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Twenty-One How-To Workshops Slated

The last Saturday of January is the traditional date for the "How-To" Convention, this time landing on the 31st., at the Hoodview Church of God in Woodburn, Oregon.

Sponsored by the Christian Education Commission, the day-long event, begins at 8:00 a.m., and touts practical and encouraging workshops. The keynote speaker this year is Rev. Bob Moss, the newly appointed Chief Advancement Officer for Church of God Ministries in Anderson, Indiana. The opening session for Saturday's How-To Convention will feature Bob's presentation on "**How to Extend Your Reach.**"

Do you ever wish your ministry reach could extend beyond the end of your arm? It can! Any congregation or individual can extend their ministry reach through strategic partnerships. Learn how our state and national ministries of the Church of God have a capacity to extend your reach exponentially.

The Church of God is actually a loosely affiliated group of independent congregations. We choose to be in relationship with one another knowing that we share common beliefs and traditions. Since the earliest days of the Church of God we have known that together we can accomplish so much more than any of us could do alone.

In this general session, Bob Moss will describe the vision for a new day in the Church of God using the acrostic: R.E.A.C.H.. Discover new possibilities for your own ministry as he describes the dawning of a new day and new vision for the Church of God.

Session 1: How Healthy Decision-Making Will Change Your Church.

In his pastoral experience, Bob emphasized the relative roles of pastor, board, and laypersons in congregational

Keynote Speaker: Moss

Keynote Speaker Rev. Bob Moss, CAO of Church of God Ministries in Anderson, IN., most recently served as Lead Pastor of Salem Church of God near Dayton, Ohio.



Rev. Bob Moss
Chief Advancement
Officer, COG Ministries

In more than 35 years of pastoral ministry, he has also served congregations in Washington State, Wyoming, and Michigan. Additionally, Bob served as the Executive State Minister for the 150 congregations of the Church of God in Indiana. He was the two-term chairman of the General Assembly of the Church of God 2006-2010, and has been on several agency boards during his ministry.

Rev. Moss has ministered in many settings around the world including India, Paraguay, Lebanon, Germany and Hungary. He is past chairman of the Board of Healthy Growing Churches and is on the Board of Heart for Lebanon, a ministry based in Beirut.

An alumnus of Warner Pacific College and the Anderson School of Theology, Bob married Renée Dorsey in 1977, and they have three married adult children and six grandchildren.

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How-To Convention Sessions

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decision-making. The pastor must be spiritually qualified to cast the vision for the church's future; the board must be unanimous in their support of that vision; and the laity must work in concert to realize the vision. This session will give you practical advice based on Bob's experiences in transforming church leadership roles.

Topics and facilitators for the day-long event represent a broad spectrum. With three sessions, attendees will choose from the wide variety of workshops on *How to*:

Session 1

2. Maintain Consistency in Children's Ministry
3. Minister to Millennials

4. Address the Issue of Internet Addictions
5. Address Security Concerns in an Insecure World
6. Create Strategic Budgeting for Ministry
7. Unleash your church's unique potential

Session 2

8. Reach Like Jesus
9. Shepherd Your Family While Shepherding God's Flock
10. Become a Church Planter
11. Reach out to Children of Promise
12. Build a Values-Guided Ministry
13. Tell a Story
14. Share God's Love in a Strip Club

Session 3

15. Healthy Decision-Making (Moss)
16. Keep Young Adults Connected
17. Live Out vision in Practical Ways
18. Work with Special Needs Kids
19. Create a Parish Ministry in the 21st Century
20. Engage and Minister in a Diverse World
21. Respond and Minister During (and After) Community Emergencies

Hoodview COG is located at 1530 Mt. Hood Avenue in Woodburn, just across from Pizza Hut. The event concludes at 3:15 p.m.

Register online:
www.orwacog.org.

