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Register Online for Summer IMPACT!

Momentum is growing for the upcoming *Summer IMPACT!* (formerly Summer Celebration), to be held at the Warner Pacific College campus July 23 through 26, 2017.

The planning task force has been in full swing fine tuning a revamped program, and promotional materials including a YouTube video* are available on the Association website (www.orwacog.org).

Summer IMPACT 2017! will provide opportunity to come together to welcome District Pastor Jerry Davisson, to be inspired by great music, challenged by anointed preaching and teaching from General Director Jim Lyon as well as district leaders, and to fellowship with the saints. Along with all those blessings, our Association's annual meeting will take place on Wednesday, July 26, 1:30–3:30 p.m.

Register for *Summer IMPACT!* via the Association website. Registration remains at \$30/person or \$45/family for the full event. A \$10 one-day fee is also available. These low registration fees cover less than half of the cost of the event, and an offering will be taken each evening to help underwrite expenses.

Please pray that our time together will have a profound *IMPACT* on our lives and our ministries.

See additional information, including youth schedule, on pages 10-12.

*Our apologies for a mispronunciation error of Pastor Rick Cunningham's first name in the promotional video..



July 23-26, 2017



Speaker
Rev. Jim Lyon



Missionaries
Bobby and Jenny Mihsill

Worship Leaders:

Daniel Ryan
Embrace Worship Team

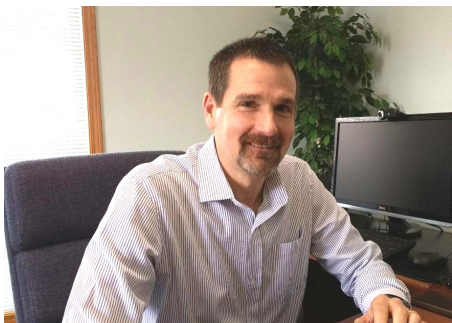
Rick Cunningham
Mark Kelly

Association of the Churches of God
In Oregon & SW Washington

Warner Pacific College campus, Portland, Oregon

Building Relationship and Unity through Prayer

In the last couple of articles, I have been highlighting our core value of relationship. I want to take one last opportunity to encourage your attendance at *Summer Impact!*, being



Rev. Jerry Davisson
District Pastor

held on the campus of Warner Pacific College, July 23rd-26th. Registration is open on the Association Website (orwacog.org). This will be a pivotal year as we talk about some challenges and dream about the future together.

As I travel around the district, I continue to hear individuals say how disconnected they feel from the other churches in our region. Besides spending time together, one of the best ways we can begin to connect is through praying for each other. Each year the District office publishes a prayer calendar that includes the name of a church or ministry group that we can be praying for during each week of the year. The new list begins this July 2. Praying with and for each other is a great way to bring us together.

One of the founding principles of the Church of God movement was Unity. I'm not sure that we have always done a good job at seeing that happen. Jesus was interested in unity as well. In his prayer found in John 17, Jesus prays for his disciples but he goes on to pray for those who would believe in him in the future. He prayed: "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have

sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me" (John 17:20-23). One of the ways we witness to the world is through our unity. Again, one of the roads to unity is through prayer.

Let me encourage you to get a copy of the list. Print the name of the church in your worship folder or bulletin or on your prayer sheet and spend some time praying for the church, its pastor and leadership teams. Pray for its ministries and for the Kingdom of God to be rooted and established firmly in the community in which the church is located. If you don't know the church or pastor, give the church office a call and ask what specific needs the church has that you could be praying for. I would love to hear reports of office staff having to field multiple calls from various churches in our district. Let's make a commitment to pray for each other in the coming year and to ask God to increase our unity as we seek to build God's Kingdom together!

July 2017 District Church Prayer List

<u>Week:</u>	<u>Please pray for:</u>
1	Our Ministers & Families
2	Albany First Church of God
3	Albany Oak Hill Community Church of God
4	Aloha Church of God
5	Bandon Seabird Chapel Church of God

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.

