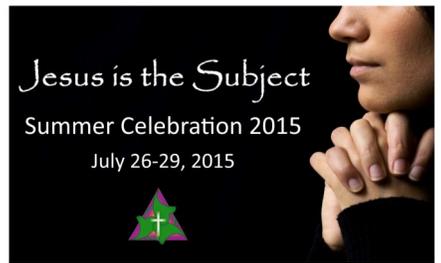


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# THE CONTACT

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## CHOG Convention 2015: Sheila Walsh Announced

A deeply personal struggle. A loving Redeemer. A life once battered and scarred by depression—now reclaimed in Jesus' name! This is the story of Sheila Walsh, Scottish-born singer-speaker-author noted for her four million books sold and her appearances on the Women of Faith tour. Out of her story flows honest reflections on God's unconditional love and mercy. It is with great excitement that Church of God Ministries announces Sheila Walsh as a speaker for Church of God Convention 2015, topping off a list of incredibly gifted speakers, including Francis Chan, Anita Renfro, Andy Thompson, Gillian Grannum, Steve Rennick, Steve Southards, and Jim Lyon.



Sheila Walsh comes to Church of God Convention for the first time, with great anticipation for the Holy Spirit's ministry through her teaching. Her passion for the reclamation and transformation of lost and struggling souls is only matched by her personal dedication to Jesus Christ and her family. Suffering in the throes of

depression, this breakout contemporary Christian singer of the 1980s and '90s found herself alone, confused, and ostracized—even by some in the Christian community. Though on the outside she appeared to have it all together, on the inside, an unrelenting war was waging.

Looking back on her journey through the valley, Sheila recognizes the ever-present

hand of a loving heavenly Father. Her ministry, often exercised in packed houses at Women of Faith events, has been

shaped by her long journey and her genuine encounter with grace. The Church of God will no doubt be blessed by her profound words of soul-deep origin.

Hear Sheila Walsh on Tuesday, June 23, during the evening service which will begin at 7:00 PM. For more information about Church of God Convention 2015, online registration, and downloadable promotional material, visit [www.chogconvention.org](http://www.chogconvention.org).

### Ministers Meet at Woodburn May 2

Ministers and their spouses are invited to an important meeting at Hoodview Church of God in Woodburn, Oregon, Saturday, May 2, from 9:30 a.m.—3 p.m. to approve ordination candidates and to review ministerial details formerly covered at the Spring Celebration gatherings. Session 1, with speaker Daniel Ortman, "Time and Technology" is scheduled from 10:45-Noon. Following lunch is Session 2, with Dr. Lou Foltz, "Communication Skills: Health and Language Used with Staff and Volunteers".

**NOTICE**  
**Annual Association Business Meeting**  
**Wednesday, July 29, 2015**  
**Warner Pacific College Campus**  
**Save the Date!**

# Hucrest Helps Community Bear Silent Witness to Victims of Domestic Abuse

Family Night at Hucrest Community Church of God in Roseburg, Oregon, is a function of Hucrest's mission to make more and maturing disciples and the vision for guiding generations to God through intentional intergenerational relationships and opportunities for serving.



Each week families gather together for worship and an opportunity to grow in Christlikeness. A typical night finds youth, children and adults going to age-appropriate learning environments after a brief time of intentionally interactive and intergenerational worship and prayer. At least quarterly Hucrest adopts a community service project. Recently Hucrest was approached by Battered Persons Advocacy (BPA) for assistance with an upcoming event "Walk A Mile in Her Shoes" and their "Silent Witness" program.

BPA is a nonprofit agency where people of good will educate the community on how domestic violence impacts everyone. The agency seeks to increase safety in the home and eliminate family violence. Through advocacy for and assistance to victims, BPA is one of several agencies addressing this deep and disturbing problem in Douglas County.

According to their website, a recent study indicated that one in four women are victims of domestic violence, and that 50% of abusers of women abuse their children. In Douglas County 35% of sixth graders have witnessed domestic violence in their home. Additionally, more than 6,000 crisis calls are handled by BPA each year.

