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MERRY CHRISTMAS!

— CONNECTIONS —

Connecting our Churches, Ministries & Events



From the Desk of Pastor Jerry Davisson *District Pastor*

Our family was blessed to welcome our second grandchild, **Aubrie Lucille Thomas** born October 16. Aubrie weighed in at a petite 6 lbs., 1 oz. and was 19 ¾ inches long. She is the most beautiful baby girl I have ever seen. (Next to my two girls, of course). In these challenging times, I often hear people ask the question, why would you want to bring a baby into this world? My question is, why not? When I look at Aubrie, I see hope. I see potential. I see a reason to live my life as an example of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus so that she will have an example to follow. I am not saying there are not dangers associated with this world. We have an accuser whose lone purpose is to keep us from living the abundant life God has in store for those who follow Jesus. Having said that, I am proud of my kids for being brave enough to bring a child into this world. They are not alone. I plan on loving, encouraging, praying for (and maybe a little spoiling along the way) and doing my part to see that Aubrie knows she is loved by her family and the God who gave his only son so we can have life to the fullest.

During this season of Thanksgiving and Christmas may we celebrate the God who sent Jesus to us as a baby, knowing the world would not treat him like the king he was. Thanks for allowing me this opportunity to be a proud Papa.



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District Office, Church & National Events

November 2019

Nov. 3: **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS**
Nov. 9: Gravity Leadership Bootcamp
Nov. 11: **VETERANS DAY**
Nov. 24: Installation Service, Salem, COG
Nov. 28: **THANKSGIVING DAY**
Nov. 28: Free Annual Thanksgiving Dinner
@ Friendly St. Church, Eugene; 12-3 pm.
Nov. 28 & 29: District Office closed



Oak Park Church of God

invites you to attend the

Installation Service
for

REV. MATTHEW INGALLS



Sunday, November 24, 2019
at 3 p.m.

Light refreshments will follow

OAK PARK CHURCH OF GOD
2990 LANCASTER DR. NE
SALEM, OR 97305



It's that time of year to...

- ✓ Check the operation of your smoke detectors, and change the batteries. Install additional detectors if needed.
- ✓ Inspect and ready your heating system. Empty the ashes, and clean the soot from your fireplace.
- ✓ Check the weather-stripping around doors and windows, and replace those that are worn.

...and remember to set your clocks back one hour on November 3, 2019.

Fall Time Reminder...

December 2019

Dec. 1: **1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Dec. 8: **2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Dec. 8: Annual Christmas Musical @ Lynchwood COG, Portland; 6:30 p.m.

Dec. 13, 14, 15: Living Christmas Story @ Hoodview COG, Woodburn; 6—8 p.m.

Dec. 14 & 15: Live Nativity @ Lynchwood COG, Portland; 5-8 p.m.

Dec. 15: **3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Dec. 21 & 22: Live Nativity, Friendly St. Church, Eugene; 7-9 p.m.

Dec. 22: **4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

Dec. 24: **CHRISTMAS EVE**

Dec. 24: Candlelight Service @ Hoodview COG, Woodburn; 4:00 p.m.

Dec. 24: Traditional Candlelight Service @ Redmond Church of God; 6:00 p.m.

Dec. 25: **CHRISTMAS DAY**

Please check our website for current calendar information.

www.orwacog.org

Registration **Extended** to Nov. 4th!

Discipleship Boot Camp

4 Part Series—Presented by Gravity Leadership



**LEAD LIKE JESUS.
MAKE DISCIPLES.
CHANGE YOUR
WORLD.**

We have extended the registration date to Nov. 4th. If you want to "taste and see" - you can register for the first Bootcamp @ \$50 and then register at the Nov. 9th Bootcamp for the other three sessions for an additional \$100.

Boot Camp 1: Paradigms—Nov. 9, 2019

Boot Camp 2: Posture—Feb. 29, 2020

Boot Camp 3: Practices—May 16, 2020

Boot Camp 4: Presence—Aug. 22, 2020

\$150 for ALL 4 or \$50 Each

@ Hoodview Church of God—Woodburn, OR

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JOIN US... as we explore the 4 P's of Discipleship

Dive with us into a deeper understanding, not only of how to lead like Jesus and make disciples, but also discover the building blocks to create a culture built on disciple making. Learn the process of making disciples who make disciples through teaching, training, group exercises and future planning.