A Walk-On-Water Kind of Day

By Carl Stagner, Chogministries

Day Two of CHOG Convention 2017 is now one for the history books. It wasn't just an ordinary day at Central Community Church in Wichita, Kansas. This was a time of awakening to a new day which continues to unfold before our eyes. Focused on Jesus as the subject, churches across the movement are discovering a flag everyone can wave. The General Assembly, convention worship services, and extra events spread across the day each pointed to the centrality of Christ. So did the challenge Nick Vujicic issued for listeners to step out of the boat.

"What's the point of going with God in faith if you know everything that's going to happen already?" Nick asked rhetorically. He raised a good point on Wednesday night, and his point comes from personal experience. Though he was born without arms and legs, he has grown into an unstoppable kingdom force to be reckoned with. Standing on a raised platform in the sanctuary at Central Community Church, Nick Vujicic—who has spoken to millions of people around the world—heard the Holy Spirit direct him to come speak to the Church of God. We are so glad he did. He reminded us that when you don't get the miracle you were hoping and praying for, you can still be a miracle to someone else. He reminded us to be thankful for what we have, instead of angry for what we don't. Before the altar call, which resulted in dozens of people coming forward, he left us with a powerful point to ponder: "If God can use a man with no legs to be his hands and feet, then he can use any willing heart."

We nod our head in agreement when Nick challenges us to go with God in faith. We say Amen to the assertion that Jesus is in the storm with us. But we still have to get out of the boat, and that takes courage. Allan Fuller, lead pastor of Mountain Park Community Church in Phoenix, Arizona, spoke to the Church of God in the morning service following an impassioned General Assembly address by Church of God Ministries general director Jim Lyon. The Church of God must be courageous like the apostles in order to take back what hell has stolen. "It's possible to be courageous without Jesus, but it's ridiculous to be with Jesus and not be courageous!" he exclaimed. Can we truly be bold and courageous? The answer resides with each of us, but Jeremy Dixon, who spoke in the afternoon session, says we have to be united.



Photo: Worship on Wednesday with Sarah Scharbrough McLaughlin



Photo: Nick Vujicic speaks to the Church of God.

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“What Did I Ever Give Up?”

By Steve Borst

In Mathew 19:27-29, Peter says the following, *“Then Peter said to him (Jesus), we’ve given up everything to follow you. What will we get?”* Jesus replied, *“I assure you that when the world is made new and the Son of Man sits upon his throne, you who have been my followers will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. And everyone who has given up houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or property, for my sake, will receive a hundred times as much in return and will inherit eternal life.”*

As I was driving to work recently, I was listening to Focus on the Family as I usually do (what a great ministry!). I don’t remember exactly what the program was about that day, but it triggered the above verses to come to my mind.

When I accepted the Lord nearly 40 years ago and became part of the Church of God movement, I genuinely believed in Jesus Christ and followed Him. I had attended another church since childhood, but had come to that proverbial “fork in the road” in my life where I needed to be more serious about spiritual matters. The decision I made to give my life to the Lord and to become part of the Church of God, would be a most difficult one and would impact my life forever.

So, here is a snapshot of what I had to give up to “follow Him”. I was a smoker, a drinker, and many decisions I made were very poor ones. I was very, very immature to say the least. When I look back, as I occasionally do, it is only by the grace of God that I did not kill myself or someone else while driving under the influence. Once, I literally came within inches of a DUI; and in fact, one of the very last times I ever drank alcohol (had the right things not occurred and God not been watching out for me), I may well have ended up in jail, dead, or both.

To add to it, I believe that “anything worth doing, is worth overdoing”. You see, I have also struggled with anxiety and depression most of my life. It’s not the type where I can’t get out of bed, but I can get pretty down once in a while. I also work in a pretty high stress environment and this only adds to the bad stuff. In addition, because of that stress, our retirements tend to be short, and I can be exposed to things daily that I would absolutely not wish on anyone. But, it has provided for our family and put our two sons through college.

