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Greetings Friends!

I don't know about you, but I have heard the phrase "game changer" a lot in the past couple of years. Everything from legislation to vaccines to COVID treatments to stimulus money. I recently read an article titled, The Game Changing Leader, by Josh Dotzler. I've provided the link in case you want to read it: The Game-Changing Leader - Leadership Network (leadnet.org).

Josh has some very interesting things to say especially around equity and inclusion and presenting a 360-degree gospel. If the church would put these into practice it would certainly be a "game changer"?

We have just finished up the Lent/Easter season on our church calendar. It is easy for those of us who do not follow a liturgical calendar to take a deep breath after the busyness of Holy Week and move on with life as usual. However, if you want to talk about a game changer, how about the fact that Jesus is still alive today and he has given us his Spirit to guide and direct us in our everyday lives.

I remember several years ago watching the Portland Trailblazers in the playoffs, and them getting beaten badly. I don't particularly care to see a team I care about getting crushed, so I turned the TV off and started doing something else. Later I went back to the TV and turned it on to see how badly the Blazers had gotten beat. When the game came back on, I heard the announcer yelling in the microphone, "can you believe it, the Blazers have won, what an epic comeback". I couldn't believe it! They had won and I had missed it all. They were still in it. I can't help but think that was how the followers of Jesus felt when they heard the news that he was alive. Game changer! Then on Pentecost the Holy Spirit was poured out on Jesus' followers who had assembled! Game changer!

The truth is Easter is not just a once-a-year celebration—it is a 365-day game changer for those who follow Jesus.

Because Jesus is alive it changes everything. Let me leave you with a question. How will the resurrection of Jesus impact you for the rest of the year not just on Easter Sunday? When things look darkest and you think all hope is gone remember, Jesus is alive, his Spirit is available to you . . .

Game changer!

Grace & peace,

Jerry

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District Office, Church & National Events



May 5: National Day of Prayer

May 8: Mother's Day May 30: Memorial Day

"She is clothed with strength and dignity; she can laugh at the days to come." *Proverbs 31:25*



June 15: Regional Conference/Anderson, IN

June 19: Father's Day June 21: Summer Begins

"A wise son brings joy to his father."
Proverbs 10:1

YOUR CONNECTION TO THE CHURCH OF GOD

CHOGNEWS

Check out these events and so much more at Jesusisthesubject.org—

2022 REGIONAL CONFERENCES

SO GOD CREATED HUMAN BEINGS IN HIS OWN IMAGE.

GENESIS 1:27A (NLT)

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BECAUSE OF THE LAM, WE ARE.

Our Regional Conventions connect us with other believers in our nation and beyond. If you are interested in attending one of our 2022 Conventions, go to <u>jesusisthesubject.org</u> for more information. The conference held in April in Fremont, CA was well worth attending. This is not just for pastors. We encourage you to register today! Dates and locations for the two remaining conferences are:

June 21-23—Anderson, IN October 13-16—Orlando, FL

Willamette Valley Campmeeting



Making an impact is the call of every Jesus follower. Handel Smith, Executive Director of US & Canada Strategy for Church of God Ministries, will drive home that theme as the main speaker for this year's Willamette Valley Campmeeting. Focusing on our theme, *IMPACT: A God First Life, Impacting a Changing World*, Rev. Smith will offer practical helps in living out this calling. He will speak in the evening services starting Sunday night, July 31st, and will conclude our week with the morning service on Thursday, August 4th. He will also speak at the morning youth sessions during the week. Victoria Smith, an accomplished musician and the wife of our evangelist, will be the worship leader for all the main services.

The Willamette Valley Campmeeting is a district-wide event that is designed to be a time of worship and inspiration for the whole family, with plenty of opportunities for fellowship and fun. While the schedule is purposely kept minimal to maximize fellowship and rest, there are activities for both children and youth. There will be organized recreation as well as open times to enjoy swimming and floating down the creek that surrounds the property.

Held once again on the historic grounds of the Oregon Christian Convention Center in Turner, Oregon, onsite dining is available throughout the week for registered participants. A variety of overnight lodging options are also available, including cabins, dormitory rooms, RV and tent spaces. Daily commuters are also welcome. Online registration is available through our District Website—www.orwacog.org or by using the following link: https://form.jotform.com/220106302799048

One of the founding principles of this annual week is to be low cost and donation supported. Registration fees only cover a portion of the week, but through the generosity of many in our district and a legacy gift from the Holladay Park congregation, all are able to attend. Both overnight and day use attendees are encouraged to register.

