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— CONNECTIONS —

Connecting our Churches, Ministries & Events



From the Desk of
Pastor Jerry Davisson
District Pastor

I love New Year's Eve. Sometime during the lead up to the evening, I take time to celebrate the accomplishments of the year, to grieve the losses and to set some priorities for the coming year. The New Year lays before us as an unwritten chapter in the ongoing novel of our life. What story will you tell with your life in 2019?

Will your story be filled with new adventures? New Kingdom growth? Or will you simply be writing the same old story? What new Kingdom dreams has the Holy Spirit birthed in your heart and mind? Where is God leading you in the area of personal discipleship as you seek to practice the way of Jesus? Where is God planting new visions and dreams in the local congregation you are a part of that you are being called to be a part of? What Challenges might we be asked to face as individuals and collectively?

I want to wish everyone a Happy New Year and to remind you that the Association office is here to serve, equip and empower you to help your kingdom visions find fulfillment in Jesus.

Let's continue to make Jesus the subject and breath life into our families, our neighborhoods and our communities.



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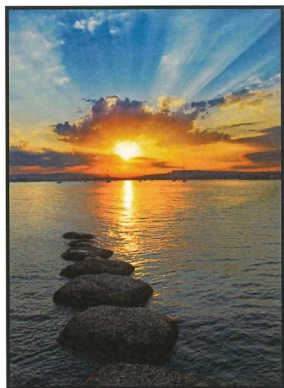


January 1, New Year's Day, District Office closed

January 29, Registration deadline for Ministers & Spouse Retreat

Ministers & Spouse Retreat

March 1-3, 2019
Friday, Saturday & Sunday

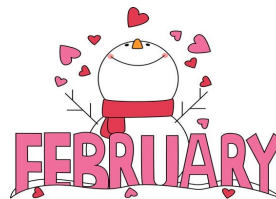


Best Western
Agate Beach Inn
3019 North Coast Highway
Newport, Oregon

REGISTRATION DEADLINE
January 29, 2019

HELPFUL INFO FOR MINISTERS

If you would like help in securing someone to fill your pulpit during the Ministers Retreat in March, please contact our office for a Pulpit Supply List. districtoffice@orwacog.org



February 4, Early Bird registration deadline, (save \$150), *Journey to the Holy Land, Jordan & Israel January 4-16, 2020* with Jim Lyon & Christians Broadcasting Hope. <https://www.cbhviewpoint.org/israel-and-jordan>

February 15-16, Warner Pacific University Homecoming Weekend. For more information, click on www.warnerpacific.edu/event

February 18, President's Day, District Office closed

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2019

- **March 1-3**, Ministers & Spouse Retreat
- **March 10**, Daylight Savings Time begins
- **March 19-21**, Adult Retreat sponsored by Vancouver Church. Registration starts Jan. 6 through March 10, 2019. Contact Marla Riley, marlariley@comcast.net to register.
- **March 29-30**, Christian Women Spring Connection
- **April 2-4**, W.A.R.M., Western Area Regional Ministerium (see pg. 3 for more information)
- **April 21**, Easter Sunday
- **June 27-30**, Church of God Convention & General Assembly, Orlando, Florida
- **Aug. 4-8**, Willamette Valley Campmeeting, Turner, Oregon

Check our website, www.orwacog.org
for up-to-date information

Ministers – Save the Date!

Tuesday – Thursday | April 2-4, 2019

WESTERN AREA REGIONAL MINISTERIUM
(W.A.R.M.)
OF THE CHURCH OF GOD
www.warmcog.org

Running with faithful perseverance
and finishing well
Hebrews 1:1-3

How can pastors make an authentic difference while sustaining themselves through the ups and downs of church and family life, especially in today's anxious climate?

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Margaret Marcuson

Rev. Margaret Marcuson helps clergy do their work without wearing out or burning out. She speaks and writes on leadership and works with church leaders around the U.S. and Canada as a consultant and coach. Margaret is the author of ***Leaders Who Last: Sustaining Yourself and Your Ministry and Money and Your Ministry: Balance the Books While Keeping Your Balance***. An American Baptist minister, Margaret was the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Gardner, Massachusetts, for 13 years. Margaret now lives in Portland, Oregon. Learn more about Margaret's ministry at <http://margaretmarcuson.com>



LOCATION:

Lynchwood Church of God
3818 SE 174th Ave | Portland, OR 97236

First Registrant from Your Church – \$139.00

After March 2 – \$159.00

Each Additional Registrant – \$ 99.00

After March 2 – \$119.00

Spouses and Retired Ministers – \$ 99.00

After March 2 – \$119.00

W.A.R.M.
April 2 - 4, 2019

In Loving Memory

Rev. Charles Tarr

(1932 -2018)



