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— CONNECTIONS —

Connecting our Churches, Ministries & Events



Greetings Friends!

I hope that by now you are aware that the Association has hired two new employees. Both individuals will be working part-time for the Association.

Fred Douglas will be serving as our Associate District Pastor. Fred's area of responsibility will be to connect with pastors, churches, and other church leaders to listen and provide coaching as needed. Fred will be visiting the churches in our Association and is eager to hear your

joys as well as your struggles. If you would like to be one of the first churches Fred visits, please don't hesitate to call him or the office and set that up.

Michael Guzman will be serving as our Multimedia and Resource Pastor. Michael will be providing oversight for our social media and website platform. He will also be leading strategic online small groups as well as working with me developing webinars and other online resources.

Paula and I will continue to take care of the day-to-day operations for the Association as well as connecting with and serving our pastors and churches. All of us are available to preach or visit your church to lend support or to share what is happening in our Association or the National Church of God movement at large.

I am excited about this partnership because each one of us brings unique gifts to the table that I believe will help to strengthen our three-prong mission to support leadership, discipleship, and relationship in our Association. In the next year we hope you will see the difference we can make together as you take advantage of the increased opportunities to learn, fellowship, and grow together.

These are challenging times to be in ministry and we need each other now more than ever. We all understand that ministry can be lonely and difficult at times, and we want to support you. The world is changing at such a rapid pace and we want to provide resources that will help us all understand the times we are in. We choose to seek the Holy Spirit's leadership together in finding ways to see God's Kingdom come to the gatherings, neighborhoods, and communities we are a part of. (continued on pg 3)

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District Office, Church & National Events



May 4: National Day of Prayer

May 14: Mother's Day

May 26-29: Work Weekend @ CWB

May 29: Memorial Day

"As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you." Isaiah 66:13



Jun 18: Father's Day Jun 21: Summer Begins

June 22-25: Church of God Convention, Tampa

"A wise son maketh a glad father."

Proverbs 10:1

YOUR CONNECTION TO THE CHURCH OF GOD

CHOGNEWS

Check out this event and so much more at Jesusisthesubject.org—

Church of God Convention & General Assembly

Tampa, Florida June 22-25, 2023

"For the life of every living thing is in His hand, and the breath of every human being." Job 12:10 NLT

The Church of God in the United States and Canada will meet in Tampa in June 2023 for its biennial Convention and General Assembly. More than routine, this meeting will also set the stage for a historic global assembly of the Movement, as a new international partnership, drawing together 100 Church of God assemblies at work in twenty-three time zones, convenes for the first time.

In every nation, at home and abroad, there are mountains to climb, souls to save, wrongs to right, Kingdom truths to bring to life, and tests to overcome. Plenary and elective sessions will inspire and teach, even as they tackle tough stuff and big questions. Cancer? War? Hunger? Division? Fear? Death? Everything will be framed by this reassuring and empowering truth: He's got the whole world in His hands.

"He existed before anything else and He holds all creation together" (Colossians 1:17 NLT). Like those who originally imagined the iconic spiritual, never give up; look up . . . Jesus is the subject.

Register now. Bring someone with you. Be encouraged. Change the world.

Pastor Jerry—District Team to Assist You

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Our team will be working on developing shared language and tools to help us serve you better. I would encourage you to reach out to Michael (jmichaelguzman@gmail.com) and Fred (fdouglas@orwacog.org) and welcome them warmly when they reach out to you.

As always it is a pleasure to serve the Association and I am grateful for your continued support and leadership in the church and community you serve! Don't forget to put July 8th on your calendar as we gather for our annual meeting. You won't want to miss it.