A few years after accepting the Lord, I discovered a fantastic thing called “endorphins” and have been

addicted to them ever since. God, in his infinite mercy, pointed me toward running and it was truly a match made in heaven. It really helped me with my anxiety and depression, and I believe that it saved my life.

When my knees started bothering me a few years ago, I started transitioning to other things to keep in shape. After taking off a little over two years from running, I’ve recently started jogging a little again. Crazy, huh? A little dumb, maybe? But remember, I’m an endorphin junkie!

You know, I love to read and to listen to the stories of people who have given up riches, fame and so much more to follow the Lord. Those very stories never, ever cease to inspire me to continue to live out my faith and look forward to what God has planned for my life. But at the end of the day, make no mistake about it, I haven’t given up anything to follow the Lord. Because of the decision I made many years ago when I came to that “fork in the road”, I am still alive today. When I think about it once in a while it is kind of amazing; and that alone, is proof that God exists.

Have you “given up” anything to follow Him?

Tigard Church of God Seniors to host Portland Area Seniors’ Summer Picnic

Thursday, July 13, 2017
Noon

Bring a main dish or salad or dessert.

Contact: Lynn Peirce
15670 SW 9th Avenue
Tigard, OR 97224
503-639-4000



A Walk-On-Water Kind of Day

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For this tribe to last, he explained, we must reassess what's important and stop arguing about stuff that doesn't matter. The lead pastor of First Church of God-Center of Hope in Inglewood, California, further insisted that "the next and greatest move of the Church of God is to show the world that we can live and walk in unity." Unity has to be more than theoretical; it must also be functional. On the ground and online, evidence suggests that the Church of God is rallying together around our common message that Jesus is the subject. The world doesn't care about such inconsequential matters over which churchgoing people love to bicker. The world needs to know that we've been forever changed by a man named Jesus.

Perhaps that's why 75,000 believers recently linked arms with the Church of God in Pakistan. In a poignant moment on Wednesday evening, Jim Lyon introduced Samuel George of the Church of God in Pakistan as the movement publicly acknowledged and celebrated this new addition to the tribe. These Christians in Pakistan are now a part of a group known to them, and to more and more across the globe, as the "Jesus people."

A variety of events and activities both exciting and spiritually moving composed the Church of God Convention 2017.

Don't forget: when you get out of the boat, *you might just walk on water.*

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Photo: A part of the approx. 350 in the ordination process (Leadership Focus) at the memorial service, symbolizing a passing of the baton.



2nd Annual Willamette Valley Campmeeting
August 16-19
Wednesday Evening to Saturday Noon
Oregon Christian Convention, Turner

A gathering of congregations from the Willamette Valley and around the district for informal times of worship, encouragement and fellowship. Lodging and camping options are available onsite. Costs are minimal. Come for a day or for the entire four days. Registration forms are available at: www.hoodviewchurchofgod.com/campmeeting. For more information, contact Hoodview Church of God (phone: 503-981-1660).



Look to the Hills: Camp White Branch

Stacey Meyer, of Camp White Branch, reports that 5th and 6th grade students from McKenzie Outdoor School gathered at CWB May 31-June 2, 2017. Fifth Grade teacher, Barbara Carlson, heads up the annual event. The pool wasn't quite ready this time, so they took to the water slide.

We had a wonderful cleanup weekend with the churches of Rainier, Gresham and Longview.

So much was accomplished! Leonard, Katie, and I are so very grateful for those who gave their time and efforts to bless CWB. Again I say this there is no way Leonard, Kate, and I could ever do what was done over this Memorial weekend in the time it was done.

