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**Women's CWC Spring
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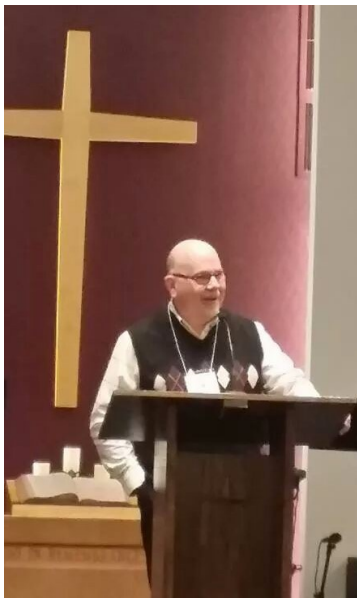
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How-To Convention Brings Refreshment

The fog lifted and the sun came out in Woodburn the last Saturday of January, as 126 people convened for worship and refreshment at Hoodview Church of God.

Christian Education Commission Chair Julie Jackson, along with her team and the host church, did a great job in planning, preparing and organizing the traditional event, offering training and practical application in ministry.

Church of God folks love to meet and greet, and this event was no exception. With nametags in place and schedules in hand, attendees renewed connections over coffee, fruit and muffins, then gathered for worship and instruction. It was a great day.



Rev. Bob Moss

Rev. Bob Moss, CAO of COG Ministries, Anderson, IN, kicked off the opening session with clarity and skill. He spoke of our changing organization and culture, of the new team and focus (see Jesusisthesubject.org), and steps from Reggie McNeil's "How To Change an Organization" - changing the Conversation, what's Celebrated, and changing the Leadership's Oxygen. Moss spoke of extending our reach, and shared acrostic: "R.E.A.C.H.—*Reclamation, Evangelism, Accord, Cristo-centric, Hands of Jesus*. Moss emphasized the synergy in our combined efforts, and presented the key distinctive of the Church of God: "providing the freedom to follow the Spirits leading, by the measure of Scripture."

The sanctuary and classrooms throughout the East and West wings of the facility housed eager listeners and capable presenters, while behind the scenes faithful servants prepared for lunch (sponsored by Warner Pacific College).

The amount of information and resources available was impressive, and attendees selected three of 21 sessions ranging from church safety and security, through shepherding your family while shepherding the church, working with special needs children, addressing internet addictions, on through responding and ministering during and after community emergencies. Other sessions included Values-based ministry and living out Vision a practical way; Sharing God's Love in a Strip Club; Hearing the Call of the Wild (church panting). What a great opportunity in our own District!

Dr. Paul Maxfield, Director of Children of Promise, presented opportunity to Restore, Rescue and Release children throughout the world. Maxfield posted on Facebook, "Such a great thing happened at Hoodview Church of God in Woodburn, Oregon, today. A group of women committed to sponsor the 16 children that the late Verna Bruss was sponsoring before her death! Is that cool or what?" Twenty children were sponsored this weekend. Praise God! Enjoy the photos in this issue, and watch for the ripple-effect yet to come from another great How-To Convention! -kt



How-To Convention Brings Refreshment (Continued from page 1)



**Next year's How-To Convention is already scheduled.
Save the date: Saturday, January 30, 2016.
Location to be announced.**

Association Represented at National CWC Event

The National Convention of Christian Women Connection (CWC) "Waves of Grace" was held in Daytona Beach, FL, October 30 - November 2. The theme was based on the scripture *"From His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace"*, John 1:26.

Being at the Hilton Oceanfront Resort made it easy to think about waves. Oregon was represented by Becky Sander (Lents-Gilbert), Leslie Duclo and Doris Teubel (Aloha), Mary Ann Dunlap (Mt. Scott) and Mike and Nancy Kernutt (Rainier). Mike was unsure about attending a women's conference of about 1000 ladies. There were other men attending. Mike attended a session led by Jim Lyon as well as the evening worship services. As President/Coordinator of our state CWC it is important for me to connect with leaders from other states. I also enjoy getting better acquainted with our national officers.

