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— CONNECTIONS —

Connecting our Churches, Ministries & Events



From the Desk of Pastor Jerry Davisson *District Pastor*

By now, I hope you have seen information about four Gravity Leadership Discipleship Boot Camps our Association is hosting. These will be one day (Saturday) intensives, covering what it looks like to live and lead like Jesus. You may have asked yourself why should I go? Or thought this is just for pastors or leaders. The truth is, everyone will benefit from this practical training. The first session is Saturday, **November 9th** at Hoodview Church of God in Woodburn, OR.

In the 4-part training we will get really practical about: How our beliefs determine our behaviors. How we may be believing subtle lies that keep us from experiencing the fullness of God's grace and mission. We will be exploring 7 missional truths that change our view of the world. There will be lots of practical discussions about how to make disciples and lead like Jesus. There will also be a lot of Q & A, discussion, talking over meals, and sufficient time to reflect. There will be workshop applications for your own life and ministry, time to talk informally, and time to also develop friendships. Register today on The Association's website!

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

The cost is \$50.00 for each session or if you register for all 4 the cost is \$150.00. I look forward to seeing you there!

Discipleship Boot Camp

4 Part Series—Presented by Gravity Leadership

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District Office, Church & National Events



- Sept. 2, Labor Day—District Office closed
- Sept. 5, Retired Minister's Appreciation Dinner, Portland
- Sept. 6, Retired Minister's Appreciation Dinner, Eugene
- Sept. 6-8, Young Adult Camp, Camp White Branch
- Sept. 13-15, Christian Women Fall Prayer Retreat @ Camp White Branch
- Oct. 19, Camp White Branch Multi-Purpose Building Dedication @ CWB
- Oct. 25, Camp White Branch Dinner @ Lynchwood Church of God

Please check our website for current events,
www.orwacog.org

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Contact our office if your church is having a special Christmas service or bazaar.

JAM Entertainment Group Presents:

25th Pastoral Anniversary Celebration

In Concert

Rev. Dr. T Allen Bethel

Shawn Bigby

Yolanda "Yoli" Deberry

Lena Byrd-Miles

Limited Vendor Space Available

OCT 25TH 2019

7:30 PM
(DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM)

MARANATHA CHURCH OF GOD
 4222 NE 12th Ave Portland, Oregon 97211

General Admission \$25

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YOUNG ADULT CAMP



2019 YOUNG ADULT CAMP

Guest Speaker:

Pastor Bob Christensen

"FINDING JOY TOGETHER"

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE TIME TO PLAY DISC GOLF, VOLLEY BALL, TETHERBALL, BASKETBALL, AND OTHER PLANNED GAMES/ACTIVITIES PLUS FREE TIME TO GO OFFSITE ON SATURDAY

ITEMS TO BRING: SLEEPING BAG, PILLOW, TOWEL, TOILETRIES, BUG SPRAY, FLASH LIGHT, BIBLE, PEN, PAPER, GAMES, AND SNACKS TO SHARE

To register, go to <https://orwacog.org/events/young-adults-camp/>. Cost for camp is \$60. The first 5 to register will win a \$10 Dutch Bros gift card. Winners will be announced.

Friday evening check in starts at 5:30 pm (no dinner will be provided) and activities start at 7:00 with a 30 minutes meet and greet leading into worship at 7:30. Departure will be Sunday by noon. High school graduates to early 30's welcome. No children.

Guest Speaker is PASTOR BOB CHRISTENSEN

Interim Pastor at
Oak Park Church of God in Salem

TO REGISTER:

<https://orwacog.org/young-adults-camp-new/>

In Loving Memory

Richard Louis Hubacek

May 20, 1935—August 9, 2019

Richard Louis Hubacek was born on May 20, 1935 in Jackson, Minnesota to Louis and Clara Hubacek. He joined his big sister Gladys who was already nine years old at the time Richard was born. His young life was full of tragedy as Richard's father, Louis, passed away in 1938 when Richard was just three years old. In 1940, Clara moved with her two young children to Mankato and she married Richard's step-father, Harry Johnson, in 1942.

Known as a man of God, Richard became a Christian at the age of 14 on the front steps of the local Baptist church during Vacation Bible School. In high school, he came down with rheumatic fever and while he was sick, he felt God call him into ministry. Once he said yes to the call on his life, the fever broke instantly. The doctor who had been called in to check on Richard declared him completely fine.

In 1954, Richard graduated from Mankato High School and took the train across country by himself to pursue his calling at Pacific Bible College (now Warner Pacific University). While attending Pacific Bible College and taking a full course load, Richard supported himself by working full-time at Fred Meyer where his claim to fame was that he got to deliver the mail to THE Fred Meyer himself.

