

Association of the Churches of God in Oregon and Southwest Washington



Rethinking Church

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North American COG Convention OK-City

Happenings at the Oklahoma City gathering of the Church of God have been tweeted, posted, live-fed, and covered on the web. Reports reflect that attendance in the 1700-1800 range is a huge improvement over previous years, with great music and sessions, movement of the Spirit of God, a call to prayer and boldness. Reactions spread quickly through Facebook with comments such as this one by Ray Houser, of Illinois: "I am really enjoying the Church of God Convention. The music and the messages have been great. General



NACOG crowd worships at Crossings Community Church in Oklahoma City

Director Jim Lyon has introduced an emphasis for the next year. This is the first time I can remember any director doing this. I think it is fantastic. It is like the quarterback has called the play and now the team needs to do its best to run it. By the way, the play he

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Summer Celebration just days away

GUEST SPEAKERS

July 20, Sunday PM: Rev. Ken Oldham July 21, Monday PM: Rev. Aaron Walton

July 22, Tuesday PM: Ben Sand

July 23, Wednesday PM: Jenny Marble

WORSHIP LEADER

Nicole Wells

Everyone is invited to attend! Everyone must register! orwacog.org

See Celebration schedule, pages 4-7. Youth schedule, page 8.

Camp Meeting Management Commission

Chairperson: Ron Bishop

Camp Meeting Program Commission

Chairperson: Rev. Mike Mugford



Rethinking Church

On Thursday evening, June 12th, Warner Pacific College awoke from its summer slumber to host "Rethinking Church," a conversation hosted by Tony Kriz (Warner's Author in Residence) and Michelle Lang (Associate Director of Campus Ministries) in McGuire Auditorium. The discussion centered around incarnational ministry within our communities, as highlighted in three featured books along with their authors.

John Pattison of Silverton introduced his book "Slow Church – Cultivating Community in the Patient Way of Jesus," comparing Jesus' ministry to the Slow Food movement, and contrasting it with the McDonaldization of popular church growth concepts.

Kelly Bean, co-planter of Urban Abbey in North Portland and author of "How to Be a Christian Without Going to Church" (a provocative title to say the least), assured the audience of her conviction that the church is not dying but is, out of necessity, changing.

Paul Sparks, Tim Soerens and Dwight Friesen of "Parish Collective" in Seattle introduced us to the concept of "faithful presence" as highlighted

in their book "The New Parish – How Neighborhood Churches are Transforming Mission, Discipleship and Community."

Faithful presence exists when the church does life in the community or parish. A parish is defined as an area large enough to live in and small enough in which to be known. An example of faithful presence shared was a 96-year-old woman who had cared for her neighbors over a 40-year period, day in and day out because, as the speakers made clear, faithful presence is not sexy – it's hard work, but it's the way of Jesus.





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North American COG Convention

wants us to run this year... is to do all we can to help eradicate sex trafficking in the U.S. and abroad. The Church of God has been working on this for a long time in places like India (for 100 years) and Germany. More recently efforts have begun in Atlanta, Indianapolis, and Dayton, OH. Jim invites all of us to visit Jesusisthesubject.org and click on "Chog Trafficking" for information about how you and/or your church can get involved. Director Lyon set a goal of 1,000 churches contributing \$1,000 by January, 2015. That is \$1,000,000 specifically for this effort. It sounds like major strides could be made with this relatively small amount."

Jon Nutter, pastor at Hucrest COG in Roseburg, Oregon, posted random Facebook snippets throughout the event: "#BeBold2014—Dave Stone Be



Warner Pacific College Alumni and friends enjoy a reception at Crossings Community Church, OKC

bold in your outreach. The church is different it isn't a club. It exists for those who are not yet members."

Beverley Bolt Smith, of South Dakota, posted, "Anne Graham

Lotz spoke again this morning... she says the nation should pray the 1st 7 days of July. She's calling it the 7-7-7 prayer initiative or something to that effect. She stated that something 'not good' is going to happen in/to America between July & September. She does not strike me as being 'wacky/out there'. We already know America needs God."

