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CWC Fall Retreat: From Passion to Purpose

Christian Women Connection hosts their fall prayer retreat at Camp White Branch September 18-20. Guest speaker Sherilyn Sander will focus on the theme "*From Passion to Purpose.*

Sherilyn lives in Milwaukie, with her husband Carl whom she affectionately calls, "Superman". They have two adult children and a grandson. She has served in full time ministry the last 25 years using horses as a ministry tool at Miracle Ranch and Canyonview Equestrian College. Sherilyn is now "retired" yet continues in her purpose of studying God's Word and loving His people. She and her husband went to Kenya on their first mission trip in August.



Worship leader Angellee Kloppman will return for the retreat. Angellee's address may say Rainier, Oregon, but she actually drives 15 miles to get to town where she attends Rainier Community Church of God. That's probably why she feels so at home at Camp White Branch. The woods are her favorite place to be. "It's where I can get quiet, and just feel the Lord's presence at every turn."

Angellee encourages those who haven't been to a women's retreat before, or in a long time, to give it a try. "You can't help but feel refreshed when you leave this place. I promise to have you singing a song of praise or two while you're here that will put a smile on His face (and yours.) "

Your cost for this time of fellowship, spiritually challenging teaching, rest and relaxation is just \$90. This covers your lodging (2 nights), all meals (5), and programming for Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Only able to attend Friday and Saturday your cost is \$65.

If you desire to spend Saturday afternoon soaking in the pool at Belknap Hot Springs that will be an additional \$7, payable on arrival at the Hot springs. You may wander the grounds at the Hot springs while others are soaking with no additional fee. Check in on Friday begins around 3:00 p.m..



Camp White Branch is located at 61500 Old McKenzie Highway, McKenzie Bridge, OR 97413. To contact campers: 1-877-822-3964 Participants are to bring a sleeping bag or bedding and pillow, towels and toiletries, a warm jacket and walking shoes, Bible and notepad, and table games and snacks to share.

Registration for the event is transferable but non-refundable. Make checks payable to CWC and mail registration to: Sherrill Goodeill 3229 SE 116th Ave, Portland, OR 97266

Directions: Take exit 194A the Springfield exit. This becomes I-105 and connects with Hwy 126 at the east side of Springfield. Turn left (east) at second stop light Hwy 126 (toward Bend). Continue on 126 for about 50 miles, past McKenzie Ranger Station. Turn right onto Hwy 242. Continue for about 7 miles to the camp which is on the right.

Camp White Branch Progress



The building crew has been working on CWB multipurpose structure, and things are beginning to take shape. They have now begun the installation of the main roof of the building, according to Mel Neu.



http://www.orwacog/campwhite-branch



CWB Camp Dates Slated for 2016

- <u>Senior High camp</u> Monday, July 11 Friday, July 15, 2016
- <u>Introductory Camp</u> Friday, July 15 Sunday, July 17, 2016
- <u>Primary Camp</u> Monday, July 18 Thursday, July 21, 2016
- <u>Summer Celebration</u> Sunday, July 24 Wednesday, July 27, 2016
- <u>Junior Camp</u> Monday, August 1 Friday, August 5, 2016
- <u>Middle School Camp</u> Monday, August 8 -Friday, August 12, 2016

Mark your calendars and plan now to promote camp attendance for your local congregations.



Senior High Camp at White Branch



A big thank you to everyone who helped make Senior High Camp a great event! For those who helped financially, prayerfully, or pitched in on site during the week - THANK YOU! Eighty-one students registered for Sr. High camp, and many of those made decisions to follow Jesus! *-Billy Effingham*

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WPC Senior and Alumnae Team Up Build Futsal Field in Rockwood

Community revitalization includes creating safe gathering places for children to play. For Warner Pacific Senior Ricki Ruiz '16 that meant converting an ad hoc futsal court that was an old roller hockey rink into brand new futsal pitches appropriate for active youth to use. *http://www.warnerpacific.edu/ futsal-field-in-rockwood/*

Congratulations to WPC Summer Graduating Class of 2015

What a beautiful day it was on Saturday, August 15, 2015, when 106 students of our Adult Degree Program achieved their dream of becoming a college graduate. *http://www.warnerpacific.edu/ congratulations-to-our-summer-graduating-class-of-*2015/

Warner Pacific Brings Notable St. Olaf Choir Directors to Campus in September for Choral Summit and Community Concert

It is the love of what many harmonic voices can do for the soul that inspired the Department of Music at Warner Pacific to bring to campus this fall two notable choral directors from the internationally recognized St. Olaf Choir, Dr. Anton Armstrong and Mark Stover. *http://www.warnerpacific.edu/callingcommunity-choral-summit-concert-2015/*

Join us at Convocation – Tuesday, September 1, at 10 am, in McGuire Auditorium

Celebrate the start of the new academic year and meet Dr. Nichols, who will deliver the keynote address.

RSVP: http://www.warnerpacific.edu/2015convocation/

Celebration Concert – Friday, September 18, or Saturday, September 19 at 7:30 pm each evening

Warner Pacific's Choral Summit will end each day with a concert featuring high school choirs and Warner Pacific choral ensembles

Tickets are just \$10

Get your tickets today: https://

warnerpacific.webconnex.com/choralfestivaltickets

Dr. Cook Celebrated a Birthday

On Monday, August 10, staff and faculty gathered to wish Dr. Cook a happy birthday. In lieu of gifts, donations were made on behalf of Dr. Cook to the College.