Worship services led by Cynthia Thomas, Jeannette Flynn and Mary Stephens were very motivational. Those three only represent a few of the leaders for daily sessions and evening worship. A group of women from Kenya shared in song and testimony. Several missionaries were also able to attend.

Our service project supported the White Chapel church with their

toy drive. God provided a sunny glorious setting for me to renew, visit a lighthouse (Ponce de Leon) as well as connect with family members whom I hadn't seen in five years.

I highly recommend that others attend the next National Convention, too!

Nancy Kernutt
President/Coordinator, CWC



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WPC Alum is newest member of Beaverton City Council

Lacey Beaty '13 is putting her education to use as the newest member of the Beaverton City Council. She was sworn in on January 6 with her husband Ian, also a Warner Pacific Alum, watching from Afghanistan where he is currently deployed for the Army. <http://www.warnerpacific.edu/alum-lacey-beaty/>

Dean's List released

The Fall 2014 Warner Pacific Dean's List includes 527 full time students with a GPA of 3.5 or greater from the Adult Degree Program and the traditional undergraduate program. <http://www.warnerpacific.edu/fall-2014-deans-list/>

WPC Wrestler named NAIA National Wrestler of the Week

Joshua Crager, WPC wrestler, was named the NAIA National Wrestler of the Week, the national office announced Wednesday. Crager, who is the first selection of the 2014-15 season, was chosen based on his performances from December 29, 2014 through January 4, 2015. http://www.wpcknights.com/news/2015/1/7/MWR_0107150407.aspx?path=mwres

WPC Homecoming February 12 -14

We hope to see all WPC Alums at the 2015 Homecoming. The celebration weekend includes special guest William P. Young (author of the Shack and Cross Roads) speaking at Chapel, Oregon Music Hall of Fame Inductee and Join Billboard charting local musician, Patrick Lamb, joins the WPC Jazz Band and Vocal Ensemble for a concert, Natural Sciences Alumni Dessert, Golden Torch and Pacific Bible College Luncheon, Athletic Hall of Honor, Distinguished Alumni Brunch, and Professional Networking Event (new). Details and RSVP link are here: <http://www.warnerpacific.edu/about/alumni/homecoming/> RSVP here: <https://warnerpacific.webconnex.com/homecoming>

Middle/High School Band/Choir Music Festivals

- February 27: Middle School Jazz/Concert Band Festival
- March 6: High School Choral Festival
- March 13: High School Concert Band Festival

<http://www.warnerpacific.edu/academics/music/concerts-events-festivals/>

Brian Arnold Ratified as Lynchwood COG Senior Pastor

Lynchwood Church of God will have a service of installation for Pastor Brian Arnold Sunday, March 1, 2015, at 3:00 p.m.

Brian, who has served at Lynchwood as Youth Pastor for nearly a decade, and his wife, Sheila, have two sons, Isaac (3) and Caleb (1).



Lynchwood COG is located at 3818 SE 174th Avenue in Portland, Oregon. Call 503-665-6638 for info.



Photo courtesy Valerie Quesenberry Zeisler

Busby to present Financial Symposium



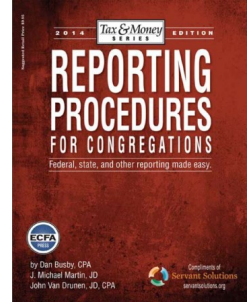
Dan Busby, CPA

Guest speaker **Dan Busby, CPA**, will present

EVENT POSTPONED

a Financial Symposium
March 21, 2015 at the
Holladay Park Church of God in
Portland, OR.

All Pastors, Church Treasurers and key Lay Leaders are encouraged to attend this power packed symposium—a gift from Servant Solutions—to discover the best practices in hand to the Church. Visit orwacog.org.