The "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" is a fun and playful event that brings greater awareness to the victims, 90% of whom are women. Leading and concerned citizens and members of law enforcement and other agencies slip their feet into a pair of high heels and participate in walk downtown. This walk symbolizes their identification with those who have been

victimized. Each participant pays a registration fee and/or raises money on behalf of the agency. Giving witness to this event are red silhouettes. Placed along the route these cut-outs of men, women and children represent real victims. They are nameless and faceless but none the less serve as reminders of how pervasive the evil of domestic violence is in the community.



Hucrest members from three years of age to well over 60 painted approximately twenty of these silent witnesses to demonstrate their commitment to standing with and for the most vulnerable, the victims of our community. Pastor Jon Nutter explained why, "It's God's heart! He is grieved when the weak and the defenseless are victimized. It simply runs completely opposite to his intention for what a domestic situation should look like."

Nutter cited this passage as but one example, "So husbands ought to love their own wives as their own bodies; he who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as the Lord does the church." ~Ephesians 5:28-29, NKJV



"This project came to us unsolicited. It felt very timely and Spirit approved right on the heels of our Easter celebration. We believe the resurrection changes everything, including households! So we thought it was an awesome opportunity to call attention to the victims and vulnerable, and say to our community, 'you are valuable. We stand with you because God is for you.'"

You can find out more about the silent witness initiative online at: [silentwitness.net](http://silentwitness.net).

## Bridgetown to Release New CD

Warner Pacific College's dynamic all-male vocal ensemble, Bridgetown, is releasing their third CD entitled "Treasure" and you are invited to the celebration concert on Saturday evening, May 2.

Bridgetown delivers a high quality and impactful music ministry, dedicated to sharing their faith through their unique style of music and personal testimony.

Everyone is invited to McGuire Auditorium, 2219 SE 68th Ave., Portland, OR (cross street is SE Division), for the CD Launch Celebration and Concert showcasing songs from the scenes footage of the making of Treasure, Saturday, May 2, at 7:30 p.m.. There is no charge for the event, no RSVPs, and CDs will be available for purchase for \$12 each.



The CD features the vocals of current Bridgetown members Josh Reznick, Brandon Bush, Ben Hartle, Jace Schwartz, Everardo Jamie, Jr., and Chris Choi; as well as recently graduated Warner Pacific College students Paul Carter, Tyler Luecke, Robin Bowman, and Andrew Vulgan.

Although they are continually changing and growing as current members graduate and new students join the group, the focus remains the same: represent our Lord and Warner Pacific College with excellence, passion, and a good sense of humor!

Find them at <http://www.warnerpacific.edu/bridgetown> where you can listen to samples, check out their concert schedule, and order a CD.

## WP Presents "The Art of the Call"

*A Department of Religion & Christian Ministries Visual Storytelling Event*

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The Art of the Call:  
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7:p.m.**

[warnerpacific.edu/RCMevents](http://warnerpacific.edu/RCMevents)

An open exhibit using the PechaKucha\* visual storytelling technique, the Art of the Call is an interactive showcase of senior projects, exploring the journeys that led students to embrace a call to ministry.

Discover how God is moving in and through seniors in the Department of Religion & Christian Ministries and how Warner Pacific College is preparing students for ministry in a constantly changing world. Ministry isn't about the job you choose, it's about the life you live.

The Art of the Call, powered by PechaKucha  
Tuesday, May 5, at 7 p.m.  
Schlatter Chapel at Warner Pacific  
2219 SE 68th Ave., Portland - cross street is SE Division  
Reception immediately following.

*\*PechaKucha 20x20 is a simple presentation format where you show 20 images, each for 20 seconds. The images advance automatically and you talk along to the images. Visit [pechakucha.org](http://www.pechakucha.org/) <http://www.pechakucha.org/>.*

## Portland Business Journal Names WPC President Woman of Influence

Warner Pacific College President Dr. Andrea Cook was recently named a 2015 Orchid Award Winner by the Portland Business Journal, which honored her during their “Women of Influence” awards ceremony on Thursday, April 16.

