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An Important Update from Pastor Glen Hossler Chair of the Church of God District Council

Dear Association Members (pastors, congregations, etc.),

I want to inform you of some changes that are happening in our District. Starting in September, the District Office in Salem will no longer be the central physical location for our District Pastor and the District Office managers (Sally and Valerie). We will be leasing the building and using the income to help balance our proposed budget for the next fiscal year.

We will be sharing more details about this during our Annual Business Meeting; which, this year, due to Covid-19 restrictions, will be a hybrid meeting. It will be on **Saturday, Aug. 1, at 10:00 AM**. Oak Park Church of God will host those who will be attending the meeting in person (but that likely will be limited to 50), and the remainder will attend via zoom.

Also, Sally Ranton and Valerie Borst will both be stepping down from their positions as of September 1; as will Ruth Palmer, who has been serving as our Association Recording Secretary for a number of years.

Please keep these people in your prayers as they move on to other ministries; and keep the District in prayer as we move through these transitions.

Know you are loved and prayed for by many!

Grace and Peace in these challenging times,

Glen Hossler

Glen Hossler
Association Chair



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District Office, Church & National Events





July 4: Independence Day

July 15: Pastor Jerry's birthday

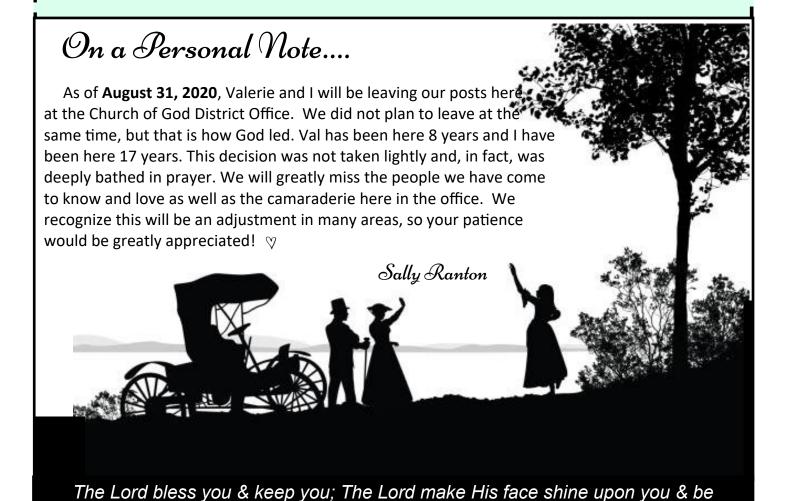
July 23: National Vanilla Ice Cream Day

August 1: Annual Business Mtg.,

August 31: End of fiscal year, Association *Physical location of District Office closes*

COVID-19 CHURCH OF GOD EVENT CANCELLATIONS

- Camp White Branch Summer Youth Camps
 Please go to www.campwhitebranch.org for information regarding VIRTUAL camps for Middle School and High School.
- Willamette Valley Campmeeting, August
- Church of God Men's Retreat, August
- CWC Fall Retreat, September



gracious to you; The Lord turn His face toward you & give you peace. Amen.

Introducing Pastor Andrew & Kelsy Loyd

Andrew has been on staff at Riverside Community Church of God since 2019 and became lead pastor in April of 2020. He and his wife Kelsy grew up in the Cottage Grove area and are thrilled to continue serving this wonderful community.

Andrew holds a Masters degree in Theology and Ministry from Fuller Theological Seminary and a Bachelors in Worship Arts from Northwest Christian University. He is passionate about seeing lives transformed through the spread of the Gospel and relational discipleship. He and Kelsy are excited as they begin this new journey and work with God's people to reach their community.





Kelsy & Pastor Andrew Loyd

Riverside Community

Church of God



Congratulations to Pastor Jerry!





Rev. Jerry Davisson, DMin.

Doctor of Ministry degree

Fuller Theological Seminary

June 2020

CAMP WHITE BRANCH

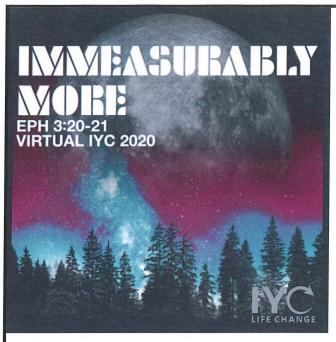
Senior High and Junior High Virtual Camp July 27-31, 2020

This week will be full of challenges, night sessions and **virtual** cabin times! Every 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.

