



Powers COG to Celebrate 50 Years

Sunday, November 20, 2016, marks 50 years to the day from when the Powers Church of God humbly dedicated their new building to the work of God. The work in Powers began in 1935 when Minnie Keller began holding prayer meetings and Bible studies in her home. In 1940, the current property was obtained and dedicated to God's work. On November 20, 1966, a new facility was completed and dedicated to the work of the Kingdom.

We invite you to join us as we celebrate those 50 years and the work God has done through His people. Our current pastor, Don Pedrick, will facilitate the service. Kenneth Stevens, who was pastoring at the original dedication, will also be in attendance. Sunday school classes for all ages begin at 10:00 a.m. Morning worship and celebration begins at 11:00. Following the worship service we will hold our annual Thanksgiving potluck dinner. Bring your families and plan to join us as we celebrate God's blessings on our lives and in His people, the church.



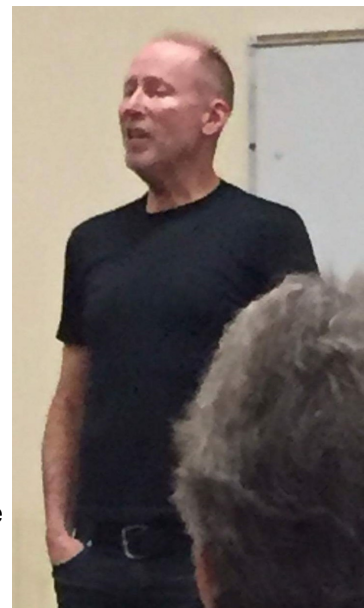
General Director Jim Lyon addresses Mt. Scott Faith Promise Gathering

By Denise Douglas, Senior Pastor, Mt. Scott COG

Mt. Scott Church hosted General Director, Jim Lyon October 7-10 for their Faith Promise weekend. Jim regaled the audience with story after story of the powerful work of God through the Churches of God around the world. He began the evening with a look at the Matthew 25 passage, calling it *Heaven, Hell and Headlines*. Jim reminds us that Jesus clearly defines heaven and hell, saying that access to either is equal, but there is no middle ground.

He talked about the headlines of misery around the world, and it is how we respond to the human misery of these headlines that sets the path for our eternity. Missions is the "go out and share life with the desperate and broken world." The gospel is about what Christ has done and what he commands us to do. Headlines scream about a world in need. Syria. Violence. Human trafficking. It seems the church reflects our culture. "We are worried about the same things everyone else is. But Jesus wants us to be consumed with those who are suffering."

Jim commented that in 20 centuries of church history there has not been a revival that did not start in the underclasses. Missional work is about the poor.



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Wichita to Host Church of God Convention 2017

By Carl Stagner, posted Chogministries

After a departure this year from the annual cycle of the Church of God Convention to three smaller-scale regional meetings over the span of five months, we're excited to announce the semi-annual gathering of the Church of God and General Assembly returns in 2017. Central Community Church, one of the largest Church of God congregations in North America, will host the event, which is



scheduled for June 20–23 (Tuesday through Friday). Building on the momentum of this year's Regional Conventions and the previous two in Oklahoma City, Church of God Convention 2017 is sure to be yet another history-making, life-changing experience for the movement.

Two initial lodging options, featuring special convention rates, are now available. Plan ahead and book your stay at the DoubleTree Wichita Airport or the Hyatt Regency by visiting www.chogconvention.org for links and more information. Look for more information about the event coming your way over the next several weeks, including speaker names, as they are announced. Bob Beckler, senior pastor of Central Community Church, can't wait for it all to unfold.

"I have never been more excited than I am now about how God is moving the Church of God into a bright future," Bob exclaims. "God is using this movement to bring about a hope to God's people that has been silent for too long. Get ready for a transforming experience in your life... see you in 2017!"

So why not mark your calendars and make Wichita your June 2017 destination? You'll be delighted to discover there really is no place like Kansas, home of Church of God Convention 2017!



Central Community Church

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.