The Orchid Award honors and recognizes the region’s most influential women professionals with strong records of innovation, outstanding performance in their respective fields, and meaningful contributions to their communities. Nominations for the award were judged on three criteria: professional accomplishments, community leadership, and awards and milestones. <http://www.warnerpacifc.edu/dr-andrea-cook-2015-orchid-award-winner/>

## New Soccer Coach Announced

We are pleased to announce that Chris Thoms, a well-known Portland-area club

coach and trainer, joined Warner Pacific’s Athletic coaching staff in mid-March. <http://www.warnerpacifc.edu/warner-pacific-has-a-new-mens-soccer-head-coach/>



## Preschool accepting applications for Fall 2015

Did you know Warner Pacific College has an accredited Pre-K Preschool on site? There are still spots available for your child, or your grandchild, niece, nephew, or neighbor’s child. The Early Learning Center (Warner Pacific’s preschool) provides personalized education in a play-based, anti-biased, Christ-centered program by teachers and education-major students. [warnerpacifc.edu/elc](http://warnerpacifc.edu/elc)

## Upcoming Events

### Wind Ensemble Concert

Friday, May 1, 7:30 pm  
McGuire Auditorium, 2219 SE 68<sup>th</sup> Ave, Portland.  
The Warner Pacific Concert Band and Brass Ensemble will perform a variety of musical selections including music from *Miss Saigon* (arranged by Johann De Meij) with special guests Warner Pacific Alumni Danielle Valentine and Danielle Purdy with Benjamin Hartle on vocals. <http://www.warnerpacifc.edu/spring-concerts-2015/>

### Celebrating Coach Fagan’s Retirement

(Warner Pacific soccer alumni, fans, and friends)  
Saturday, May 2, and Sunday May 3  
A full weekend of festivities is planned to help you connect with beloved coach and fellow players. Please **RSVP no later than 5:00 pm on Thursday, April 30.** <http://www.warnerpacifc.edu/fagan/>

## Yerden-Shackleton Vancouver Concert May 17

Ruth Ann Yerden and Jean Shackleton, sisters, will present an organ/piano and duo piano concert of classical and sacred pieces at the Vancouver First Church of God, May 17, at 6:00 p.m. The public is invited to attend.



Vancouver First is located at 3300 NE 78th Street, Vancouver, Washington 98665.

Ruth Ann Yerden and Jean Shackleton

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# CHOG Convention 2015: The Momentum Continues

Posted by [chogministries](#)

By Carl Stagner

Last June, sparks from heaven ignited a fire of fervor within the heart of the Church of God. The Church of God has enjoyed more than a century of rich tradition and heritage in the annual convention held in Anderson, Indiana. A landmark relocation to Oklahoma City in 2014 was not the catalyst for this new hope for the future of the movement, but was certainly emblematic of a new day dawning from above. Since the 2014 gathering, the Church of God has embraced “Jesus is the Subject,” congregations have taken new steps to be bold in Jesus’ name, and in many congregations, signs of revival have emerged.

Since Church of God Convention 2014, we’ve witnessed God do some incredible things in and among his people:

At the convention, we heard the Lord’s call to proclaim freedom for the captives. Inspired to raise awareness and promote rescue for victims of human trafficking, CHOG TraffickLight was born. Following movement-wide Freedom Sunday participation, we rejoiced as amazing reports came in. God’s work through CHOG TraffickLight is far from over, but it all began at CHOG Convention 2014.

At Prestonsburg Church of God in Kentucky, the Holy Spirit has moved in some incredibly powerful ways over the past several months. As they proclaim that “Jesus is the subject,” and as they spread the good news that he redeems and restores, the congregation is experiencing spiritual and numerical growth. Their baptistry has certainly had no time to collect dust!