Boot Camp 1: Paradigms (Nov. 9, 2019)

The paradigms we train in are the foundation of how we build our discipleship culture. The 7 missional truths are the foundation we build on. We've tried to reduce a lot of theology into these simple ideas because we need "hooks" like these to help us keep this reality in mind as we practice discipleship and mission. We need a way to keep these foundational truths present in our minds and bodies, because if we don't, the discipleship tools won't work as designed. In fact, we are running this "operating system" of missional theology, the do counterproductive work in your culture!

Boot Camp 2: Posture (Feb. 29, 2020)

Discipleship will work unless we learn to actually lead like Jesus. It's not simply knowledge and behavior, but it is learning to live the way of Jesus. We will discuss not only how we lead, but how we follow Him. Most of our time will be spent discussing how we lead and truth and how He modeled this for us. We will also discuss how we yield power in the kingdom of God.

Boot Camp 3: Practices (May 16, 2020)

We should not believe that discipleship is done without practice. Learning to make disciples, who make disciples, takes practice. We will teach the kingdom wheel and practice the process of discerning where God is at work and joining Him there. Most churches have created a healthy "teaching" culture, but we want to discuss how we become a "training" culture. Are we simply gathering people or are we equipping and sending them out?

Boot Camp 4: Presence (Aug. 22, 2020)

None of our discipleship training works without the ongoing presence of God in our lives. We will take a deep dive into what it looks like for us to learn to walk in God's presence daily. We will practice listening to him, discerning where he is at work, and we will work together to create cultures where we are encountering the living God weekly.

Schedule for Boot Camps:

9am Registration

9:30am Welcome & Worship

10am Session 1

11am Groups/Exercises/
Discussion

12:30pm Lunch Provided

1:30pm Session 2 + Ministry

Time

4pm Go Home

TO REGISTER: <https://orwacog.org/events/gravity-leadership-boot-camp/>

In Loving Memory



REV. GREG HICKS Sept. 22, 1951—Oct. 19, 2019



Greg was born on September 22, 1951 to Russ and Vi Hicks and raised in Salem where he helped on his dad's dairy farm, west of town. He was a huge help to his dad, whether it was milking cows, planting crops, bailing hay or all the other needs on a large dairy.

He graduated high school from Salem Academy where he met Judy, his wife to be. He attended Northwest Nazarene College and then attended seminary in Kansas City where he earned his Doctorate in Ministry. Greg and Judy had 2 daughters, Jennifer and Christina. Greg felt a huge calling to be a pastor early on in his life. Greg loved the Lord with all his might, serving in churches in Florida, Western Washington, and Alaska. Greg ministered in any way he could at his churches, always reaching out to families outside of his church, showing compassion and witnessing his love of Jesus to all. When Greg's sister Valarie passed away, he took in her son, Regie to help raise him for a period of time. Greg moved back to Salem in the late 90's where he became an associate pastor at Oak Park Church of God, with his wife Judy.

Greg also worked at his mom's flower shop, Pemberton's Florist, as a bookkeeper and advice giver, along with all of his jokes. Greg had a wonderful voice and ministered with music every chance he had. He belonged to Salem Singers, and was in several quartets singing about his Lord. Then when he became very ill and was hospitalized for several months, the doctors and nurses gave him no chance of survival. Then his Church family and his own family started to pray, the doctors said it was a miracle he survived. It didn't stop him from ministering in the meantime to all the hospital staff where he saw some of their lives being saved. His wife Judy spent countless weeks with Greg, staying by his side at the hospital. She was a blessing to him.

Last Friday night, Greg went to sleep and woke up Saturday, Oct. 19th, in Heaven, our great loss but Heaven's huge gain. His father passed away this last June and we know they are together with 2 of his sisters, Valarie and Lori Sue. We will truly miss our Greg. His love for our Lord was unmeasurable. His love for his family, his church, and the hundreds of people he witnessed was also unmeasurable. But we know we will see him again in Heaven. Glory be to God.

