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From the Desk of Pastor Jerry Davisson

District Pastor

These are certainly strange days we are living in. When we first heard of the coronavirus who could have predicted the disruption it would cause to our lives, our society and our faith communities. There are those who have dubbed these times “The Great Pause”. For those in our hospital system and others in essential business roles it may not seem like a pause. For our church leaders who have frantically sought new and creative ways to connect people through social media platforms, adapted services to make them available online, it may not seem like a pause at all. But in quiet moments we can reflect on those things that have been paused. School, services in our church buildings, much of our non-essential retail or shopping experiences, vacations, conferences and for most of us, time with our family and friends has been put on hold. I hear people all the time expressing the desire for things to get back to normal. I say not so fast. In basketball (remember that?) when a team needs to regroup the coach will often call a time out. This gives the team the opportunity to take a breath, reflect on how things are going and make adjustments. During this “time out” let me encourage you to take some time to reflect on your life, your church activity, how you were living before COVID-19 and ask what was bringing you joy? What are the essential things that must not change? Then think about your life on the other side of the “stay home” order, what do you want it to look like. Do you really want to get back to the way it was before the pandemic? What are some lessons we need to take with us? For example, I believe our churches need to stay online after this is all over. The impact our churches are having through Facebook and other media platforms cannot be underestimated. We live in a digital world and the church needs to use this tool to impact the world with the message of the kingdom of God! This is just one example. We need to think through our social habits that we take so much for granted. We need to think through our spending and giving habits. We need to think through our spiritual habits, and we need to make sure our lives are being lived on mission for God. Don’t rush too fast into the “new normal” of life after coronavirus. Use this “time-out” to see where God would have you shift gears in order to live the life you were called to live and to be the church we were called to be.

Grace and Peace,

Jerry

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District Office, Church & National Events



May 10: MOTHER'S DAY

May 15: National Chocolate Chip Day

May 25: MEMORIAL DAY (office closed)



June 18: National Go Fishing Day

June 20: 1st Day of Summer

June 21: FATHER'S DAY

Please check our website for current calendar information.

www.orwacog.org

All events are tentative and subject to change based on COVID —19 group meeting size restrictions.

A large, smooth, light-colored rock is the central focus. It is engraved with the text "With God all things are possible" in a large, bold, sans-serif font. Below this, in a smaller font, is "Matthew 19:26". The rock is set against a blurred background of green trees and a blue sky with light clouds. The rock is resting on a bed of grey gravel.

With God all
things are possible
Matthew 19:26

Westview Church, Longview, Washington

formerly **First Church of God**

Longview, Washington

www.westviewchurchfamily.org



The Story Behind the Name Change

By **Angi Jamieson**

Several reasons prompted the need for a name change. Some are as follows:

- There had been multiple comments/questions about “which Church of God”? Including some cults, like Armstrong, etc.
 - Since coming to pastor here, we have been trying to be more involved in the community, and heard numerous times “I didn’t know there was a church there”, or “Is this a new church?”
 - Wanting to “re-launch” the church after minimal growth in many years
 - Wanted to use our non-denominational movement as an asset, as today’s culture is more and more turned off by “denominations”
 - Since there are more than 85 churches in our area, we wanted to play up on our main difference — the location. So we included ‘WEST” and Long VIEW.
- *Pastor John & Angi Jamieson minister at Westview Church.*

Save the Date!



ASSOCIATION OF THE CHURCHES OF GOD
IN OREGON & SW WASHINGTON

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Saturday, July 18, 2020

Lynchwood Church of God
Portland, Oregon

Registration: 9:30 a.m.

Business Meeting: 10:00 a.m.

Lunch: 12 Noon/\$5 suggested donation

Ministers Meeting: 1:00 p.m.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN CONNECTION

SPRING CONNECTION

March 13-14, 2020

By Nancy Kernutt, President

With the onset of COVID-19, I maintained a spirit of prayer and sought counsel with several Christian friends in ministry leadership. March 13th and 14th was our scheduled CWC Spring Connection. Oregon and Washington were with orders that groups of 50 and less could gather. Westview Church (First Church of God, Longview, WA) had been preparing. The pastor's wife, Angi Jamieson had organized her ladies as well as practiced with her worship team. Our speaker, Janelle Irwin (pastor's wife from Aloha Church of God) had invested time preparing for 3 sessions.

God said, "Nancy, you and your CWC ladies need this message 'Equip Life' for the days that are coming." These are some growth lessons that I have thought about following those sessions.