Dr. Charles R. Tarr passed on the morning of November 13, 2018 in the presence of his loving family in Vancouver, Washington. Charles Tarr was born to William H. Tarr and Jean Tarr in 1932 in Fullerton, Kentucky. He was one of five children--his last remaining sibling passing less than 30 days prior to Charles. He was married for sixty-seven years to the love of his life,

Betty who still resides in their home. Charles and Betty's family consists of four daughters: Barbara Nelson (Ron, spouse), Beverly Pahlisch (Dennis, spouse), Bethany Jackson (Allyn, spouse), and Bobi Swan (Todd, spouse). Charles and Betty have nine grandchildren: Joshua Shook (Rhianon, spouse), Jeremy Shook (Julie, spouse), Joshua Pahlisch (Jonna, spouse), Daniel Pahlisch (Rebekah, spouse), Phillip Pahlisch, Rebekah Routson (Chris, spouse), Nathan Brooks (Percillia, spouse), David Swan and Taylor Swan. Charles and Betty have also been blessed with seventeen great-grandchildren. At age fourteen, Charles responded to an invitation to receive Jesus Christ and from that day forward, passionately lived his life's purpose in what was his greatest heritage and calling -- that of being a first-generation Christian and servant leader to his beloved family. Charles was not just a minister, he was a pastor with a tender heart. He began preaching in Petersville, Kentucky in 1950 at age seventeen while attending McKell High School where he graduated as Valedictorian. He met his wife Betty, at a cottage prayer meeting in Vanceburg, Kentucky when they were teenagers. She captured his heart and they were married several years later. Charles always said Betty was forever his "sweetie". After their marriage, Charles and Betty moved to Hope, Kentucky where he accepted his first full-time Senior Pastor position in 1953.

Simultaneously, he completed his undergraduate degree and seminary education, graduating Summa Cum Laude. On May 4, 1991, Charles received an honorary doctorate from Warner Southern in Lake Wales, Florida. He served faithfully as a board member for Anderson University in Anderson, Indiana for thirteen years.

He was a cherished minister in the Church of God and served as Senior Pastor for churches in Kentucky, Indiana, Texas, Ohio, Oregon and Florida. While most ministers take a sabbatical during their lifetime, he never felt led to do so, rather he pressed in deeper to what God was calling him to do. God gifted Charles with passion and charisma; consequently, his ministry

was marked by evangelism, church growth and compassionate pastoral care.

From 1970 to 1975 he served as Director of Witness Evangelism for the Board of Church Extension and Home Missions in Anderson, Indiana. Before going to this national post, he served as Senior Pastor of the South Meridian Church of God in Anderson, Indiana. It was here and under his leadership that the Anderson Revival began in early 1970. News of this unique awakening was carried in such newspapers as the Chicago Tribune, the Indianapolis Star, Anderson Herald, The Indianapolis News, and several national periodicals including Christianity Today. It also appears in a book edited by Dr. Robert Coleman of Asbury Seminary entitled One Divine Moment.

Charles authored several books, A New Wind Blowing, Effective Witness and Prayer- An Enjoyable Experience-- one of nine books in the Bridges to Discipleship series, all published by Warner Press. He contributed articles to Vital Christianity, Colloquium, and Missions Magazine. His love of writing lead him to being a contributing editor to Vital Christianity.

Eager to deepen his knowledge, he became a member of the Wesleyan Theological Society. He was one of four Church of God delegates from the US who attended the International Congress on World Evangelization in Lausanne, Switzerland. As an evangelist, he served in Grand Cayman, BVI, Alaska, Israel and Europe. He preached throughout the nation at state camp meetings, conventions, and was also a frequent radio and television speaker.

Charles was an avid golfer for most of his life. When he was no longer physically able to play the sport he so loved, he actively engaged in the tournaments on TV and would study all there was to know about the players. He also enjoyed the Blazers, the Indianapolis Colts, and as a courtesy to his son-in-law, the Packers.

Charles also loved cars and would freely offer his advice to any family member seeking to purchase one. His grandsons were amazed at his depth of knowledge of antique cars.

