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Christian Women's Connection Prayer Retreat

Georgia Miller is the keynote speaker for the Christian Women's Connection Prayer Retreat to be held at Camp White Branch, September 16-18, 2016. A native



Oregonian, Georgia has lived most of her life in Oregon, and has been involved in Christian ministry and leadership for 30 years as a musician, vocalist, adult Sunday school teacher and Bible study leader. Georgia's primary

focus is ministry to women recovering from the emotional trauma of spousal sexual betrayal. Georgia counsels women on a one-on-one basis and speaks to small and large groups of women on issues related to recovery and how God redeems our pain.

Georgia has traveled on short-term ministry trips with her husband, Dennis, to Jamaica, India, Mexico, Kenya, and Uganda. While in Kenya and Uganda, Georgia conducted seminars for women and spoke in churches and Seminary campuses on issues such as their relationships, their value to God, and recovering from emotional trauma and brokenness. In Cairo, Egypt, Georgia and her husband Dennis presented a training seminar for health care professionals and counselors on the topic of recovery from sexual addiction. In 2015 Georgia and Dennis became co-directors of Tuff Stuff Ministries and are also missionary representatives with International Christian Ministries, which provides Biblical training to pastors and church leaders in Africa. In addition, their own ministry "HeartWords", provides resources and training for individuals and couples in recovery from sexual addiction. The

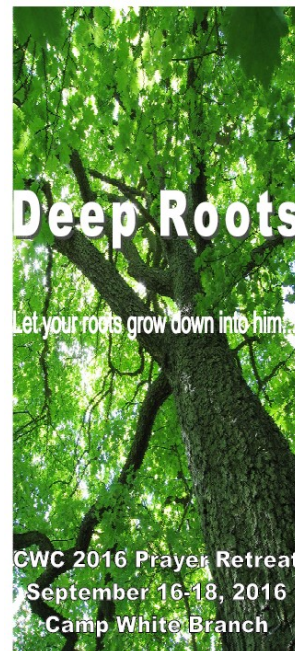
Millers have five grown children and ten grandchildren.

Serving as worship leader again this year is **Angellee Kloppman**. Her 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 you can get quiet, and just feel the Lord's presence at every turn." Angellee wants to encourage those who haven't been to a women's retreat before, or in a long time, to give it a try. She adds, "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)."

Let your roots grow down into him, and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness. ~Colossians 2:7 (NLT)

Angellee is inviting all to join her on Saturday morning for a group walk. Be sure to bring your walking shoes if you would like to join her.



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Christian Women's Connection Prayer Retreat

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Fashion, Fashion, Fashion... What?...fashion at Camp White Branch? Yes we want each group to put their heads together (and their fashions) for a funny/crazy fashion show. Bring your furs, boas, crazy jewelry, hats and anything else you can think of as we join together to have a wild and crazy time.

Registration is \$90 and includes meals and programming.

To register send your name, address, phone and name of your home church to:

Sherrill Goodeill
3229 SE 116th Avenue
Portland, OR 97266

Be Sure to Pack:

- Sleeping bag or bedding and your pillow!
- Towels and toiletries
- Warm jacket and walking shoes

- Bible and notepad
- Table games and snacks to share

Have great expectations of:

- Enjoying God's beautiful creation
- Good food and fellowship,
- Receiving teaching and instruction
- Wonderful worship in song

Camp White Branch
61500 Old McKenzie Hwy.
McKenzie Bridge, OR 97413

To contact campers: 1-877-822-3964

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.

Check-in begins at 4:00 on Friday, Sept. 16.

Men's Advance Focus: Spiritual Warfare

Men of the Church of God gathered at Camp White Branch August 19-21 for the annual Men's Advance.

Jay Thornhill reports, "This year's Men's Advance was great! Seven firefighters joined the group for Saturday evening's time of sharing. Sunday's communion and closing were awesome," says Thornhill. "Personally, I would say this year's event was very successful. We had great meals and great hospitality provided by our hosts Leonard and Stacey Meyer. A big thank you to all the men who came. Camp White Branch is a great place to get away!"

Speaker John Kuykendall focused on the weekend theme of "Spiritual Warfare" with emphasis on relationships and "Being a Man".