Dr. Foltz to speak at How-To Convention

Dr. Lou Foltz, Emeritus Professor of Educational Psychology at Warner Pacific College, will serve as guest keynote speaker for the January 28 How-To Convention.

Held at Holladay Park Church, the workshop-format event includes a continental breakfast, lunch, and three 70-minute sessions. Doors will open at 7:30 a.m. on the traditional "last Saturday of January".



Dr. Lou Foltz

Dr. Foltz has shared his gifts with Warner Pacific for 38 years, and is frequently invited to present for national events, including the National Lilly Conference on College and University Teaching, Church of God Conferences, brain physiology and learning lectures, and internationally through annually teaching at Kazakh-American Free University in Ust'-Kamenogorsk, Kazakhstan. He has in past years lectured at Kyiv State Pedagogical Institute. Dr. Foltz is an avid traveler having spent his summers travelling to 57 countries, so far, and visiting with people from an even greater number of cultures.

Pastor Julie Jackson has chaired the Association Christian Education Commission (now Task Force) over the years, faithfully directing the How-To Convention. While workshop details are still being firmed up, the theme for the 2017 Convention is "Great is Your Faithfulness". The keynote address "An Inconvenient Faith"... will focus on the topic "Great Faith Comes From Great Faithfulness: Participation not Consumption".

Also speaking at the Convention are guest missionaries **Bobby and Jenny (Dunbar) Mihsill**, of Côte d'Ivoire.



Bobby and Jenny teach at West Africa Bible Institute (IBAO), helping the national church develop, and train leaders for a Children of

Promise program. They also coordinate work camp teams coming to Côte d'Ivoire. The Mihsills will address "Faith Works" with a focus on how we show the authenticity of our faith in Jesus Christ through His call to use our gifts. The scriptural focus is James 2:14-20.

¹⁴ *What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them?* ¹⁵ *Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food.* ¹⁶ *If one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and well fed," but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?* ¹⁷ *In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.* ¹⁸ *But someone will say, "You have faith; I have deeds." Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds.* ¹⁹ *You believe that there is one God. Good! Even the demons believe that—and shudder.* ²⁰ *You foolish person, do you want evidence that faith without deeds is useless?*

As a quick Workshop preview:

- **Pastor Matt Ingalls**, of River Street COG, Newberg, OR, will present a workshop dealing with "How To Stop Worrying About Numbers".
- **Buffy Rivas**, 20-year veteran Preschool Sunday School Teacher (and aunt of a three-year-old!), will facilitate "How-to make hands-on crafts for preschoolers".
- **Dr. Lou Foltz** will present "How our brain works: The Landscape of Curiosity"

FEES:

INDIVIDUAL RATE: \$25 if postmarked before/by January 19th; \$40 if postmarked after January 19, 2017. Please include your workshop choices.

GROUP RATE: \$150 per church group (up to ten) if postmarked before/by January 19. If postmarked after January 19, \$200 per church group (up to ten). Please add \$5.00 for any additional persons over ten. We need to have total number attending including their names and conference choices to accommodate advance set-up. Please note that there will be no Credit/Debit Card options at this Convention. Thank you.

How-to Convention
Saturday
January 28, 2017
8:30 a.m.-3:15 p.m.
Holladay Park
Church of God
Watch for Brochures

Camp White Branch: Look to the Hills

Mt. Scott Church of God, in Portland, Oregon, hosted an annual fundraising dinner for Camp White Branch October 27. Julie Jackson, Children's Pastor, shared her heart for Camp White Branch and, through the following acrostic, shared some of the reasons why CWB is an important part of her life.

C is for the Counselors and Camp Directors who are dedicated to CWB. They sacrifice their time, energy, financial support, etc. to make each camp wonderful. C is also for the campers.

A is for Amphitheatre. There are two "AMPS" at CWB. There is one in front of the Lodge and one over a hill behind the dining hall. Leonard Meyers and a volunteer crew have made the "AMPS" camper-friendly and usable.

M is for the Meyers. Stacey and Leonard are wonderful Camp Managers and are gifted in making the camp more attractive and usable. One of my favorite updates is the interior of the dining hall.