Attendees expressed a "greater understanding" and a renewed excitement for the future of the Church of God. Rev. David Shrout says, "It was a world class experience."

Check out http:// www.jesusisthesubject.org/ for more coverage of the NAC.



Sandi Patti leads worship during a Monday evening session at NACOG in Oklahoma City

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Summer Celebration Speaker Lineup



Ken & Keli Oldham







SLINDAY JULY 20 2014

SUNDAY, JULY 20, 2014		
2:30 pm	Registration open	Coffee Shop Lobby
6:-6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal	McGuire Auditorium
6:45 pm	Pre-Service Music Lynchwood Brass Ensemble	McGuire Auditorium
6:45-9 pm	Nursery /Pre-School (infants-K) Early Lea Directors: Nancy Brown and Rebecca Hodg	
6:45 pm	Evening Children's Program Entering grades 1-5 (released mid-service) Director: Julie Jackson	Lower Library
7:00 pm	Opening Worship Celebration Worship Leader: Nicole Wells Speaker: Ken Oldham	McGuire Auditorium
9:15-10:15 p	m Fellowship and Dessert Hour	Cafeteria
MONDAY, JULY 21, 2014 Healing Service		
8:15-8:45 an	n Devotions Leader: Mike Mugford	Egtvedt 203
9:00-noon	Nursery: infants—24 months (By appointment only — phone: 541-430- Director: Nancy Brown	Early Learning Center 6892)
9:00 am	Youth Morning Devotions/Breakfast Youth entering 6th-12th grade grads only	Kardatzke
9-9:45 am	Ministerial Fellowship Speakers: Ken and Keli Oldham	Egtvedt 203
10-10:45 am	Missions Conference Speaker: Ken Oldham	Schlatter Chapel
10:30-noon	Youth Conference Youth 6th—12th grade grads only	McGuire Auditorium
11-11:45 am	General Service Speaker: Glen Hossler Worship Leader: Martin Shrout	Schlatter Chapel
12:00 pm	Youth Lunch and recreation	Blue Lake Park
1:30-2:15 pn	n Senior Adult Conference Speaker: Martin Shrout "Sing to the Lord A New Song in an Old Way	Egtvedt 203
2:30-3:15 pn	n Christian Women Connection Conference Speaker: Keli Oldham "Living Through Crisis"	Egtvedt 203
3:30-4:15 pn	n Conference	Cafeteria Conference Room

Speaker: Jessica Taylor "Raising the Bar on Asking Great Questions"

3:30-5:30pm Region 2 & 3 Area Ministers Egtvedt 203 4:30-5:30 pm Power Conference

Cafeteria Conference Room "What Are Advance Directives and POLST™

Facilitator: Frank Clore

6:45-7:15 pm Prayer Service

Egtvedt 203

7:15 pm **Pre-service Music** **McGuire Auditorium**

"Turning Point", youth band from Centralia, WA

7:15-9 pm Nursery /Pre-School (infants-K) Early Leaning Center

Directors: Nancy Brown and Rebecca Hodges

7:15 pm **Evening Children's Program Lower Library**

Entering grades 1-5 (released mid-service)

Director: Julie Jackson

Evening Service McGuire Auditorium 7:30 pm

Worship Leader: Nicole Wells Speaker: Aaron Walton

9:15-10:15 pm Fellowship and Dessert Hour

Cafeteria

TUESDAY, JULY 22, 2013 Warner Pacific Day

8:15-8:45 am

Devotions

Eqtvedt 203

Leader: David Shrout

9:00-12 pm Nursery: infants-24 months

Early Learning Center

(By appointment only — phone: 541-430-6892)

Director: Nancy Brown

9-9:45 am **Ministerial Fellowship** Egtvedt 203

Speaker: Jeff Jenness

"How the Affordable Care Act Affects the Church"

1010:45 am Missions Service **Schlatter Chapel**

Speakers: Ken and Keli Oldham

10:30-12 pm Youth Conference McGuire Auditorium

1111:45 am Mission Service **Schlatter Chapel**

Speaker: Ken and Keli Oldham

12-1:30 pm WPC Complimentary Lunch for all Cafeteria

1:00 pm **Youth Recreation Time** Beach (Seaside)