If you have never attended campmeeting, or if it's been years since you have been, **come out this year to the**Willamette Valley Campmeeting and be refreshed and . . . bring someone with you!

Steve Kufeldt

WVC Sec/Treasurer (Planning Team Convener) & Lead Pastor, Hoodview Church of God, Woodburn

Lents Gilbert—Changes & Challenges

The past two years have been times of changes and challenges for the people attending Lents-Gilbert Church of God in southeast Portland. We have closed and reopened the church twice out of health and safety concerns.

When we did start again we had to reinvent the worship experience more than once. Yet, as the song "Through It All" states, we as a people of God have learned to trust Jesus more and more. Actually, as a fellowship of faith, we have grown closer to one another and God as we have maintained friendly

and prayerful contact throughout these trying times.

God has led us to discover new ways to share His love for one another and to "reach out". As some of our people felt we needed to do something for the children, we have reactivated our children's church program with dedicated leaders. The parents are happy as their children joyfully participate in learning about Jesus. More recently, Carol Ann Hermansen, pastor's wife, has added a music time, teaching the children about rhythm with drums and singing songs of faith. We have also been blessed with a new keyboard artist, Pete Peterson, who has been assisting in our worship.

A couple who had fled Ukraine eleven years ago came and shared with us about their journey of faith to the United States.

They told us of having to leave with just what they could carry, not knowing what the future held. Looking back, they have seen how God had led and provided all along the way. They had their two sons with them, and as a family they shared that they knew that Jesus truly loves them. They said they were truly glad to share with us from personal experience about the ongoing crisis in Ukraine, where they have friends and family. They are now doing well, and are just about ready to move into their own home in Portland. Their testimony touched our hearts and moved us to discover what we could do as a people of God to help. We are scheduling other speakers to help us know how to be

of help to others in Portland and throughout the world.

More recently, we have received information about Samaritan's Purse, a Billy Graham Evangelistic Association program, that reaches out to people in need throughout the world.

Specifically, we have decided to be a part of Operation Christmas Child, which gives shoe boxes containing gifts for children and teaches them about Jesus. Several of our people have stepped forward wanting to help. Our initial commitment was for fifty boxes, but out of enthusiasm for the project, the goal has been raised. There is a growing awareness in our congregation that God is calling us to reach out in love to others.



Ukraine Family

Lents Gilbert Cont / Minister & Spouse Retreat

On Easter Sunday, the Samoan church group that meets in our building, New Life of Christ, joined us to celebrate. Their pastor and worship team shared with us. We gave a dramatic musical presentation for the first part of our worship.

It is the desire of our hearts at Lents-Gilbert Church of God to go forward in faith as God leads.

Pastor Harry Hermansen
Lents-Gilbert Church of God, Portland



More pics of Carol and children's church



Camp White Branch

Greetings from Camp,

A lot has happened at camp over the last two months. We are so excited to let you know we have hired full time staff and we are now able to have our Church of God summer camps plus host rentals and potentially firefighters again at Camp White Branch. Thanks so much for your prayers and support while we were without staff, and as we searched for staff.



Please welcome Rob and Josie Hayward to Camp White Branch. We are so excited to have them as a part of our Camp Ministry.

Robert (Rob) grew up in southeast Portland, Oregon and spent 20 years working for Precision Castparts in Milwaukie, Oregon, as a shift leader, making large airplane parts before joining us as our Maintenance Specialist. When he isn't working, he enjoys building radio control cars, riding and working on motorcycle's, gardening, and working on cars and trucks, both big and small.



Josephine (Josie) grew up on a farm in Moro, Oregon and joined the US Army after high school. After her service, she held a variety of roles in Management and Accounting. Her last role before joining us as our Operation's Manager, was as a Chief Accounting Officer for a lumber company in Prineville, Oregon. When she isn't working you might see her busy with arts and crafts, horseback riding, or paintballing with her kids. She also enjoys learning and teaching others.

Rob and Josie were married in 2018 and have a large blended family, eight kids in total, along with a few grandkids! Rob's passion for working with youth is driven by his rough upbringing and his desire to find more positive outlets for them than

what he had. Josie is driven by her passion for helping youth see who they are through Christ's eyes and less through the world's eyes. They feel blessed to be on this journey of service together at Camp White Branch and look forward to serving you.