P is for Paine Hill. This enormous multi-use climb is tough on older bodies. It has a great view as a reward for arriving to the top. Winter use is lots of fun.

W is for White Branch Falls. One of my highlights every year at Introduction Camp.

H is for hiking. There are lots of opportunities to hike at CWB and outside of CWB.

I is for "I GAVE MY HEART TO JESUS CHRIST" is a personal testimony for me as well for many people throughout the years at CWB.

T is for the Tire Swing. If that was all we did at Intro Camp, the campers would be content. Very popular and having another tire swing would be another great asset at camp. Hint, hint, hint.

E is for eating S'mores at CWB. Yum, yum, yum.



B is for Birch, one of the six cabins at CWB (Alder, Birch, Cedar, Dogwood, Elm, and Fir).

R is for Recreation (swimming, water slide, volley ball, horse shoes, group games in the field, adventures away from CWB, i.e., rafting, hiking, Belknap Hot Springs, etc., etc.).

A is for all the remaining Ashes from all the memorable camp fires.

N is for Neu. Mel Neu, affectionately called "Uncle Mel," is a leader who loves CWB and is dedicated to make the camp better and better. Mel travels from Longview, WA to McKenzie Bridge, OR many times during the year (more than a four-hour one-way trip).

C is for Christ Jesus the reason we have camp. Our desire is to have many lives transformed by the blood of Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit for eternity. Christ is worshiped and presented to our campers.

H is for the "Home in the Woods." Most camps divide into family groups with at least one Uncle and one Aunt, and sometimes a Junior Counselor. Each family group has their own "Home in the Woods" for group discussion and teaching as well as for their own camp fires.

Thank you our dear Lord for CAMP WHITE BRANCH. Bless the Camp, all the caretakers and volunteers, the facilities, and for the future for many lives to be challenged to live for you. Amen.

~Pastor Julie & R.J. Jackson. 10-28-16.

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

Camp White Branch

61500 Old McKenzie Hwy, McKenzie Bridge, OR

Camp White Branch

Work continues on the multipurpose building at Camp White Branch. The District Council met with Camp White Branch Board members on-site in October. Pictured below are progress shots, showing a good perspective of the size of the building.

Thank you for your great support of Camp White Branch. Your prayers, finances, and physical work have helped bring the project this far. Watch for results from the recent Fundraising Dinner, and updates in the next issue.



Peter Howland: I Have Hope

By Kay Tira

Peter Howland, Youth and Children's Pastor at Longview First Church of God for the past six and a half years, addressed the Longview congregation following the morning worship service and a reception honoring Peter on Sunday, October 30, with words of hope and encouragement in spite of his resignation last week due to his disabling health condition.



"In Christ, I have a lot of hope. I hope and I am blessed, and I hope that you have that hope as well."

Peter spoke of his Stage IV cancer diagnosis in July/August, followed by three rounds of chemotherapy and a recent pain-crisis hospital stay. At that time his PET scan revealed that tumors in his liver have grown, and that the liver itself is about twice the size as a normal liver.

"After reviewing my case at the hospital, many of the doctors think I probably have six months or less on this earth, with treatment," Peter shared, adding that even their most positive and trusted doctor admitted that without treatment Peter would probably not make it to Thanksgiving. "So we're continuing the treatment." Peter's pain is under control with medications.

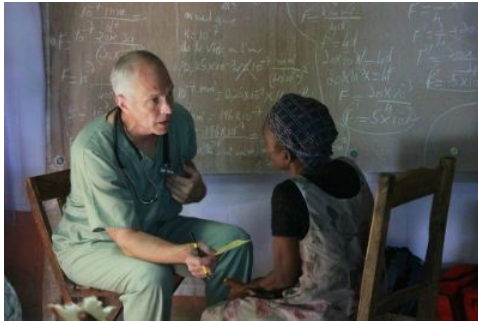
"Bottom line is: doctors don't know; only God knows when my time on earth is done," said Peter, sharing a passage from Philippians 1:6, and adding "perhaps my 'completion' date is just sooner than we anticipated.