How-To Convention Workshop Presenters

Karen Graham, Children's Pastor, Riverside Community COG, Cottage Grove, OR

Jon Archer, Secondary Teacher, Columbia Christian Schools, Portland, OR

Dennis & Georgia Miller, NW Regional Representatives, International Christian Ministries (ICM)

James Homalka, Security Director, People's Church, Salem, OR

Nathan Dunbar, MBA, Director of Accounting Finance and Accounting Office, Warner Pacific College, Portland, OR

Jon Nutter, Lead Pastor, Hucrest Community COG, Roseburg, OR

Denise Currie, Giving Closet, Vancouver, WA

BJ Kuykendall, Lead Pastor, Hoodview COG, Woodburn, OR

Martin Shrout, Lead Pastor, Holladay Park COG, Portland, OR

Paul Maxfield, Executive Director, Children of Promise, Inc., COG, Anderson, IN

Dave Wilson & Denise Douglas, Co-Lead Pastors, Mt. Scott COG, Portland, OR

David Shrout, District Pastor, Assoc. of COG, OR/SW WA

Patty Deacon, LCOG Layperson & **Lisa Brown**, HPCOG Layperson

Kristen Shielee, 8th Grade Math Teacher, Whitford Middle School, Beaverton, OR

Brenda Winslow, Director, Better Children's Ministries betterchildrensministries.org

Tim Irwin, Lead Pastor, Aloha COG, Aloha, OR

Luis Molina, Lead pastor, Woodburn Foursquare Church, and **Will Robertson**, Lead Pastor, Soul's Harbor Church of the Nazarene, Woodburn, OR

Rick Puente, Detective, Woodburn Police Department; **Paul Iverson**, Fire Chief, Woodburn Fire District; **Chief Scott Russell**, Woodburn Police Department.

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WPC Homecoming Weekend February 12–14, 2015

Join us on Saturday, February 14, for two special Homecoming events that will focus on celebrating Adult Degree Program Alums!

- **Northwest Networking Event:** enjoy a panel discussion with some of our area's most prominent business leaders and get a chance to network with other professionals in your field.
- **ADP Anniversary Celebration:** join us for an informal reception to honor the staff, faculty, students, and graduates of the Warner Pacific Adult Degree Program!

For more details: www.warnerpacific.edu/homecoming

Dr. Cook Visits Kazakhstan

Dr. Andrea Cook traveled to Kazakh American Free University in September, to present Dr. Mambetkazyev, the President of KAFU, and Dan Ballast with honorary doctorates from Warner Pacific.

Read more about KAFU and Warner Pacific's connection at: <http://www.warnerpacific.edu/dr-cook-visits-kazakhstan/>



Dr. Cook (right) with Dr. Christensen and KAFU President, Dr. Mambetkazyev.

WPC Student Wins Video Contest:

Sophomore Sean Musaeus recently won first place in the 2014 Copyright Awareness Scholarship contest put on by the National Music Council and Music Publishers

Association. In three minutes or less, Sean was able to poignantly emphasize the value of copyrighting original music and the ease at which an artist's creation can be pirated. Read more about his video and find a link to watch it at: <http://www.warnerpacific.edu/warner-pacific-student-wins-1st-place-in-video-contest/>

WPC Science Students Present at Annual Murdock College Science Research Conference

Several Warner Pacific students attended the annual Murdock College Science Research Conference (November 17 and 18, 2014). Warner Pacific Biological Science major, Anh Ngo presented the College's research project entitled: "Is reduced adiponectin mRNA associated with alterations in transcription factor ATF3 in adipose tissue of nutritionally programmed microswine offspring?" Read more about their research and experience: <http://www.warnerpacific.edu/warner-pacific-presents-at-the-annual-murdock-college-science-research-conference-2014/>

Annual Advent Brunch Starts Christmas Season

Thank you to everyone who attended our third annual Advent Brunch on December 6. It was a beautiful morning event that set the tone for a wondrous Christmas season.

Photos can be found at: <http://tinyurl.com/WPCAdvent>



Third Annual WPC Advent Brunch

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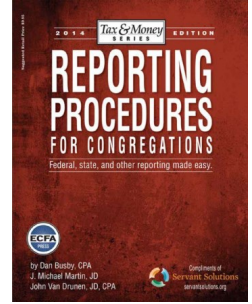
Busby to present Financial Symposium



Dan Busby, CPA

Guest speaker **Dan Busby, CPA**, will present 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 handling the financial gifts that are given to the Church. Don't miss this opportunity. *Online registration available now!* Visit orwacog.org.



