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District Pastor Search Team Update

At the announcement of the 2016 year-end retirement of District Pastor David Shrou, a Pastoral Search team formed and has met multiple times.

The team has met with and had conference calls with Jim Lyon, National Director, discussing the role, changes, possibilities as well as challenges the Church of God is facing nation-wide.

“We have reached out, compiled, refined, and built,” says Chair Randy Archer. “As of today [Sept. 28], the job description and a link to where interested persons can send their information is posted on our website,” adds Archer. “We have received a few email inquiries, and are just beginning to see applications.”

Please continue to pray that God would give the Team wisdom as they receive and process applicants.

The District Pastor Search Team members include Monica Monroe, Andrea Cook, T. Allen Bethel, Jim Minkler, Ruth Palmer, and Randy Archer.

Be Bold Academy

At the July Ministers’ Meeting during Summer Celebration, a decision was made to test the Be Bold Academy membership for its potential value to churches in the Oregon and SW Washington Association.



Pastor David Shrou announced at recent Regional meetings that information will be forthcoming in October for Be Bold Academy availability to pastors and staff of churches in the District. Watch for details.

Christian Women Connection Retreat

Rebecca Bozart, pictured below with speaker Georgia Miller, posts that the CWC retreat was a “wonderful weekend with wonderful ladies!” A great chance to get away, rest and relax... of course enjoyed our trip to the Hot Springs. There is just something about Camp White Branch that lowers your blood pressure, and just brings about a sense of calm! Angellee Kloppmann and her mom, Brenda Havlik, led in worship.



Global Strategy Announces Botswana Assignments

Global Strategy is pleased to announce that we are sending a team of two couples to work alongside the Church of God in Botswana: Tim and Joy Coppess, and Corey and Abby Stocksdale. In early August, regional coordinators for Africa, Mike and Heather Webb, visited the Church of God in Botswana, along with Jim Nipp, the Coppesses, and Corey Stocksdale. This trip was the culmination of a year of exploration for these two couples and a confirmation of their calls to missions. Immediately following this vision trip, Global Strategy received an invitation from the national leadership in Botswana to these two couples.

Tim and Joy Coppess are no strangers to the Church of God, having spent the bulk of their lives in Anderson, Indiana, not to mention that Joy is the daughter of retired Church of God executive Jim Williams. Both are graduates of Anderson University, then Anderson College. Both are passionate lifelong educators, Tim with more than twenty years as a high school science teacher and Joy as a preschool teacher. A few years ago, Tim and Joy began to sense a call to ministry, and Tim stepped down in faith from his teaching position to pursue ordination. For the past three years, Tim has served as pastor of University Park Church of God, Johnstown, Pennsylvania.



Tim and Joy Coppess

Nor are Corey and Abby Stocksdale strangers to the Church of God. These parents of three young children are also graduates of Anderson University. Growing up on a farm in southern Indiana, Abby came to Christ at a young age and has pursued interests and skills that focus on the spiritual and physical development of people. She's a talented and deeply respected fitness instructor and personal trainer, and has implemented the Daniel Plan, a program combining diet, fitness, and spiritual growth. Corey felt the call to ministry as a teenager, and for the past nine years he has served as the associate and youth pastor at Community Church of God, Danville, Illinois, where he has also been active as a member of the Illinois State Youth Ministry Team. He has a passion for introducing



The Stockdales

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THE PURPOSE of The Association of the Churches of God in Oregon and SW Washington is to:

- Conduct business as the legally-incorporated body of the Association of the Churches of God in Oregon, Inc.
- Provide assistance to Oregon and Southwest Washington congregations and be a channel through which local congregations shall be mobilized to fulfill our united vision and mission.

THE VISION of The Association is for every believer to fulfill the mandate of the Great Commission, the Great Commandments, and the teachings of Jesus Christ.

THE MISSION of The Association is to:

- Create and maintain ministries that will strengthen, encourage, supplement, and promote local congregations of The Association;
- Inspire commitment to the teachings, mission, and theological perspectives of the Church of God, Anderson, Indiana;
- Provide support for the development of healthy Church of God congregations.

