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## — CONNECTIONS —

*Connecting our Churches, Ministries & Events*



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

I believe in the power of prayer to change things. However, too often we approach prayer as a one-way conversation where we come to God with our long list of needs and desires. We see God as a great cosmic vending machine. We feel all we have to do is put in the correct change (*Pray the right prayer*) and out pops the answer. That is if we pray at all. The Barna Research group found that the average person spends 1 minute a day in prayer, the average Christian spends 3-5 minutes and the average Pastor or church leader spends 7-10 minutes. This includes prayer for meals. James 4:2-3 tells us, "...You do not have because you do not ask God, when you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures." According to Richard Foster in his classic book, *Celebration of Discipline*, "To pray is to change. Prayer is the central avenue God uses to transform us. If we are unwilling to change, we will abandon prayer as a noticeable characteristic of our lives. The closer we come to the heart-beat of God the more we see our need and the more we desire to be conformed to Christ." Considering the challenges our Association faces, one of our council members asked the question, "When was the last time the Association gathered as a group to pray?" It has been a while. We are in the process of identifying a date this spring where we can come together and pray.

***Look for that date to be announced soon.***



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# District Office, Churches & National Events



## □ March 10

Turn clocks forward 1 hour, Daylight Saving



## □ March 19-21

Adult Retreat sponsored by Vancouver Church, Cannon Beach

(see pg. 5 for more information)

## □ March 29-30

Christian Women Spring Convention, Sunset Park Community Church, St. Helens

(see pg. 4 for registration information)

## April 2-4

W.A.R.M., Western Area Regional Ministerium, Lynchwood Church of God

## □ April 14

Easter

## □ April 21

Palm Sunday

### LOOKING AHEAD IN 2019

- **June 27-30**, Church of God Convention & General Assembly, Orlando, Florida
- **July 20**, Annual Business Meeting, Salem
- **Aug. 4-8**, Willamette Valley Campmeeting, Turner, Oregon

## SNAPSHOTS OF THE MINISTERS & SPOUSE RETREAT, March 1-3, 2019



View of the beach from the hotel.  
Gorgeous weather the entire weekend!



Deborah Loyd  
Guest Speaker



Cheesecake!



Pastor Rick Cunningham, Worship Leader

Forty-one people were greeted with sunshine, blue skies and calm seas when they arrived for the annual Ministers & Spouse Retreat. It was a great time of reconnecting & reflection!

# Ministers Happenings in 2018

## **Commission Renewals:**

1. J. Roberto Juarez, Senior Pastor at Primera Iglesia De Dios in Vancouver, Washington.

## **New Licensures:**

1. Rick Cunningham, Associate Pastor of Worship & Family Ministries at Hucrest Community Church of God in Roseburg, Oregon.
2. Timothy Townley, Senior Pastor at Gales Creek Community Church of God in Gales Creek, Oregon.
3. Kristen Zetzsche, Associate Pastor at Reedsport Church of God in Reedsport, Oregon.

## **Newly Ordained:**

1. Danette Beisley, Pastor of Family & Outreach at Oak Park Church of God in Salem, Oregon.
2. James Minkler, Senior Pastor at Seabird Chapel Church of God in Bandon, Oregon.
3. Sandra Salisbury, Associate Pastor at Sunset Park Community Church of God in St. Helens, Oregon.

## **Welcome To Oregon and SW Washington (2018):**

1. Tim McCart, Senior Pastor at Crossroads Community Church in LaGrande, Oregon (Ordained 1992, from Washington to Oregon).
2. Daniel Smatlak, Worship Pastor at Hoodview Church of God in Woodburn, Oregon (Licensed 2004, from Washington to Oregon).
3. Paula Wilson, Interim Pastor at River Street Church of God in Newberg, Oregon (Ordained 2007, from California to Oregon).
4. Jason Mitchell, Senior Pastor at Springfield Church of God in Springfield, Oregon.
5. John Jamieson, Senior Pastor at First Church of God in Longview, Washington.
6. Bruce Silver, Interim Pastor at First Church of God in Klamath Falls, Oregon.

## **Recognition for Years of Ordained Service (2018):**

1. James Coleman, Portland, Oregon, 50 Years
2. Roy Dockter, Portland, Oregon, 50 Years
3. Grant Fall, Salem, Oregon, 50 Years
4. Ron Hoak, Damascus, Oregon, 40 Years
5. Glen Hossler, Salem, Oregon, 40 Years
6. Charles Hunter, Portland, Oregon, 40 Years
7. Richard Hunter, Portland, Oregon, 40 Years
8. David Marble, St. Helens, Oregon, 40 Years
9. John Fandel, Powers, Oregon, 25 Years
10. Steven Holt, Portland, Oregon, 25 Years

## **Deceased (2018):**

1. Lori Spohn, 1/24/18
2. John Parker, Jr., 4/3/18
3. Richard Lander, 4/20/18
4. Lester Bailey, 10/25/18
5. Charles Tarr, 11/13/18

# Christian Women Spring Convention

*Unplug From Your Every Day to Connect with the Extraordinary*



**SPEAKER**

**Kris Davisson** is a pastor's wife, mom, working woman, creative soul and most importantly a BGE (Best Grandma Ever!) to her first grandson (be prepared to see pictures!). She and her husband, Regional Pastor Jerry Davisson, relocated to the Portland area to be closer to family in 2016. People are her passion – investing in, loving on and cherishing. It is her heart's desire that everyone she meets know how valuable they are. She is the Vice President of Financial Credit Network, Inc., a collection agency in Visalia, CA and considers this one of her greatest mission fields. She is also the CEO of FCN Cares – a nonprofit organization created to provide services to the underserved children in Tulare County (California). Kris loves Jesus with all of her heart and loves the opportunity to share with women about how He treasures us!