Snow fell in April at the camp and we were surprised at how much! Rob quickly learned how to operate the snow blower so he and Josie could get moved in. They are now moved in and unpacking.

We are still needing volunteers to help at the camp this summer for our Church of God camps and rentals. For each camp, we need an assistant cook(1) and kitchen help(1), working typically for a 3-5 days period, with group housing/meals provided. Volunteers must be 18 years of age or older for liability purposes. This is a great opportunity to support our Camp White Branch ministry. We also need a main cook (paid or volunteer position) for a couple of groups in June and August. If you have a food handler license and experience cooking for large groups (over 50 people) we would love to connect with you. Please contact us at volunteer@campwhitebranch.org or call 541-822-3511.

Danette Beisley, our COG Camp Coordinator, is excited to announce that Summer Camp Registration is open! Registration is online at www.campwhitebranch.org. We are also excited to share that we are offering a Young Adult Retreat in August, directed by Bruce Silver from Klamath Falls. Danette is also still in need of volunteer counselors (training provided), certified lifeguards (all summer camps or for a week) and individuals to provide health care (CPR/first aid certified) for many of the summer camps. Please sign up soon! If interested, reach out to Danette directly at danette@oakparkchurch.net.

CWB / Annual Business Meeting

Jesus Is the Light!

2022 Camp Dates

July 11-15, 2022 Sr High (entering 9th grade—HS graduate)
July 18-22, 2022 Middle School (entering 6th, 7th, and 8th grades)
July 22-24, 2022 Introductory (entering 2nd and 3rd grades with parent)
July 25-29, 2022 Junior (entering 5th and 6th grades)
August 8-11, 2022 Primary (entering 3rd and 4th grades)
August 11-14, 2022 Young Adult Retreat (HS grads to early 30)

Our reroofing project (dining hall, caretaker house, Fir cabin) should start in May once we have completed some repairs and preparations for this project and our snow disappears. Skilled support is still needed to help Rob get this project started and completed quickly. Also, when reroofing starts, we can use folks to clean up when the old roofs are removed. We were blessed with donations over the last couple of months to help with reroofing of at least one more building at the camp. Donations can be made by sending a check to the District office or donating on our website. Please designate your donation as "roofing project" If you are interested in helping out in any way, you can call Rob at 541-822-3511 or email volunteer@campwhitebranch.org.

God has been so good in answering our prayers and has been teaching me patience—His timing and not mine!

Blessing and peace,

Lisa Switzer, CWB Chairman

www.campwhitebranch.org



Annual Business Meeting

Our Annual Business Meeting for our Association is scheduled for

Saturday, July 9th

@ Oak Park Church of God in Salem.

Registration begins @ 9:30am Lunch will be available to everyone.

Pastors & Delegates please mark this date on your calendar. Your participation is important to us as we move forward as an District.

New Pastor @ Maranatha, Portland



The Maranatha Church welcomed their new pastor, Codrigus Alexander, on Easter Sunday, April 17th. He and his wife, Elizabeth, and their daughter, Lydia, are in the process of transition from Michigan to Portland. They also have three adult children, Deltoria (spouse Antonio), Joshua (spouse Savannah), and Remington.

Known as Pastor C, Codrigus has over 30 years of ministry experience, including 10 years as an itinerant minister, 11 years as a youth pastor, and 9 years as a senior pastor. He has also been a mentor with Mentoring 4 Life, LLC, has been in several theatrical productions, was the host of the Hip Hop Christian television show "J 3:16", been the chaplain for Chrysler Corporation/UAW, launched the PC Apparel Co, and is currently writing a book called The True Essence of Worship.

Pastor C has a reputation as an anointed preacher/teacher with a heartfelt passion to plant seeds in the hearts of those who hear him speak—hoping they will discover Christ and manifest a more intimate relationship with Him. He has a down to earth and humorous style of ministering to individuals and he able to con-

nect with multicultural audiences—taking truth and tackling sensitive subjects such as racial reconciliation with poise, poignancy, and tact.



Maranatha Church

Pastor Tom Culp & Pastor Robin Brooke Retiring

Two of our district pastors are retiring May 29th and you are invited to join with their churches as they honor them for their many years of ministry.

