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## — CONNECTIONS —

*Connecting our Churches, Ministries & Events*



### From the Desk of Pastor Jerry Davlissson *District Pastor*

Summer is upon us and with it means a change in routine for many of us. There are many things happening around the Association this summer I want to make you aware of. I want to invite you to participate in our **ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING** being held at Oak Park Church of God in Salem, Oregon Saturday July 20<sup>th</sup>. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and the meeting starts at 10:00 a.m. The theme is "Reaching Our Community". Come and hear stories of how churches around our Association are working to reach their community with the good news. There will be a report from Camp White Branch and other exciting happenings in our Association and beyond. Following lunch, we will have a Minister's Fellowship meeting. Come and connect with others from around our Association.

I also want to encourage you to be part of the **WILLAMETTE VALLEY CAMPMEETING** Sunday evening, August 4<sup>th</sup> through Thursday morning, August 8<sup>th</sup> at the Oregon Christian Convention Center in Turner, Oregon. Ben Hardman, pastor from the Atlanta area and co-founder of Gravity Leadership, will be the speaker for both our main sessions and our youth.

If you have children, youth or grandchildren, don't let them miss summer Camp! Camp is a great opportunity for our young people to engage with other students and have their lives impacted thru great speakers, fun events and the power of the Holy Spirit.

The **ANNUAL MEN'S RETREAT** will be held August 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> at Camp White Branch. This is a great time to connect with other men from around our Association, be refreshed and renew your spirit. You can find information for all these events on our website at [www.orwacog.org](http://www.orwacog.org). Hope to see you all this summer!

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# District Office, Church & National Events



- **July 4** *Independence Day*
- **July 20** Annual Business Mtg., Oak Park Church of God, Salem, Oregon
- **July** Camp White Branch camps



- **Aug. 4-8** Willamette Valley Campmeeting, Oregon Christian Convention Center, Turner
- **Aug. 16-18** Men's Retreat, Camp White Branch
- **Aug. 18** Installation service at Albany First COG for Pastor Aaron "Moose" Sprunger, 3:00 pm

## ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING IS THIS MONTH!



**VOTING MEMBERS:** District Approved Ministers, an Officer of the Corporation, District Executives & Council Members, or Lay Delegates

**TO PARTICIPATE & VOTE IN PERSON:** There is no charge to attend. There will be lunch in between the Annual Business meeting and the Ministers meeting. A donation of \$5 to help with the cost of food is suggested. Please REGISTER online <https://orwacog.org/events/annual-business-meeting-3/> to help us know how many to prepare for.

**TO PARTICIPATE & VOTE BY WEBINAR (ZOOM):** If you are a delegate and unable to travel to Salem, you may vote using your computer. Please email our office at [districtoffice@orwacog.org](mailto:districtoffice@orwacog.org) with your name, email address & the church you are representing. Once we have that information, we will email a link to you to register for the webinar. You will then need to register using the computer or iPad you intend to use when voting. This is very important!

## **Willamette Valley Campmeeting**

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**AUGUST 4 - 8, 2019**

**Turner, OR**

# **ENCOUNTER**

*God's Spirit in a Fresh Way*

**Main Speaker:**  
**BEN HARDMAN**



**For Information & Registration:**

<https://orwacog.org/events/willamette-valley-campmeeting-3/>



# Willamette Valley Campmeeting

## Schedule at a Glance

### Sunday, August 4

- 3:00P Registration Opens
- 5:30P Community Dinner
- 7:00P Evening Service (Speaker: Jerry Davisson, District Pastor)  
(including recognition of selected district pastors)

### Monday-Wednesday, August 5-7

- 7:30A Morning Devotions with Pastor David Shrout
- 8:00A Breakfast
- 10:00A Morning Service (Speakers: Monday—Jason Mitchell;  
Tuesday—Aaron Sprunger; Wednesday—Charles Hunter)
- 10:00A Morning Youth Service (Speaker: Ben Hardman)
- 12:00P Lunch
- 2:00P Afternoon Activities
- 5:30P Community Dinner
- 7:00P Evening Service (Speaker: Ben Hardman)

### Thursday, August 8

- 7:30A Morning Devotions with Pastor David Shrout
- 8:00A Breakfast
- 10:00A Morning Service (Speaker: Ben Hardman)
- 11:30A Clean Up/Head Home

Children's ministry will be provided during worship services.


### You may want to bring ...

- Bedding and towels (if staying overnight)
- River floats/innertubes (a small flowing river is available for enjoyment during hot, summer days)
- Games
- Come ready to "unplug"!