- The grounds were completely cleaned up of debris
- The burn pile full of broken branches, trees, etc., was carefully attended to.
- A tree that could have potentially been a threat to the caretakers' residence was successfully brought down and cut into firewood. Another tree showing rot along the drive way was also successfully taken down and cut into firewood.
- The young men and women split and stacked wood for the caretaker residence (so very thankful for this, as I depleted my whole lot from last year, tis a true blessing they do this for us)!
- The pool was successfully cleaned and painted for this year.
- My back storage room was cleaned from top to bottom once again by Corina Gartman and her daughter Jean. Such a blessing to start the year clean and organized!
- Help was given to Duane with the sheet rock work for the building, as was an electrical alarm panel worked on by Mel's son, Cal Neu.



Dan Kloppmann and helper taking down a potential threat to caretakers' home

2017 CAMP WHITE BRANCH SUMMER SCHEDULE

Intro Camp

entering 2nd or 3rd grade & parent
Friday, July 7- Sunday, July 9

Directors: Julie Jackson

Senior High Camp

entering 9th-12th grade
Monday, July 10 - Friday, July 14

Directors: Tyson Nunnally,
Billy Effingham, Aaron Hiller

Junior Camp

entering 5th-6th grade
Monday, July 17- Friday, July 21

Directors: John Kuykendall

Middle School Camp

entering 7th-8th grade
Monday, July 31-Friday, August 4

Directors: Doug & Danette Beisley

Primary Camp

entering 3rd-4th grade
Monday, Aug. 7-Thursday, Aug. 10

Directors: Karen Graham

**Camp White Branch
61500 Old McKenzie Hwy
McKenzie Bridge, OR**

Required documents are available online at www.owacog.org. Under the Resource tab, click on Camp White Branch Camps for camp documents and counselor documents. Under the Calendar tab, either look for the summer month or scroll down to the list of events to find the specific camp of interest.

That will take you to that camp's information as well as the opportunity to pay online, if desired.

Look to the Hills: Camp White Branch

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Mel Neu reports that approval of the framing inspection allowed for the completion of ceilings, the endless task of sheetrock mounting in the upstairs meeting rooms, and near-completion of the firewall. Eighteen volunteers from the Reedsport Church brought materials and elbow grease for Birch and Cedar cabins, and assisted Duane, Leonard and Mel with sheetrock, bathroom exhaust fans and vents, windows and interior walls. CWB provides lodging and meals. Additional work camps were held in June, and CWB is grateful for every bit of support through finances, work efforts and prayer. Progress continues, as Leonard tapes and muds the big room and Mel corrects electrical work in late June. Enjoy the photos of May and June activity at Camp White Branch.



Look to the Hills: Camp White Branch



REGISTRATION

Please print clearly.

Name, First/Last

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Phone Number

E-mail Address (optional)

Home Church

RV Parking Needed?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Registration and Fees

If pre-registered and postmarked by 08/04/17:

- Single rate: \$75.00

Anyone NOT pre-registered, payable at door:

- Add \$10 late fee + \$75 = \$85
There are no exceptions.

Please make checks payable to:

The Oregon Men of the Church of God

Mail to:

Oregon Men of the COG
c/o Mark Gebler
300 Nelson Ln.
Gladstone, OR 97027

menofthechurchofgod@gmail.com

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, August 18

- 4:00 pm – 6:30 pm Check-in
- 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm Dinner
- 8:30 pm Free Time

Saturday, August 19

- 7:45 am – 8:00 am Devotions
- 8:00 am – 9:00 am Breakfast
- 9:30 am – 11:00 am Session 1
- 11:30 am – 12:30 pm Lunch
- 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm Session 2
- 2:30 pm – 6:00 pm Free Time
- 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Dinner
- 7:15 pm – 8:45 pm Session 3
- 8:45 pm Free Time

Sunday, August 20

- 8:00 am – 9:00 am Breakfast
- 9:00 am – 10:00 am Communion
- Closing/Sharing on Main Deck

Clean up dining hall, cabins and grounds

37 years of bringing men closer to God

A collaboration of the Men of the Church of God

MEN'S ADVANCE CAMP WHITE BRANCH

Living with
Challenge
& Change

Are You
Ready?