Among our ministries on the reservations of North America, hopelessness is being swallowed up by the gospel of Christ. Important meetings have taken place, and continue to take place, out of which efforts have been renewed to bring transformation to a culture so devoid of hope. So, too, the Lord has reignited passion for ministry in Hawaii—a place where you’d think everyone would want to do the Lord’s work—but where obstacles to kingdom expansion are ubiquitous. Nevertheless, the Church of God has made remarkable progress in the Aloha State, and for that, we rejoice!

Over the past several months, we’ve watched SHAPE expand to Jamaica (Jamaica also held its first-ever national youth convention!). We’ve celebrated new connections in Pakistan. We’ve rejoiced with one Ohio congregation that held their first-ever Faith Promise—and smashed goals (other churches did the same!). We’ve applauded the uniting of two congregations on the East Coast into one. We’ve thanked the Lord for churches like Aloha Church of God near Portland, Oregon, that has dared to boldly take a stand against AIDS. Way back in August, we were blessed to hear of the story taking place in one California congregation as they graduated men—

once addicted to drugs and alcohol—now free in Christ. *Bold*, but Jesus is the subject, and he’s made it all possible in each and every case.

From the beach, to the brothels, to the streets of Berlin, Church of God people are recognizing the masterpieces God has created them to be, and taking steps to do the good works he prepared for them long ago. But God isn’t done yet. He’s still calling us to be bold. And at this year’s convention, he’ll work through a variety of powerful speakers, incredible times of worship, and life-giving discussion to inspire the Church of God to reclaim that which hell has stolen.

*Register today for Church of God Convention (June 22–25) in Oklahoma City at [www.chogconvention.org](http://www.chogconvention.org)!*

## Earthquake Relief in Nepal

Clouds of dust rising into the air, mountains of rubble, people unable to take cover in their homes. These are not the images of Nepal that we are accustomed to seeing.

And yet, these are the very conditions that are the aftermath of the weekend earthquake that has killed 3,400 people so far and caused widespread damage to scores of historic building throughout the Kathmandu valley in central Nepal. The Church of God has forty-one congregations in Nepal, ten scattered throughout valley near the epicenter. Children of Promise also has a child sponsorship program in Nepal.

Direct communication with Nepal has been difficult and physical access is nearly impossible due to the earthquake damage. But since the news first broke on April 25, Don Armstrong, the Global Missions regional coordinator for Asia and the Pacific, has been reaching out to Church of God leaders across the region, particularly to the Church of God in Meghalaya, India, whose Mission Board pioneered the work of the Church of God in Nepal in 1983 through the ministry of Indian missionaries Amos and Semper Moore. Through contact with these Indian leaders, we know that there is damage to at least one of our church buildings in the earthquake zone, and the sister of the pastor in Kathmandu died due to injuries sustained when a wall collapsed. We expect there to be considerable further damage as reports come in from regions and villages that are as yet inaccessible.

Continue to pray for Nepal.



# Church Plant Prayer Summit June 15-16

Rev. David Shroul announces that the Church Extension Commission invites all pastors, anyone with a burden for church planting, and those currently involved or planning to be involved with a church plant to attend a Prayer Summit with the special purpose of discovering God's preferred direction in the area of Church Planting.

Facilitated by Dennis Fuqua, Executive Director of International Renewal Ministries from Vancouver, Washington, and hosted at Hoodview Church of God in Woodburn, Oregon, the Prayer Summit will take place Monday and Tuesday, June 15-16, 2015. Dennis Fuqua has led prayer summits throughout the world and has been greatly used of God to call folks to the most critical aspect of ministry, the call to prayer.

The fee for the summit is \$55 per person to cover the cost of five catered meals together. Register online: [http://orwacog.org/events/prayer\\_summit/](http://orwacog.org/events/prayer_summit/). Contact David Shroul at the District Office (503-393-3510) for scholarships if needed. To keep costs down, attendees may travel to and from the event, with housing provided for those traveling a great distance.

"There is no better way for us to undertake the work of the kingdom of God as an Association, than to bathe our activity in prayer, says Shroul."

". . . And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved" (Acts 2:47).

