of Elijah and the prophets of Baal into perspective. I was able to see that it really was a miracle that Elijah was able to run away from the chariots because there was no way he could have done that on his own!

Other places that were highlights for me were the Jordan River: being baptized in the river that Jesus was baptized in was pretty awesome. Magdala was amazing because they have

recently found the remains of a temple that Jesus probably taught in. Lastly, coming back to our kibbutz at the end of the day to swim in the Sea of Galilee was really fun. It was a cool environment with great food and really nice people.

Overall, my takeaway from the trip was that I don't have to go anywhere special to experience what God has for me, that every day is a chance to do the work of God. It also was honestly super impactful to imagine Jesus loving sinners every place we went. ■

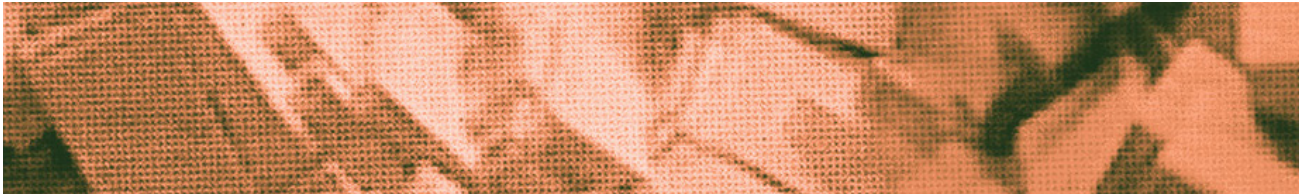


PASTOR SAM, LOVENA, VICTORIA, AND MATT AT THE TOP OF MOUNT CARMEL OVERLOOKING THE JEZREEL VALLEY



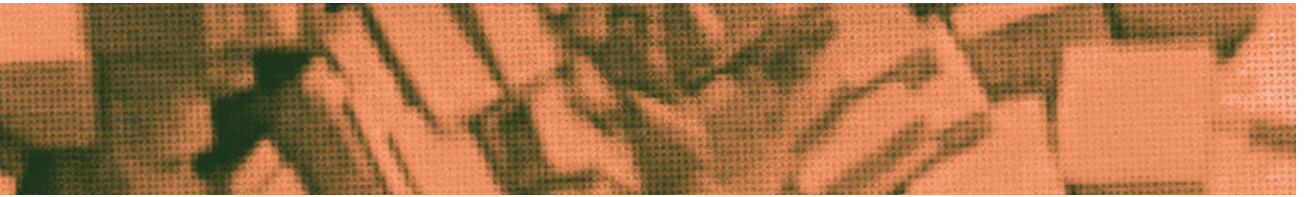
VICTORIA BEING BAPTIZED IN THE JORDAN RIVER

JULY



SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

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Bake Sale: July 2 after church. Help our students get to camp!

For more details, see Victoria Flaherty.

Kids Camp: July 10-13, Canby Grove, Grades 3-6. See page 7 for more details!

For more details, see Victoria Flaherty.

Church Service: Every Sunday Morning at 10:30 AM in the Sanctuary.

Mens' Bible Study: Every Tuesday morning at 6:30 AM in the Sanctuary.

For more details, see Pastor Sam Flaherty.

TRIBE: Jr. High and High School Group, every Wednesday Evening at 6:30 - 8 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

For more details, see Victoria Flaherty.

Celebrate Recovery: Every Thursday evening at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

For more details, see Bill Howell.



TREASURE HUNT

KIDS CAMP: JULY 10-13

SHANIA HAND

Kids camp was always an amazing experience! I constantly remember the years of going to Camp Lane! The river rapids, the A-frame candy cabin, and the fun games we used to play! Those were some of the best weeks in summer!

Aside from the fun, camp was always so impactful! I still remember the intimate times with the Lord. I gave my life to Jesus at kids camp. One evening at the chapel, I saw a dance where the girl was trying all these different ways of being happy but realized



that Jesus was the only person who could fill that void in her heart. Tears welled up in my eyes and, even at a young age, I knew I needed only Jesus. That very night, and although I grew up in a Christian home, I felt that the hole in my heart, the piece that was missing, was filled.

