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Happy New Year!

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**From the Desk of
Pastor Jerry Davisson**
District Pastor

Well, here we are at the beginning of a brand-new year. A lot of us are asking where 2019 went. Even though the years are flying by, I enjoy the chance to start fresh each January and have another opportunity to make a difference for the Kingdom of God. I am really looking forward to the coming year as the churches in our Association continue to become the missional people that God has called us to

be. I'm not a big New Year resolution guy but I do feel it is important to take some time to reflect back on the things that happened in the past year and to make some plans that will help us become the people God would have us be. We need to start by asking some questions like, how am I more like Jesus at the end of 2019 than I was when the year started? What helped me to make those changes? Where did I struggle and what areas do I need to work on? How did I leverage my time, talent, money, relationships, work and leisure to further the Kingdom of God and help Him in His redemptive mission? As we look at our successes and failures, we can then begin to formulate a plan that will help us strengthen the areas of our lives that we need to work on and to continue the growth that we began. The goal is not to do more stuff but to continue to center our lives and our goals around a missional lifestyle. Let me give you some suggestions. Continue to pray that God will bring across your path those "People of Peace" that you can pour the love of Jesus into. By building those relationships we will have the opportunity to help introduce others to Jesus and to his Kingdom life. Share a meal with someone outside the faith family with the purpose on building relationship. Bless at least one person a week. This could be as simple as sending a card or an email or giving a gift. Another suggestion would be to continue in your own growth and understanding of who Jesus is and what he did. Reading the Gospels every couple of months will help you to get to know Jesus better. But don't just read the Gospels, practice the things that Jesus practiced. I am excited about what God has in store for me and for our Association this coming year as we seek to build missional DNA into our lives. **How will you make 2020 a year of change?** I so look forward to serving with you in the coming year. Have a great New Year!

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District Office, Church & National Events

January 2020

Jan. 1: **HAPPY NEW YEAR!** (OFFICE CLOSED)

Jan. 18: Celebration of Life for Pastor
Roy Dockter, 2 p.m., Lynchwood
Church of God

Jan. 27: District Council meeting

Please check our website for
current calendar information.

www.orwacog.org

February 2020

Feb. 17: **PRESIDENTS' DAY** (OFFICE CLOSED)

Feb. 29: Gravity Leadership Bootcamp #2



Pastor Rick Haberly is Retiring!

His last Sunday at the church will be on January 12, 2020.

You are invited!

Dinner is planned for:

- Sunday, **January 12 @ 5:30 p.m.**
- Stacy's Covered Bridge Restaurant, 401 E. Main, Cottage Grove, Oregon
- The cost is \$20 per person paid at the door
 - RSVP to Karen Moorehead @ 541-942-7126, ext. 10 or
 - Email cgriversidechurch@hotmail.com



RSVP IS REQUIRED
NO LATER THAN
WEDNESDAY, Jan. 8, 2020

Boot Camp, #2 — Feb. 29, 2020

Discipleship Boot Camp

4 Part Series—Presented by Gravity Leadership



**LEAD LIKE JESUS.
MAKE DISCIPLES.
CHANGE YOUR
WORLD.**



Boot Camp 1: Paradigms—Nov. 9, 2019

Boot Camp 2: Posture—Feb. 29, 2020

Boot Camp 3: Practices—May 16, 2020

Boot Camp 4: Presence—Aug. 22, 2020

Ben Hardman, Speaker \$50 Each

@ Hoodview Church of God—Woodburn, OR

Sponsored by

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JOIN US... as we explore the 4 P's of Discipleship

Dive with us into a deeper understanding, not only of how to lead like Jesus and make disciples, but also discover the building blocks to create a culture built on disciple making. Learn the process of making disciples who make disciples through teaching, training, group exercises and future planning.

Boot Camp 1: Paradigms (Nov. 9, 2019)

The paradigms we train in are the foundation of how we build our discipleship culture. The 7 mis... on. We've tried to reduce a lot of the... need "hooks" like these to help us ke... pleship and mission. We need a way to l... our minds and bodies, because if t... k as designed. In fact, unless we are running this "operating system" of missional theology, the tools may actually do counterproductive work in your culture!

COMPLETED

Boot Camp 2: Posture (Feb. 29, 2020)

No discipleship process will work unless we learn to actually lead like Jesus. Discipleship is not simply knowledge and behavior, but it is learning to live the life Jesus would live if He were you. We will discuss not only how we lead, but how we lead in the way of Jesus. Most of our time will be spent discussing how Jesus embodied grace and truth and how He modeled this for us. We will also discuss power and how we yield power in the kingdom of God.

Boot Camp 3: Practices (May 16, 2020)

We should not believe that discipleship is done without practice. Learning to make disciples, who make disciples, takes practice. We will teach the kingdom wheel and practice the process of discerning where God is at work and joining Him there. Most churches have created a healthy "teaching" culture, but we want to discuss how we become a "training" culture. Are we simply gathering people or are we equipping and sending them out?