Summer Celebration Plans Underway

Summer Celebration Commission and planning team members met in the Kardatzke Room at the Warner Pacific College campus January 9 and 10 to discuss budget, logistics and scheduling among other details for the July event.

Friday's meeting included discussions with Grace Kim, of WPC, regarding availability of dorms and apartments.



Chairman Mike Mugford, Senior Pastor at Friendly Street Church of God in Eugene, Oregon, shared encouraging lyrics of a song by the late Andre Crouch, "The Promise", during a devotional time Saturday morning prior to prayer and round-table discussions.

While details are still in the works for Summer Celebration (aka Campmeeting), "Jesus is the Subject!" The theme is based on Colossians 1.

A rough schedule is now in place for the July 26-29 event, to be held at the Warner Pacific College campus.

"The abbreviated schedule has improved the quality," notes Mugford, referring to the current 3-day event. Budget constraints prompted the change from the formerly week-long gathering.

July's keynote speakers include Rev. T. Allen Bethel (Sunday evening), Dr. Tony Kriz (Monday), 3-World (3W) representatives Kelley and Rhonda Philips and newly appointed Josh and Audrey Weiger Tuesday and, on Wednesday, Rev. Brian Arnold.

The Christian Education Commission, active and on the heels of January's How-To event, is lining up a great program for the children. Camp White Branch Commission will meet during Monday's lunch break, and Women in Ministry will meet for lunch and conversation from noon-1:30 Wednesday.

The annual business meeting for the Oregon and SW Washington Association is scheduled for Wednesday, July 29, from 1:30-3:30 p.m., in the McGuire Auditorium. The meeting is open to everyone, with ministers and lay-delegates having voting privileges and responsibilities. Watch for important documents.

Generally, staff members will meet each morning Monday through Wednesday at 7 a.m., followed by morning devotions for everyone beginning at 8:15.

Ministers' Fellowship is slated for the 9'o'clock hour, with Missions conferences at ten. Morning worship sessions will be held in McGuire from 11 a.m. until noon.

Attendees are encouraged to register online, and to watch for opportunity to purchase tickets for the

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Gales Creek to Host Women's Spring Convention

The Gales Creek, Oregon, Church of God, 9170 NW Sargent Road, will host the Spring Convention for Christian Women's Connection March 6-7, 2015.

Registration deadline is February 20 for the weekend event, featuring guest speaker Janelle Irwin, of Aloha, Oregon.

PURPOSE is the theme for the event, with registration and the traditional Silent Auction beginning at 4:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 6, and worship at 7 o'clock.

Janelle Irwin, of Aloha, Oregon, is the guest speaker for the weekend. Janelle recently completed her Bachelor's degree through Warner University's online school.



Janelle Irwin, Speaker

Originally from Missouri, Janelle met and married her husband Tim, while attending Anderson College in Indiana. They currently serve the Aloha Church of God.

A traditional Silent Auction will be included in the spring convention, raising funds for the Warner Pacific Scholarship given each year to a female student preparing for Christian Service. Attendees are asked to bring a theme basket and be prepared to bid on baskets provided by other churches.

Recommended motels (Best Western University Inn, 503-992-8888; Budget, 503-359-5766; and Grand Lodge, 503-992-9533) are located in Forest Grove.

Registration is \$40 for the weekend and includes meals and programming. The committee recommends that churches send all registrations together with one check. Registration is transferable but non-refundable, and if needed half may be paid by February 20 with the balance paid upon arrival. Make checks payable to CWC and mail to Becky Sander, 12424 SE Bybee Blvd., Portland OR 97236.

Leading from the Inside Out


2 Corinthians 1:12


2015 W.A.R.M. Conference

Antelope Road Christian Fellowship - Sacramento, CA

April 14-16, 2015


WWW.WARMCORG.ORG





Dr. Lori Salierno

Rev. Bob Marvel



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Summer Celebration Plans Underway

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Adult "Heavenly Event" celebration and dinner slated for Wednesday at 5 p.m., open to adults of all ages. Evening worship will be held from 7:30 till 9:00 p.m., along with the Children's Program. A fellowship time will follow, with young adult events to be announced.