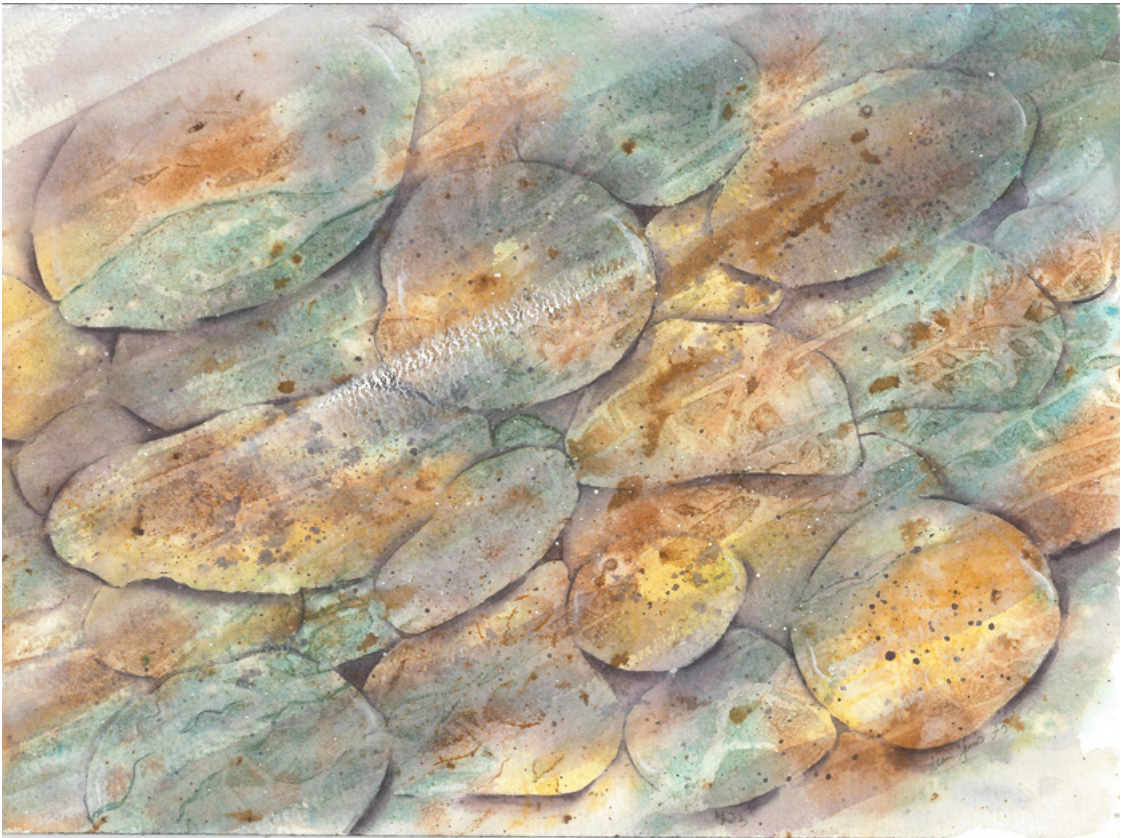
We all took a rock and wrote “sins” on it. After chapel we went to the campfire that we always had before bed and threw the rock into the fire symbolizing that our sins were

forgiven and gone. We were made new.

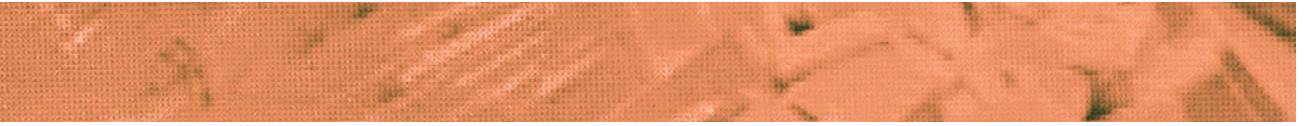
The result of going to kids camp was more powerful than I knew. As I got older, I always remembered the impact kids ministry and kids camp had on me. This was the reason I had such a heart for kids ministry and eventually became a Children’s pastor. I’ll never forget seeing the lives that were changed and how the Holy Spirit was poured out on that camp! ■



*SHANIA HAND, FORMER
KIDS MINISTRY PASTOR AT
COQUILLE CHURCH*



CANVAS & CLAY



RIVER ROCKS LISA LEWIS

These past few months, maybe even a full year. I have been comforted by painting rocks or stones. Specifically smooth river rocks. River rocks have been worn smooth...polished. They are strong, resilient, and beautiful.