Peter and his wife, Judi, have been a blessing to the Longview congregation, Camp White Branch, and the Association of Churches in Oregon and Southwest Washington. We appreciate your prayer support, and encourage you to hold onto the hope that Peter refers to, living life to the glory of God while we still have time on this earth.

Hospital Expansion to Promote Physical, Spiritual Healing in Haiti

Posted 10/18/2016 by Chogministries

For more than half a century, the Church of God has enjoyed an incredible history in Haiti. From church planting to the establishment of schools, God continues to be on the move in the Caribbean nation, which unfortunately has become associated with natural disasters over the past several years—even



Mark Fulton offering physical and spiritual hope and healing

the past few weeks. While Haiti continues cleanup efforts in the wake of Hurricane Matthew and grieves the loss of more than a thousand of their own, there

is good news coming out of the community of St. Ard. The Church of God hospital, which has seen more than 100,000 different patients since it opened its doors in July 2005, is setting its sights on expanding. God has given the ministry, which is currently open five days a week, the exciting vision to become a 24-7 hospital and further promote physical and spiritual healing in Haiti.



St. Ard Hospital with its unfinished second story.

Did you know that the St. Ard hospital is staffed by indigenous Haitian medical professionals? Part of the strategy behind the ministry there is not to assign missionaries to do the work, but to empower and train leaders who can carry the work into the future. Global Strategy missionaries Mark and Kathy Fulton do an excellent job at just that. They're thrilled at the opportunity to grow the hospital ministry so it can accommodate emergencies which, by nature, never seem to happen at an opportune time.

"Of all the opportunities this expansion brings," Mark explains, "one that we're most excited about has to do with one of our employees who was in an auto accident recently. Thankfully, he's going to be okay, but because we're not a 24-7 facility, he was taken to

one of the government-funded hospitals. Due to the fact that they don't have a tax base like we do, government-funded hospitals cannot equip to the standards we'd hope to have. The strongest thing they had for pain in the hospital was Tylenol. So if you have someone coming in to the hospital that has been in a bad accident, and the strongest thing you have for your broken leg is Tylenol, that's certainly not a good thing."

In order to make the vision come to pass, the Church of God must come alongside the Fultons in this endeavor. Due to government regulations, the dental and optometry clinics must be moved to the second floor of the building to make room for general medical, inpatient, and surgical services on the ground floor. The total cost of this phase of the project is \$40,000. Plans have been drawn, a contractor has been selected, government approval has been granted, and the local medical community has expressed support. The cries of a newborn in expanded St. Ard hospital will one day be music to Mark's ears.



Kathy and Mark Fulton

"To be able to fund emergency services in a more humane way, and to be able to do it in a Christian setting—that would be a phenomenal advancement to help the people of Haiti," Mark explains. "We know that with physical healing we're all going to get sick again. Nobody gets out of this life alive. But when someone comes into the hospital who hasn't walked in four or five years, and gets a prosthetic leg, to know that this has been provided because so many people have prayed together and given to make it possible—what an opportunity to share Christ! We're offering hope for the present, coupled with hope for eternity."

Would you prayerfully consider donating to support this life-giving project (Project # 42.30301)? Visit www.chogglobal.org/projects/ to learn more about this and other Church of God projects around the globe!

WP recognized for ethnically diverse campus

Warner Pacific is intentionally working to develop relationships and partnerships with historically under-represented communities and to help students see the opportunities that higher education provides, to engage others in a learning process that can be transformative, and to have significant impact in helping our city and region flourish. The College was recognized for its ethnically diverse campus by The 2017 U.S. News & World Report Higher Education Guide. WPC received the highest ranking and was the only college from Oregon in the top 10. <http://www.warnerpacific.edu/warner-pacific-recognized-for-an-ethnically-diverse-campus/>

First Ghana Graduates from Palm Institute

We congratulate the first graduating class from Palm Institute (Ghana)!