Boot Camp 4: Presence (Aug. 22, 2020)

None of our discipleship training works without the ongoing presence of God in our lives. We will take a deep dive into what it looks like for us to learn to walk in God's presence daily. We will practice listening to him, discerning where he is at work, and we will work together to create cultures where we are encountering the living God weekly.

Schedule for Boot Camps:

9am Registration

9:30am Welcome & Worship

10am Session 1

11am Groups/Exercises/
Discussion

12:30pm Lunch Provided

1:30pm Session 2 + Ministry

Time

4pm Go Home

TO REGISTER for Session 2: <https://orwacog.org/events/gravity-leadership-boot-camp-5/>

In Loving Memory

JULIA SHROUT

July 4, 1924—Nov. 19, 2019



Julia Hilda ShROUT, resident of Emerald Pointe Senior Living in Keizer, passed away November 19th at the age of 95.

She was born to Lewis and Julia Honeycutt on July 4, 1924, in Hickory, North Carolina. Her family moved to Albemarle, North Carolina, where she graduated from high school. She began working as city editor of the Stanley News and Press in her hometown. She left for Anderson College in Indiana the fall of 1943.

In 1946, she met Bill ShROUT, who was recently discharged from the U.S. Navy. They were married on February 8, 1947, in Anderson, and shared 62 years of happy marriage together until his passing in 2009.

During the '50s and '60s, Julia shifted her attention to raising a family and imparting her faith in Christ and love for God in their local church and community. She also worked at various positions in office settings and substitute teaching. She completed her bachelor's degree in English and teacher education at Warner Pacific College in 1968 and worked part time as an intake worker for Multnomah County Mental Health.

In 1969, she was hired at Mt Hood Community College where her first reading program classroom was held in a portable trailer parked on a tennis court. She also provided departmental leadership and received various education awards until her retirement from full-time teaching in 1988.

In every community in which Bill and Julia made their home, serving Jesus and serving others was a priority. Examples include involvement with local schools, scouting, children's ministry, Sunday school teacher, and she served as a pianist and organist. Starting in 1979, Julia provided English language learning and cultural acquisition for a Laotian congregation that thrived for many years. In 2007, she received the Distinguished Alumni Legacy Award from Warner Pacific College.

She lived at Emerald Pointe until her passing, where she cherished a community of beloved friends. Julia was known for her involvement in social events, bean-bag baseball, leadership for hymn sings, and encouraging others.

Julia's family was at her bedside when she stepped into eternity during the evening hours on November 19th. She was the last one of her generation in her family. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill ShROUT; son-in-law, Steve Graham; and daughter-in-law, Toni ShROUT. She is survived by her daughter Linda (Raul Villalva) ShROUT Graham; sons Terry (Betty Jo) ShROUT, and Rick ShROUT; grandchildren Charley (Melissa) Graham, Laura Avina, Jonathan (Carissa) ShROUT, Melissa ShROUT, and Sarah (John) Peters; great-grandchildren Andy Avina, Benjamin Avina, and Zyra ShROUT. Julia's celebration of life service was held on December 7th at Oak Park Church of God in Salem at 2:00 PM. Internment was at Willamette National Cemetery. Assisting the Family was Virgil T. Golden Funeral Service.



In Loving Memory

REV. ROY DOCKTER

Nov. 1, 1925—Dec. 12, 2019



Rev. Roy Dockter passed away peacefully Dec. 12, 2019 in Portland, Oregon. Roy was born on Nov. 1, 1925 in North Dakota and grew up in a large family full of laughter and love. His children and grandchildren often heard stories of growing up on the farm and the escapades they would have. Roy passed on his joy in life to others

and could often be heard laughing, telling stories, and sharing a joke with those around him.

Roy met the love of his life, Alverta Hager, while working on her family's farm. He served in the Army in WW2 and was stationed in the Philippines. Roy and Alverta married in 1951. They moved to Portland, Oregon in 1952 so Roy could attend college. He graduated in 1960 while working at the Post Office to support his growing family. Roy was ordained as a minister in 1968 and faithfully served for over 40 years. Roy and Alverta loved to travel and spend time with family. This was something he continued to do even in his 90's.

Roy was preceded in death by his wife Alverta in 2004, and is survived by his 5 children, 20 grandchildren, 18 great grandchildren, and 1 great-great grandchild.

Burial with military honors was at Willamette National Cemetery on Dec. 30, 2019. Viewing provided at Wilhelm's Portland Memorial at 6705 SE 14th Avenue on Dec. 27, 10:00 – 4:00pm.

A Celebration of His Life will be held on Saturday January 18, 2020 at 2:00pm at Lynchwood Church of God, 3818 SE 174th Avenue.



Gone But Not Forgotten, Forever In Our Hearts

Ministers Happenings

2019

New Licensures:

1. **Omar Cifuentes**, Lead Pastor of Hispanic Ministries at Mt. Scott Church of God in Portland, Oregon.
2. **John Jamieson**, Pastor at First Church of God in Longview, Washington.
3. **Kyle McGowen**, Youth Pastor at Riverside Community Church of God in Cottage Grove, Oregon.
4. **Viola Trevino**, Pastor at Las Bodas del Cordero in Seaside, Oregon.
5. **Larry Wilson**, Senior Pastor at First Church of God in Medford, Oregon.