In the Bible when we see people gathering stones is in 1 Samuel 7:12. After the Lord gave a great victory to Israel, "Samuel took a stone... He named it Ebenezer, saying, 'Thus far has the Lord helped us.' " It's a small monument to God to remember something He has done. I see this too

when I look at a rock I have picked up from a specific site.

Throughout scripture, rocks are commonly referred to as a symbol of God's reliability and strength. The Bible advises that we build our house and lives upon the stable rock that is God's love, wisdom and salvation. Rocks are interlaced with the idea of refuge, a place to escape the tremendous hardships of living.

"There is no one holy like the LORD; there is no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God (1Samuel 2:2)



ARTIST, LISA LEWIS

“Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the LORD: Look to the rock from which you were cut and to the quarry from which you were hewn; (Isaiah 51:1) This reminds me that I have been picked, I am being chipped away, refined, polished. I find this comforting when times are rough.

The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. (Psalms 18:2)

Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress; I will never be shaken. (Psalms 62:2)

They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built (Luke 6:48)

Where is my strength? Where is my hope? Where is my refuge? In my ROCK! My mighty, strong and everlasting FATHER GOD. Praise the Lord. ■

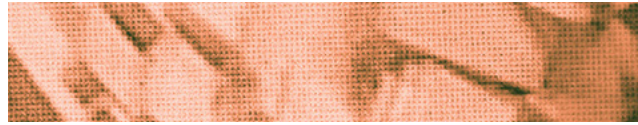


PASTOR SAM, PASTOR KEN AND LOVENA PRAYING OVER THE HARTLEY FAMILY ON THEIR LAST SUNDAY



THE WORSHIP TEAM CELEBRATED ANDY'S BIRTHDAY WITH A "ROCKIN'" BIRTHDAY CAKE.

WAVES



A DEVO
TONI HIXON

Summertime memories from days gone by wash over me like gentle waves. I can still feel the warm sun on me as I recall running through fields of wildflowers to get to the lake. I'd toss stones in, watching the ripples return to the shore where I was "toes only" in the water, and that was my cue to chuck the next rock in. I didn't have a care in the world!

My family moved away from the "land of 10,000 lakes" right after I finished the fifth grade. By the time we settled in Oregon after a short stay in Idaho, I was beginning the eighth grade. As a teen, my siblings, friends, and I would go swimming and innertubing in the Clackamas River. Unlike

lakes, there was a current to contend with. I'm thankful we never got caught by the "undercurrent." Just because we didn't see it doesn't mean it wasn't there!

Years later, as a mother of a small toddler, my husband and I were at Cannon Beach for the day with the baby. Our little boy loved the ocean as much as we did.

Then, in one split second, his little body was rolling in the shallow waves at the edge of the sand! His dad and I moved at the speed of light, and we simultaneously lifted him by his arms up out of the water! He was safe and unharmed, but, as parents, we felt as though we'd let our guard

down, nearly costing our son his life!

I've given three real life examples of waves. The definition of a wave is “a disturbance or variation that transfers energy progressively from point to point.” There are water waves, light waves, sound waves... how about spiritual waves? “When the waves of death compassed me, the floods of ungodliness made me afraid” (2 Samuel 22:5, NKJV).

BUT our God rules over the waves as their Creator! “You rule over the oceans and the swelling seas, when their stormy waves rise, you speak, and they lie still” (Psalm 89:9, TPT).



TRACI AND LOVENA AT TEL DAN



ZECH, PASTOR KAYLEE, KESLEY, EVAN, FAITH, AND GRACE PLAYING A BOARD GAME AT FAMILY CAMP

Sound waves are tricky; some frequencies humans can't detect. Spiritual waves can be similar. Undetected, they can become all encompassing to me, and, before I know it, I feel oppression, I feel outnumbered, even desperate! "But God has not given us [me] a spirit of fear [timidity] but of power [authority] and of love and of a sound mind" (2 Timothy 1:7, NKJV).