1:30-2:15 pm Senior Adult Conference Egtvedt 203

Speaker: Jenny Marble

"Why God Permits Evil / Suffering in the World"

2:30-4:30 pm Family Day Activities on the Lawn

4:30-5:15 Cafeteria Conference Room **Power Conference**

"Unpacking for Our Final Journey"

Leader: Frank Clore

6:30-7 pm **Choir Rehearsal McGuire Auditorium**

6:45-7:15 pm Prayer Service Egtvedt 203



1.(Sun) Go Tell! Matthew 27 & 28 Jesus lives again and the women run to tell.

2. (Mon) Go Obey! Acts 5 The apostles obey by taking a stand for Jesus.

3. (Tues) Go Serve! Ananias serves God by helping Saul. Acts 9

4. (Wed) The Missions Commission will lead the elementary age children during the evening service.







Nicole Wells Worship Leader



Ordination candidates
Julie Jackson
and Ruth Yerden



7:15 pm Pre-Service Music McGuire Auditorium

Nicole Wells and family

7:15-9 pm Nursery/Pre-School (infants-K) Early Leaning Center

Directors: Nancy Brown and Rebecca Hodges

7:15 pm Evening Children's Program Lower Library

Entering grades 1-5 (released mid-service)

Director: Julie Jackson

7:30 pm Evening Service McGuire Auditorium

Worship Leader: Nicole Wells

Speaker: Ben Sand

9:15-10:15 pm Fellowship and Dessert Hour Cafeteria

Refreshments compliments of WPC

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23, 2014

Minister Recognition/Ordination

8:15-8:45 am Devotions Egtvedt 203

Leader: Mike Mugford

9:00-12:00 pm Nursery: infants-24 months McGuire Rm 168

(By appointment only — phone: (541-430-6892)

Director: Nancy Brown

9:00-9:45 am Ministerial Fellowship Egtvedt 203

Business meeting

10:00-10:45 am Mission Service Schlatter Chapel

Speaker: Ken and Keli Oldham

10:30-12:00 pm Youth Conference McGuire Auditorium

Youth 6th-12th grade grads only

11:00-11:45 am General Service Schlatter Chapel

Speaker: Randy Archer Worship Leader: Martin Shrout

12:00 pm Youth Serve Day

Youth entering 6th-12th grade grads only

1:30-2:15 pm Senior Adult Conference Egtvedt 203

Speaker: Ellie Pierson-Sutter "God Will See You Through"

2:30-4:15 pm Senior Adult Fun Time Lower McGuire, Theater

"All Day Singing and Picnic on the Grounds"

Featuring The Lighthouse Quartet

4:30-5:00 pm Power Conference Cafeteria Conference Room

"How to Work up with a Funeral Director in Planning a

Funeral or Memorial Service" Leader: Frank Clore

5:00-6:30 pm Senior Adult Dinner Egtvedt 203

(Tickets must be purchased by Tuesday noon)

6:45-7:15 pm Prayer Service Egtvedt 203

7:15 pm Pre-Service Music McGuire Auditorium

Lighthouse Quartet



The International Youth Convention of the Church of God is happening this week in Nashville, Tennessee, July 5-8. Pray for those attending the event. The theme is "InTUNE" (with purpose, with purity, with power, and with people), based on Galatians 5:25, "Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit" (NIV).

Youth Ministries Team members are: Andy Stephenson, Tami Byrd, Eric Reeder, Chris Spitters and Adam Rentas. www.iyc2014.org!