Charles modeled unconditional love for his family, love for Jesus, and was unfailingly committed to sharing his love for Jesus with everyone around him, until the very end. One of his greatest legacies, which will always be remembered by his family, is that of prayer covering for every member of the family. *Services are pending.*

In lieu of flowers, the family requests any donations be made "In memory of Dr. Charles Tarr" to the following: AU Student Fund Office of the President Anderson University 1100 E. 5th Street Anderson, IN 46012-9989

In Loving Memory

Edna Mae Freeland

(1924 -2018)



Edna Mae Thomas was born April 30, 1924, in Wright County, Missouri to Parents Ralph and Alice (Teeters) Thomas. She was sister to Gladys, Delbert, George, Robert, Donald, Carolyn "Sue". Two of Edna Mae's siblings, Carl and Barbara, sadly both died in infancy. Edna Mae was the second born and there was a 23 year age span between first born Gladys and

ninth child Sue. Sue, at the age of two, served as flower girl at Edna's Mae's wedding. Edna Mae and her siblings all were raised in Mountain Grove, Missouri. They all grew up in an environment of very simple means by today's standards – their home in those early years had no running water and no electricity. They lived just fine without the luxury of indoor plumbing that we currently enjoy as a basic necessity. All Thomas children attended the same one-room schoolhouse. Edna Mae recounted that there were no school buses back then. They had a three- mile walk to school and back every day.

Edna Mae and all of her siblings eventually relocated to Kansas City MO following their time in Mountain Grove.

Edna Mae graduated from high school in Mountain Grove and went on to College at Missouri University in Columbia, MO with the ultimate aim of becoming a teacher.

In the mid 1940's, Edna Mae was introduced to Paul Freeland by a close family friend and brother to Paul. Their courtship was brief and Paul and Edna Mae exchanged wedding vows on January 4, 1947, in Kansas City, MO. They don't have too many professional photographs from that event. As the story goes, their hired and paid photographer skipped town never to be seen again! They have one single wedding image from his photo session. Thankfully, there were other family members and friends present to document their special occasion. After Paul and Edna Mae were wed, the two relocated to Anderson, Indiana where Paul attended seminary school at Anderson College and worked diligently towards a Bible Studies Degree. During that time, Edna Mae worked for Sears, Roebuck and Company.

Paul ultimately received his degree from Anderson College and following their time there, they moved to Ashland, Kansas. In Ashland, Paul served in his first pastorate role at First Church of God (Anderson). After Paul's duties came to a close in Ashland, they moved to West Plains, Missouri, where Paul continued pastorate responsibilities for a brief period there.

Following their time in West Plains, they moved to Independence, Missouri, where the family resided for a very long time together and Paul pastored for 25 years. After his 25 years of pastoral duty to Church of God (Anderson) in Independence, Paul retired but was far from complete in his service. Following retirement, Paul went on to accept pastorate responsibilities at Sugar Creek Church of God (Anderson). He faithfully served at Sugar Creek for another 15 years. Sugar Creek, as an added bonus, was closer to their home than the Independence Church of God (Anderson) location was.

Altogether, Paul served in his pastoral role for total of 46 years! For the entire breadth of Paul's ministry, Edna Mae was right there in support and care in any way she could be to her husband, family, friends, and church community. Paul and Edna Mae were the textbook definition of the word "team."

Throughout the many years and places explored together, Edna Mae faithfully and lovingly worked alongside Paul. She led women's ministries, taught Sunday School, typed up the sermon text for the upcoming services, executed mimeograph duties, built the various print materials for services and fulfilled countless responsibilities to support Paul and her Church of God (Anderson) congregation.

Edna Mae and Paul were blessed with four children – Elaine, Tom, **Janelle (Pastor Tim Irwin)**, and J. Beth.

Beyond Edna Mae's responsibilities as a mother, church mother, and homemaker, Edna Mae, for a period, provided home child care for children outside of her own family.

Edna Mae was a gifted seamstress and for a time, for extra family income, she prepared custom draperies for the local furniture store. She constructed the wedding dress for her daughter Beth. Two of Edna Mae's grandsons, Caleb and Will, were each born seven weeks prematurely. With select templates from Cabbage Patch Doll garment patterns, Edna Mae lovingly crafted custom clothing for these very little additions to the family.

Edna Mae, in addition to her numerous strengths and talents, was also an amazing cook. Many friends and family have mentioned that Edna Mae showed her love to her family, her church community and her fellow human beings through her cooking. Within her family and church circle, Edna Mae's cooking was legendary. She was well known for her apple dumplings; people would fight over them – resulting in more than one spiritual dilemma. Many lament that with Edna Mae's passing, they will never enjoy her delicious dinner rolls ever again!

Services have been held. Remembrances may be made to Children of Promise, a child sponsorship program of children served by the ministries of the Church of God. www.echildrenofpromise.org as well as to the Aloha Church of God, alohacog.org

In Loving Memory

Sonya "Susie" Ingalls (1948 - 2018)



A lady who had a pure desire to see her family succeed, Sonya "Susie" Ingalls was a matriarchal figure for kids, cousins and sisters. She was a true Christian lady who was kind, generous and caring. Anyone who knew her was truly blessed to have her in their lives.