- **Session 1: Who, What.** What steps can I take to grow in the attributes of the Fruit of the Spirit? During this time all of us need patience and kindness especially when we grocery shop. Empty shelves can cause frustration and panic. 2 Timothy 2:15 Do your best to present yourself to God...
- **Session 2: Where, Why.** How am I doing with life balance and spiritual life integration? My husband and I volunteer at Habitat for Humanity Restore. With stores closed, we are at home doing projects and yard work. We take our dog for walks more often. I am doing my best to be in the WORD more and listening to worship music. Janelle shared the 4 P's: **Pause, Pray, Plan** and **Pliable**. These are crucial especially in these trying times.
- **Session 3: When, How.** I have always said that I want to be a life-long learner. When I read and study Scripture I strive to think how will this verse benefit me. I often need to throw out pre-conceived ideas to listen to what He has for me TODAY!

Are you going to SURVIVE and THRIVE? Use the 4 P's. I know I am!



←←← Spring Connection



Willamette Valley Campmeeting - August 2-6, 2020



Fully Alive!!



Main Speaker:
MARSHALL SNIDER

Oregon Christian Convention—Turner, OR

For Information & Registration:

<https://orwacog.org/events/willamette-valley-campmeeting-4/>



“Fully Alive” is the call of Jesus to every believer and is the theme for this year’s Willamette Valley Campmeeting. Scheduled for the week of August 2-6 on the historic grounds of the Oregon Christian Convention in Turner, Oregon, this annual week of worship, inspiration and fellowship is a time to get away and get refreshed! Come and join us!

Marshall Snider, this year’s main speaker, will be featured at all main sessions as well as the daily morning youth service. We believe you will be challenged and encouraged by him this year.

Daniel Ryan, Overseer of Music Ministries at Lynchwood Church of God in Portland, will lead worship at the main sessions.

A **youth program** is a key part of this week. Many youth groups camp out together and the week features daily youth worship times and other events. Youth registration (\$75/person) includes lodging, programming and food.

This informal week is planned so finances are not an obstacle and is underwritten by offerings.

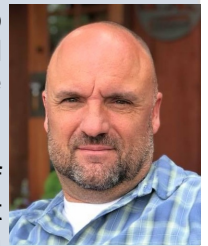
Affordable **overnight lodging options**, including cabins, RV spaces and campsites, are available (only \$13/night per person age 5 and above; \$50 family max). **Commuters** are also welcome.

Meals are available onsite on a donation basis.

Some **children’s programming** is planned and a variety of **recreation** opportunities are featured, including a small creek that is great for tubing down the river on a hot day!

Registration is available on the district website: <https://orwacog.org/events/willamette-valley-campmeeting-4/>

Marshall Snider has a mission: to encourage, equip, inspire and model greatness in life and leadership in people and organizations. This mission has driven every element of Marshall’s life, including his career. Through more than 30 years of work in the non-profit and for-profit business sectors, he has become a visionary leader, a sought after speaker, an expert in management and culture, and developer of people and communities.



Marshall is the founder of “Because People Matter,” an organization that brings key community influencers and change makers together in a movement that has transformed thousands of people. He also partners with several Portland-area churches in the area of leadership development.

He is married to Lesley and has two sons Samuel and Noah and resides in Portland, Oregon.

Church of God Men's Retreat



Pastor Rich LaMar GUEST SPEAKER

The LaMar family shown in picture above.

For the past 15 years, Rich has pastored the College Park Church in North Bend, Oregon, with his wife Tina (Becker), whose Church of God heritage goes back almost 80 years. Tina, in addition, is a licensed counselor working on the Mobile Crisis Team with Coos Health and Wellness.

Rich and Tina have been married for 37 years, and have 5 adult children, and 13 amazingly fun grandchildren, most of whom also live in the Coos Bay area and are also active in the church. Their home is located outside of town on half an acre, where they also raise about 20 chickens. Living on the coast, not far from the beach and bay, Rich loves to go camping, crabbing, clamming, fishing, boating, hunting, hiking, and beach exploring.