Nashville IYC2014

Attention Ladies!
Register now!
2014 Convention
Daytona Beach, Florida
October 30-November 2

http://www.
Christianwomenconnection
.org/2014church-of-god-womensconvention.html

7:15-9 pm Nursery/Pre-School (infants-K) Early Leaning Center

Directors: Nancy Brown and Rebecca Hodges

7:15 pm Evening Children's Program Lower Library

Entering grades 1-5 (released mid-service)

"Children's Missions Day" with Ken and Keli Oldham

Director: Julie Jackson

7:30 pm Evening Service McGuire Auditorium

Worship Leader: Nicole Wells Speaker: Jenny Marble

9:15-10:15 pm Fellowship and Dessert Cafeteria

Summer Celebration closes

THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2014



Summer Celebration: YOUTH EVENTS

Summer Celebration 2014: Basic Information

Cost = 40.00 per person

This cost includes all meals, lodging and the activities. Here is a breakdown of how it looks if you chose not to stay the whole week. If you come for Just Activities = \$20.00, if you come for just One Day = \$10.00. Also for families with multiple children attending, we will give you \$5 discount for each additional kid who attends (1 kid = \$40, 2 kids = \$40, \$35, 3 kids = \$40, \$35, \$30) Contact Aaron Walton if you have questions.

Housing: Warner Pacific College

The main option for housing will be at Warner in Smith Hall and Warman Hall. We will have 2 separate dormitory open for us (one for guys and one for girls ideally). You will be able to fit 3-4 per room with beds/sleeping bags. In this packet you will find a Standards For Facilities Use Agreement which will need to be filled out for each individual staying in the dorms.

Food:

The meal program is the same as last year where we will try and help with sharing of the responsibility of meal preparation. Each youth group (or multiple youth groups) will take care of specific meals for one day for the entire group (Lynchwood=Monday, Mt. Scott=Tuesday, Tigard= Wednesday). So if you are interested in helping out with this, please contact Aaron. We only have 3 meals to provide this year.

Services + Service: Warner Pacific College

Each morning we will not only have a morning devotion along with our breakfast, but also our own separate morning sessions. Then for the evening services we will be together with the "big church." For details on these services see the schedule. Also on Wednesday we will be participating in our Service Day where we try our best to love on the city of Portland as Jesus would if he was here today. Be looking for more details.

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Schedule of Events

Sunday: July 20

2:30pm Registration for Youth (Cafeteria)

-Dinner On Your Own

7:00-9:00pm Main Service (Warner Pacific College/McGuire Auditorium)

Monday: July 21

Morning Devotions/Breakfast (Kardatzke) 9:00am

Youth Sessions (McGuire) 10:30am

Lunch/Rec. Time: (Blue Lake Park) 12:00pm

5:30pm Dinner (Kardatzke)

Evening Service (McGuire Auditorium) 7:30pm TBD After Glow (Schlatter Chapel)

Tuesday: July 22

Morning Devotion/Breakfast (Kardatzke) 9:00am

Youth Sessions (McGuire) 10:30am 12:00pm Alumni Lunch (Gym or Cafeteria) Warner Day: (Beach Day) 1:00pm

-Dinner and Service at the Beach

Return from Coast 8-9pm

TBD After Glow (Schlatter Chapel)

Wednesday: July 23

9:00am Morning Devotion/Breakfast (Kardatzke)

Youth Sessions (McGuire) 10:30am Lunch (Kardatzke) 12:00pm Community Service Project 1:30pm

-McGuire Auditorium/show up at 1:15 for job assignments.

Dinner (Kardatzke) 5:30pm

Evening Service (McGuire Auditorium) 7:30pm

After Glow (Schlatter Chapel) TBA

Thursday: July 24

9:00am Morning Devotion/Breakfast (Kardatzke)

Youth Sessions (McGuire) 10:30am 12:00pm

Check-Out Time (Kardatzke)

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White Branch gears up for Campers

Camp
White Branch
had several
Work Camps
in preparation
for summer
camp season,
with a lot accomplished.
Rainier and
Albany congregations



(pictured) both brought work camp groups, who worked on the caretakers' homes and camp facilities. Mel Neu and Cal Brown are working with filters and chlorinators to ensure compliance with state regulations. "Leonard and Stacey are doing a great job," says Neu, regarding the new caretakers.. "Please pray for them and make sure you welcome them and encourage them when you are at camp."

A CWB Board meeting is scheduled during Summer Celebration on July 22, at 2:30 p.m..