**WORSHIP**

**Allison Nunnally** grew up going to Sunset Park Community Church. There she found the love of Jesus Christ, music, and her soul mate, Tyson. Her husband, Tyson is currently serving as SPCC's Youth Pastor. Together they work side by side with the Junior/Senior High Youth. Allison also works for Kaiser Permanente as a payroll specialist. Allison and Tyson love fishing and traveling. They also spend many hours throwing tennis balls for their 2 year old Blue Heeler named Oakley.

**March 29 & 30, 2019  
Sunset Park Community Church  
174 Sunset Blvd.  
St. Helens, OR 97051**

- **Registration Fee of \$40** includes: Dinner, dessert, coffee and snacks, lunch along with programming.
- **Checks payable:** *Christian Women Connection*
- **Registrations** should be mailed to:

Nancy Kernutt  
59469 Woodcreek Dr.  
St. Helens, OR 97051

Include your:

**NAME,  
ADDRESS,  
PHONE #  
HOME CHURCH  
ANY DIETARY RESTRICTIONS**

**Please register by March 15, 2019.  
Late registration fee of \$5**



# District Church Events



**MARCH 15 & 16, 2019**

**Fri. 7:00 p.m.—9:30 p.m.**

**Sat. 9:00 a.m.—12:30 p.m.**

First Church of God  
2335 46th Avenue  
Longview, WA 98632

\$75 per couple  
\$40 per single

Contact # for registration information:  
360-904-2117

Email: [Brenda@restoredandremarried.com](mailto:Brenda@restoredandremarried.com)

Web: [RestoredAndRemarried.com](http://RestoredAndRemarried.com)

## Topics covered:

Strengthening your relationship,  
co-parenting, step-parenting, conflict  
resolution, holiday strategies, finances,  
dealing with the “ex” and more!

**APRIL 13, 2019**

**8:30 a.m.—4:15 p.m.**



## Marriage Redeemed

*A couple's conference to help you get your  
marriage back on a healing path following  
betrayal.*

[tuffstuffministries.com](http://tuffstuffministries.com) >Registration info

Featuring our own Pastor Dennis and  
Georgia Miller plus 3 other couples.



Dennis and Georgia Miller have been married over 40 years and represent International Christian Ministries as well as serve as co-directors of Tuff Stuff Ministries. As a result of their life changing journey with sexual addiction and recovery, they provide lay-counseling for couples and individuals dealing with the emotional trauma of betrayal. Together they facilitate small groups of couples in recovery using their “Under Construction” curriculum. The Millers speak at conferences, colleges, retreats, and men's and women's gatherings.

## CANNON BEACH RETREAT 2019 Hosted by the Vancouver Church

**MARCH 19-21, 2019** Please register by March 10

Cannon Beach Christian Conference Center

**Ben Shular** from the Church of God Ministries in Anderson, Indiana will be the speaker.

On Wednesday night, March 20, the “Fouever His” Quartet will be featured.

The cost of the retreat varies depending on the room assigned. **As of March 4, there were seven rooms left.** Room selection cannot be guaranteed.

People not staying onsite can also attend the retreat. The offsite registration rate is \$45 per person. All attendees must fill out a registration form for insurance purposes, even if they are not staying onsite.

Call or email **Pastor Larry Whittlesey** at 503 -475-1592 or [Larry@vancouverchurch.org](mailto:Larry@vancouverchurch.org)

## CANNON BEACH RETREAT 2019

### REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Church \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed: ☐ \$25.00 deposit for single  
☐ \$50.00 deposit for couple ☐ I need a handicap-accessible room  
☐ \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Full amount

Registration is January 6 through March 15 **OR** when we reach 150 registrations, whichever comes first.

*Room will be held upon receipt of deposit on a first-come-first-served basis.*

Step 1 - Call or email Pastor Larry Whittlesey at 503-475-1592 or [Larry@vancouverchurch.org](mailto:Larry@vancouverchurch.org)

Step 2 - Fill out registration form.

Step 3 - Take a copy of both sides of this sheet before mailing for your records.

Step 4 - Return form with deposit or full payment (Payable to First Church of God)  
Send to: Cannon Beach Retreat, First Church of God, 3300 NE 78<sup>th</sup>, Vancouver, WA 98665.

### FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

Rooming with: \_\_\_\_\_ Building: \_\_\_\_\_ Room # \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Total due: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Deposit: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ 2<sup>nd</sup> pmt: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Final pmt: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_

# 2019 Camp White Branch Summer Camps

Registration Information  
Will be coming soon!



## 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

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

# Ministers – W.A.R.M.

Tuesday – Thursday | April 2-4, 2019

WESTERN AREA REGIONAL MINISTERIUM  
(W.A.R.M.)  
OF THE CHURCH OF GOD  
[www.warmcog.org](http://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