The Youth Commission is meeting to formulate and finalize plans for their Summer Celebration, held in conjunction with the event. An encouraging 150 youth have been involved during the past couple of years, joining in times of worship. Like last year, the youth plan to extend the event until noon on Thursday, and will likely include a trip to the beach. Watch for details! Liza Watkins is heading up the music program, and is working with "The Exchange" ministry-focused rock band (see www.theexchangerock.com).

Ministry recognition will be included in Monday evening's session. The concern of human trafficking - a front-burner issue both in the world and in the global Church of God will be included in Tuesday's mission focus, along with a Healing service. Warner Pacific College will sponsor a free lunch Tuesday, during WPC Day. Ministerial Ordinations will be included in the Wednesday evening service.



Summer Celebration Planning Committee meets

The District Office staff is now compiling requests and will communicate with WPC regarding facilities, microphones, projection and other set-up arrangements. Be in prayer for the planning teams, speakers, lodging, logistics managers and all involved in the preparation for this annual event. Watch for more details, and plan to register soon! -kt

Emergency Relief Help Needed for COP

by Paul Maxfield, Director



Children of Promise is calling for emergency relief donations for the sponsored children and their families in Malawi, Southern Africa.

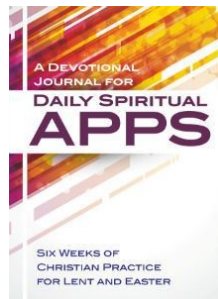
- Intense, prolonged rains have flooded the country.
- Livestock, crops, homes, and belongings have been destroyed or swept away in flash floods.
- The president of Malawi has declared 1/2 of the nation a disaster zone.
- At least 48 people have perished, and 23,000 have been displaced.
- 20,000 homes have collapsed.
- Eight homes of our sponsored children have collapsed and will need to be rebuilt
- 102 of our children's homes are standing in various levels of water and are leaking seriously, destroying possessions and making eventual collapse possible.
- Immediate assistance is needed for food, utensils, blankets, mosquito nets, and material to repair thatched roofs.

Please pray, and ask your church to pray.

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Warner Press Releases Six-Week Devotional Journal

In early February, Warner Press releases a 48-page *Devotional Journal for Daily Spiritual Apps* to guide Christians through Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5-7) in the six weeks from Ash Wednesday to Maundy Thursday, covering essential Christian habits of prayer, Bible study, giving, fasting, and caring for God's creation



Handel Smith, chief domestic officer for Church of God Ministries (CGM), encourages congregations to use this resource in place of CGM's Focus 40 emphasis of years past. "We call these 'daily spiritual apps' because we grow more mature spiritually as we apply ourselves to these practices each day," he says. "Each day's journal section allows us to keep track of our progress."

A free leader's guide and a free subscription to a daily RSS feed of these devotional "apps" are available online at www.dailyspiritualapps.org.

Emergency Relief Help Needed for COP

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Donations are needed for the following:

- Rebuild eight homes at the cost of \$300 per home. (\$2,400)
 - Plastic roofing material for 102 homes at the cost of \$20 per home (\$2,040)
 - Food for 102 families (additions to the monthly COP food allotment) at the cost of \$20/family (\$2,040).
 - Utensils, blankets, sleeping mats, mosquito nets (\$5,000)
- These are the immediate needs known, totaling \$11,480.

As travel improves and our director, Rev. Emmanuel Masamba, is able to visit the Mulanje and Blantyre areas, we will keep you updated on any additional needs. Please join us in providing relief and support to our sponsored children's families in Malawi.