Richard's college roommate was Bob Moore. Bob would often invite Richard to come for Sunday lunch at his parents' home and that's where Richard first laid eyes on Bob's younger sister, Eva. Richard and Eva began dating and after three years, were married at the Lents-Gilbert Church of God on June 27, 1957.

Richard graduated from college in 1959 and was ordained as a minister in the Church of God in 1960. It was that year that he took a job as the youth pastor at Madera Church of God under the leadership of Pastor Howard Kernut. After a couple of years in Madera, Richard and Eva moved back to Portland where they welcomed their first child in January 1962, a baby girl named Cara Lea.

Richard's first senior pastorate was in Coquille, Oregon at Coquille Church of God. In 1964, he moved to Pendleton, Oregon where he pastored for four years.

In 1968, Richard, Eva, and Cara moved to Sunnyside, Washington. While there, Richard led the church in the building of a brand new sanctuary.

It was here that their second child, a baby boy named Craig Louis, was born on December 22, 1969. Due to some complications, Craig passed away just five days later and Richard and Eva were told they could not have any more children of their own. They knew, though, that their family was not complete and so they decided to adopt a baby boy. Lane Richard Hubacek was born on October 2, 1970. Eve always used to say that "he was selected, not expected." Much to their surprise, thirteen months later, on November 17, 1971, Shayna Kae was born.

Ministry led Richard and his family all over the Western US and Canada and in 1972 Richard took the pastorate at Willow Street Church of God in Long Beach, California. Richard was always trying to think of ways to motivate his parishioners, so he told the church that if they had 200 people in attendance on a Sunday that he would climb up onto the roof of the church and eat a chicken dinner. 200 people came to church, and Richard kept his word, climbing up onto the roof and eating chicken just like he'd promised. While in Long Beach, Richard contracted pneumonia and was told by his doctor that the humid beach air and the LA smog was not good for his lungs and that he needed to move to the desert.

In 1976, Richard moved to Tucson, Arizona where he pastored for eight years.

In 1983, the family moved to Albany, Oregon where Richard pastored at Albany First Church of God for several years before moving to Vernon, British Columbia, Canada in 1987.

From Canada, Richard and Eva, now empty-nesters, moved to San Diego, California to take over a small church plant that did not have a building. Richard worked with Santee Church of God until it closed and then he moved onto Tulare, California for a few years.

Richard's passion was church planting and an opportunity came up for him to oversee a national church plant in Las Vegas, Nevada. He moved to Las Vegas in the mid/late 1990s. Eventually, though, Richard and Eva wanted to live closer to family and moved back up to Portland, buying a home in Sandy.

Richard leaves a legacy of showing Jesus to people.

Richard was preceded in death by his father Louis, mother Clara, stepfather Harry, his wife of 55 years, Eva Mae, and his son Craig Louis. He is survived by his children Cara Lea, Lane Richard, and Shayna Kae, two sons-in-law, one daughter-in-law, nine grandchildren, two sisters and numerous nieces and nephews. Services were held Aug. 24, 2019.

In Loving Memory

Phyllis Deane Stevens

January 12, 1931—August 19, 2019

A celebration of the life of long-time Powers resident, Phyllis Deane Stevens, was held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, August 24, 2019 at the Powers Church of God with vault interment to follow at the Powers Cemetery.

Phyllis was born January 12, 1931 in Bandon, the daughter of William & Rowena (Miller) Pullen. She died August 19, 2019 at her home with her loving family by her side.

She was born, raised, and went to school in Bandon and in 1948 was selected as a Princess in the Cranberry Court of the annual Cranberry Bowl celebration. She graduated from Bandon High School in the spring of 1949 and a week later married her husband of 70 years, Kenneth Stevens.

Kenneth and Phyllis lived in Bandon, Elkton, Myrtle Point, finally settling in Powers in December of 1962. Kenneth took the Pastor position at the Church of God with Phyllis playing both the piano and the organ for the church and partnering with Pastor Ken in his ministry. She never met a person that she didn't think would be a perfect guest or member for the church and always welcomed them as such.

She is survived by her husband of over 70 years, Kenneth Stevens; children, Kayleen & Ron Hofsess; Kathy & Mark Rector; Sam & Chris Stevens; grandchildren, Ryan Hofsess, Katie Hofsess-Apsley, Matt Shorb, Joey Shorb, Gabe Shorb, Beth Rector-Mason, Luke Rector, Josh Stevens, Jake Stevens; ten great-grandchildren and her sister-in-law, Rose Pullen.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, William, Darwin and Orel and two sisters, Thelma and Marge.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Powers Church of God. Arrangements are under the direction of Amling Schroeder Funeral Service, Myrtle Point. Friends may offer condolences online at westrumfuneralservice.com.

SAVE THE DATES!