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## Senior Adult Retreat: "I Love to Tell the Story"



The Senior Retreat, sponsored by the Vancouver Church, met at Cannon Beach with Dr. Steve Rennick as the speaker. Rennick is the pastor of the Church of the Crossing in Indianapolis, Indiana. His daughter, Lindsay, accompanied him. Attendees from several Washington and Oregon Congregations enjoyed his inspirational and sometimes humorous talks using the theme "I love to Tell the Story".

Worship was led by Nicole Yerden Wells. She was assisted by her husband Steve.

*Courtesy: Rena Marvel-Hess*



## Wesleyan Holiness Consortium

*By Rich Lamar*

On Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, almost 20 of our pastors from all across the district, joined with over a hundred other pastors from several denominations for the **Holiness Pastors and Leaders Day**, at the Salem Kroc Center. This year's keynote speaker was Dr. Wayne Schmidt, who helped plant the Kentwood Community Church near Grand Rapids, Michigan—growing it to over 2000 in weekly attendance—before he was called to be vice-president for the newly formed seminary at Indiana Wesleyan University in 2010. Dr. Schmidt used the context of Romans 12, and his own experience in building a healthy church, to share some of the decisions

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# Camp White Branch

## SUMMER CAMP DATES

- Junior Camp - Monday, July 6, through Friday, July 10, 2015
- Middle School Camp - Monday, July 13— Friday, July 17, 2015
- Intro Camp - Friday, July 17, through Sunday, July 19, 2015
- Primary Camp - Monday, July 20, through Thursday, July 23, 2015
- Senior High Camp - Monday, August 3, through Friday, August 7, 2015



Posters and information available at <http://www.orwacog/camp-white-branch>

## Inhabit Conference 2015

*By Tim Irwin*

The ORWA District was well-represented this year at Inhabit Conference 2015 in Seattle, April 17-18. Inhabit is hosted by the Seattle School of Theology and Psychology, and Warner Pacific College is one of its Associate Sponsors. In attendance were Jess and Candice Bielman, Nathan and Maryann Dunbar, Jess Hutchison, Tim Irwin, and Mike and Darbi Johnson. Also from the Church of God was Keven Dickerman from Federal Way, WA.

Inhabit has a different take on ministry to the neighborhood. We recognize that God was at work in our communities before we ever got there and, instead of us coming up with something new and flashy, we need to listen to our neighborhood to discern exactly what God is already doing and join him in that work.

The conference included half a dozen musicians, worship leaders and other artists and over 40 speakers. Some of those speakers included Dwight Friesen, Tim Soerens and Paul Sparks (authors of "The New Parish"), John Pattison (co-author of "Slow Church"), Dave Runyon (co-author of "The Art of Neighboring") and Alan Roxburgh (co-author of "The Missional Leader" and director of "The Missional Network").



**Tim Soerens, Dwight Friesen and Paul Sparks, co-authors of "The New Parish," and directors of "Parish Collective."**

One of the highlights for me was a conference led by Alan Roxburgh in which he had a little fun with all the different conferences, programs and seminars that send their conferees home with binder in hand complete with "Three Easy Steps to Grow Your Church." As he stated, all our neighborhoods are different, and just because something works in another setting doesn't mean it will work in yours. Inhabit is about listening to the Holy Spirit for his direction in your specific parish setting... and there is no binder for that.



# WARM 2015 Report

By Steve Kufeldt

Speaking from the joys and pains of life at the W.A.R.M. (Western Area Regional Ministerium) 2015 Conference, brother and sister speaking team Bob Marvel and Lori Salierno-Maldonado personalized the topic of “Leading from the Inside Out” with stories from their personal journeys and God’s Word. Hosted by the Antelope Road Christian Fellowship in Citrus Heights, CA, on April 14-16, around 90 conference participants enjoyed dynamic times of worship and teaching. Dan Smatlak, worship pastor at Fairview Church of God in Seattle, was the conference worship leader and helped set the stage for the biblical challenges issued by the Marvel siblings. “Leading from the Inside Out” must start with the supremacy and sufficiency of Jesus. We don’t need to add anything to Jesus. He is enough!”