For more information please email virtualcampcwb@gmail.com and you can view some highlights at https://youtu.be/mzPXqATWkjo. More details can also be found on FB at @virtualcamp2020 and Instagram @campwhitebranch.

VIRTUAL CAMP!

VIRTUAL IYC



JULY 10, 11 & 12, 2020

7:00 PM EASTERN TIME EACH EVENING ON THE IYC FACEBOOK PAGE

GOD IS ABLE TO DO
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IN US FOR US

THROUGH US



ZANE BLACK MEGAN MARSHMAN STEVE COLLIER

GUEST SPEAKERS



WORSHIP LEADERS

IYC HIGH SCHOOL BAND

STUDENTS! SHARE YOUR CONTACT INFO WITH CHURCH OF GOD MINISTRIES AND OUR COG UNIVERSITIES TO BE ENTERED TO WIN ONE OF FOUR APPLE WATCHES. ALSO, ONE OF THE FOUR WINNERS WILL BE CHOSEN TO WIN THE GRAND PRIZE – A NINTENDO SWITCH AND FLAT SCREEN TV FOR YOUR CHURCH'S YOUTH MINISTRY! DEADLINE TO ENTER IS MIDNIGHT ON JULY 12, 2020. SCAN THE QR CODE TO SUBMIT YOUR INFO!



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Chapman Community Church of God

OREGON CHURCH RALLIES COMMUNITY FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS DISPIRITED BY CRISIS

By Carl Stagner, Church of God News, May 2020

All she wanted to do was encourage a few high school seniors. After all, the class of 2020 found themselves at the height of their school career when the pandemic brought expectations to a screeching halt. A bi-vocational pastor working with English-language-learners for the school district, **Linda Tucker-Bays** had a heart for these students discouraged as dreams of senior trips, final sports seasons, traditional graduation ceremonies, and student celebrations were dashed. When she created a page on Facebook offering her church and the community a chance to "adopt" a senior, little did she know how God would multiply her efforts. **Pastor Linda and Chapman Community Church of God** in **Scappoose**, **Oregon**, never could have imagined what would transpire over the next few days.

Since March of last year, Chapman Community Church of God has filled "launch boxes" in partnership with an organization called Every Child. Foster children aging out of the system face a variety of struggles, but launch boxes, filled with essential household items, provide a necessary boost to get these young women and men started on the right foot. As the COVID-19 restrictions upended daily life for everyone, the resulting changes have been especially challenging for children and teens. Linda Tucker-Bays recognized the unique problem and sought to find a way to expand their church's launch-box ministry to cover high school seniors dispirited by the coronavirus crisis.

Chapman Community Church of God is a small congregation, so the idea had to take into consideration their limited resources. While scrolling through social media on a Sunday afternoon, Linda's light-bulb moment came. One of her friends in another state posted on Facebook about her daughter who had just received a gift as a result of an "adopt a senior" page.

"I started a Facebook page by pretty much copying and pasting the information from this other online community," Linda explains. She also sent a message to a friend whose son is a senior to get the project off the ground. Others could post a photo and brief bio about their high school senior, while church and community members were encouraged to leave a comment to indicate adoption of that senior. More than one person could adopt one senior, but the project would ensure that at least one person adopted every student. Whether by greeting cards, flowers, gift cards, delicious treats, or other creative means, each senior would receive a little extra support and love needed especially at this critical time.

"That was Sunday," Linda recalls. "The community has since totally embraced this thing! By Saturday morning, we had 71 seniors posted and 70 adopted...we've run out of seniors who haven't had someone to adopt on several occasions over the last few days." As of May 13, the number of adoptions had climbed to 109.

Not all parents use Facebook, so friends of other soon-to-be-graduates began to post on their behalf. Depending on family dynamics, some students were more likely to fall through the cracks of

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the initiative, so Linda's connections with the school district have helped make additional connections with students. The school is home to about 170 seniors, so there is still work to be done, and certainly obstacles will make it difficult to reach everyone. But Pastor Linda is utterly amazed by how God took this project from its humble beginnings to such widespread impact.

"I've realized, after the fact, that this is meeting several needs," Linda explains. "Parents get to say publicly how proud they are of their kids. These students are seeing how much their community cares. One parent posted her son receiving a gift and said this was the first time she's seen him smile in a long time. The community, like me, wanted to do something for these kids but just needed an avenue through which to do it. The resources of the community are being utilized, which go beyond those of the few families in my congregation. People love reading about these seniors. And, reading what people comment has brought (good) tears to my eyes!"