Kuykendall, born in 1946, as a post-World War II baby, has three older siblings. He was raised in a

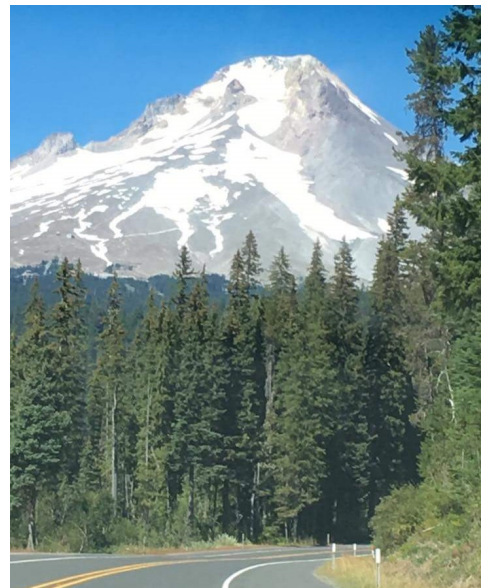
small town in Eastern Washington where his dad ran a welding business. "My mother was deeply involved in the local Church of God serving wherever and whenever," says Kuykendall, who committed his life to Christ at around nine years of age.

An alumnus of Warner Pacific College ('65-'70) John graduated with a degree in psychology and a minor in sociology. He and his wife, Sally, have been married for 45 years and have one girl, two boys and now twelve grandchildren.

Pastor John served as an associate/youth pastor for 18 years in Oregon, Washington and California. As senior pastor, he served for 26½ years at Lynchwood, and are presently assisting their son who pastors at Hoodview Church of God in Woodburn.

John also works with the Trail Blazers Guest Services part-time,

and has served many years on the state Credentials & Advisory Board (CAB). Two of John's many passions are seeing men become involved in the local church and working with 5th and 6th graders at Camp White Branch.



Brad Lewis shared this picture of the nice drive from Camp White Branch in McKenzie River, Oregon.

Louisiana Underwater: How You Can Help

by Carl Stanger, Church of God Ministries

Emily Fontenot has lived in Louisiana since 1990. She says she's never seen flooding like this. The youth minister at Faith Chapel Church of God in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, is one of hundreds of thousands of people experiencing a living nightmare that has only just begun. More than twenty-five inches of rain has fallen in parts of Louisiana within the span of just two days, resulting in a deluge likely to happen only once in a thousand years. As a result, waters continue to rise downstream, leaving in its wake widespread destruction characteristic of a war zone. This ongoing disaster has forced an estimated forty thousand families from their homes, claimed at least thirteen lives, and left abandoned cars and trucks littered across the landscape. With extensive power outages and damage to churches, congregations have had to cancel worship services and events this week. Several families within our congregations have completely lost their homes. It is a bleak situation, but thankfully, you can help.

First, please cry out to the Lord on behalf of residents across the state who are displaced or grieving the loss of loved ones, including pets, as well as property and livestock. Many are showing signs of hopelessness and simply do not know how they will start over with little to no possessions. Pastor Glen Kirby of Chapelwood Church of God in Denham Springs, a town which suffered damage to 90 percent of residential structures, says it comes down to the basics. "The banks are closed, so people can't get money," he explains. "Food won't help much, because there's no electricity. We have crews coming down from northern Louisiana and Mississippi to help with tear-out because of the threat of black mold. A lot of wells have been contaminated. Pray that the



Photo: Chapelwood posted this TV news image on their Facebook page, showing the floods surrounding their church.

insurance companies and FEMA move quickly, and honestly, so we can start rebuilding."

Emily's prayer for Louisiana is for hope, restoration, and specifically for the children. "Many are in shelters," she laments. "Pray that they get back to normal as soon as possible. School has been disrupted and may not re-open for up to three more weeks. Church was closed on Sunday, and there's a curfew for those who are outside. Pray that we will be

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THE PURPOSE of The Association of the Churches of God in Oregon and SW Washington is to:

- Conduct business as the legally-incorporated body of the Association of the Churches of God in Oregon, Inc.
- Provide assistance to Oregon and Southwest Washington congregations and be a channel through which local congregations shall be mobilized to fulfill our united vision and mission.

THE VISION of The Association is for every believer to fulfill the mandate of the Great Commission, the Great Commandments, and the teachings of Jesus Christ.