Husum Community Church of God in Washington will host a potluck for **Pastor Tom & Judi Culp** a week early on May 22nd at 3pm. If you would like to participate, please RSVP by email to husumcog1@gmail.com. The church address is: 211 Husum Street, Husum, WA

Valley Hope Community Church of God in Hillsboro will host a BBQ for **Pastor Robin & Trevor Brooke** on May 29th following their morning worship. If you would like to attend, please RSVP by calling the church @ 503-648-1700. The church address is: 2233 E Main Street, Hillsboro, OR.

New Pastor @ Reedsport

The Reedsport Church of God celebrated the installation service of its new lead pastor, Justin Linseisen, on Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022. District Pastor Jerry Davisson led the service with a challenge to the church and to Justin, followed by a moving responsive covenant of commitment between Justin and the congregation. Members of the church council gathered around Justin and his wife Stephanie after the covenant to pray for them and for this new chapter in the life of our church family.

After our year-long nationwide pastor search, Justin and Stephanie Linseisen have come to Reedsport from Lexington, Kentucky, where Justin served as the Heritage Pastor at Eastland Church of God for seven years. Justin and Stephanie have a nearly three-year-old daughter named Olivia. They enjoy

hiking and being outdoors and are eager to share God's love with our church and our community.



Commissioning Prayer



Justin, Stephanie, and Olivia with their "pounds" packed up



Installation Service Covenant



The church hosted a "Pound Party" for the Linseisens, with everyone bringing a pound of something to share.

Men's Retreat



Speaker —
Pastor Rich LaMar

"How Can I Be Used by God"

Registration Brochure Available Soon!

Mark Geblar, registrar (971-222-9787, mhgebler@comcast.net)

Honoring Rev. Raymond Hood



Raymond Walter Hood was born to Walter Hood and his 16 year old wife, Flora Kinion Hood, in Sand Springs, Oklahoma on July 30, 1926. About 15 months later, Edwin Lee was born, followed by Christine 15 months later. They lived in Oklahoma near their families for awhile, then moved to Oregon during the Great Depression because they had heard that there were jobs in Oregon.

Raymond learned at a young age that God is real and that God answers prayer! Every night his mother would read to them from Egger Meier's Bible Story Book and then they prayed together. When Raymond was 6 years old, Mother read the story of Jesus calling disciples to be "fishers of men." Raymond said, "That's what I want to do when I grow up!"

After several moves, the family settled in Hood River for a time and his father started a Church of God congregation. Ray worked in apple orchards and hay harvests during summers as a teenager. The family also lived in Mansfield for a time. Somewhere along the way, Ray's father and mother were both ordained as ministers in the Church of God Reformation Movement from Anderson, Indiana.

Ray graduated from Franklin High School in Portland, OR. He started college in 1944 at Pacific Bible College (now Warner Pacific University), entered Portland State University in 1958, and then Oregon State University in 1975.

At the age of 21, Raymond already had a reputation as "the preacher boy." At Inland Empire Camp Meeting he spoke to the teens where he met a young lady named Bonnie Lawson who was scheduled to play accordion and sing. A year later in 1948, just after Bonnie graduated from high school, Ray and Bonnie were married at the Milton-Freewater Church of God. The newlyweds lived in Woodburn, Oregon where Ray pastored 3 years and during their ministry years they also pastored in Oklahoma, St. Helens, OR for 25 years, Olympia-Lacey, WA for 8 years, and they planted the Valley Hope Church in Hillsboro, OR in 1986.

Ray and Bonnie had four children, Gary, Doug, Randy and Robin. Doug died of an unfortunate accident as a young adult. Gary, Randy and Robin are all ordained pastors in the Church of God

Ray served in the Oregon/SW Washington District in various capacities. He especially enjoyed encouraging young pastors, and those who were struggling. He made a name for himself in the 70s when he wore a red, white and blue large plaid sport coat as he was the chairman of the evening service at camp meeting.

In 2006, at the age of 80, Pastor Ray resigned as Senior Pastor of Valley Hope, ending his 20 years as senior pastor there. It was a very hard thing for him to do. Ray had always said, "I'd rather wear out than rust out." In 2012, his beloved Bonnie passed away and that was a difficult time as they had always been a team.