**All churches have  
received registration  
information or go to  
our website to  
register online,  
[www.orwacog.org](http://www.orwacog.org)**

# Installation Service – August 18



**FIRST CHURCH OF GOD**  
1225 15th Ave. S.W., Albany, OR 97321

IT IS WITH GREAT JOY AND THANKFULNESS  
AND GOD'S ANSWER TO PRAYER THAT

**ALBANY FIRST CHURCH OF GOD**

INVITES YOU TO ATTEND THE

**SERVICE OF INSTALLATION OF**

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*Reverend Aaron (Moose) Sprunger*

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AS OUR SENIOR PASTOR

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE INSTALLATION SERVICE  
AND THE RECEPTION (APPETIZERS & DESSERT)  
IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING**

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**3:00PM • AUGUST 18, 2019 • SUNDAY**

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**AT**

**ALBANY FIRST CHURCH OF GOD [1225 S.W. 15TH AVENUE] ALBANY, OR 97321**

**WWW.FIRSTCHURCHALBANY.ORG**  
**QUESTIONS :541-926-2095**

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Rev. Moose (Aaron) Sprunger: Senior Pastor  
Ashleigh Carnley: Worship Director/ Youth and Young Adult Ministries  
Connor Doe: Co-Leader Youth & Young Adult Ministries  
Phone: 541.926.2095    [www.firstchurchalbany.org](http://www.firstchurchalbany.org)

# In Loving Memory

## Dale Franklin Monroe

1948–2019



On April 9, 2019 Dale brought closure to his four-year journey with bladder cancer. Death came at his residence in Portland, Oregon in the presence of his sons and wife.

Dale was born to Warner and Mildred Monroe in Portland, Oregon on January 27, 1948. He attended Franklin High School in Portland, Oregon.

Dale graduated from Warner Pacific in 1970 with a major in Bible. He married Monica Palmer on September 14<sup>th</sup>, 1968. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Monica, and two sons, Matthew and Bart Monroe (wife Kristin), and three grandchildren: Maverick, Quentin, and Alex as well as brothers Rod and Duane Monroe, and sister Patricia Monroe.

As a student at Warner Pacific, Dale loved music, playing in band and singing in choir. As a retiree he returned to campus and played with the wind ensemble, and studied music theory, and history of religion. He started playing with the jazz ensemble, and added that as a newfound skill.

He was employed for over 20 years with Tri Met in Portland, Oregon, driving buses and MAX Light Rail. He was friendly to passengers, and showed compassion to under-privileged and physically challenged passengers. He made friends with people from other countries. His children shared life experiences with friends from Russia and Vietnam.

Dale was creative with his hands and mind. He would attempt to repair anything, and help others with similar tasks. He carried that skill into the rental property that he and Monica owned. Some describe him as inventive.

He also loved the beauty of nature, and spent many days camping, hiking, and exploring the wonders of God's creation. There were ski trips in the Volkswagen van that included others besides his family. He taught his boys at a young age how to ski. He was a gifted storyteller and his grandsons were captivated with his tales. He was passionate about being responsible to do what he

could to make a difference with the environment, which led to installing a solar system to his residence and driving an electric car.

A service to remember him will be held at **Mt. Scott Church of God on Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm.** Memorial gifts honoring Dale may be made to Warner Pacific University for Nursing Simulation Lab, and mailed to 2219 SE 68<sup>th</sup> Ave., Portland, Oregon, 97215.

## Thomas Andrew Miller

1941–2019

Dr. Thomas A. Miller was called to heaven Tuesday, May 28, 2019 after suffering for 10 years with heart disease and dementia. He was surrounded by his family as he left this earth.

Dr. Miller was a graduate of Anderson (Indiana) University, earned a Master's degree at Wichita (Kansas) State University and was awarded a doctorate by the University of Missouri at Kansas City. His teaching career began at Wichita State, then he moved to Eastern Kentucky University (Richmond) and back to Wichita State before he accepted a position at Warner Pacific College in Portland.



Dr. Miller was president of the Oregon chapter of the American Choral Director's Association and later became president of the northwestern division of that organization. His name is included in numerous "Who's Who" publications and he has both choral compositions and published articles to his credit. He directed church choirs at Lake Grove Presbyterian Church and Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Lake Oswego.

Tom's parents, Dr. T. Franklin and Gertie Miller, preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife, Sandra; son, Thomas Scott; a sister, Sue Ellen Spaulding (husband Spencer) of Anderson, Ind; and five nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held on June 21, 2019, at Living Savior Lutheran Church, 8740 S.W. Sagert Street, Tualatin, OR. Memorial donations may be made to any choral organization of your choice.



# Coming Up!



To print out a registration form, go to our website [www.orwacog.org](http://www.orwacog.org) and scroll down on the home page. There is no online registration available. Please mail the paper form with your payment to the address listed in the brochure.

Guest speaker is **Rev. Brian Arnold**, Senior Pastor at Lynchwood Church of God.