Donations will be wired directly to Malawi by Children of Promise. Donations received by Children of Promise beyond the level of need in Malawi will be designated to the COP Emergency Fund for future emergency and disaster needs. Donations may be made in the following ways:

CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD ONLINE:

<https://app.etapestry.com/hosted/ChildrenofPromise/OnlineGiving.html>

1. Complete the donation form.
2. Note "Malawi Disaster Relief" in the comment section of the donation page.

CHECK:

Mail to Children of Promise
P. O. Box 2316, Anderson, IN 46018
Note "Malawi Disaster Relief" on the memo line of the check.



Webbs appointed Regional Coordinators of Africa

NAME: Mike and Heather Webb

COUNTRY: Tanzania

ASSIGNMENT: Regional Coordinators for Africa

DATE OF APPOINTMENT: January 30, 2015

TARGET LEAVE DATE: January 2016

INTRODUCTION:

Mike grew up in the Church of God and at age four went on his first mission trip with his family. He holds a BA in educational ministries with an emphasis in cross-cultural ministry from Huntington College (now University), an MA in missions and intercultural studies from Wheaton College, and a doctorate of intercultural studies from Fuller Theological Seminary. He is also an ordained minister of the Church of

God and served for two years as a pastor in Ohio.

Heather's call to international ministry came in high school and was confirmed on a mission trip to Haiti. She holds a BS in educational ministries from Huntington College (now University) and an AAS in nursing from University of Cincinnati. Mike and Heather were married in 2000 and are the parents of Madalyn (Maddy). Mike and Heather served for two years with Global Missions in Southeast Asia as educators at an international Christian school. The Webbs also served for five years in Tanzania, where they worked as administrators for a Church of God tailoring school and revitalized the Theological Education by Extension (TEE) program for the Church of God.

In 2012, the Webbs completed



their assignment with Global Missions and began a new ministry at h.e.a.r.t. Institute, where they serve as the academic liaison and public relations coordinator.

Mike and Heather will be residing in Tanzania.

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Senior Moments

by Ruth Bissett, Salem, OR

Welcome to our monthly meeting here in The E-Contact! How are you doing with “new” things in the new year? I am happy to report that I have started several new things in my life.

One of the new things in my life is the soon addition of a new grandson with the marriage of my granddaughter, Janelle Weiss to Ben Johnson. Because of the excitement of the wedding, which is rapidly approaching, my thoughts have been on love. Love is a big subject and February is the month of love. I don’t think there are any of us that can’t learn more about loving both in a marriage and in loving others.

We are reminded that love is a verb. We have all heard the stories of those who told their spouse they loved them when they got married and then never said the words, “I love you” again. They told their spouse after years that they would tell them if they changed their minds. Needless to say, that isn’t the way to do it. Words are so important in a relationship. My granddaughter gave her fiancé a booklet for Christmas that she made entitled, “Falling in love one text at a time.” She had saved texts that he had sent her over many months. In those texts he would tell her how special she is, how gorgeous she is, how he sees God working in her life and other words that are for her ears only. How can you keep from loving with someone like that? We all want and need to know that we are special and loved. A lesson we all can be reminded of from this example is the importance of expressing with words the love we have for one another. I am reminded of the woman at the Lynchwood church and what they do on a regular basis to write notes of encouragement and pray for those outside their congregation. I received a note from them during my time of need. Thank you, ladies of the Lynchwood Church of God for what you do regularly for others. Will you join me in taking the time to write a note to someone in your life that needs to be loved?

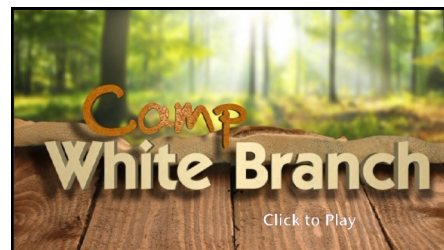
In addition to love being expressed in the words we say, how about another verb to express love-doing. Many of us have read or are aware of the book by Gary Chapman, “The Five Languages of Love.” When we lived in Bandon, Earl planted a garden on our new property and he was very happy with the results of the garden. It yielded 400 pounds of potatoes and about 200 quarts of green beans plus all the other produce that we didn’t weigh. One day, when he was coming in from working in the

garden, I said something to him about the amount of time he was spending working in the garden instead of spending time with me. His response was that that was how he showed me he loved me. Forget give, but I laughed out loud (lol). I had not read the book, but little by little became aware that working to provide for me and the family was his way of showing love. This was a real learning time for me and I have been able to share this with others to help them understand more about the “languages of love.” Will you join me in finding a way to show love to someone who needs to be loved?