Camp White Branch

Multi-Purpose Building Dedication

**Saturday
October 19, 2019
More info to come!**

Thank You Dinner

**Friday
October 25, 2019**

**Lynchwood Church of God
Portland, Oregon**

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!**

Annual Business Meeting

**Saturday
July 18, 2020**

**Lynchwood Church of God
Portland, Oregon**

Discipleship Boot Camp

Discipleship Boot Camp

4 Part Series—Presented by Gravity Leadership



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



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

Sponsored by

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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, unless we are running this "operating system" of missional theology, the tools may actually do counterproductive work in your culture!

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

No discipleship process will work unless we learn to actually lead like Jesus. Discipleship is not simply knowledge and behavior, but it is learning to live the life Jesus would live if He were you. We will discuss not only how we lead, but how we lead in the way of Jesus. Most of our time will be spent discussing how Jesus embodied grace and truth and how He modeled this for us. We will also discuss power and 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

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Warner Pacific University President



Andrea Cook, PhD, announced that she will step down as president in June 2020 at the conclusion of her fifteenth year at Warner Pacific University and twelfth year as president. "I'm more passionate about our mission and vision today than ever," Cook, the seventh president of the university stated. "I have deep conviction that Warner Pacific's commitment to our communities is prophetic and we are incredibly positioned for the long run. It's simply time for me to take a break after twelve years as president."

"I am committed to radical excellence," Cook remarked, "and I'll continue to give everything I've got to ensure that 2019-20 will be marked as a year when Warner Pacific went through a healthy transition resulting in increased vibrancy for our mission and vision. WPU's best days are ahead and I will be all in."

The board will launch a search in November following the development of a presidential search committee comprising representative Warner Pacific University stakeholders with the intention of appointing a new president by April.

"Andrea Cook has been a remarkable president," says Greg Englund, a local attorney who serves as chair of the twenty-three-member Warner Pacific Board of Trustees. "While she was under contract until June of 2021, she has determined that this is a good time to depart and she initiated early termination of her agreement. The board has reluctantly honored her request and accepted her decision to leave earlier than planned. As a board, we continue to be fully supportive of Andrea and the work ahead this year. We appreciate that she has given us ample time to conduct an extensive and thorough search for her successor."

.....warnerpacific.edu



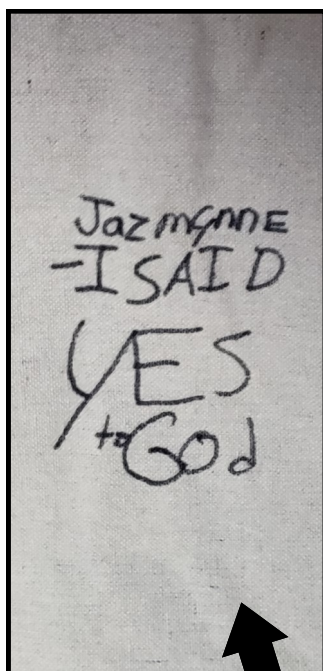
**Fall Prayer Retreat
September 13-15, 2019
Camp White Branch**

"Cast Your Cares on the Lord...."

Registration brochure is available on our website:

<https://orwacog.org/events/christian-women-fall-retreat/>

Reflections of Campmeeting 2019



Pastors and Spouses Choir



Pastor Doug Beisley with helpers displaying banner made at Middle School Camp where students wrote their decisions for God.

Willamette Valley Campmeeting

SAVE THE DATES for NEXT YEAR!

August 2—6, 2020

Oregon Christian Convention Center



Youth celebrating birthdays with confetti.



From left, LaRene Hossler at keyboard, Pastor Dan Smatlak, Pastor Steve Kufeldt, Pastor Glen Hossler & Pastor Ron Palmer

Reflections of Campmeeting 2019

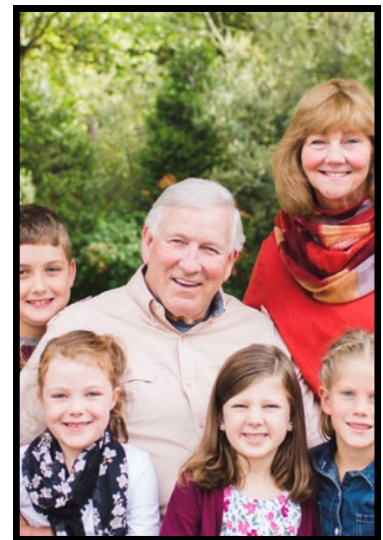
HONORING 25 YEARS OF ORDAINED MINISTRY



Ellie Pierson-Sutter



Larry Brown



Kent Walton

Minister Recognition Service--August 4, 2019

REMEMBERING THOSE MINISTERS WHO PASSED AWAY IN THE LAST YEAR



Lester E. Bailey



Thomas A. Miller



Charles R. Tarr