Linda notes another positive aspect of the project. People are shopping local, purchasing gifts from the local bagel shop, for instance, which was struggling due to the pandemic. Indeed, this has been yet another unanticipated blessing brought about by simple obedience.

"I just read a book recently about embracing the small church ministry," Linda reflects. "It was really assuring to me that it's not about the size of your church, but whether or not you're doing what God has asked you to do. So, as much as I'd like to have a bigger number on Sundays, I think it's important to do what we can with what God has given us. This has been such a simple thing that anybody can do. Don't give up because you're small. Keep looking for ways to serve the community around you."



Scappoose High School, Scappoose, Oregon

In Loving Memory

DIANE ADAIR GOOD

May 1, 1939 - May 28, 2020



Diane Adair Good was born in Newport, WA. on May 1, 1939 to her parents James Sinclair Nelson and Bernice Adair Mason Nelson. She was the only child of their union. Her father was a lumber grader and her mother was a school teacher. Diane spent the early years of her life growing up just across the Washington state line in Old Town, Idaho. Her parents were divorced when Diane was eight years old.

When Diane was in elementary school, her mother secured a teaching assignment in Sunnyside, Washington. While she and her mother were living there, her mother became friends with another teacher in Sunnyside named Hazel Schmale. Hazel was the daughter of the Pioneer Church of God

minister Minna Jarrett, one-time pastor of Vancouver, WA. First Church of God. Through this connection Diane was introduced to the Church of God movement.

At the end of her sophomore year and before the beginning of her junior year Diane met a young man who was to become her husband and life partner in the mid-summer of 1955 at the Tacoma First Church of God. Diane was 16 and John was 18 and was stationed at Fort Lewis, WA. in the U.S. Army. On that Sunday morning Diane entered the church sanctuary with the Schmales and John happened to catch her out of the corner of his eye. He was instantly drawn to her. There was something striking about her presence.

Diane went on vacation with her family to visit Yellowstone National Park and John did not see her again for about three weeks. But he inquired about her from the Schmales and when she returned the Schmale girls filled Diane in on the details about his interest in her.

A week or so later the Schmales invited Diane and her mother and John to Sunday dinner after the church service. After Sunday dinner Charlotte, Geraldine, Diane and John drove out to visit Point Defiance Park. John and Diane started getting acquainted.

John had no transportation outside of the public bus system. So he did the next best thing, he telephoned Diane every evening after he got off duty for about two months. On September 30, 1955, John purchased a 1951 Chevrolet Coupe and drove it by Diane's home to show it to her. Diane invited herself for a ride in his car. For the rest of their lives they always celebrated this occasion as their first date and marked it every year.

With transportation John picked Diane up for church, youth meetings, the movies, out to eat, sightseeing, after school activities and anything else they chose to do. Their relationship continued to develop until on the evening of December 5, 1955, John proposed marriage to her. Diane said, "Yes, but I don't want to talk about it". She was just 16 and faced two more years before she would graduate from high school. John was just 18 and had nearly two more years of his Army enlistment to serve out. Of course, in the ensuing days they did talk about it and made plans. Some twenty-one months later John and Diane were joined in marriage at the Tacoma First Church of God by the Reverend E.G. Brown on August 26, 1957. John had mustered out of the Army at 4:30pm and they were married at 8:00 pm.

Following their honeymoon trip down the Pacific Coast to San Francisco, John enrolled in Pacific Bible College (Warner Pacific) in Portland, OR. and Diane stayed at her mother's home in Tacoma to complete a business school course. They got together on the weekends. She moved down to Portland to set up housekeeping with John in one of the old houses on campus following completion of her business course. During their four-year stint at Warner when they were students Diane gave birth to their two children, a daughter, DaniJo and a son, Timothy.

Diane served alongside her husband in the pastoral ministry for 55 plus years in churches in Kentucky, Indiana, California and Oregon. She was always a supportive and integral part of the work of the Lord in each of the churches they served. She was a spiritual partner with John in the ministry. He could and did trust her with confidences. \rightarrow

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Her insights into people and situations were invaluable. He trusted her relationship with the Lord and she trusted his. God, by His Spirit, made them one in marriage and one in ministry.

Diane was a wise counselor, a gifted listener who was approachable to all people, accepting others without being judgmental. She was always given to hospitality. For 35 of the 36 years she and John lived in the home on Mt. Tabor many different people lived with them. The list includes family members, college students, and international students. God had led them to the house, provided for the needed resources and they freely shared with others as the Spirit led. It became a shelter to live out the implications of Christian discipleship in a family setting. Diane always set the tone for the home. She had a servant's heart.