Together in ministry,

Pastor Jerry

Getting to Know Your New Part Time Association Staff



Rev Fred Douglas Associate District Pastor

Pastor Fred Douglas lives in the Portland area and has been married to Denise (also an ordained pastor) for 30 years. They have two adult sons. Fred has served in ministry for 48 years as a pastor, youth pastor, and in family ministry. He's a graduate of Warner Pacific College and an ordained minister with the Church of God. For 40 years he served with Youth for Christ as a Club Director, Area Director, Ministry Coordinator and Executive Director. He was also a member of the YFC National Board for 9 years. He retired from YFC to pursue his dream of helping others find their story and develop their skills in connecting with people.

Since retiring from YFC Fred has served as an interim pastor for two COG congregations, helping them during their time of pastoral transition, and has recently joined the TIPs (Transitional Interim Pastor Services) ministry team. Fred is often called on to speak at churches, organizations, business groups, camps, conferences, and retreat centers—speaking to a wide variety of audi-

ences ranging from adults to elementary students. Because of his background in evangelism, Fred also trains groups in 3Story Evangelism. He also facilitates a eight week workshop between police officers and at risk youth on behalf of a local nonprofit FACE TO FACE.

Pastor Michael Guzman lives in Bandon, Oregon. He, his wife Kimberly, and his daughters, Emily and Hannah, represent the Kingdom in the Southern Oregon Coast as business-owning missionaries, serving as a family on mission to local pet families. Michael is an ordained minister with the Church of God and loves coaching pastors and leaders—calling out and developing their Godgiven skills. Preaching the Word of God and seeing others fall in love with the Bible rank among his favorite things in ministry.

Michael has been serving the Church of God at the local and regional level for the last seventeen years. Since 2010 he has also been a part of 3D Movements. As a 3DM coach, consultant and communicator, he has worked with numerous pastors and churches across the US and Canada from a variety of denominations through coaching huddles, weekend workshops, and immersive learning communities.



Rev Michael Guzman Multimedia/Resource Pastor

Campmeeting—July 30th-August 3rd



Registration is now open for this year's Willamette Valley Campmeeting, our district's annual gathering in Turner, Oregon. This is a great time of worship and inspiration for the whole family. It's also a great a time to get to know others from across our district.

Mark & Lori Fast, a Pacific Northwest pastoral couple who now serve through Church of God Ministries, will be our main speakers for the daily combined services as well as the morning youth services. They will speak on the "one anothers" of Scripture, encouraging and equipping us to live out these vital truths.

Held on the historic grounds of the Oregon Christian Convention, this family-friendly event offers a variety of activities, onsite dining, and overnight lodging options (cabins, dormitory rooms, RV and tent spaces). Daily commuters are also welcome. Costs are kept low to make it affordable for all. Plan now to join us. To register, go to:

http://bit.ly/Campmeeting2023

Plan now to join us. Registration is open.

Medford Church of God

The Church Family at Medford Church of God is active in their community as they have recently hosted a Free Neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt & BBQ as well as a Parent's Night Out. Pastor Larry & Keisha Wilson have been deeply involved in children's ministry and offering meaningful

worship services each Sunday. Following Easter Holy Week services, Larry reminded his congregation that 'it doesn't stop there' with his series on "After the Resurrection." I especially enjoyed his message on 'Back to the Nets' from April 13th. You can listen to any of his messages on facebook @ fb.me/FirstChurchofGodMedfordOR

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April 29th found many working together at their all church workday.

Wow, I don't think I've ever had to clean a fireplace at a church. How about you? There are many more great pictures of what is going on at Crater Lake Avenue in Medford online. I encourage you to check them out.

Medford Church, it's great to see how you are being the hands and feet of Jesus. Keep it up!



Camp White Branch

Greetings from Camp White Branch,

I always look forward to sharing what has been going on at the camp. When the snow finally disappears, which I know Clayton and Faye hope is soon, we hope to continue the roofing replacement project on the remaining cabins and other buildings.



Upcoming Volunteer Events and Opportunities!

Are you looking for ways to support and help out at the camp? We have many opportunities for people to get involved in our Church of God camp ministry.