Ray and Bonnie experienced many miracles during their lives and there is a more complete story of their lives available. (If you would like a copy, contact the District Office.) If you knew Ray, you knew he loved to tell jokes, getting together with friends, playing softball, and fishing. His cheerfulness, his humor, his kindness, and his smile continued to amaze people. He was 98 when he moved to a new living facility on March 11 of this year. The staff ladies gushed over him saying "He's SO CUTE" and Ray just smiled. A few days later the staff recognized that he wasn't well and sent him to the hospital. He had sepsis that was damaging and shutting down multiple organs. All day while he was in the ER, family members came to visit, or talk to him while someone held the phone. He was tired, but summoned his energy to open his eyes, smile, or mouth the words, "Thank you," to each one. On March 17th, God called Ray home to a reward that is more than we can imagine!

Ray was preceded in death by his parents, his brother and sister, his wife and his son. Ray is survived by 3 children, their spouses, the grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews, and many brothers and sisters in Christ.

In Pastor Ray's last message to Valley Hope Church on March 21, 2021 he said,

"STAY FAITHFUL TO GOD, AND STAY FAITHFUL TO THE CHURCH."

After reading Philippians 4:4-9 NIV, he continued, "IF YOU HEAR THAT I HAVE DIED, DON'T BELIEVE IT!

I WILL BE MORE ALIVE THAN I HAVE EVER BEEN! BE HAPPY FOR ME THAT I HAVE GONE TO BE WITH GOD."

Concert @ Hoodview June 5th

Duo Piano & Organ Concert

Featuring Ruth Ann Yerden and Jean Shackleton

A piano and organ concert featuring Ruth Ann Yerden and Jean Shackleton will be held at Hoodview Church of God in Woodburn on Sunday, June 5 at 3:00 p.m.

Ruth and Jean are sisters who are well known in the Pacific Northwest. They are daughters of the late Rev. Paul and Ardeth Helbling. They are among six siblings, most of whom

are active in the music ministry of the church. Jean and Ruth have played piano and organ together since the ages of 8 and 9 years old. They began their duo team concerts in churches and colleges in 1974 and both have served the church in a variety of ministry roles.

Ruth is an ordained minister and serves as minister of music at Rockwood Church of God in Portland. Ruth's husband, Frank, is an elder and Pastor Emeritus also at Rockwood. Jean lives in Oklahoma and ministered for many years with her husband, the late Rev. Martin Shackleton, a Church of God pastor.

Hoodview Church of God is located at 1530 Mount Hood Avenue in Woodburn. The concert is free but an offering will be received with a portion of it supporting the David M. Dougherty College Scholarship Fund. For more information, call 503-981-1660.



Please continue to **PRAY** for our churches that are in transition with pastoral leadership. We have some very capable interim pastors leading through the transitions and they appreciate your prayers as well.

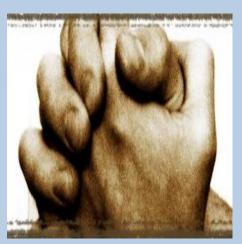
Gales Creek, OR—Pastor Trisa Kelly, interim

Valley Hope, Hillsboro, OR—Pastor Robin Brooke retires May 29th

Husum Community, WA—Pastor Tom Culp retires May 29th

Hucrest Church, Roseburg, OR—Interim Pastor Hugh Heinrichsen (Church is in the process of a restart.)

Westview Church, Longview, WA— New Pastor Steven Guinett will begin soon



Remember we are stronger together!!

CWC Review / National Events



Women's Spring Connection

Our district Christian Women's Connection joined with the Rainier Community Church of God for a special weekend of learning, laughter

and loving together on April 29-30th—close to 100 ladies! We learned from speaker and writer, Amberly Neese, as we watched videos on our theme and then heard from a number of women as the topic was elaborated on.

We creatively got to know each other as paper airplanes were created, flown and used as a means of connection over lunch. We had fun bidding on beautiful baskets contributed from ladies all around our district. \$1500 was raised from donations and bids that will be given for a scholarship to Warner Pacific University. We ate delicious food (dessert, breakfast scones, lunch, afternoon

goodies) prepared by loving hands and hearts. Many thanks goes to Pastor Julie Ammons and the Rainier ladies as well as the District CWC committee for providing us with a great time together. We

hope you will enjoy some of the pictures of our Spring Connection and next year ... ladies come on out!