I know that what I have shared is not new to any of us. However, if you are like me, I need to be reminded that to love is to act. Our Savior **loved** us so much that he **gave**. And we must do likewise. Purpose in your heart to find someone outside your usual circle that you can give love to this month. Then, I would really like to hear some of your stories. Email me at ruthbissett1@gmail.com and share your stories.

Until we “meet” again!

PS. Plan now to attend the adult activity, “A Heavenly Event” on Wednesday, July, 29 at Summer Celebration. I am asking that everyone wear white.---- Also, our conference on “Heaven” will be on Monday and Tuesday, July 27 and 28, from 3:30-5pm with a break between sessions. Gale Hency will be leading this conference. There will be opportunity for you to write down your questions.



SAVE THE DATES

- Junior Camp - Monday, July 6, 2015 - Friday, July 10, 2015 - All Day
- Middle School Camp - Monday, July 13, 2015 through Friday, July 17, 2015 - All Day
- Intro Camp - Friday, July 17, 2015 - Sunday, July 19, 2015 - All Day
- Primary Camp - Monday, July 20, 2015 through Thursday, July 23, 2015 - All Day
- Senior High Camp - Monday, August 3, 2015 through Friday, August 7, 2015 - All Day

Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs Sunday, March 29, 6:00 p.m.

Frank and Ruth Ann Yerden and the Rockwood Church, invite you to an hour of praise to the Lord. The Yerden's will be assisted by many of the Rockwood Worship Team and young people, plus the Wells and Carlson families.

Along with hymns and choruses, we will sing some of the unique Sunday School and gospel songs.

Rockwood Church of God
133 N. 192nd
(on 192nd between Stark and Glisan)
Gresham, OR

Refreshments by C.O.G.S.

Oak Pews Available

Richmond Community Church has replaced their pews with chairs over the past few years. If your church (or anyone you might know) needs or is interested in getting a quantity of pews, please contact Liza Watkins at 503-975-4752. The pews are solid oak and the lengths are roughly 8 feet and 12 feet long. If interested, more accurate measurements will be available.

Global Missions
to become
Global Strategies
Watch for more information!

Got news?

The E-CONTACT deadline is the 15th of each month. Submit your news item for consideration in upcoming issues to contacteditor@orwacog.org.

MISSION STATEMENT: "This Association exists to serve and empower affiliated churches and ministries to fulfill the call of Christ."

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."

Upcoming Events

Ministers & Spouse Retreat - Monday, February 2, 2015 - Wednesday, February 4, 2015 - All Day

Warner Pacific College Homecoming - Thursday, February 12, 2015 - Saturday, February 14, 2015 - All Day

Ash Wednesday—February 18, 2015

Freedom Sunday - Sunday, February 22, 2015 - All Day

Christian Women Connection Spring Convention - Friday, March 6, 2015 - Saturday, March 7, 2015 - All Day

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS - Sunday, March 8, 2015 - All Day

Church Planting Movement Training - Monday, March 9, 2015 - Tuesday, March 10, 2015 - All Day

River Street COG Missions Trip - Thursday, March 19, 2015 - Sunday, March 29, 2015 - All Day

PALM SUNDAY - Sunday, March 29, 2015 - All Day

Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs, Rockwood COG, Gresham, 6 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY - Friday, April 3, 2015 - All Day

EASTER - Sunday, April 5, 2015 - All Day

W.A.R.M. - Tuesday, April 14, 2015 through Thursday, April 16, 2015 - All Day

Check online for registration and for more events:
www.orwacog.org/calendar

