

Annual Single Adults Campout at Camp Kilowan 2025

Speakers and Presenters

James F Wright – Singer, Song Writer Musical Fireside

Originally from Seattle, Washington, James F. Wright is a singer-songwriter with a voice both distinctive and deeply resonant. Known for his rare ability to express life's emotions through music, James believes in the enduring power of storytelling through song. "A song that tells a story stays with you," he says. "It resonates because you imprint your own life experiences onto it." He's driven by the belief that the right song can offer vision, healing, and hope—writing from a place shaped by faith, perseverance, and a profound appreciation for the human experience.

Today, James calls Oregon's Mid-Willamette Valley home, where he continues to perform and record with passion and purpose—often in collaboration with world-class guitarist and arranger Michael Dowdle. Together, they've created the *Acoustic Café* series, beginning with *The First Set* (2020) and followed by *The Second Set* (2022). These projects reflect his warm, heartfelt approach to classics of the '60s and '70s, reimagined through a lens of simplicity, elegance, and lived experience. Alongside these beloved classics, James also showcases compelling original material that reflects his distinctive voice and life perspective.

James has also DJ'd in various church settings and performed his music as well in different church settings. You can find his music on YouTube, and on his website and Facebook page.

James and his wife Tammy have been married for 23 years. They are the parents of 6 beautiful children (2 from Tammy's previous marriage and 4 between them). He and his wife Tammy live in Millersburg, OR, which is part of the Lebanon Stake boundaries. James served his mission in New Zealand.





Tony & Edna Graham

Subject: Keeping the Spirit with Us

Tony and Edna Graham have been married for almost 45 years. They have two sons and two grandchildren. Tony grew up in Monmouth, Oregon, and is a convert to the church. He served a mission in Houston Texas.

Some of his callings have been serving in three Bishoprics and recently served as the Salem YSA ward Bishop. He has also served as seminary teacher, in the scouting program, and other teaching callings.

Some of his hobbies are team roping, fishing, and hunting.

Edna grew up in the church in British Columbia Canada. Some of the callings that she has served in are: Primary, Young Women's, and Relief Society. She Served in the Salem Stake Young Women's Presidency for 10 years and by doing so was blessed to be able to attend girls camp here at Camp Kilowan for over 10 years. She loves to hike, bike, hang out with the grandkids and cheer on her husband in team roping.

Charon Johnson

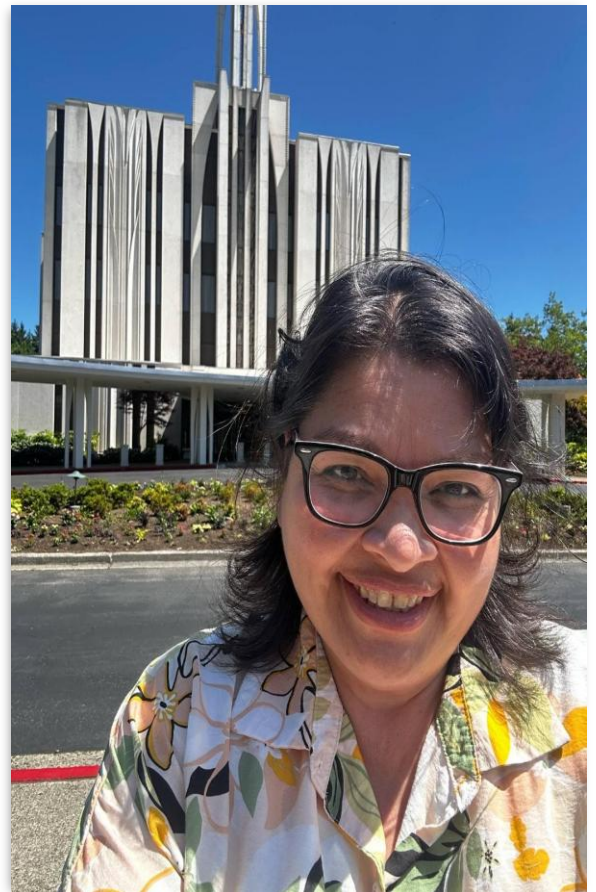
Subject: Journaling

Charon was baptized a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on September 5, 1999, and received her endowment in the Seattle Temple March 2001. One of the reasons why she joined was knowing that she will be together with her daughter; as a single mom that really was important to her. Charon is currently in the Royal Oaks Ward of the Keizer Stake.

She started journaling at a young age, simply writing about how her day went. As she became older, her journaling became more serious, it became more like therapeutic outlet. Sometimes she would pretend that she was writing to her future husband or to Heavenly Father.

Journaling helps when she is at my most stressed or most worried moments. She writes until she does not feel the stress or worry anymore. Charon recounts that at one point, she wrote for an entire hour, and realized at the end it became a prayer to Heavenly Father.

She often records experiences like her recent visit to Palmyra just a few years back and meeting her biologic father and aunt when she went to Palmyra. As she re-visits her journal she can re-live those moments, and the feeling she had that are so special to her.





Guy & Shana Forson

Subject: Our Worth

Shana grew in the small town of Mapleton, UT. She comes from a large family of ten kids. Shana has a degree in English

Guy grew up in Las Vegas Nevada, and comes from a family of 3 kids. Guy has a degree in recreation. He has worked as a recreation therapist and a collaborative problem-solving coach.

They both love serving in the church - teaching seminary and classes and activities. Shan has served as Relief Society President and Young Women's President ward missionary, and various other callings. Guy has served in a few different Bishoprics, including serving twice as Bishop for the Stayton Ward. He has also served as a seminary teacher, in the Young Men's organization, and as a ward missionary.

While they are opposites in most ways, they have used that to help strengthen their marriage. Both Guy and Shana have a love for outdoor activities and adventure including kayaking, hiking, scuba diving, etc. They live on a small family ranch. They have a couple of cows, and now run a destination venue for weddings, business, or family get togethers. They have 11 children and 14 grand children.

Cole Johnson

Devotional: Relationship with God

Brother Cole Johnson was born and raised in Salem, OR. He is the seventh child of twelve kids. He and his wife Daisha have been married almost 25 years, and they have eight children.

Cole is currently serving as a Sunday School teacher in the Battle Creek Ward of the Salem, Oregon Stake. However, his favorite calling has been a Primary Pianist.

In additions to spending time with his family, Brother Johnson enjoys playing the guitar and singing in his 80's cover band, watching and playing, and cooking.