Children of Promise

Children of Promise (COP) is one of the outstanding and effective ministries in our Church of God family. Started 22 years ago through the drive and vision of missionaries Sidney and Jean Johnson, COP is in 27 countries (soon to be 28) and focuses on four areas of a child's life:

1. **Food** – often for children who have no promise of a next meal.
2. **Education** – For many of the children there would be no hope of school without the support of COP.
3. **Medical support** – even if it involves major medical events.
4. **A community of faith** – Children of Promise works with local congregations who actively are involved in children's lives. For many children it is the only real family they have. We do not go into a community to do programs; we are a community.

Currently we are nearing 4,700 active children. When a child enters the program we continue support through high school. (Even if a sponsor stops support.)

Children of Promise has over 1,000 volunteers around the world, many who give thirty and more hours a week. They see the difference Children of Promise makes!

Children of Promise has served over 10,000 children. Many were literally saved from starvation, abuse, indentured servitude, homelessness, and death.

Children have become doctors, lawyers, ministers, nurses, government officials, business owners, church leaders, Children of Promise leaders, and self-sufficient adults.

Each child is real, and has one sponsor.

Sponsors can go on trips and meet their actual child.

by Kirk Bookout, COP

On a rotating basis each Children of Promise site is visited, volunteers document the expense and work, and each child is interviewed to be sure that proper support is taking place.

Of course, Children of Promise goes through an annual audit which is given to the Board of Directors. Children of Promise is a member of the Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability (ECFA).

Many Children only have hope because of Children of Promise. If you are interested in reaching others around the world and making an immediate, powerful, and lasting ministry through your own greater Church of God family, contact Children of Promise today.

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 Kirk Bookout, 765-648-2114

Rescue. Restore. Release.



February 22, 2015 is Freedom Sunday: Come Together Against Trafficking

by Jessica Zerkle (*posted by COG Ministries*)

There are more slaves today than any point in human history. Experts estimate that thirty million people are caught up in the global slave trade,¹ an industry which generates \$150 billion in profits annually worldwide.² In response to these statistics, which represent people created by our God, the Church of God launched the CHOG TraffickLight initiative at the Church of God Convention in Oklahoma City this past June. From a biblical perspective grounded in Luke 4:16–19, this initiative aims to speak for those who have no voice, to go in the dark places to which Christ has called us, and to set the captives free.



Throughout its history, the Church of God has been on the forefront of justice initiatives that sought to come alongside the poor and the oppressed, such as E. Faith Stewart's work with The Shelter in India, dating back one hundred years. Rooted in the Wesleyan-Holiness tradition, the Church of God continues to align with the Wesleyan Holiness Consortium Freedom Network, affirming our belief that the church should "faithfully respond to the impulse of God's holy love by working for God's reign to be ever more visible," thus "entering in Christ-like ways into a movement for the abolition of modern slavery and trafficking."³ We are committing to become modern-day abolitionists for the kingdom of Jesus.

Today, CHOG TraffickLight is forging the way with the mission to create, promote, and unite groups inside and outside the Church of God who are furthering the effort to stop human trafficking. Currently, CHOG TraffickLight partners with five different ministries directly involved with anti-human trafficking efforts. Those organizations are Church on the Street, One Heart, Pink Door, The Shelter, and Stripped Love. Descriptions of and links to these ministries can be found at www.chogtrafficklight.org/partners/.

As a means to collectively unite the Church of God movement, CHOG TraffickLight and Church of God Ministries are asking every Church of God congregation in North America to celebrate Freedom Sunday.⁴ What is Freedom Sunday? Originally, it was an initiative created by Not For Sale for the purpose of unifying churches in the fight against human trafficking. On **February 22, 2015**, please consider joining in unity with the Wesleyan Holiness Consortium Freedom Network as we celebrate Freedom Sunday together. There are thirty million men, women, and children enslaved in our world today who have no voice. They are across the globe, as well as in our own communities. Let us be a movement that is not only aware of human trafficking but is following the Spirit's leading to be the light and love of Christ in our world!

Stay tuned for more information about how you can be involved in Freedom Sunday. Information and resources will be sent by mail, as well as be made available at www.chogtrafficklight.org, to help guide you as you explore how the Holy Spirit is leading your church community. The Holy Spirit anointed Jesus for such a ministry as this. Jesus is the subject. Should we not expect his anointing over us to lead us into the same ministry? Join this freedom movement.