The Institute was founded by a WPC Adult Degree Program Alum, Dr. Peter Okantey '06, '08, who pursued his dream of creating a leadership institute to educate a new generation of African leaders with integrity for corporate, national, and continental who are committed to the application of knowledge for the transformation of the African society. <http://www.palminstitute.edu.gh/>

“Knights 4 A Day” introduces high school golfers to college

It was an idyllic summer day for golf in Portland and a perfect day for seven local high school golfers to go back to school as part of a first-of-its-kind partnership between the Warner Pacific Knights Golf Teams and the Oregon Golf Association. “Knights 4 A Day” is a truly unique, one-of-kind program developed by Warner Pacific Athletics. It uses golf as a pathway to reach diverse and underrepresented high school students,” explained Dr. Aaron McMurray, Vice President for Institutional Advancement and External Relations. “We hope to inspire and educate young golfers by giving them a taste of what it is like to be a college athlete, even just for a day.” <http://www.warnerpacific.edu/knights-4-a-day-introduces-high-school-golfers-to-college/>

Upcoming Events:

October 31, 2016

Harvest Pops Concert

7:30 – 9:00 pm

A lively evening of fun music and costumes.

November 11-13, 2016

Warner Pacific’s Drama Department presents:

KINDERTRANSPORT!

Years after finding refuge in England from the horrors of WWII Germany, Evelyn is confronted by her daughter about artifacts in the attic that expose Evelyn’s identity.

Performances: Thursday – Saturday at 7:30 pm;

Sunday at 2 pm

Tickets are \$10 and available at the door

December 3, 2016

Annual Advent Brunch

Saturday morning

Christmas Events Association Churches

Eugene Friendly Street
Church of God
2290 Friendly Street Eugene,
OR 97405

Annual Live Nativity

Fri-Sun Dec 16-18

7-9 pm Nightly

Free event for the whole family!

Drive or walk by live scenes of Jesus' life.

541-345-6553



Longview First Church of God

2335 46th Avenue, Longview, WA 98632

Hanging of the Greens & Soup Competition,
Dec.2

Christmas Bazaar, 9am-3pm, Dec. 3

Christmas Program, Dec. 18, 6pm

Caroling & Candlelight Communion, Dec. 24,
6&7pm

360-636-0370

Redmond Church of God

818 NW Elm Ave., Redmond, OR 97756

Candlelight Service

6pm, Saturday Dec. 24

541-548-4162

Vancouver First Church of God

3300 NE 78th Street, Vancouver, WA 98665

King's Way Gym

Gramma's Bazaar

9am-4pm, November 19

Shop from over 100 vendor tables

360-574-1611

Upcoming Events

REGION #2 Mtg - Thursday, Nov. 3, 10 am

Daylight Savings Ends - Sunday, Nov. 6

VETERANS DAY - Friday, Nov. 11

REGION #7 Mtg. - Wednesday, Nov. 16 , 12 pm

REGION #4 Mtg. - Thursday, Nov. 17, 10 am

REGION #3 Mtg. - Tuesday, Nov. 22, 10 am

District Office closed - Nov. 24 & 25

THANKSGIVING DAY - Thursday, Nov. 24

REGION #5 Mtg. - Thursday, Dec. 1, 10 am

REGION #8 Mtg. - Thursday, Dec. 1, 4 pm

REGION #6 Mtg. - Thursday, Dec. 15, 10 am

District Office closed - Friday, Dec. 23

CHRISTMAS EVE - Saturday, Dec. 24

CHRISTMAS DAY - Sunday, Dec. 25

District Office closed - Monday, Dec. 26

NEW YEAR'S DAY - Sunday, January 1, 2017

REGION #1 Mtg.—Tuesday, January 10, 2017

District Council Mtg—Tues., January 10, 5:30pm

How-To Convention -

Saturday, January 28, 2017



For more events, see
orwacog.org/calendar

NOTE: Please send Christmas Event notices to Sally Ranton at the District Office for inclusion on the web site (orwacog.org). Thank you.

General Director Lyon addresses Faith Promise

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He told fresh stories about Pink Door in Germany, retold the Faith Stewart story in India, of growing churches there and in Paraguay and Russia. God is at work around the world. It was a privilege to host people from several other Church of God congregations in the region. Thanks for joining us!



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