License Renewals:

1. **Jenny Elliot**, Associate Pastor at Friendly Street Church of God in Eugene, Oregon.
2. **Robbin Foster**, Associate Pastor at the Redmond Church of God in Redmond, Oregon.
3. **Chris Kainu**, Lead Pastor at Vancouver Church in Vancouver, Washington.
4. **Tim Townley**, Senior Pastor at Gales Creek Community Church of God, Gales Creek Oregon.

Welcome To Oregon and SW Washington (2019):

1. **Douglas Balzer**, Senior Pastor at River Street Church of God in Newberg, Oregon.
2. **Aaron "Moose" Sprunger**, Senior Pastor at First Church of God in Albany, Oregon (Ordained 1987, from Kansas to Oregon).
3. **Larry Wilson**, Senior Pastor at First Church of God in Medford, Oregon.

Recognition for Years of Ordained Service (2019):

1. **Larry Brown**, Roseburg, Oregon, 25 Years
2. **Ellie Pierson-Sutter**, Salem, Oregon, 25 Years
3. **Kent Walton**, Oregon City, Oregon, 25 Years

Deceased (2019):

1. **Thomas Miller**, 5/28/2019
2. **Richard Hubacek**, 8/8/2019
3. **Greg Hicks**, 10/19/2019
4. **Roy Dockter**, 12/12/2019

Introducing...

Rev. Dr. Douglas Balzer, DMin.

River Street Church of God, Newberg, Oregon



Doug was installed as Pastor at River Street Church of God in Newberg on October 6th, 2019. He is presently an ordained minister in the Free Methodist Church and has been in active ministry for 37 years.

Doug has been married to his wife Jan for 36 years. They have two grown children and four grandchildren.

Doug is a graduate of New Hope Christian College. He received his M.A. in Church History, Theology, and Biblical Studies, as well as an MDiv from George Fox Evangelical Seminary (Portland Seminary). He continued his studies in Semiotics and Future Thought to receive his Doctor of Ministry at George Fox mentored by Dr. Leonard Sweet in 2012. Doug has extensive experience serving in ministry, business, and teaching as a professor.

Save the Date

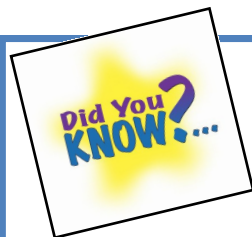
CANNON BEACH ADULT RETREAT

- Tues. afternoon, **March 17** – Thurs. lunch, **March 19, 2020**
- Cannon Beach Conference Center, Cannon Beach, Oregon
- Sponsored by Vancouver Church
- Speaker: Pastor Mike Fackler, Highland Park Community COG, Casper, Wyoming
- Traditional worship style (hymns & choruses)
- Four general sessions
- 1 mini- concert & variety night
- Registration opened in December

Registration forms will be sent out as soon as they are available. Questions? Please contact:

Larry Whittlesey
Community Pastor, Traditional (The 9)
Vancouver Church

Larry@Vancouverchurch.org



Faithlife

Faithlife, which offers a suite of church management solutions, including its flagship product Logos Bible Software, will provide access to a unified platform for all Church of God (Anderson, Indiana) congregations through a new strategic partnership. On June 30, during Church of God Convention 2019 and General Assembly in Orlando, Florida, Jim Lyon, general director of Church of God Ministries, and Bob Pritchett, founder and CEO of Faithlife, officially announced the partnership that will provide a way to streamline the global movement's communications and community.

Through the partnership, Faithlife is also piloting its newest forthcoming platform, Faithlife Equip, in a few dozen Church of God churches.

Faithlife Equip enables churches to manage nearly every church function on the same platform including worship presentation and sermon preparation, giving, church membership management, social interaction, website building and small group resources while offering spiritual growth and education through access to books, videos, study courses, and family-friendly entertainment.

Faithlife is based in Bellingham, Washington. <https://faithlife.com/>

Church of God Ministries “Save the Dates”

Regional Conventions 2020

Choose from the following dates



**April 22-24,
2020**

**Center of Hope
LA**

**INGLEWOOD,
CALIFORNIA**

**Sept. 16-18
2020**

**Church of God
of EAST NEW
YORK**

**June 24-26,
2020**

**Madison Park
Church of God
ANDERSON,
INDIANA**

For More Information & to Register:

<https://www.jesusisthesubject.org/2020-regional-conventions/>



JULY 3-6, 2020— IYC

The 52nd International YOUTH Convention of the Church of God will be held in Orlando, Florida

**World Center Marriott
8701 World Center Drive
Orlando, FL 32831**

<https://www.jesusisthesubject.org/iyc-2020/>



Let All you do
be done in love.

1 Corinthians 16:14