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Connecting our Churches, Ministries & Events



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

A CALL TO PRAYER

After Solomon had consecrated the newly constructed temple in Jerusalem, the writer of the Chronicles attributes these words to God, as God agrees to inhabit the space provided;

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land"
(2 Chronicles 7:14)

This passage is often used as a call to pray for God's blessing on the neighborhoods and cities we find ourselves a part of. I see in this passage a call to humility. I see it as a call to confession and a call to acknowledge that God is the one true God and Jesus is Lord above any other who would demand our allegiance. It is not so much a call to seek outcomes, "forgiveness of sin and a healed land" but a call to acknowledge God for who God is.

I want to invite you to a prayer gathering that will focus on confession, listening and transformation. This event is for everyone who desires to get real before God and in so doing find rest, conviction and healing of their soul.

The gathering will take place at the **Albany First Church of God** and will begin at 9:00am and conclude at 3pm on **May 18th**. The cost is \$15.00 and will include lunch together. Childcare is provided for the event. Please register for the event before May 13th by going to our website; www.orwacog.org and following the links. I look forward to seeing you all there!

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District Office, Churches & National Events

May

June

☐ **May 12**

Mother's Day

☐ **May 18 @ 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.**

Prayer Summit, Albany 1st Church of God, register online, <https://orwacog.org/events/prayer-summit-3/> or call the Church of God District Office, 800-873-7729

☐ **May 18 @ 6:00 p.m.**

Blackwood Quartet Gospel Concert
Lynchwood Church of God, Free

LOOKING AHEAD IN 2019

- **Aug. 4-8** Willamette Valley Campmeeting, Turner, Oregon
- **Aug. 16-18, 2019** Men's Retreat, CWB

☐ **June 3**

Deadline for churches to turn in delegate names

☐ **June 15 @ 2:00 pm—4:30 pm**

Yerden's 50th Anniversary Celebration, see page 5 for more details

☐ **June 16**

Father's Day

☐ **June 20 @ 7:00 p.m.**

Day Brothers Band—Bluegrass, Lynchwood Church of God, Free

☐ **June 27-30**

Church of God Convention & General Assembly
Orlando, Florida

Save the Date!



ASSOCIATION OF THE CHURCHES OF GOD
IN OREGON & SW WASHINGTON

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Saturday, July 20, 2019

**Oak Park Church of God
Salem, Oregon**

Registration: 9:30 a.m.

Business Meeting: 10:00 a.m.

Lunch: 12 Noon/\$5 suggested donation

Ministers Meeting: 1:00 p.m.

PRAYER SUMMIT

Association of the Churches of God of Oregon and
Southwest Washington Presents



a day of
PRAYER

CONFESS. LISTEN. CHANGE.

SATURDAY, MAY 18 9am—3pm
\$15 Registration
(includes lunch and childcare)
Pre-register by May 13th
orwacog.org

Albany First Church of God
1225 SW 15th Ave, Albany, OR 97321

A Day of Prayer is an experience intended to help people encounter God through vulnerable and transformative prayer experiences. Spend the day learning, asking questions, discovering methods of prayer that work well for you, and finding yourself renewed by the transformative presence of Christ. As Jesus said to his disciple, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest." **Please register by May 13th at www.orwacog.org**

New Ministers in our District

Introducing

Pastor Aaron Sprunger & Family



The Albany First Church of God recently welcomed their new pastor and family!

Pastor Aaron (Moose), his wife Cindy & daughter, Callie

A statement from Pastor Aaron: "As far back as I can find in history, the Sprunger family has been followers of Christ. I was lovingly raised by devout parents who strove to live in accordance to Jesus' teachings. The love that was expressed all around me, in both my family home and church home, created a tenderness in me to recognize the calling of the Holy Spirit as a young man. At age seven, I committed my life to Jesus.

Surrounded by a family and community of disciples, I spent my youth furthering my understanding of this relationship with Christ. On the secular side, my size and strength allowed me to enjoy many physical achievements in my early years, most notably in football. The opportunity to pursue athletic scholarships and a future football career weighed heavily on my mind until my junior year of high school. It was at a summer retreat that I felt God directing me to pursue Him at a Bible college, and sports were forever relegated to my favorite hobby."