Work Weekends: On May 14-16 and May 26-29, 2023, we have opportunities for individuals and groups to come help our staff at the camp prepare for summer and complete special projects. We have had a lot of snow this winter so cleaning up the campus of branches, chopping firewood, and preparation of the sport court hasn't been done yet. These events will start at 11:00 am on the first day and finish after lunch on the final day. All skill levels are welcome and we provide the lodging and meals!

Cookie Baking Event: We are looking into having a cookie baking event at camp or you can bake cookies in the comfort of your home to send to camp with your church's campers. Please contact Faye

to get more information on this event or if you would be interested. She will be coordinating how many are needed and how to get your cookies to camp. This ministry really helps our cooks and the amount of time they need to spend in the kitchen plus the campers love the treats!

Volunteer Support Staff: We are still looking for a few volunteers to help our staff during specific weeks this summer with camps and other rental groups. This is a great opportunity for those who maybe don't feel comfortable working directly with youth and like being behind the scenes. A couple or 2 individual volunteers is desired. You might help with dishes, basic cleaning, ground keeping, and food prep in the kitchen. A food handler card is required and you must be over 18 years of age plus pass a background check. We provide lodging in our staff house and all your meals.

Please contact <u>cwboperationsmanager@gmail.com</u> or call 541-822-3511 to sign up or get more information on the above opportunities.









There has been LOTS of snow at CWB this winter. Here are some fun pics.

Camp White Branch—2023 Summer Camps

2023 Church of God Summer Camps

Thanks for your prayers for the Middle School Camp Director opening we had. Someone has stepped forward, so now all the director positions are filled. What a praise! Camp directors are still looking for counselors and health care staff with first aid/CPR certification for specific camps. Please contact Danette Beisley, our camp coordinator, at 503-396-2090 or danette@oakparkchurch.net if you are interested and want to know where openings still exist.

Have you registered your campers yet? The theme this year is "GOT FAITH?" and Hebrews 11:1. All registrations need to be completed online. Be sure and get your campers registered early to take part in the adventures of camping this summer at Camp White Branch. Don't forget you can provide a gift certificate to campers for a special event they can use towards camp registration. We also have a way for churches and individuals to scholarship campers once the camper is registered.



NOW FAITH IS CONFIDENCE IN WHAT WE HOPE FOR AND ASSURANCE ABOUT

WHAT WE DO NOT SEE ..

Camp Dates:

High School Camp - \$350. - July 10-14, 2023 (entering 9th grade-graduating senior) Middle School Camp - \$275. - July 17-21, 2023 (entering 7th & 8th grade)

Junior Camp - \$250. - July 24-28, 2023 (entering 5th & 6th grade)

Primary Camp -\$200. - August 7-10, 2023 (entering 3rd & 4th grade)

Introductory Camp -\$260. - August 11-13, 2023 (Parent/Guardian and youth entering 2nd & 3rd grade)

Information can be found on our website - www.campwhitebranch.org. If you have specific questions you can also contact Danette Beisley, our camp coordinator, at danette@oakparkchurch.net and 503-396-2090.

Pool Closing at Camp

Some of you may have heard our pool at camp was shut down by the county last summer due to violations, many associated with the age and condition of the overall pool and systems- it was deemed unsafe for use. After having extensive discussions with the county, state, and pool engineers we have determined the pool will be closed indefinitely at the camp. The costs to repair and potentially need to replace it are far beyond what we are able to afford. The CWB board will be discussing next steps related to decommissioning the pool over the next few months. This was a difficult decision to make.



Current Needs at Camp

Did you know we post on our website (www.campwhitebranch.org) some of our current needs? It consists of needs of all sizes- from crock pots to refrigerators. Our most urgent need is for a large refrigerator unit for the kitchen since our current unit's doors are not closing properly and this is causing the unit not to hold temperature accurately. Please take a few minutes to check it out. We ask that funds be donated on the website or checks sent to the camp so we can purchase the appropriate items.