Using the story of Jacob and Esau, Bob Marvel taught about the danger of when our desires become our focus, we make bad decisions, and as he put it, we have “C’mom Man!” moments and regrets! Jesus was given choices throughout His ministry, but He always chose to do the will of the Father. Jesus had no “C’mom Man” moments!

During a breakout session, Bob and Lori shared personal reflections from their family and what it was like to grow up in the Gerald Marvel household. Lori emphasized that families need to be “FAT”: 1) Faithful in example, 2) Available in person, and 3) Teachable in your spirit.

“When life gives you lemons, make lemonade” was the lesson from their personal sharing about experiencing the “dark night of the soul.” From the story of Joseph, Bob reminded us that just because there is hardship and darkness, it doesn’t mean that God is not present. God is with us. Lori taught that we need to put praise before the

problem, walk straight through the pain, and then walk in the light.

Lori concluded the conference with a charge to be prepared for our “finest hour.” God’s vision for His church is bigger than we are and He invites us to step into the “God space,” where the need is

greater than our resources and the opportunity is greater than our abilities. Using the example of the little boy who gave his lunch, which Jesus multiplied to feed a multitude, God can do more with us—however little it is—if we give Him all.

The annual W.A.R.M. Conference is the last remaining regional meeting of Church of God ministers in North America. Pastors, plan now to join us next April in Portland as we meet once again to worship together, to fellowship, and to grow in our knowledge of the Lord and His Kingdom.



**Brother and Sister Speaking Duo,  
Pastor Bob Marvel and  
Lori Salierno Maldonado**

Save the date:

W.A.R.M.  
April 2016  
Warner Pacific College

## DID YOU KNOW?

WARM, once known as the West Coast Ministerial Assembly, began many years ago, as an alternative regional meeting (along with others across the country), to enhance connectivity for those finding Anderson Campmeeting expensive and distance a difficult challenge. It evolved parallel to the move of Pacific Bible College (now Warner Pacific) from Spokane, WA, to the Mt. Tabor site in Portland, OR, and outgrew Church of God facilities in the greater Portland area. A number of facilities were rented until they too became insufficient. The election of College Trustee members took place at the event, and West Coast and the College became mutually supportive.

—Gale Hency/kt

# Senior Moments

By Ruth Bissett



Hello fellow seniors! I greet you in the name of our risen Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Today I am going to share about NEW BEGINNINGS-NEW NORMALS. I hope this stirs some interest from you. I thought we should start with some definitions.

NEW- not old: recently born, built, created, appearing for the first time; having been made or come into being only a short time ago; recent; still fresh, coming into being for the first time. BEGINNINGS-an act or circumstance of entering upon an action or state: the point of time or space at which anything begins: the first part: the initial stage or part of anything. NORMAL-consistent with the most common behavior for that person. Varies by person, time, place, and situation – it changes along with changing societal standards and norms, is dependent on situation.

Although I am not a golfer, I read an article in *Parade Magazine* several years ago about Phil Mickelson, pro golfer, that impressed me. In this article he shares that in May of 2009, his wife Amy, then 36, was told she had breast cancer. Less than two months later, Mickelson's mom, Mary, got the same diagnosis. His family's world had been turned upside down. "A good friend of ours said the hardest thing to accept is that your old life is in the past and there's a *new normal*," Mickelson says. "When we looked at it that way, it was like a little bit of the pressure was off because it would have been almost impossible to get it back the way it was before." Here is the link if you want to read the whole article: <http://parade.com/132582/katemeyers/phil-mickelson-2/>. His wife and mother have a good long

-term prognoses, but their sigh of relief didn't last long as six days before his 40<sup>th</sup> birthday Mickelson's symptoms started and he was later diagnosed with psoriatic arthritis, an immune disease that attacks the joints and has no cure. I'm sure you have seen the commercials on TV about this.