Greg is survived by his wife, Judy; daughters Jennifer, granddaughters, Brianna (husband Matt) and Savannah; Christina (husband Hunter), granddaughter Emma and grandson Joshua; mother Vi, and sister Patti (husband Mitch) and all the nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

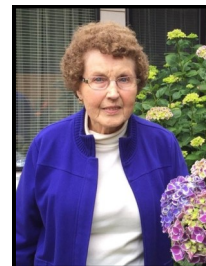
A Celebration Service was held on Saturday, October 26, 2019 at 2:00 PM at Oak Park Church of God, 2990 Lancaster Dr. NE, Salem, OR 97305. Arrangements were by City View Funeral Home.

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HELEN RUTH TIMMONS Nov. 29, 1925—Oct. 15, 2019

Helen Ruth Timmons was born to Clay and Ruth Wilson November 29th, 1925 in Kellogg, Idaho. Helen met the love of her life Earl (Bud) Timmons at The Church of God in Seattle, Washington. They were happily married for 60 years. Helen at age 93 passed away peacefully on October 15th, 2019 in Troutdale, Oregon. She is survived by her three sons Lonnie (Denise), Bryan (Cindy), David (Barb) and daughter Colleen (Coco) Schmidt (Harry). She has seven grandchildren and seventeen great grandchildren (including four to be born in the next few months).



Helen spent time volunteering after 20 years of working in the Parkrose School District. Helen volunteered at Portland Adventist Medical Center in the Maternity Ward helping with the newborns. At Warner Pacific College she helped with their mailings throughout the years. She also volunteered a lot of her time at their church "Holladay Park Church of God" in Portland, Oregon where she helped with the banking for the church until her mid-80's. She also went there once a week to help finish quilts for the Missionary Society as a fundraiser.

Helen loved having her weekly luncheons with her longtime friends from church and loved visits from friends and family. Her home was very welcoming and always ready for company. She spent her free time tending to her flowers, sewing, embroidering and making beautiful lace doilies and tablecloths. Helen made so many beautiful handmade quilts through the years, so that future grandchildren would have one of her creations.

Services will be held on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. at Lynchwood Church of God, Portland, OR.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Helen's name to Warner Pacific University at <https://warnerpacific.givingfuel.com/wp-giving> or Hospice Care of the Northwest, www.hospicecarenw.com

In Loving Memory



MILDRED FAY (DeVos) BURKEY

Oct. 17, 1931—Oct. 19, 2019

A memorial service was held at 1:00 pm on Monday, October 28th at Aloha Church of God. 18380 SW Kinnaman Road, Aloha, OR 97087.

Mildred Fay DeVos was born on October, 17th, 1931 in Tucson, Arizona where she joined her mother and father, and older siblings Mabel, Francis and Herb. After her father died in 1933, she moved with her family to Monmouth, OR. She graduated from Monmouth High School in 1949 and Oregon College of Education (now Western State University) in 1953 with a teaching degree.

Mildred taught in Forest Grove for two years before accepting a position teaching on the Air Force Base in Japan for 56-57 school years. When the school year finished she flew around the world before making her way back to the states.

She flew from Japan to the Philippines, Saigon, Vietnam, and Cambodia where she visited Angkor Wat Temple. They landed in Bagdad but they did not de-plane as there was a coup attempt in progress. Then on to Istanbul, Turkey where she visited the Blue Mosque and other tourist sites. Her next stop was Bangladesh, India where she saw the burning of the bodies on the Ganges river, the Taj Mahal. Then on to Greece & Rome, Italy where she saw the catacombs and attended the World's Fair in Brussels, Belgium. Her last two stops were Paris, France and England, where she stayed on the Air Force Base with her oldest stepbrother and his wife and daughter. While there, the four of them took a trip to Scotland in a VW Bug. Then she was off to London by train and saw all the sights there before returning to the US via San Francisco, then to Portland where her fiancée Donald Burkey met her at the gate with a dozen red roses.