THE MISSION of The Association is to:

- Create and maintain ministries that will strengthen, encourage, supplement, and promote local congregations of The Association;
- Inspire commitment to the teachings, mission, and theological perspectives of the Church of God, Anderson, Indiana;
- Provide support for the development of healthy Church of God congregations.

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able to resume normal activities as soon as possible.”

Emily knows firsthand the grave circumstances Louisianans are facing. Along with rising floodwaters have come an increase in pests. While her home was spared from damage, Emily suffered a severe spider bite during the worst of the flooding that required medical attention. Impassable roadways meant she had to wait to be rescued in order to get the help she needed.

Her daughter's horses had to be rescued, as well. With the help of a neighbor, she and her daughter braved the high waters themselves to pull the horses up to higher ground.

Chapelwood Church of God currently rents their worship facility in Denham Springs. All of the contents inside the building were destroyed as the water crested at seven feet. Pastor Glen and his wife are currently housing a

pastor's family from another local church that had to be evacuated. Over Glen's eleven years in Louisiana, he has never seen flooding this bad. “We moved here just after Katrina and saw the aftermath, but it is hard to fathom the amount of water and damage that has been done this week,” he reflects. “This is unbelievable. Just unbelievable.”

Glen thanks the Lord that the church had not yet started construction on their new property, which would have been wiped out this week.

He and Emily are thankful for the protection of so many lives that were spared. Considering the catastrophic damage, the number of lives lost could have been a lot higher. Both pastors reflect on how good God has been in the midst of this disaster. Both also reflect on how the disaster has brought people together, even across denominational and racial lines. Emily reflects, “One thing we have seen is a lot of unity. We've

been hurting because of the shooting last month, but through this disaster God has really brought everybody together.”

Total damage estimates and the full scope of needs may not be known for several more weeks, if not months. But second to prayer, we urge you to consider a generous donation to the Disaster Relief Fund. Donate online at www.jesusisthesubject.org/disaster-relief/. Donations can also be mailed to Church of God Ministries, PO Box 2420, Anderson, IN 46018; please note that your gift is for Disaster Relief, **Project # 45.04502**. Thank you!

Work teams will be needed soon in Louisiana. Would you or your church be able to offer on-the-ground assistance? If so, please contact Steve Nelson, state coordinator for Louisiana Congregational Ministries of the Church of God, at revstevenelson@yahoo.com.



Cry Out to the Lord, just as the prophet Joel instructed the people of Israel to do, as recorded in Joel 1:13–14. It's time to proclaim a solemn assembly, to gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land, and cry out to the Lord for a fresh outpouring of his Spirit.

On September 11, 2016, Church of God congregations will set aside a special day of prayer—prayers of humility, repentance, yielding, intercession, and recommitment to the Great Commission. As we bow before God, we'll be joining multiple faith groups across the country and around the world as together we humble ourselves and confess our dependence on him. See more at <http://www.jesusisthesubject.org/cryout/>.

SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

**For repentance. For reconciliation.
For renewal.**

***A solemn assembly prayer experience for
the Church of God***

Look around. Prayer is more important now than ever. We need God to do a mighty work in our culture, our churches, our homes, and our personal lives. We need to



Senior Moments

by Ruth Bissett

I have just gotten home from the most wonderful camp meeting that was held in Turner, Oregon, hosted by Region 3. There weren't a lot of us there, but each one received a blessing from being there. The music, led by Doug Beisley, was outstanding. We sang the old Church of God songs and newer songs. It was a great balance of the new and the old. The kids had craft time; others swam or rafted in the

creek; some spent time visiting and getting acquainted or renewing friendships and some napped. The schedule and service were very relaxed and open to the Holy Spirit's leading. There was one planned meal together with each church being responsible and Greg Hicks being in charge of the kitchen. This proved to be a blessing to all in breaking bread together. This was done on a donation basis.

Devotions were lead by Mike Kernutt each morning. The morning speaker was Pastor Kuot Ngor who is a Church of God pastor and church planter who serves in South Sudan. He has planted multiple churches and has raised up pastors and leaders to lead these new churches. A citizen of the U.S., Kuot is a native of South Sudan and is burdened to see his home nation come to know the Lord. He shared that, in 5 years of returning to South Sudan to start an orphanage and 14 churches, over 2,000 people have come to know the Lord. God has called him from his early life being involved in guerilla warfare to bringing people into the God's kingdom.