With WWII ending a few years prior, 1948 still saw a high demand of consumer goods and housing in the United States. The first pre-fabricated post war housing started to appear to solve the housing shortages to enable the baby boom after the war years by providing young couples with a home to start their family. NASCAR held their first race for modified stock cars in Daytona Beach, Florida and the game, Scrabble was introduced. The year also welcomed the child of Harold Eddings, who was born in 1917 and Atha (Gross) Eddings, who was born in 1922. Sonya Eddings was born on February 15, 1948 in Peru, Indiana.

Sonya, along with her two sisters, enjoyed happy childhoods both in Peru and Swanton, Ohio. She graduated from Peru High School with the Class of 1966. While she worked for her uncle at his restaurant in West Lafayette, Indiana while she was attending beauty school, she was left a note from a customer to give him a call. Curious who it might be, Sonya called after she was off work and started to learn about a young man who was attending Purdue University, Jim Ingalls.

Sonya and Jim's first date was attending a church service and on June 15, 1968, the couple would marry at that same location of their first date, Frist Presbyterian Church of West Lafayette. They welcomed their first child, Robyn, in 1969. Jim's service in the Air Force led them to residences in several states until they settled in Columbia City in 1978 after his honorable discharge. Sonya gave birth to their second child, Matt, in 1986. She worked at several local businesses, including Christian Resources book store and most recently Weatherhead Federal Credit Union.

Her life was marked by a commitment to serving her church and family. She was a dedicated member of New Hope Wesleyan Church, where she routinely offered her generosity and service to community-oriented ministry--like filling backpacks with food for children in need. Out of her own desire to serve Jesus she spent countless hours handcrafting cards and bracelets for friends, acquaintances, and strangers.

For us, her family, we often sought her advice and wisdom in times of sorrow and challenge. She knew just how to provide the right words gently and profoundly--to shine a bright light into whatever darkness we might have brought to her. While her presence is gone, the goodness of her wisdom shall never be extinguished from our lives. Over the years, Sonya and Jim created a special bond together. It came quite natural for Jim to affectionately come up with names to refer her to like Sugars or Dolly.

Surrounded by her immediate family, Sonya "Susie" Ingalls passed away in the comfort of her own home at 3:10 A.M. Friday, December 7, 2018. She's survived by her loving husband of 50 years, Jim Ingalls; her daughter, Robyn and son-in-law Robert; her son, Matt and daughter-in-law, Abigail; sisters, Ruthy Hoppes and Judy Maus and brother-in-law David; niece, Mandy; nephews, Jason and his wife Andria and Ryan and his wife, Lauren; and beloved grandsons, Elliot and Micah. She was preceded in death by her father Harold in 2000 and mother Atha in 2009.

Visitation was on Sunday, December 9, 2018 at DeMoney -Grimes, a Life Story Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City. Funeral service was held at 10 a.m. Monday, December 10, 2018 at New Hope Wesleyan Church, 971 N 400 W, Columbia City. Committal service and interment was at Stough Cemetery, Columbia City. To send her family condolences online, please visit www.DeMoneyGrimes.com

Mrs. Ingalls was the mother of Pastor Matt Ingalls.



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Church of God Convention June 27—30, 2019 Orlando World Center Marriott, Florida

For more information:

<https://www.jesusisthesubject.org/convention-2019/>

June 1, 2018—March 1, 2019

EARLY BIRD: \$119

March 2, 2019—June 1, 2019

REGULAR: \$149

June 2, 2019—June 30, 2019

AT THE DOOR: \$169

Sweet Bundles of Joy!

Introducing . . .

Miss Natalie Grace Elliot



Natalie Grace Elliot was born to Jenny and Nate Elliot on the afternoon of November 29. A happy, healthy 7 lb., 14 oz., 20 inches long baby girl. Jenny is Associate Pastor at Friendly St. Church of God in Eugene.

A note from Jenny.....

"We feel so blessed that God chose us to be her parents. It is very surreal and amazing to see how God has written every aspect of her story. The name Natalie means "First born" and is often associated with Christ's birth. She is our firstborn child, first granddaughter on both Marble and Elliot sides, and first grandchild on the Elliot side. It was important to us to recognize that she first belongs to Christ, our Hope of the world. And then grace - what is a greater gift than grace?"



Introducing . . .

Mr. Judah Luke Mitchell



Judah Luke Mitchell, was born December 17, 2018 at 2:31p.m. 8 lbs, 2 ounces and 18 inches tall. Jason & Amy Mitchell are all doing well and praising God for this new life in their family.

Jason is Senior Pastor at Springfield Church of God.

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