Mildred met Don while attending the Baptist church in Forest Grove, OR. They were married in Monmouth, OR December 27, 1958. They moved to Aloha, OR and began attending the Aloha Church of God. They added to their family with a son Paul and a daughter Katherine (Kathy). Over the years they had many family adventures, camping, fishing, hiking, and backpacking.

Mildred worked as church secretary from the early 70's to 1981 for the Aloha Church of God. In 1981 Mildred retired from working as church secretary so she could join Don in going south in the winter. For many years they enjoyed their time as snowbirds in various parts of Arizona.

Mildred was a devoted wife to her husband of 56 years and a caring mother to her children. She was also active in Christian Women Connection.

Mildred is survived by her children, son Paul and daughter Kathy, her brother Herb DeVos from Springfield, OR and her sister Francis Styles of San Diego, CA and many nieces and nephews.



Save the Dates

CANNON BEACH ADULT RETREAT

- Tues. afternoon, **March 17** – Thurs. lunch, **March 19, 2020**
- Cannon Beach Conference Center, Cannon Beach, Oregon
- Sponsored by Vancouver Church
- Speaker: Pastor Mike Fackler, Highland Park Community COG, Casper, Wyoming
- Traditional worship style (hymns & choruses)
- Four general sessions
- 1 mini- concert & variety night
- Registration opens in December

Registration forms will be sent out as soon as they are available. Questions? Please contact:

Larry Whittlesey
Community Pastor, Traditional (The 9)
Vancouver Church
Larry@Vancouverchurch.org

Meeting the Needs of Others



Huge SHOUT OUT to **Longview First Church of God** and **Connie Anderson** and "Builders of Hope Fellowship" in Richland, Washington for taking on a huge need of making personal hygiene kits for over 160 homeless students in the Castle Rock and Longview School Districts!

*Posted by **Angi Jamieson**, Sept. 4, 2019, facebook*



Do you or your church have a special ministry that you would like to share with others? Tell us what you are doing to bless the lives of others.

Send info to: districtoffice@orwacog.org

Christian Women Connection

**Fall Prayer Retreat
September 13-15, 2019
Camp White Branch**



Christian Women Connection held its Fall Retreat at Camp White Branch in McKenzie Bridge, Oregon, September 13th—15th. Our worship leader/speaker, Angellee Kloppman used Psalms 55:22, *"Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you."* There were 40 women learning plan, practice and to be patient. Philippians 4:9 states whatever you have learned from me (Heavenly Father) — put into practice.

Music, the Word and experiences of Angellee challenged us not to worry. The weekend was busy with an art project for a friend, rock throwing, watching a movie together, Bingo with prizes, hikes and going to Belknap Hot Springs. As the Christian Women Connection president, I feel revived and refreshed! Nancy Kernutt



**Newcomers to the Christian
Women Connection Retreat
and/or to Camp White Branch**

Camp White Branch Building Dedication



**Saturday,
Oct. 19,
2019**

**Photos by Pastor
John Kuykendall**



Ribbon Cutting

*Mel Neu & his twin, Marvin Neu.
Glen Hossler, at left, looking on.*



*Jonathan Stafford,
Architect, & Glen Hossler*



*Pepper Timmons &
Lisa Switzer*



3 Generations:

*Mel Neu, Cal
Neu, Brevin
Neu*



*From left: Glen Hossler, Marvin Neu,
Jerry Davisson, Mel Neu & Lisa Switzer*



*Lisa Switzer, Leonard &
Stacey Meyer*



Camp White Branch Building Dedication



Reg Gregory crafted 4 plaques & the sign for the Multi-Purpose building from wood found at Camp.



Above, Duane Atkinson & Glen Hossler



Mel Neu & Alan Christensen of Lane Marble Interiors, Inc.




Megan & Denise from the US Forest Service



Joyce & Owen Hinkle





For God so loved the world,
* that he gave
his only begotten Son,
* that whosoever
believeth in him
should not perish,
but have everlasting life.

John 3:16