Int'l Youth Convention 2022

July 25th in San Antonio, TX

Journey to the Holy Lands January 4-16, 2023

For more info go to Jesusisthesubject.org

Do you have EVENTS planned for your **Church and/or Community?**

We would love to hear about them. We will be updating our website and facebook page regularly and can post your events on those sites.

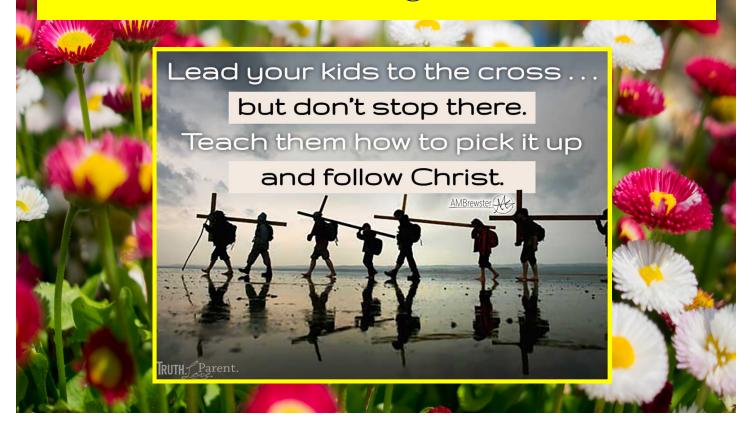
District Prayer List for 2022

Be sure to remember our Church of God congregations in prayer as we begin a new year. (Below you will find our District Prayer List for 2022.) There is power in prayer and we are stronger together.

"This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us." 1 John 5:14

Portland - Kingdom Nation	1/2/22	Willamette Valley Campmeeting 7/31-8/4	7/3/22
Portland- Winding Road Church of God	1/9/22	Albany - First Church of God	7/10/22
Powers - Powers Church of God	1/16/22	Aloha - Aloha Church of God	7/17/22
Prineville - Living Water Church of God	1/23/22	Bandon - Seabird Chapel Church of God	7/24/22
Rainier - Rainier Community COG	1/30/22	Cottage Grove - Riverside Comm COG	7/31/22
Redmond - First Church of God	2/6/22	Eugene - Friendly Street Church of God	8/7/22
Reedsport - Reedsport Church of God	2/13/22	Gales Creek - Gales Creek Comm COG	8/14/22
Roseburg - Hucrest Church	2/20/22	Hillsboro - Valley Hope Community Church	8/21/22
Salem - Oak Park Church of God	2/27/22	Husum, WA - Husum Community COG	8/28/22
Scappoose - Chapman Community COG	3/6/22	Klamath Falls - First Church of God	9/4/22
Springfield - Springfield Church of God	3/13/22	La Grande - Crossroads Comm Church	9/11/22
St. Helens - Sunset Park Comm Church	3/20/22	Lebanon - Turning Point Church	9/18/22
The Dalles - Solid Rock Ministries	3/27/22	Longview, WA - Westview Church	9/25/22
Tigard - Tigard Church of God	4/3/22	Medford - First Church of God	10/2/22
Vancouver, WA - First Church of God	4/10/22	Newberg - River Street Church of God	10/9/22
Vancouver, WA - Iglesia de Dios	4/17/22	North Bend - College Park Comm Church	10/16/22
Woodburn - Hoodview Church of God	4/24/22	Oregon City - Faith Rock Comm Church	10/23/22
Association of the COG leadership	5/1/22	Oregon City - Hilltop Community COG	10/30/22
Camp White Branch	5/8/22	Portland - Community Church of God	11/6/22
Warner Pacific University (Portland, OR)	5/15/22	Portland - Lents-Gilbert Church of God	11/13/22
COG Ministries Council (Anderson, IN)	5/22/22	Portland - Lynchwood Church of God	11/20/22
Church of God District Council	5/29/22	Portland - Maranatha Church	11/27/22
Summer camp directors & counselors	6/5/22	Portland - Neighborhood Church of God	12/4/22
Summer camp children & youth	6/12/22	Portland - Richmond Community Church	12/11/22
Pray for the lost	6/19/22	Portland - Rockwood Church of God	12/18/22
Pray for our ministers & their families	6/26/22	District Pastors and Church Leadership	12/25/22

Mothers & Fathers—We Honor and Encourage You . . .



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, IN:
 - Provide support for the development of healthy Church of God congregations.