Botswana Assignments

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*people to Christ and is known within the Danville community for building relationships across social divides and racial lines.

The Church of God in Botswana have invited both couples to minister alongside the national and local leadership. Tim and Joy will be applying their passion and experience as educators to the establishment of a training program for pastors and church leaders, as well as to church planting and ongoing leadership development. Corey and Abby have been invited to help the church implement a Children of Promise program, as well helping the church develop evangelism and community outreach programs designed to meet the social and spiritual needs of the community, tasks well suited to their experience as community developers.

The Church of God in Botswana is doing very well. It is growing, and we are excited about its future. The church is looking forward to stronger connections with the global community of the Church of God.

If you would like to support Tim and Joy Coppess, you can give now online at <http://chogglobal.org/living-link-donations/#coppess>. You can also mail a check to Church of God Ministries, PO Box 2420, Anderson, IN 46018, with Tim & Joy Coppess, Project #42.10008 in the memo line. If you would like to support Corey and Abby Stocksdale, you can give now online at <http://chogglobal.org/living-link-donations/#stocksdale>. You can also mail a check to Church of God Ministries, PO Box 2420, Anderson, IN 46018, with Corey & Abby Stocksdale, Project #42.10098 in the memo line. To learn more about the ministry of the Coppesses and the Stocksdales, and how you can support them financially and in prayer, contact Debbie Taylor at DTaylor@chog.org or 765-648-2129.

Roseburg iGen Reaches Out to Law Enforcement Officers

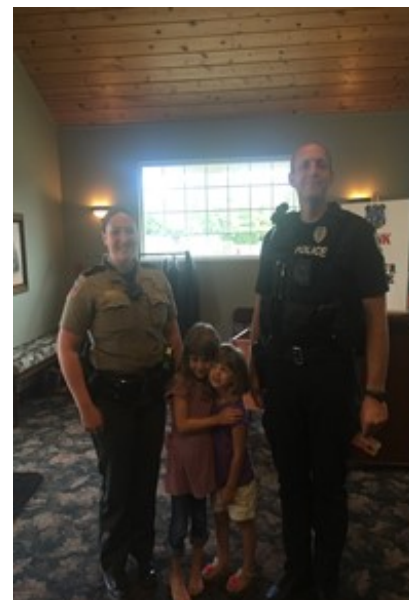
During the Summer, with the negative climate in our nation toward law enforcement, we gathered together as a church family to say *thank you* and show support for those who serve and protect our community.

On August 14, during our Intergenerational hour, we made cards and letters of support to share with our law enforcement officers. As an iGen experience, we felt this was a great way for parents and grandparents to begin sharing with their kids a healthy respect for authority.

Officers from the Roseburg Police Department and the Douglas County Sheriff's Office were invited to join us. We presented the officers with a gift of several dozen cookies to show our appreciation and support and thanks. In the days that followed, we delivered cards of encouragement and support to the Roseburg PD and the Sherriff's office.

I write this simply to encourage you to connect with your community, to pray for those in authority and to support your local officers.

*In Him,
Pastor Rick Cunningham*



Gales Creek to install Tim Townley as Lead Pastor

Gales Creek Community Church of God extends an invitation to District congregations to attend the Installation Service of Pastor Tim Townley on Sunday, October 2, 2016, at 3 p.m.

Pastor Tim, 47, has served as interim pastor at the Gales Creek Church since January 24, 2016.

From Independence, Missouri, Townley moved to Oregon in 1994 after serving in the US Army as a Combat Medic and a Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear specialist. "God woke me up," says Townley, who adds that he got into some serious trouble before he became a Christian in November of 1995.

Since then, Townley attended Warner Pacific College, and volunteered with Teen Challenge, a non-profit substance abuse recovery ministry operating across the nation. Tim's volunteer work led to a full time staff position that started in May of this year. "I pastor in two different ways. In the trenches and in ministry," says Townley. He also served as an Associate Pastor at Holladay Park Church of God for four years.