Spring is a time of new beginnings. We have flowers bursting forth from the ground, leaves appearing on the trees, lambs being born, and the ever present weeds that also love the sunshine and rain. We just had the beginning of a new year. What are the new beginnings in your life? Have you moved or are thinking of moving? An exercise program or changes in your diet? Life without your spouse? More aches and pains? New medications? These are just some of the new beginnings that cause us to have "new normals." As we grow older, many of the "new normals" are forced upon us.

As you can imagine, my husband, Earl who was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease at age 45, and I had many "new normals." Thank the Lord that He gave us the strength to deal with each of these. To me, declaring "new normals" in our lives is acceptance of the circumstances, moving on, embracing (to grasping accepting readily or gladly) and celebrating (rejoicing, revering). As Phil said, when we declare things our "new normal," it is like a little bit of the pressure is off because it is almost impossible to get things back the way they were before. We can't go back, we must go forward. I hope the definitions above give you insight into the words: NEW, BEGINNINGS, NORMAL.

What are your "new normals?" May God give you His grace, peace and strength.

## Run to the Son 5K honors Stecker's Dream



The community of Rainier, Oregon, came together to honor Pastor Steve Stecker with a 5K Run to the Son event Easter Sunday at Rainier Riverfront Park. The first annual family-friendly event, a dream of the late Pastor Steve Stecker was organized by members of the Rainier Ministerial Association as a tribute to Stecker, who died of brain cancer Oct. 16, 2014.

Donations from the event benefit the Church's VBS and the High School football team.



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and relationships involved when we, as pastors and leaders “offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God”. The purpose of the event—which was partially underwritten by the Association, and included lunch—was to create opportunities for conversation regarding the message and life of holiness, and about its transforming power in the lives of individuals and communities.

**Pastor Rick Haberly** (right) of Cottage Grove, OR, and **Pastor Rich Lamar**, North Bend, OR, reconnect at the Holiness Pastors and Leaders gathering as part of the Wesleyan Holiness Consortium at the Salem Kroc Center. (See article on page 6).



**Rainier Women's Retreat, April 11-12**

## Upcoming Events

### Ministers Gathering & Meeting

Saturday, May 2, 9:30 am - 3pm

**Region #2** - Thursday, May 7, 10:00 am

**Warner Pacific College Spring Commencement** - Saturday, May 9, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

**Mother's Day** - Sunday, May 10

**Preaching class #2** - Friday, May 15, 10 am - 3pm

**Region #4** - Thursday, May 21, 10:00 am

**Region #6 Information Meeting** - Saturday, May 23, 10:00 am

**Memorial Day** - Monday, May 25

**Region #3** - Tuesday, May 26, 10 am

**Region #7 & #8** - Thursday, June 4, 4 pm

**Prayer Summit** - Monday, June 15, Tuesday, June 16 - All Day

**Father's Day** - Sunday, June 21,

**Church of God Convention, Oklahoma City** - Monday, June 22, - Thursday, June 25,

**Region #6** - Thursday, June 25, - 11:00 am

**Independence Day** - Saturday, July 4,

**Junior Camp, entering 5th-6th grade** - Monday, July 6, - Friday, July 10, - All Day

**Middle School Camp, entering 7th-8th grade** - Monday, July 13, - Friday, July 17,

**Region #1** - Tuesday, July 14, - 10:00 am

**Intro Camp, entering 2nd-3rd grade & Parent** - Friday, July 17, - Sunday, July 19,

**Primary Camp, entering 3rd-4th grade** - Monday, July 20, - Thursday, July 23, - All Day

**Summer Celebration** - Sunday, July 26, - Wednesday, July 29 - All Day

**Annual Business Meeting.** Wednesday, July 29, 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

[www.orwacog.org/calendar](http://www.orwacog.org/calendar)



## Got news?

The E-CONTACT deadline is the 15th of each month.

Submit your news item for consideration in upcoming issues to [contacteditor@orwacog.org](mailto:contacteditor@orwacog.org).

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