Blessings,

Lisa Switzer, Camp White Branch, Chair Danette Beisley, Church of God Camp Coordinator

CWC Spring Connection in Review



CWC Spring Connection

at the Aloha Church of God held on April 21 & 22 was a wonderful time of spiritual renewal and connection with women from a number of churches in our Association.



Pastor Teresa Hellstrom shared from Hebrews 12 about running the Christian Race—getting rid of anything that is holding us back, setting ourselves up for success & preparing for endurance. Worship Leader, Angelee Kloppman, led us to the throne with joyful praise. \$1,200 was raised for the WPU scholarship for a woman preparing for ministry.

What a blessing to be together!!!



Many thanks goes to the CWC officers and the church family at the Aloha Church of God for all they did to make this a meaningful conference.

Children of Promise



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Every child deserves a chance to dream about the future, to experience joy, and to know God's love. At Children of Promise, we call this wholeness. It is our calling to make a life of wholeness possible for children around the world.

Children have the best chance at wholeness when they have their basic needs met and when they are part of a loving community. Children of Promise has local leaders from more than 30 countries around the world who identify the children in their communities who would benefit from child sponsorship. By building relationships with the children and their families, local leaders are able to understand the unique needs of each child.

You can be involved by sponsoring at child for \$32 a month or by giving a one time gift. If you would like to know more, go to:

info@childrenofpromise.global

SAVE the Date—Annual Business Mtg, July 8



Annual Business Meeting

Our Annual Business Meeting for our Association is scheduled for

Saturday, July 8th@ Oak Park Church of God in Salem.

Registration begins @ 9:30am

Lunch will be available to everyone.

Remembering Lois Myers



Lois Elaine Carney Myers June 30, 1940 - April 6, 2023

Lois was born to Roy W. Carney & Veleta M. Beadz Carney in Twin Falls, Idaho on Sunday June 30th, 1940 in the family home built by her father and uncle. 16½ months later she became the big sister to Lester Leroy Carney, At the age of 10 her family moved to Twin Falls and then later to Jerome where her dad became a pastor. Another move took them to Great Falls, where she attended Jr. High & where she was a 1st place winner in Baton twirling. She also participated in ice skating competitions in

addition to many church activities both locally & throughout the state of Montana. A few years later she graduated from high school in Billings.

Lois then attended Warner Pacific College in Portland, OR where she earned her 3 year "Churchmanship Certificate" (equivalent to an AA today) in 1961. During college she took extensive voice lessons, singing in a college trio, and traveling the US in an acapella choir in 1960 along with the famous pipe organist Loren B Sykes. She continued using her vocal skills thru out her ministry years. As longtime college roommate Sharon from Clarkston, Washington wrote in her recent autobiography, "I think my new roommate, Lois, is going for a 'Mrs. Degree'. This is a good place to get one of those." Fortunately for a young man named Lorin W. Myers, that did happen. Lorin came to WPC from California and was considered as rather "fast" around the girl's dorm. Lois vowed that she "could handle him". Between she & the Lord, Lorin gave his life over to Christ and within a year and a half the two were married on June 9th 1962 at the First Church of God in Vancouver, WA.

In 1965 Lois gave birth to Loris, in 1968 to Crystal, and in 1974 to Mark. These three would add 9 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren to the family that she dearly loved. She consistently prayed for each & every one of her family that they might accept Christ so she would have the joy of being with them again in Glory. Now she's praying for them from on high.

Lois loved the beach, especially Bandon where she walked on the sand at "The Devil's Kitchen" view area for the last time back in mid July 2022, holding tightly to Lorin's arm. She also loved birds, especially bald eagles which she came to admire while living in Klamath Falls and hummingbirds she could watch from her window. Lois also loved to teach, especially her Ladies Bible Study groups. She taught several years in Klamath Falls, over 17 years in Roseburg. and another 16 years in Medford and Eagle Point. Lois gave her heart to Christ at a young age, and served Him faithfully all her days as a coworker with Lorin in youth ministry. She was a Proverbs 31:10-31 woman, caring for her husband and family, working outside the home many of her younger years, making clothing for her children, canning food for the coming winter and sharing so many of her other talents.