¹See www.notforsalecampaign.org/human-trafficking/

²See www.polarisproject.org/human-trafficking/overview

³See www.worldhope.org/file/Declaration-for-Freedom-2.pdf

⁴See www.freedom sunday.org/about/

Visit www.CHOGTraffickLight.org for more information about the Church of God fight against human trafficking. Freedom Sunday resources can be found at www.chogtrafficklight.org/freedom-sunday.



Senior Moments

by Ruth Bissett, Salem, OR

Happy New Year, all you seniors!

For last year's words belong to last year's language, And next year's words await another voice. To make an end is to make a beginning. ~T. S. Eliot

I am thinking about new beginnings, and want to share with you some random thoughts and scriptures about new and being new. Hopefully some of them will speak to you.

Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.

2 Corinthians 5:17 Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Isaiah 43:18-19 Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

Lamentations 3:22-24 The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. The Lord is my portion," says my soul, therefore I will hope in him.

Ephesians 4:22-24 To put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

And, I will end with these scriptures regarding the "new" things in our future. Praise the Lord that we have a future where all things are new.

Revelation 14:3 And they sung as it were a new song before the throne

Revelation 21:1 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:

Revelation 21:5 And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new.

"If you wait, all that happens is that you get older."

- Larry McMurtry

God bless you with a wonderful New Year!



Warner Pacific College News

By Kathy Covey, WPC Web Content & Marketing Specialist

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Download the Warner Pacific Mobile App

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Upcoming WPC Events

•College Goal Oregon – FAFSA Workshop

Open to all high school and college students who need assistance with their 2015 FAFSA

Saturday, January 17, 2015

9 am – 12 pm

RSVP: <http://www.warnerpacific.edu/college-goal-oregon-event/>

•Warner Pacific Homecoming

February 12 -14, 2015

We invite all Warner Pacific and Pacific Bible College alumni to join us.

For details see: <http://www.warnerpacific.edu/about/alumni/homecoming/>

Congratulations to Newly Credentialed Ministers in 2014

New Commissions:

Jessica Taylor, Serves in Youth Ministry at Rockwood Church of God in Portland, Oregon.

Commission Renewals:

1. Rick Cunningham, Associate Pastor of Worship and Family Ministries at Hucrest Community Church of God, Roseburg, Oregon.
2. J. Roberto Juarez, Senior Pastor at Iglesia De Dios in Vancouver, Washington.
3. Jim Minkler, Senior Pastor at Seabird Chapel Church of God in Bandon, Oregon.
4. John Pettigrew, Associate Pastor at Richmond Community Church in Portland, Oregon.
5. Timothy Townley, Pastor of Prayer and Visitation at Holladay Park Church of God in Portland, Oregon.

New Licensures:

1. Tamara Kerr, Worship Leader at Sunset Park Community Church in St. Helens, Oregon.
2. Douglas Shrock, Senior Pastor at Living Water Church of God in Prineville, Oregon.

License Renewals:

Greg Baker, Family Life Pastor at Lynchwood Church of God in Portland, Oregon.

Newly Ordained:

1. Julie Jackson, Pastor of Children's Ministries at Holladay Park Church of God in Portland, Oregon.
2. Ruth Ann Yerden, Serves in Music Ministry at Rockwood Church of God and is a Professor of Music at Multnomah University and Warner Pacific College in Portland, Oregon.

Welcome to Oregon and SW Washington (2014):

1. Teresa Hellstrom, Portland, Oregon (Ordained 2008, from N. California to Tigard Church of God, Youth Pastor)

2. Nate Jackson, Pendleton, Oregon (Ordained 2011, from Arkansas to Pendleton First Church of God, Lead Pastor)

3. Jeff Marble, Gales Creek, Oregon (Ordained 2007, from Wyoming)

Pastors Transferring Out (2014):

1. Edmund Cogar, Easton, Washington (Ordained 1997, to Double K Christian Retreat Center, Executive Director)
2. Ralph Crain, San Diego, California (Ordained 1997)
3. John Johnson, Hanoi, Vietnam (Ordained 1985 [Indiana], to Hanoi International Fellowship, Pastor)
4. Raymond Orndoff, Pacific Grove, California (Ordained 1965, to Pacific Grove First Church of God, Pastor)

Recognition for Years of Ordained Service (2014):

1. Ralph Dockter, Vancouver, Washington, 50 Years
2. John Parker, Jr., Portland, Oregon, 50 Years
3. Marshall Christensen, Sandy, Oregon, 25 Years
4. Deborah Eckelbarger, Eugene, Oregon, 25 Years
5. John Hilger, Florence, Oregon, 25 Years

Ministers Deceased (2014):

Charles Hart, 4/28/14

Allen Keefe, 5/5/14

Elsie Storey, 6/16/14

William Lobdell, 8/8/14

Steven Stecker, 10/16/14

*How beautiful on the mountains are the feet
of those who bring good news, who proclaim
peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim
salvation, who say to Zion,*

"Your God reigns!"