A Click Away

A guick look at the Association web site

Calendar feature shows July as an active month! (www.http// orwa cog.org)



International Youth Convention takes place the first weekend, with Junior Camp at CWB the second week. Events are color-coded for easy viewing. The purple reflects District events. The blue indicates local church invitations. NOTE: The Mt. Scott Church of God hosts a free Portland area picnic at noon Thursday, July 17.

Summer Camp Schedule 2014

Junior Camp

Entering 5th & 6th Grades July 7—11 (\$155) Director: John Kuykendall

Introductory Camp

Entering 2nd or 3rd Grades AND parent

July 11—13 (\$145 per couple)

Director: Julie Jackson

Middle School Camp

Entering 7th & 8th Grades
July 14—18 (\$175)
Director: Steve Dow

Primary Camp

Entering 3rd & 4th Grades

July 28—31 (\$145) Directors: Lanita Harkema/Karen Graham

Senior High Camp

Entering Grades 9th—12th August 4—8 (\$195)

Directors: Brian Arnold/Ash Dubra

Registration forms are available online (orwacog.org/camp-white-branch/). To sponsor a camper, contact your pastor or the Association Office at 1-800-873-7729.

Kuykendalls Honored at Retirement Open House





An Open House reception for Rev. John and Sally Kuykendall at the Lynchwood Church of God in Portland, OR, was one of several opportunities to express love and appreciation on the occasion of John's retirement. Hours of receiving guests surely must have exhausted this highly respected and well loved couple. Facebook posts both cheer them on and lament their release, with words of affirmation such as "You are the reason I am in ministry today" ... "Your ministry has impacted so many lives"..."I can't believe that mischievous kid that would pester me is now a retired minister"...and on, and on...just like the line of well wishers. God bless you, John and Sally, as you continue to invest in lives and pour your own into those precious grandchildren.

"PSALMS, HYMNS & SPIRITUAL SONGS"

Worship & Singing Fellowship & Dessert!

Let's do it again at Rockwood COG Sunday, August 17 at 6pm.

133 NE 192nd Avenue, Gresham, OR (between Glisan & Stark)

Upcoming Events

International Youth Convention—July 5-8, Nashville Junior Camp - Monday, July 7, 2014 - Friday, July 11, 2014 - 1:00 pm - 11:00 am

Introduction to Camp - Friday, July 11, 2014 - Sunday, July 13, 2014 - 6:00 pm - 11:00 am

Middle High Camp - Monday, July 14, 2014 - Friday, July 18, 2014 - All Day

PDX Area All-Church Picnic—July 17, 12-2pm, Mt. Scott COG

Summer Celebration Adult - Sunday, July 20, 2014 - Wednesday, July 23, 2014 - All Day

Summer Celebration Youth - Sunday, July 20, 2014 - Thursday, July 24, 2014 - All Day

Summer Celebration Child - Monday, July 21, 2014 - Wednesday, July 23, 2014 - 12:00 am

CAB mtg - Monday, July 21, 2014 - 10:00 am - 4:00 pm **Primary Camp** - Monday, July 28, 2014 - Thursday, July 31, 2014 - All Day

Senior High Camp - Monday, August 4, 2014 - Friday, August 8, 2014 - All Day

Men's Advance - Friday, August 22, 2014 - Sunday, August 24, 2014 - All Day

Labor Day—Sept. 1—District Office Closed.

Christian Women Connection Prayer Retreat - Friday, September 12, 2014 - Sunday, September 14, 2014 - All Day

General Council Retreat—Sept. 21-22, All Day

Clergy Appreciation Month - Wednesday, October 1, 2014 - Friday, October 31, 2014 - All Day

L.A.M.P. Writing Workshop—October 2, 2014, 9am-3pm

How To Convention - Saturday, January 31, 2015, 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Ministers & Spouses' Retreat - Monday, February 16, 2015 - Wednesday, February 18, 2015 - All Day

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VISION STATEMENT: "To serve and empower by: coordinating ministries, providing guidance, giving encouragement, supplying information, and offering training, in order to enable churches and ministries to mature in holiness, unity, services and growth."