***In Everything, By Prayer.....***

***Philippians 4:6***



*Fall Prayer Retreat*  
*September 13-15, 2019*

*Cast your cares on*  
*the Lord...*

*Camp White Branch*  
*61500 Old McKenzie Hwy.*  
*McKenzie Bridge, OR 97413*



Guest Speaker is **Angellee Kloppman**. She will be sharing based on Psalm 56:22

*"Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; he will never let the righteous fall."*

For more information and to print out a registration form, go to our website, [www.orwacog.org](http://www.orwacog.org) and click on the Calendar tab. Scroll to the September date of the retreat. There is no online registration available.

# 2019 Camp White Branch Summer Camps

Registration info has been mailed to all of the district churches.



## Introductory Camp

Entering Grades 2nd or 3rd AND parent

**August 2—4 (2/\$170)**

Director: Julie Jackson

## Primary Camp

Entering 3rd & 4th

**August 12—15 (\$170)**

Director: Karen Graham

## Junior Camp

Entering Grades 5th & 6th

**July 15—19 (\$180)**

Director: John Kuykendall

## Middle School Camp

Entering Grades 7th & 8th

**July 29—August 2 (\$205)**

Directors: Doug & Danette Beisley

## Senior High Camp

Entering Grades 9th—12th

**July 8—12 (\$250), *includes rafting***

Director: Lindsey Speer

*Register at [www.orwacog.org](http://www.orwacog.org)*

**61500 Old McKenzie Hwy, McKenzie Bridge, OR 97413**



# Camp White Branch Summer Camps



## REGISTRATION

Our registration process has undergone some changes. Please be sure to read these important details. Registering **online** is strongly encouraged.

### **To REGISTER ONLINE & PAY BY CREDIT CARD:** [www.orwacog.org](http://www.orwacog.org)

- Click on “Camp” tab, then “Camp Registration”.
- This new registration program has been in the works for many weeks and has just been launched. The goal is to make things easier for Camp White Branch and the camp directors.
- Your patience is appreciated as we work out any kinks that may come up.

***Please pay full amount.***

### **To REGISTER BY PAPER & PAY BY CHECK:**

- Fill out paper registration form WITH Waiver insert
- Please pay full amount
- Mail form, SIGNED insert (both sides) & check to address on the front of the registration form.

**Churches:** If you are registering multiple youth for camps and plan on paying by check, PLEASE include a spreadsheet or, at least, an itemized list of camper names, what camp they will be attending, and how much money should be applied to each camper.



# Camp White Branch - PARENT CHILD CAMP



**News Alert:** *Why a Parent/Grandparent Should Come to Camp With Their Child!*

Hello! RJ & I have been directing Parent-Child (Introduction) Camp since 2007. This is our 13<sup>th</sup> year and we want to invite all children entering 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Fall 2019 to come to Parent & Child Camp with their same-sex guardian.

Camp begins at 6 PM on Friday, 8/2/19 with dinner at 6:30 PM. We have a full schedule with plenty of free time. This is a time of making memories with your child/grandchild and to build confidence in your camper to be ready to go to Primary Camp Summer 2020. Please register today!

This summer is the first summer where the new Multi-Purpose Building will be in full use. This is a great year to come to CWB. Several Churches of God folks have been coming to CWB this past spring to “spruce” up the camp for our campers. We thank these Churches of God from Albany, Reedsport, Rainier, etc.

Every camper gets a T-Shirt on the last day of camp for group pictures before closing the camp on Sunday, 8/4 at 11:00 AM.

If you have questions or concerns please contact me at 503-252-0272 (landline) or [juliemariejackson@comcast.net](mailto:juliemariejackson@comcast.net). Please note that there is no cell phone coverage at CWB.

If you have special needs or circumstances, please let us know. We do not want a child unable to come to CWB, so we will try our best to accommodate!!!

See you at Camp!

Pastor Julie Jackson,  
Neighborhood Church of God

**Special Thanks to our Camp White Branch Directors:** Leonard & Stacey Meyer. They do a fabulous job at our camp. Also, thank you to Valerie Borst and Sally Ranton with all of the behind-the-scenes work. Thank you to Danette Beisley for coordinating our camps. Lots of hands are needed to prepare for our camps.

To Register for Parent-Child camp or any of our other camps, please go to our website at [orwacog.org](http://orwacog.org) and click on the CAMP tab.



# Camp White Branch - FIRE SEASON HELP

## CAMP WHITE BRANCH VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

*Help Us Prepare for the 2019 Fire Season!*

Each year Camp White Branch plays a major role in serving firefighters who manage the forest fires in the local area. Firefighters pitch tents in designated areas and the camp provides two meals and showers for a fee. This has been a great ministry for the camp and the funds have helped cover operating costs.