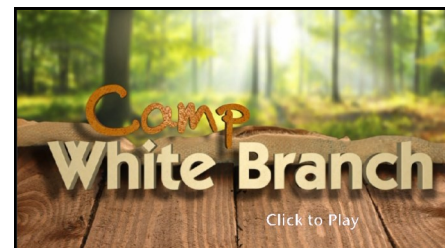
-Isaiah 52:7(NIV)

Look to the Hills

Camp White Branch Update

Camp White Branch Restricted Funds As of December 12, 2014

Cabin Fund	\$1,420.95
Boiler, Wood Shed, Water System	\$8,362.37
Multipurpose Building	\$21,614.11
Murdoch Trust Fund	\$75,000.00
TOTAL Funds Available to Camp	\$106,397.43
Camp White Branch Paid on Building 2006	\$42,340.00
District paid on Building	\$236,397.07
Camp White Branch paid on Building 2014	\$114,344.33
Original bid for the Building.	\$211,700.00
Change order due to 40 to 150# snow load.	\$112,065.00
Change order due to current building price.	\$ 6,535.00
Total cost of the building from Pacific Building.	\$330,000.00



Help us promote Camp White Branch's newly updated website.

Please go online to
www.campwhitebranch.org.

Frequent visits to the site will help advance the website to the top of the web listings.

(Board member Julie Jackson notes, "the old website ending in .com is first, and we want to make it after the .org site").
Thank you!

Commission Chair Mel Neu reports that the next Camp White Branch Commission meeting will be held at the District Office on January 13 beginning at 6:00 p.m. (with a light dinner at 5:30). The team will be working on the budget for next year. "We need to get our financial campaign back on track. Please pray for the success of that campaign. We have something great happening at camp and each need to do our part to make it a success." A big THANK YOU to everyone who has given so generously toward the long-term capital campaign project, making the dream of a multipurpose building a reality. God bless you for your financial and prayerful support of Camp White Branch.



Multipurpose Building work will resume in the Spring.

SAVE THE DATES

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

Church Deed Review

According to Rev. David Shrout, of the District Office, word from Anderson, Indiana, indicates that The Board of Church Extension and Home Missions will be permanently closing soon.

Pastor David requests that Association churches check to see if their church property is deeded to Anderson. If so, please contact Dave as soon as possible (503-393-3510 or 1.800.873.7729).

Ministers and Spouses' Retreat at Newport

February 2-4, 2015 are the dates for the Ministers' Retreat at Newport's Best Western Agate Beach Inn. Check-in begins at 3 p.m., the day of arrival, with check-out at noon Feb. 4.

Rev. Dr. Jeff Frymire will lead a conference dealing with Narrative preaching—one of the most powerful ways of speaking to the hearts of all ages of people. This style is especially powerful with our 20- and 30-year-olds. Prices vary with room selection. A brochure is available online, with a registration deadline of January 2, 2015. Register now: <http://orwacog.org/events/ministers-spouses-retreat/>



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.

Upcoming Events

District Office closed - Thursday, January 1, 2015 - All Day

NEW YEAR'S DAY - Thursday, January 1, 2015 - All Day

Deadline for Ministers & Spouse Retreat registration - Friday, January 2, 2015 - All Day

Summer Celebration Planning Commission mtg. - Friday, January 9, 2015 - 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Summer Celebration Planning Mtg - Saturday, January 10, 2015 - 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

CWB Board mtg. - Tuesday, January 13, 2015 - 5:30 pm

CAB mtg. - Tuesday, January 20, 2015 - 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

District Council mtg. - Thursday, January 29, 2015 - 6:30 pm

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

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

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

Pacific NW Financial Integrity Conference (Financial Symposium) - Saturday, March 28, 2015 - All Day

PALM SUNDAY - Sunday, March 29, 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."