The Sprungers, who recently moved from Kansas, have 3 adult daughters and 4 grandchildren.

They were missionaries among the Maasai of Northern Tanzania, East Africa from 1995-2002.

"Live, Love and Be." — Pastor Moose

Introducing

Pastor Larry Wilson



Welcome Pastor Larry Wilson!
Senior Pastor at Medford First Church of God

Pastor Larry was born and raised in Oklahoma. He is a veteran of the U.S. Army. After the Army, he attended Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Oklahoma. There he majored in Theatre Arts and Secondary Education. During Pastor Larry's senior year, he married his high school sweetheart in the fall of 1987.

While at Northeastern, Pastor Larry was very active in leadership in campus ministry and began serving part-time as a Youth Minister in Wagoner, Oklahoma. Serving in this capacity and as a full-time Youth Minister in Okmulgee for two summers began to form his call to ministry. During the summer of 1987, while serving as a camp counselor, Pastor Larry felt God's call on his life and surrendered his life to the Lord to serve in ministry.

Pastor Larry states, "My first appointment as a Senior Pastor was an incredible experience. I saw great growth in both of my churches and they were very patient as I learned to be an every Sunday preacher. I also grew a great deal as a leader learning that ministry requires a pastor to wear many hats."

As a young minister, Pastor Larry was tasked with redeveloping the mission and ministry of a church built in 1908 that was experiencing decline. The church eventually more than tripled in size & became a very mission-oriented congregation.

Coming Up!

Celebrating 50 years
of marriage!

Frank & Ruth Ann



Yerden

*Please join us in celebrating
50 years of marriage.*

50th Wedding Anniversary Reception

Saturday, June 15, 2019

2:00 pm—4:30 pm (come & go)

Short music program begins at 3:00 p.m.

West Linn Adult Community Center

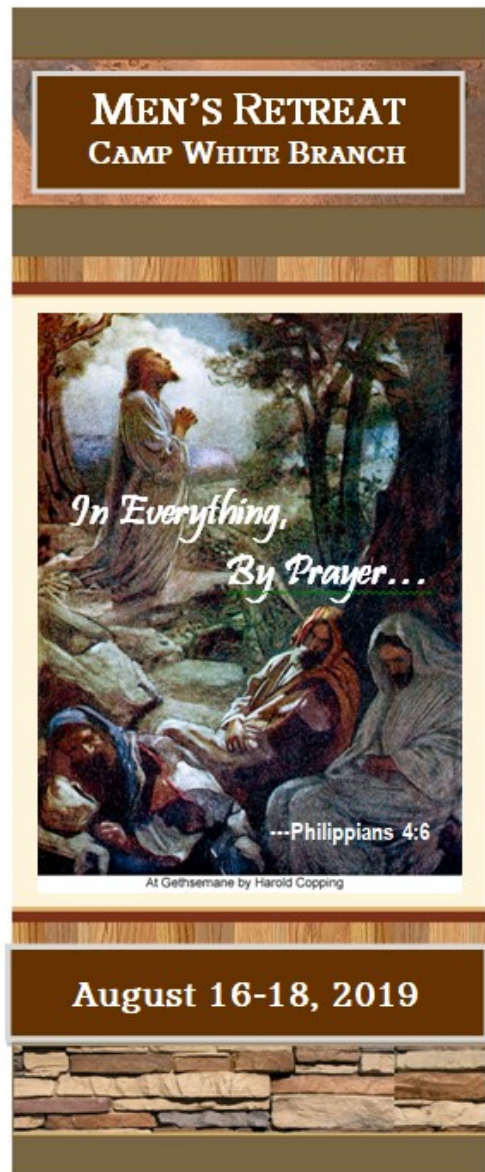
1180 Rosemont Road

West Linn, OR 97068

PLEASE RSVP: Nicole Wells

nicolewsmusic@gmail.com

*Hosted by Christina Nail, Nicole Wells,
Tiffany Carlson*



To print out a registration form, go to our website 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

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

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

- 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.