Download Warner Pacific's free

mobile app (available from Google Play or ITunes) and never miss an exciting event or the latest news: *http://www.warnerpacific.edu/wp-mobile/*

Men's Advance

Sixteen men attended the 35th annual Men's Advance at Camp White Branch August 21-23. Mike Kernutt spoke at the event, and the men worked together to replace some steps going up to the dining hall, and also started work on the wood shed, according to Chair, Jay Thornhill.



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Senior Moments

Greetings from my house to your house!

Almost 65 people were in attendance at the Heavenly Event at the Summer Celebration this past July. This was a special time to think about what heaven

may be like. First Corinthians 2:9 says, "No eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind has imagined what God has prepared for those who love him." Pastor Glen Hossler sang this song (lyrics by MercyMe):

> I can only imagine what it will be like When I walk by your side I can only imagine what my eyes will see When your face is before me I can only imagine

> > Surrounded by your glory What will my heart feel Will I dance for you Jesus Or in awe of you be still

Will I stand in your presence Or to my knees will I fall Will I sing hallelujah Will I be able to speak at all I can only imagine I can only imagine

I will have much more to share about the Heavenly Event and the sessions on Heaven that were lead by Gale Hency so stay tuned. I do invite you to do your own study on heaven and think about your eternal home. Remember life is a journey, but heaven is our eternal home. "This world is not my home, I'm just a passing through. My treasures are laid up somewhere beyond the blue. The angels welcome me from heaven's open door and I can't feel at home in this world any more."

SEE YOU AT THE "HOUSE."

Albany First to Celebrate 120 Years

Albany First Church of God will celebrate their 120th Anniversary October 16-18, 2015, with the theme "Celebrating Our Past...Building Our Future".

<u>Friday, October 16,</u> 6:30-8:30 p.m. Pie Social @ Albany First Church of God 1225 15th Avenue SW, Albany

<u>Saturday, October 17</u>, 5-7 p.m. Dinner with speakers, music, entertainment & great food First Assembly of God all-purpose building, 2817 Santiam Hwy SE, Ticketed event, with no charge. Limited seating (200) available.

Sunday, October 18, 10:30 a.m. Celebratory worship service @ the church, 1225 15th Avenue SW, Albany

For more information see http://www.firstchurchalbany.org/ fcgcelebrate120.html



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."

New District Council to Meet September 8

The new District Council, approved and introduced during Summer Celebration in July, will convene on Tuesday, September 8, at the District Office in Salem. Council members represent the eight regions of the Association of the Churches of God. Please be in prayer for the Council as they undertake the work that lies ahead.

Chair Person: Jackie Scott (2015-2018) threeyear term. Attends Lynchwood COG; serves on Board of Trustees

Region 1 (Bandon, North Bend, Powers and Reedsport): **Rev. Jim Minkler** (2015-2016) one-year term. Senior Pastor at Seabird Community COG, Bandon

Region 2 (Cottage Grove, Eugene, Klamath Falls, Medford, Springfield and Roseburg): **J Brown** (2015-2017) two-year term; layperson at First COG, Springfield

Region 3 (Albany Community, Albany 1st, Albany Oak Hill, Lebanon, Salem and Woodburn): **Rev. Steve Kufeldt** (2015-2018) three-year term; Associate Pastor at Hoodview COG, Woodburn

Region 4 (Aloha, Gales Creek, Hillsboro, Newberg and Tigard): **Michael Harkema** (2015-2016) one-year term; layperson at River Street Church of God, Newberg

Region 5 (Longview, Rainier, Scappoose, and St. Helens): **Rev. Mike Kernutt** (2015-2017) two-year term; retired pastor attending Rainier Community COG.

Region 6 (Husum, LaGrande, Pendleton, Prineville, Redmond, and The Dalles): **Rev. Tom Culp** (2015-2018) three-year term; Senior Pastor of Husum Community COG in WA

Region 7 (Community, Holladay Park, Iglesia de Dios, Maranatha, Neighborhood and Vancouver): **Rev. Martin Shrout** (2015-2016) one-year term; Senior Pastor of Holladay Park COG, Portland

Region 8 (International Fellowship, Lents-Gilbert, Lynchwood, Mt. Scott, Richmond, Rockwood, Winding Road, Faith Rock and Hilltop): **Rev. David Wilson** (2015-2017) two-year term; Co-pastor of Mt. Scott COG, Portland

> See: www.orwacog.org/ for more details.

Upcoming Events

Retired Ministers, Missionaries & Spouses Appreciation Dinner - Thursday, September 3, 2015 - 4:30 pm

LABOR DAY - Monday, September 7, 2015

Christian Women Connection Fall Retreat -Friday, September 18, 2015 - Sunday, September 20, 2015

Camp White Branch "Flash" Sundays*-September 20, 27, and October 4, 2015

2015 Children of Promise Sunday - Sunday, September 27, 2015

Clergy Appreciation Month - Thursday, October 1, 2015 - Saturday, October 31, 2015

Camp White Branch Pledge Sunday Sunday, October 11, 2015

Camp White Branch Fundraising Dinner Thursday, October 15, 2015 - 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm

NATIONAL BOSS' DAY - Friday, October 16, 2015

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS - Sunday, November 1, 2015

VETERAN'S DAY - Wednesday, November 11

THANKSGIVING DAY - Thursday, November 26,

CHRISTMAS DAY - Friday, December 25, 2015

Ministers & Spouses Retreat - Monday, February 15, 2016 - Wednesday, February 17, 2016

*Flash Sundays—Appointed presenters will share about the CWB Campaign with their respective congregations on each of those Sundays.