Pastor Tim believes "God is leading Gales Creek to be a healing church. If you're broken, hurting, or wounded, you should be able to go without being judged, without ridicule. If someone walks through the doors and does not feel loved and welcomed, something's wrong." Townley says he has a heart for rural communities, having spent a lot of time in that setting in younger years.

"I want to see Gales Creek Church become a parish style church," says Townley. "It should be a hub, with the surrounding community the spokes of a wheel. People should be able to rely on the church to meet their needs. It doesn't matter if they're Christian or not."

The congregation meets at 9170 NW Sargent Rd, Gales Creek, OR 97117. They encourage, "Please join in worship and thanksgiving to the Lord as we celebrate His faithfulness and steadfast love." A reception will follow the service." *Pastor Tim can be reached at 971-282-3922 or pastortim.townley@gmail.com*



Pastor Tim Townley and fiancé Denise Pruitt

Camp White Branch: Look to the Hills

Mt. Scott Hosts Fundraising Dinner Oct. 27



<http://www.orwacog/camp-> Mt. Scott Church of God, located at 10603 SE Henderson Street in Portland, Oregon, will host the annual fundraising dinner for Camp White Branch on Thursday, October 27, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., with progress pictures, and reports about summer camps.

Mark your calendar, and prayerfully consider how to help support Camp White Branch as work on the multipurpose facility continues and seasons change.

Pray for the many folks who work throughout the year with weekend work camps, facility upkeep, and scheduling tasks. Your support and prayerful care are a huge blessing!

2017 CAMP SCHEDULE

Intro Camp, entering 2nd or 3rd grade & parent
Friday, July 7, 2017 - Sunday, July 9, 2017

Senior High camp, entering 9th-12th grade
Monday, July 10, 2017 - Friday, July 14, 2017

Junior camp, entering 5th-6th grade
Monday, July 17, 2017 - Friday, July 21, 2017

Middle School camp, entering 7th-8th grade
Monday, July 31, 2017 - Friday, August 4, 2017

Primary camp, entering 3rd-4th grade
Monday, August 7, 2017 - Thursday, August 10, 2017

Camp White Branch
61500 Old McKenzie Hwy, McKenzie Bridge, OR

WPC Ranks as 6th Best Regional College in the West (U.S. News & World Report)

While our students know what a wonderful place the College is, we continue to be recognized for our excellent liberal arts education. Warner Pacific consistently ranks in the Top 10 Regional Colleges (West) by the U.S. News & World Report Best Colleges. The ranking allows prospective students and their families compare the relative quality of colleges based on widely accepted indicators of excellence such as first-year student retention, graduation rates, excellence in education, and strength of the faculty. www.warnerpacific.edu/warner-pacific-ranks-as-6th-best-regional-college-in-the-west-u-s-news-world-report/

Volleyball Team racks up 3rd straight home victory

Warner Pacific swept Walla Walla on September 10 to claim their third win in a row at home and third Cascade Conference win for 2016. www.wpcknights.com/news/2016/9/11/womens-volleyball-wpc-tame-wolves-for-3rd-straight-home-victory.aspx?path=wvball

WPC Alum becomes Medford's new City Manager

The College congratulates alum Brian Sjothun '96 who was recently named as Medford's new City Manager by a vote of the Medford City Council. The City Manager's Office provides support to the Mayor and City Council and includes the City Recorder, Emergency Management, and Facilities Management divisions. www.warnerpacific.edu/warner-pacific-alum-becomes-medfords-new-city-manager/

Celebrate WPC Founder's Day

When: Wednesday, October 5
Where: WPC's Mt. Tabor Campus
What: Lunch and Cake
We're celebrating the day Pacific Bible College opened its doors, October 5, 1937. You are invited to drop by Egtvedt Hall on Wednesday, October 5, at 12:30 pm for your slice of WP birthday cake! <http://www.warnerpacific.edu/founders-day/>