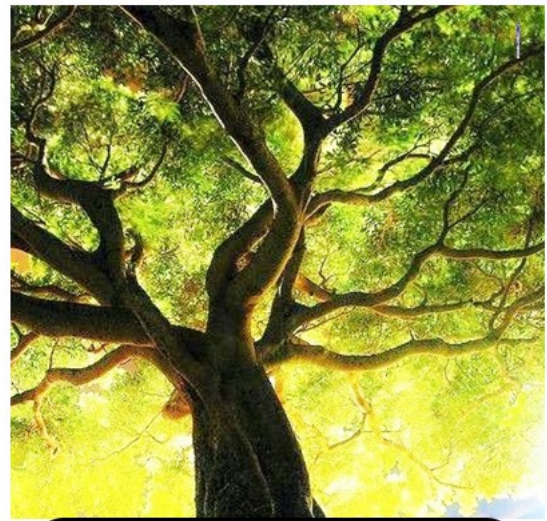
Pastor Rick Cunnington WORSHIP

Pastor Rick Cunningham is the Worship and Family Ministries Pastor at Hucrest

Community Church of God in Roseburg, Oregon where he has served for 5½ years. He and his wife Ashley have been married for 14 years and have 3 children, Noah, Hannah and Cadence ages 12, 10, and 8. He is an avid outdoorsman, woodworker, & has his own handyman business.

August 14-16, 2020

Brochure @ www.orwacog.org



“Growing Up”
Colossians 2:6-7

“Just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in Him, rooted & built up in Him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, & overflowing with thankfulness.”



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Camp White Branch Summer Camps

CHURCH OF GOD 2020 SUMMER CAMPS

Introductory Camp, July 24-26, \$220
(covers child & adult)

Primary Camp, August 10-13, \$180

Junior Camp, July 20-24, \$230

Middle School Camp, July 13-17, \$235

Senior High School Camp, July 27-31, \$299

Young Adult Camp, July 9-12, \$140
(+option to raft)



Camp Descriptions / www.campwhitebranch.org

INTRO CAMP	<p>Age: Entering 2nd and 3rd grade with parent July 24-26, 2020 Price: \$220 (includes child & adult)</p> <p>Camp is structured for children who haven't been to camp before, and provides the security of having one of their parents along for the experience. The activities and faith-based sessions are created with both the children and adults in mind. It is a great camp for parent-child bonding and creating special memories. This camp also helps to acquaint children with the camp so they will be prepared for many years of camping to follow.</p>
PRIMARY CAMP	<p>Age: Entering 3rd and 4th Grade August 10-13, 2020 Price: \$180</p> <p>This is an opportunity for many first time campers to experience the great outdoors. Campers will have adventures, crafts, and activities during this fun week. An age appropriate scripture is selected for worship and learning sessions. Campers will spend time in small group discussions helping them to apply what they have learned.</p>
JUNIOR CAMP	<p>Age: Entering 5th and 6th July 20-24, 2020 Price: \$230</p> <p>Campers spend time in the woods each day around campfire pits in small family type groups to engage in discussion and prayer time. Cabin groups are assigned set up and clean up duties for meals to teach responsibility and serving, and cabin cleanliness is encouraged by visits and inspections by the mysterious "old ranger". Crafts and recreation such as swimming are also a fun part of each day.</p>
MIDDLE SCHOOL	<p>Age: Entering 6th, 7th, and 8th July 13-17, 2020 Price: \$235</p> <p>This week campers will be connecting with God and their friends. It's a time to become more connected with God through music, speakers, and small group discussions. They will learn that by working together in a team they can achieve more than they could alone. Fun activities, swimming, hikes and crafts are planned to fill each day and encourage working together. The theme dinner this year will be Western so be sure to bring your flannel shirts and cowboy hats!</p>
SENIOR HIGH CAMP	<p>Age: Entering 9th-Sr High Graduate July 27-31, 2020 Price: \$299</p> <p>This week is jam packed full of adventure with white water rafting, hikes, onsite activities, and games. The programming is designed to meet physical and spiritual needs on all different levels. Every morning and night there will be main sessions with our returning worship band from Portland, "Solebridge" and this summer's speaker, Taylor Downey from Phoenix, Arizona. Taylor's theme for this week is "Just Jesus" where you will learn on a deeper level of where their faith is rooted and who Jesus is. Each main session will be followed up by a small group discussion to unpack these lessons and have the chance to ask questions.</p>
YOUNG ADULT	<p>Age: HS Graduates to early 30 (no kids) July 9-12, 2020 Price: \$140 + option to raft for \$37.50</p> <p>Those who have graduated from high school still get to go to camp! This is the second year we are offering this camp. It is a time of fellowship, worship, and learning for young adults. This camp has structured talk times, but allows for free time and time to engage in fun activities at the camp or off site with friends. Rafting is being offered this year.</p>

Fear not tomorrow,
God is already there