Jesus said we are "the salt of the earth and the light of the world" (Matthew 5:13,14, NKJV). As a believer, I've grown to understand that His Word coming out of my mouth, *with faith*, dispels darkness and influences my environment, affecting me and others I speak to and pray for, like waves!

Some spiritual waves from

the enemy are just ripples, seemingly harmless, but if not dealt with, can become a river with a swift current, taking me downward into a whirlpool of lies, condemnation, confusion, and everything hell can dish out, leaving me beached with crashing waves of defeat repeatedly beating me down!

My hope is the authority of His Word. 2 Corinthians 10:3-6 says our battle is in the spirit-realm; our words make all the difference! When our words are confessing His Word, the enemy doesn't stand a chance!

I have hope in *all things* - family, health, finances, emotions, relationships, work, school, church, government, media, entertainment... in every area of influence, I am a truth-chooser. I choose hope when I'm afraid. I choose hope when I have sorrow. I choose hope when I'm uncertain. My hope is in God Most High who comforts me, protects me, leads me, cleanses me, and

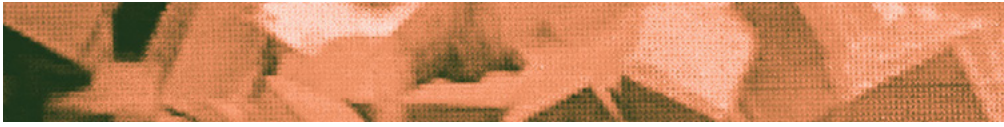
loves me. Daily, I will cause a "spiritual disturbance that transfers the Kingdom of God from point to point!"

Blessed be the Name of the Lord. May His favor and grace fill my life in every aspect - spirit, soul (our mind, will, and emotions), and body. I yield as an instrument to worship Him. I am His

■ *WHEN OUR WORDS ARE CONFESSING HIS WORD, THE ENEMY DOESN'T STAND A CHANCE!*

child and Kingdom warrior. I am called, equipped, and available.

Join me: "Let's go make some waves!" ■



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SAM FLAHERTY

Philippians is a book in the New Testament written by Paul. It is addressed to the believers in the city of Philippi, a Roman colony in Macedonia (present-day Greece). The letter is believed to have been written by Paul during his imprisonment, possibly in Rome, around the early 60s AD.

Philippians is considered one of Paul's "prison epistles" along with Ephesians, Colossians, and Philemon, as it was written while he was in captivity for preaching the gospel. Despite his imprisonment, Paul's

letter to the Philippians is characterized by its joyful and encouraging tone.

The main themes in Philippians include joy, unity, humility, and of course Jesus Christ. Throughout the letter, Paul expresses his deep affection for the Philippian believers and commends them for their partnership in the gospel. He encourages them to stand firm in their faith, to live lives worthy of the gospel, and to rejoice in all circumstances – "No Matter What!"

Paul shares his own experiences and personal

reflections on his imprisonment, expressing his contentment and reliance on Christ in all circumstances. He encourages the Philippian believers to have confidence in God's provision and to find strength in Christ – "No Matter What!"

Philippians has a timeless message of faith, joy, and the powerful life in Christ for all. We are so excited for what the Holy Spirit will reveal for us as we dive into Philippians this Summer. ■

AY IN THE LOOP

NO MATTER WHAT: THE BOOK OF PHILIPPIANS



PASTOR SAM, PASTOR KAYLEE, BILL, AND ADAM AT FAMILY CAMP

COLOR ME!



WELCOME! I'm Antonio Smalls, and this is my coloring page! Fill in the lines with the most patriotic colors you have: the reddest of reds, the purest of whites, and the blues of the shining seas that surround our beautiful country. That's right, we're celebrating the birth of our nation, the 4th of July, my favorite holiday ever. And, of course, be sure to check out my videos on the Coquille Foursquare Church YouTube channel!

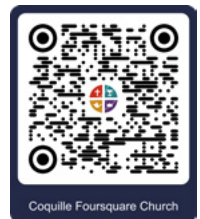


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