Lorin gives thanks to the Lord for giving Lois to him as a wife as his comforter, aid, encourager, debriefer, hair fixer, sermon information researcher, secretary, example of Christ, dryer of tears, and for the 60¾ years which included 44 full time ministry years of not so easy times as a pastor's wife.

Lois was remembered and honored at a memorial service held in Medford on April 15th.

Remembering Honerhea Dorsey-Martin



Honerhea Dorsey Martin

April 8, 1927 - December 13, 2022

Honerhea Dorsey-Martin was born to Clarence Albert Otto and Elizabeth (Gusthie) Otto in Pomona, California. She lived and graduated high school in Pomona and was of German heritage, as were many Church of God families of that era. She had a older sister, Eleanor Phillips, and also an older brother, Glenn.

Honerhea married Clay Dorsey in the Pomona Church of God, on June 11, 1944 and gave birth to two daughters, Elaine and Pam. Honerhea and Clay adopted Mary Jo.

Honerhea and Clay had two loves which moved them into huge areas of activities:

- 1) Love of family. She loved those gatherings, and extended their circle to include many others. Activities were fishing, hunting, church, and helping. Honerhea was a great cook, and loved to fill the house on Sundays and many occasions. She often accompanied Clay on fixer-up trips to change someone's oil, kick tires, and do repairs of many kinds. She and Clay drove a bus for Pacific Bible College choir tour and they were known as joyful givers.
- 2) Another love was her church and its related activities. They were Charter Members of the Tigard Church of God. Clay and Honerhea did the custodial work for about 20 years and for them it was an activity of love not duty. They walked, talked, and lived their Christian faith. Honerhea often sent cards that were carefully selected and beautifully written. She did not like being an "up front" person but was supportive with time, meals, and genuine warmth. Their Log House, not a log cabin, but HOUSE was a place of hospitality and she was glad it was removed piece by piece and fully restored in Eastern Oregon.

To say Clay's death at age 69 in 1990 was traumatic for Honerhea is an understatement. She genuinely lived for church and family but felt a deep emptiness after Clay's death. Some time after, along came an acquaintance, a near relative but not a blood-relative that had lost his wife. Bill Martin was equally hurting from his loss and lonely. They had been friends with strong mutual appreciation but soon it became more.

Bill and Honerhea were married in 1995 on January 1st by their good friend, Pastor Gale Hency. He said he would marry them as long as there was 'no honorarium' and 'no premarital counseling.'

Honerhea was a wonderful wife and partner to Bill as he served as interim pastor at Tigard and also with the district of churches as an Associate District Pastor. She and Bill did a great job of including 'all' of their new family members—children and grandchildren in their newly formed relationship. When Bill died in 2008 from a fatal stroke, Honerhea experienced emptiness that could not be described. Her church family and children were a great strength to her after her loss.

Honerhea loved her Lord, her children, and her great grandchildren. She soaked up their visits. It was a tonic for her spirit. She needed it and loved it.

A memorial service for Honerhea was held at the Tigard Church of God on April 8th, which would have been her 96th birthday.

A note to you our readers ... We try to include the life stories of the pastors and their spouses who have faithfully served our Association in ministry following their homegoing.

Churches in Transition

Please continue to **PRAY** for our churches that are in transition with pastoral leadership. They greatly appreciate your prayers.

Husum Community, WA—welcome new Pastor Steve Masters **Valley Hope, Hillsboro, OR**—beginning a restart

Remember we are stronger together!!