August 18-20, 2017



DIRECTIONS

From the North or South on I-5:

Take Exit 194A/Springfield exit. This becomes I-105 and connects with Hwy 126 at the east side of Springfield. Turn left (east) at second stop light which is Hwy 126 and head toward Bend. Stay on Hwy 126 past the McKenzie Ranger Station. In about 3-4 miles, you will turn right onto Hwy 242. Continue on Hwy 242 about 7 miles to the camp which is on the right. Road is open all year.

From the East:

Except for the winter when the road is closed, take Hwy 242 out of Sisters. The camp is about 30 miles at Milepost 62 on the left. This road is quite windy.



Camp White Branch

61500 Old McKenzie Hwy.
McKenzie Bridge, OR 97413

Winter Directions

During the winter when the road is closed, take Hwy 20 out of Sisters. Then take Hwy 126 toward Eugene. Continue about 19 miles and turn left on Hwy 242 which is about 1 mile past Belknap Hot Springs. Continue on Hwy 242 about 7 miles to the camp which is on the right. Road is open all year!

Items to Bring

Bible, sleeping bag, pillow, towels, toiletries, and an open heart



**Pastor Martin
ShROUT**

Rev. Martin ShROUT has served in fulltime ministry since 1982. For 13 years, he served in youth and music ministry. His last position was at the First Church of God in Albany, OR. The next 16 years ShROUT served as Senior Pastor in Oceanside, CA at the Del Oro Hills Community Church. Since February of 2011 he has served as the Senior Pastor at Holladay Park Church of God. ShROUT loves to sing and write music, bicycle (has ridden the coast of Oregon 2 times now), and really loves to watch Sci-Fi. Other interests include his two grandkids (Sydney [8] and Grayson [3]), technology, fast food, and anything with chocolate and peanuts. ShROUT has two sons, Adam 28 (who is married to Samantha), and Zack 25, and he is passionately in love with his wife Kathy of 36 years.

SUMMER IMPACT

Changed by God - Changing the World



July 23-27, 2017

@ Warner Pacific College - Portland, OR



Marshall Snider
Youth Speaker



Turning Point
Youth Worship Team

LIFE IMPACTING YOUTH SESSIONS
WORSHIP—SPEAKING—SMALL GROUPS

BLUE LAKE
PARK & BBQ

MISSIONS
EXPERIENCE

SEASIDE
BEACH TRIP

NIGHT
ACTIVITIES

Cost \$65.00 per person

if Forms & Payment are Received by July 7th

\$85.00 per person if Received July 8th or After

MORE DETAILS, DOWNLOAD FORMS & PAY ONLINE:

<http://orwacog.org/events/summer-impact-youth/>

ALL YOUTH MUST BE REGISTERING & COMING WITH A YOUTH LEADER

Summer Impact Youth Program—Association of the Churches of God—Oregon and SW Washington

2017 SUMMER IMPACT Youth Schedule

Sunday: July 23

2:30pm
5:00pm
5:45pm
7:00pm
9:30pm
11:00/11:30pm

Youth Registration
Orientation
Dinner
Main Service
Night Activity
To the Dorm/Lights Out

(Kardatzke)
(Kardatzke)
(Dining Hall)
(McGuire)
(TBD)
(Dorm)

Monday: July 24

8:45am
9:30am
12:00pm

Breakfast
Youth Session
Leave for Blue Lake Park
Lunch BBQ at the Park
Head Back to WPC
Dinner
Evening Service
Night Activity
To the Dorm/Lights Out

(Dining Hall)
(McGuire)
(Buses)
(Buses)
(Dining Hall)
(McGuire)
(TBD)
(Dorm)

Tuesday: July 25

8:45am
9:30am
12:00pm
2:30pm
6:30pm
7:30pm
9:30pm
11:00/11:30pm

Breakfast
Youth Session
Warner Pacific College Lunch
Mission Experience
Dinner
Evening Service
Night Activity
To the Dorm/Lights Out

(Dining Hall)
(McGuire)
(McGuire)
(TBD)
(Dining Hall)
(McGuire)
(TBD)
(Dorm)