The evening speaker was Martin Mann, a retired school teacher/pastor from Ohio, who opened the Jitters Coffee House in Millersburg, Ohio. Here is the website if you would like to know more about it and the ministry: <http://jitters.coffee/church>. As we all know, people who won't come to a church building, will go for coffee. Martin's story about how this came about was so inspiring. It was definitely God's leading and God's provision. Martin's sermons were long, but they were filled with inspiration to believe and to share your faith with others. His passion for the lost was very evident. I came away realizing that we can't do church the way we have always done church and reach the lost for Christ. Martin often uses the question, "Would you like to have eternal life?" to start a conversation. Of course this is after building a relationship with people. He has never had someone get mad for asking this question. Often people will respond that yes, they would like to have eternal life, but they don't know how. Martin did a short training in his way of evangelism one afternoon for those who were interested. Usually his training takes much longer, but at least those of us who were there got a start.

As you can tell, I came away inspired to share my faith and I pray that God will use me and inspire you. It is God's command that we, "go and make disciples of all nations." That command is to you and me, his disciples. That makes me think of the song written by Fred Shackleton in the 1950s, "Together We Go To Make Disciples." I remember that song from camp meeting in Edmonds, Washington. The chorus says, "Together we go to make disciples for Jesus our Lord in every land; we're reaching the lost for Christ, the Savior, on far away shore and near at hand. Together we go to tell our neighbors, The message of Christ, man's truest friend. All power is His, pow'r in earth and heaven, And He will be with us to the end." The third verse starts with, "Sowers shall rejoice with reapers." We need to be sowers, waterers and/or reapers. We each have a part.



WPC Alum Representative Vic Gilliam named "Statesman of the Year"

The Oregon Business Association (OBA) has announced their selection of Representative Vic Gilliam '75 (R-Silverton) as their 2016 "Statesman of the Year." We are so proud of his accomplishments and know this is a very well deserved honor. <http://www.warnerpacifc.edu/wpc-alum-rep-vic-gilliam-named-statesman-of-the-year/>



From Warner Pacific to 2KSports – Alum Scott O'Gallagher stars as NBA video game producer

A Warner Pacific basketball star, Scott was part of a turnaround at Warner Pacific, leading the Knights to three Cascade Collegiate Conference basketball titles. Warner Pacific reached the second round of the NAIA tournament twice, and Scott earned All-American honors his last two seasons. Now he's been able to mesh two of his greatest passions, basketball and video games, by landing the coveted job of game producer for the NBA series with 2KSports. <http://portlandtribune.com/pt/12-sports/315090-194122-from-warner-pacific-to-2ksports-%C3%82%20ogallagher-stars-as-nba-video-game-producer>

Warner Pacific Wrestlers visit Russia

"This is a great opportunity to travel internationally and be ambassadors for USA Wrestling and Warner Pacific College!" said coach *Frank Johnson*. "It will truly be a life changing experience for these guys and not just training on the mat. It's a chance to grow in their faith and be transformed as followers of Christ." Read about their experiences: <http://www.wpcknights.com/sports/2016/6/7/wrestling-blog-russia-trip.aspx>

Region 3: Willamette Valley Campmeeting

by Steve Kufeldt, Woodburn

The informal "campmeeting" hosted this past month by Region 3 churches was a great success. Originally conceived as a way to help promote greater connectedness in their region and beyond, the event exceeded expectations with close to 200 different people participating over the four days. While the weather was warm (some say "sweat" and "campmeeting" go together!), the times of worship were refreshing to the soul. Guest evangelist Martin Mann preached from Malachi at each of the evening services, drawing out lessons from this prophetic message of how to be "messengers" of the Good News. Salem associate pastor Doug Beisley led the evening worship times, which was a great

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Camp White Branch: Look to the Hills

Fundraising Dinner October 27

Save the Date! Thursday, October 27, 2016, at 6:30 p.m., Mt. Scott Church of God will host the annual fundraising dinner for Camp White Branch. Mt. Scott Church of God is located at 10603 SE Henderson Street in Portland, Oregon.



CWB just completed a busy summer of camps. When asked about his experience, one first-time Middle School camper said it was better than Boy Scout Camp!