2023 Calendar Dates

Work Weekend @ CWB May 26-29

Church of God National Convention & General Assembly @ Tampa Bay, Florida June 22-25

Annual Business Meeting @ Salem July 8

Senior High Camp @ CWB July 10-14

Middle School Camp @ CWB July 17-21

Introductory Camp @ CWB Aug 11-13

Junior Camp @ CWB July 24-28

Willamette Valley Campmeeting @ Turner, OR July 30-August 3

Primary Camp @ CWB August 7-10

Men's Retreat @ CWB August 18-20 (Speaker Aaron Hiller)

CWC Women's Fall Prayer Retreat @ CWB September 15-17 (Speaker Janelle Irwin)

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 2023

Be sure to remember our Church of God congregations in prayer during the year. (Below you will find our District Prayer List for 2023.) There is power in prayer and we are stronger together.

"I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours." ~ Mark 11:24 ESV

| Portland - Kingdom Nation | 1/1/23 | Willamette Valley Campmeeting 7/30-8/3 | 7/2/23 |
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| Portland- Winding Road Church of God | 1/8/23 | Albany - First Church of God | 7/9/23 |
| Powers - Powers Church of God | 1/15/23 | Aloha - Aloha Church of God | 7/16/23 |
| Prineville - Living Water Church of God | 1/22/23 | Bandon - Seabird Chapel Church of God | 7/23/23 |
| Rainier - Rainier Community COG | 1/29/23 | Cottage Grove - Riverside Comm COG | 7/30/23 |
| Redmond - First Church of God | 2/5/23 | Eugene - Friendly Street Church of God | 8/6/23 |
| Reedsport - Reedsport Church of God | 2/12/23 | Gales Creek - Gales Creek Comm COG | 8/13/23 |
| Roseburg - New Roseburg Church | 2/19/23 | Hillsboro - Valley Hope Community Church | 8/20/23 |
| Salem - Oak Park Church of God | 2/26/23 | Husum, WA - Husum Community COG | 8/27/23 |
| Scappoose - Chapman Community COG | 3/5/23 | Klamath Falls - First Church of God | 9/3/23 |
| Springfield - Springfield Church of God | 3/12/23 | La Grande - Crossroads Comm Church | 9/10/23 |
| St. Helens - Sunset Park Comm Church | 3/19/23 | District Committee Members | 9/17/23 |
| The Dalles - Solid Rock Ministries | 3/26/23 | Longview, WA - Westview Church | 9/24/23 |
| Tigard - Tigard Church of God | 4/2/23 | Medford - First Church of God | 10/1/23 |
| Vancouver, WA - First Church of God | 4/9/23 | Newberg - River Street Church of God | 10/8/23 |
| Vancouver, WA - Iglesia de Dios | 4/16/23 | North Bend - College Park Comm Church | 10/15/23 |
| Woodburn - Hoodview Church of God | 4/23/23 | Oregon City - Faith Rock Comm Church | 10/22/23 |
| Church of God Missionaries | 4/30/23 | Oregon City - Hilltop Community COG | 10/29/23 |
| Camp White Branch | 5/7/23 | Portland - Community Church of God | 11/5/23 |
| Warner Pacific University (Portland, OR) | 5/14/23 | Portland - Lents-Gilbert Church of God | 11/12/23 |
| COG Ministries Staff/Council (Anderson, IN |)5/21/23 | Portland - Lynchwood Church of God | 11/19/23 |
| Church of God District Council | 5/28/23 | Portland - Maranatha Church | 11/26/23 |
| Summer Camp Directors & Counselors | 6/4/23 | Portland - Neighborhood Church of God | 12/3/23 |
| Summer Camp Children & Youth | 6/11/23 | Portland - Richmond Community Church | 12/10/23 |
| Opportunities to share God's Good News | 6/18/23 | Portland - Rockwood Church of God | 12/17/23 |
| Our Pastors/Church Staff & their Families | 6/25/23 | Our Pastors & Spouses—Active & Retired | 12/24/23 |
| | | District and CWB Staff | 12/31/23 |

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.