Wednesday: July 26

8:45am
9:15am

4:00pm

7:30pm
9:30pm
11:00/11:30pm

Breakfast
Leave for Seaside Beach Trip
Lunch On Your Own
Head back to Portland
Dinner on the way home in Hillsboro
Evening Service
Night Activity
To the Dorm/Lights Out

(Dining Hall)
(Buses by Gym)

(Buses)

(McGuire)
(TBD)
(Dorm)

Thursday: July 27

8:45am
9:30am
12:00pm

Breakfast
Youth Session
Check Out Time

(Dining Hall)
(McGuire)
(Kardatzke)

Flyers and registration forms for *Summer IMPACT!* are available online as well as at your local church.



In addition to our speaker, Jim Lyon, General Director of the Church of God Ministries, and missionary guests Bobby and Jenny Mihsill, worship leaders include the following:

- Sunday: Daniel Ryan, Worship Leader at Lynchwood COG, Gresham
- Monday: Rick Cunningham, Associate Pastor of Worship and Family Ministries at Hucrest Community Church, Roseburg
- Tuesday: Warner Pacific Group "Embrace" led by Michael Dean
- Wednesday: Mark Kelly, Traditional Worship and Senior Adults Pastor, Vancouver Church

The emphases for nightly services are planned as follows:

- Monday: Healing
- Tuesday: Warner Pacific College Day (complimentary lunch in McGuire Auditorium at 12 noon)
- Wednesday: Ministerial Recognition
 - 25 years:
Jerry Davisson, Monica Monroe, Monica Phillippi, Mary Ross
 - 40 years:
Hazel Brown, Ray Cotton, Michael Kernutt
 - 50 years:
Carl Buckle, John Good, Charlie Gray, Lorin Myers
 - Recently Retired:
Doug Dougherty, Gary Hood, Les Bailey
 - In Remembrance:
Arthur Eikamp, Samuel Hooker and Peter Howland

Homeward Journeys

A Celebration of Life service was held on Saturday, June 24, 2017, in memory of **Frieda Krushel**, wife of the late Rev. Leonard Krushel, who was a lifelong servant of the Church of God and well known to many in the area. She attended Sunset Park Community Church in St. Helens, OR.

District Calendar

- **July 4**, Tues., INDEPENDENCE DAY
- **July 6**, Thurs., Region #2, 10 am - 12 pm
- **July 7-9**, Fri.-Sun., Intro Camp, entering 2nd or 3rd grades & parent
- **July 10-14**, Mon.-Fri., Senior High camp, entering 9th-12th grades
- **July 11**, Tues., REGION #1 Mtg., 10:00 am
- **July 17-21**, Mon.-Fri., Junior camp, entering 5th-6th grades
- **July 23-26**, Sun.-Wed., Summer Impact!, Warner Pacific Campus
- **July 26**, Wed., Annual Business meeting
- **July 31-Aug. 4**, Mon.-Fri., Middle School camp, entering 7th-8th grades
- **Aug. 7-10**, Mon.-Thurs., Primary camp, entering 3rd-4th grades
- **Aug. 18-20**, Fri.-Sun., Men's Advance
- **Sept. 4**, Mon., LABOR DAY
- **Sept. 7**, Thurs., REGION #2, 10:00 a.m.-Noon
- **Oct. 10**, Tues., REGION #1 Mtg., 10:00 am-Noon
- **Oct. 19**, Thurs., CWB Fundraising Dinner
- **Nov. 2**, Thurs., REGION #2, 10:00 am-Noon
- **Nov. 5**, Sun., Daylight Savings Ends
- **Nov. 11**, Sat., VETERANS DAY
- **Nov. 23**, Thurs., THANKSGIVING DAY
- **Dec. 25**, Mon., CHRISTMAS DAY
- **March 20, 2018**-Thursday, **March 22, 2018**, Senior Adult Retreat



For more events, see orwacog.org/calendar