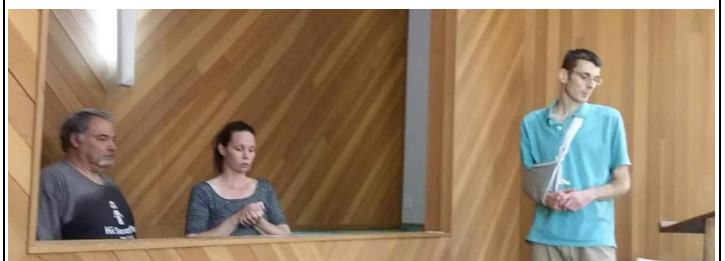
WPC Soccer Programs to Host Fall ID Camp

All prospective athletes that have an interest in playing college soccer are invited to participate October 13-14. High school and junior college players are welcome. www.wpcknights.com/news/2015/9/14/MSOC_0914152825.aspx

Longview celebrates Baptisms

Longview First Church of God celebrated four baptisms Sunday, September 18, 2016, during the morning worship service, followed by an afternoon BBQ and fellowship.

Pastors Joe Tira and Peter Howland officiated the baptisms of Tom Gipson, Diane Harlow, Earl Feaster and Evelyn Marquez (assisted by Judi Howland).



Memorial Service

Janette (Caldwell) Lawrence, daughter of Dr. Mac and Irene Caldwell, passed away Thursday, September 22nd. There will be a memorial service for her at the Lynchwood Church of God on Saturday, October 1, 2016, at 1 p.m.

Hillsboro Valley Hope Hosts Playground Event

“We worked like crazy to do our part, while God stepped in to do what was beyond us,” reports Pastor Robin Brooke, of Hillsboro Valley Hope Community Church.

The congregation pulled together to host an “awesome Community Playground Fundraiser”. The event included hot dogs, cotton candy, drinks and more, a rock climbing wall, inflatables, monster trikes and other activities, followed by a swing band concert by Minidoka.

The suggested donation for the afternoon and evening event was \$7 for ages 12 and up, \$5 for ages 3-11, and no charge for those two and under.



The group raised well over \$550 toward the project, and will be continuing to raise funds. With lots of low income apartments in the area, and families seeking a place to play, the church is taking steps to provide improved play equipment for a clean, safe playground area.

Upcoming Events

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH - Saturday, Oct. 1 - Monday, Oct. 31, 2016

World Communion Sunday - Sunday, Oct. 2

Installation Service, Gales Creek COG - Sunday, Oct. 2, 3 pm

REGION #8 Mtg. - Thursday, Oct. 6, 4 pm

Mt. Scott COG Faith Promise Convention - Friday, Oct. 7 - Sunday, Oct. 9

REGION #1 Mtg. - Tuesday, Oct. 11, 10 am

REGION #6 Mtg. - Thursday, Oct. 27, 11 am

Camp White Branch Fundraising Dinner - Thursday, Oct. 27, 6:30 pm - 8 pm

REGION #2 Mtg - Thursday, Nov. 3, 10 am

Daylight Savings Ends - Sunday, Nov. 6

VETERANS DAY - Friday, Nov. 11

REGION #7 Mtg. - Wednesday, Nov. 16, 12 pm

REGION #4 Mtg. - Thursday, Nov. 17, 10 am

REGION #3 Mtg. - Tuesday, Nov. 22, 10 am

District Office closed - Nov. 24 & 25

THANKSGIVING DAY - Thursday, Nov. 24

REGION #5 Mtg. - Thursday, Dec. 1, 10 am

REGION #8 Mtg. - Thursday, Dec. 1, 4 pm

REGION #6 Mtg. - Thursday, Dec. 22, 11 am

District Office closed - Friday, Dec. 23

CHRISTMAS EVE - Saturday, Dec. 24

CHRISTMAS DAY - Sunday, Dec. 25

District Office closed - Monday, Dec. 26

NEW YEAR'S DAY - Sunday, January 1, 2017

How-To Convention - Saturday, January 28, 2017



For more events, see orwacog.org/calendar

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