At times, the number of firefighters served can be quite large and since we don't have prior notice on their arrival or



how long they will be staying, it is difficult to find staff on short notice. We are hoping some of our church members would be willing to sign up for a

few days or a week to serve at the camp. **You would basically be on call and notified if your help is needed.**

Thanks,  
Camp White Branch Board and  
Leonard & Stacey



### Dates Help

**Needed:** Sept 1- Nov.  
2, 2019

### Two Shifts per

Day (1 person or  
a couple/shift):

4:00 am to 10:00am  
and 3:00 pm - 9:00  
pm

Volunteers can stay in one of the cabins or bring their RV if they prefer. Meals will be provided by the camp. We encourage volunteers to eat with firefighters since this is a great opportunity for ministry and fellowship.

**Typical Duties Performed:** Prepare beverages, assist with final prep of meals, set out plates/silverware/cups, prepare/set up/take down salad bar, serve meals, refill food when low, wash off tables post meals, empty trash cans, wash dishes, sweep floors, and other basic cleaning.

If any food handlers or cooks are available and willing to be on a call list, please let the district office know. This would ensure Leonard and Stacey are able to get some rest and days off.

Please go to <https://signup.com/go/fWnvnBR> or contact the Church of God District Office

- PHONE: 503-393-3510 / 1-800-873-7729
- E-MAIL: [districtoffice@orwacog.org](mailto:districtoffice@orwacog.org) to sign up for dates to help.
- WEBSITE: [www.orwacog.org](http://www.orwacog.org) (home page)

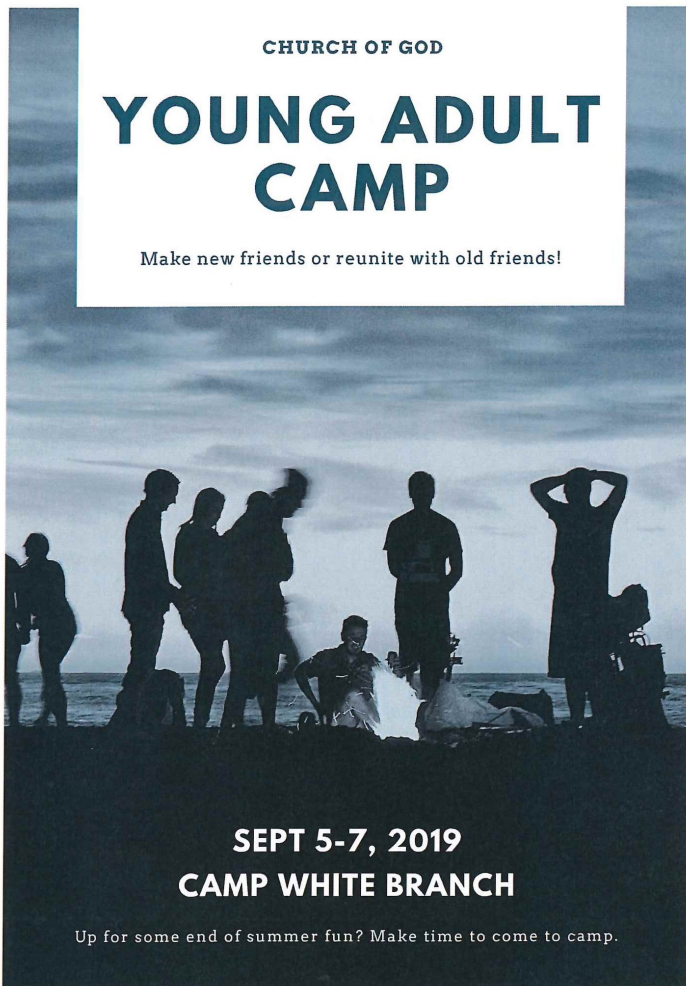


# Camp White Branch - YOUNG ADULT CAMP

CHURCH OF GOD

## YOUNG ADULT CAMP

Make new friends or reunite with old friends!



SEPT 5-7, 2019  
CAMP WHITE BRANCH

Up for some end of summer fun? Make time to come to camp.

## 2019 YOUNG ADULT CAMP

Come enjoy the fun and fellowship  
you had at Camp White Branch as a  
youth.

### CAMP ACTIVITIES

- Trail Hikes
- Evening Worship
- Devotions
- Sports & Games
- Group Bonding
- Bonfires

To register, go to <https://orwacog.org/events/young-adults-camp/>.  
Cost for camp is \$60. Arrival on Thursday evening and departure  
Saturday at noon. High school graduates to early 30's welcome.  
No children.

CAN'T WAIT TO SEE  
YOU THERE & BE SURE  
TO INVITE YOUR  
FRIENDS!!

### Guest Speaker is PASTOR BOB CHRISTENSEN

Interim Pastor at  
Oak Park Church of God in Salem

To register online, go to our website, [www.orwacog.org](http://www.orwacog.org) and click on the  
CAMP tab. Scroll down to Young Adults Camp. You will also find a Waiver &  
Release form to fill out.