Watch for progress pictures, and hear the good reports about summer camps during the annual fundraising dinner October 27.

Meanwhile, prayerfully consider how you can help support Camp White Branch as work on the multipurpose facility continues and fall and winter seasons approach.

Pray for the many folks who work throughout the year with weekend work camps, facility upkeep, and scheduling tasks. Your support and prayerful care are a huge blessing!

Thank you.

2017 CAMP SCHEDULE

Intro Camp, entering 2nd or 3rd grade & parent

Friday, July 7, 2017 - Sunday, July 9, 2017

Senior High camp, entering 9th-12th grade

Monday, July 10, 2017 - Friday, July 14, 2017

Junior camp, entering 5th-6th grade

Monday, July 17, 2017 - Friday, July 21, 2017

Middle School camp, entering 7th-8th grade

Monday, July 31, 2017 - Friday, August 4, 2017

Primary camp, entering 3rd-4th grade

Monday, August 7, 2017 - Thursday, August 10, 2017

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61500 Old McKenzie Hwy, McKenzie Bridge, OR

Region 3: Willamette Valley Campmeeting

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way to welcome the Beisleys back to Oregon. Church planter Kuot Ngor shared about God's work in South Sudan during the three morning worship times. The week was purposely not filled with many scheduled events, but to allow for times of connection with God and with one another. From many of the accounts that we heard, that is exactly what took place, even including an impromptu baptism. Mark your calendar now for next year's gathering, the week of August 14-19, 2017, once again to be held at the Oregon Christian Convention in Turner. Both overnight lodging options, include RV camping, cabins and dorms, as well as commuter options will be available.

Summer Celebration Audio Sermons Available Online

Audio sermons are available now from the Association of the Churches of God July 2016 Oregon and SW Washington Summer Celebration!

To listen to sermons by Dr. Aaron McMurray, Patrick Nachtigall, Denise Douglas and Matt Ingalls, check the Warner Pacific College web site listed here:

<http://www.warnerpacific.edu/summer-celebration-2016/>

"Attendees were challenged by Patrick Nachtigall to reject fear and hold tightly to our identity as children of God, citizens of the Kingdom of God, and members of His Church. Matt Ingalls expressed the absurdity of God's faithfulness in shepherding His children, as He leaves the 99 to tend to the one who should have known better than to wander off. Aaron McMurray traced spiritual lineage, winding through the decades back to a chilly morning at the Sea of Galilee, when he called Peter to follow him. Pastor Denise Douglas encouraged listeners, chosen witnesses, to develop the habit, discipline and obedience to tell of the mighty acts of God." -kt August 2016 [Contact](#)

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WP Celebrates Traditions

Warner Pacific College began its 80th year of academics August 23, 2016. Enjoy these photos of celebrated traditions, courtesy of Dr. Andrea Cook's Facebook page.



WPC Students planted the Class Tree August 21.



Queen Andrea Cook "knight" incoming student



WPC Officially Began 80th Academic Year Aug. 23

Upcoming Events

REGION #2 Mtg - Thursday, September 1, 2016 - 10:00 am

Retired Ministers, Missionaries & Spouses Appreciation Dinner, Portland - Thursday, September 8, 2016 - 4:30 pm

Retired Ministers, Missionaries & Spouses Appreciation Dinner, Eugene - Friday, September 9, 2016 - 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Cry Out to the Lord - Sunday, September 11, 2016 - All Day

District Council Mtg. - Tuesday, September 13, 2016 - 5:30 pm

REGION #4 Mtg. - Thursday, September 15, 2016 - 10:00 am

Christian Women Connection Prayer Retreat - Friday, September 16, 2016 - Sunday, September 18, 2016

REGION #7 Mtg. - Wednesday, September 21, 2016 - 12:00 pm

REGION #5 Mtg. - Thursday, September 22, 2016 - 10:00 am

REGION #3 Mtg. - Tuesday, September 27, 2016 - 10:00 am

REGION #8 Mtg. - Thursday, October 6, 2016 - 4:00 pm

REGION #1 Mtg. - Tuesday, October 11, 2016 - 10:00 am

REGION #6 Mtg. - Thursday, October 27, 2016 - 11:00 am

Camp White Branch Fundraising Dinner - Thursday, October 27, 2016 - 6:30-8:00 pm

For more events, see orwacog.org/calendar