Diane loved the Christmas season. She would begin to plan for the events surrounding Christmas at least six months ahead. When she and John went to view the house they would purchase and live in for 36 years, one of the foremost things in her mind was where she would place the Christmas tree and how she would decorate the house. Everything about the season was special to her -- getting the family together to trim the tree and finish decorating the house, the shopping, purchasing the right gift for everyone on her list, the Christmas dinner. She never forgot the significance of God's greatest gift of His son Jesus at this time of the year. Because the season was so important to her, she made it special to all in her family.

Over the years Diane worked outside of the home as a bookkeeper, a sales person in the business office of a major department store, the secretary to the Athletic Director at Exeter Union High School, and as a flower arranger in a florist shop. She found fulfillment in these jobs and they provided additional family income. But most of all she enjoyed being a homemaker, a wife, a mother, and later a grandmother and then great-grandmother. She always loved those around her well. She was easy to live with.

She was a natural and talented youth leader. She always was drawn to youth. She liked them, loved them and was interested in what interested them -- even rock concerts. She could effectively relate to youth without becoming one of them. She was always the adult in the room but the youth felt comfortable with her and trusted her. Her love for them and ministry to and with them was a key factor in many of them becoming Christians. She always had a warm smile and an infectious laugh.

Early in her married life by His Spirit, God called her to be an intercessor and a prayer warrior. She frequently carried spiritual burdens which the Holy Spirit gave to her for specific Hollywood actors and stars, musicians, family members, politicians, friends and acquaintances. Sometimes the Spirit would reveal specific things to her about the people she was interceding and praying for. Sometimes she would not know why the Spirit had caused her to be concerned for the person or the situation. But she was always faithful to our Lord and the people God laid on her heart and mind. This was true down to the end of her earthly life. She was a godly woman with some very unique spiritual gifts.

On the late evening of Tuesday, May 19, 2020 her condition took a decided downturn. She was admitted to Hospice the next day. And on May 28th in the late afternoon her physical life came to a pain-free and peaceful end just as her heavenly life began. Her physical body died but the person her family knew and loved as Diane Adair Good did not die.

We know and believe this is true because of what Jesus told His disciples and subsequently us in John 14:1-6. He told them, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life." He was the first person to ever pass through death and into life. He is the truth about this experience -- the living proof that just as it came to pass for Him, it happens to every believer when he or she physically dies. And He is the life-giving Spirit who gives eternal life to us.

Diane loved greatly and was loved greatly by many in return. She will be greatly missed. But our sure and certain hope is that we shall see her again. Diane is survived by her husband John, their daughter DaniJo and son-in-law Jerry Jones, their son Timothy and his wife Licia Good, their seven grandchildren, and their nine great-grandchildren.

Written by Pastor John F. Good

In Loving Memory

RALPH LEON SUTTER

September 22, 1933 - June 14, 2020



Ralph was born in Rockdale Township, PA on Sept. 22, 1933. He was the 3rd of 4 children (William, Leroy, Ralph, & Joyce) born to Earnest and Mary (Wellman) Sutter. He graduated from Cambridge Springs High School in 1951 and married Jackie Mickens in 1952. They had 6 sons: Gary, Randy, Roy, Scott, Rick, and Brad. Randy died 1 day after his birth and Gary died of a heart attack in 2006, at 52 years young. Ralph stayed and worked on the dairy farm on which he was born until 1966, at which time he and the family packed up and left PA for Houston, Texas. There Ralph attended Gulf Coast Bible College to study for the ministry. He pastored the Round Mott Church of God for 3 years in Louise, TX.

In 1972 they left Texas for Oregon where he began building houses with his sons in and around Salem, OR, until he retired in 2008. In 1992 Ellie Pierson came to Oak Park Church of God to serve as associate pastor. They were married in 1994 and continued to share together in various ministries of the Oak Park Church of God in Salem, OR, Solid Rock Church of God in The Dalles, OR, and Aloha Church of God in Aloha, OR. He never retired from serving the church.

His family was his greatest love and legacy and he was proud of each and every one of them. He was a wonderful advisor, a father figure, our safe place, and always had a tune in his heart and on his lips. He is forever embedded in our hearts and minds.

Everyone that knew Ralph knew his passion for hunting. He would light up when talking about all of his hunting trips.

Above all Ralph loved Jesus Christ, his Lord and Savior. He shared his faith in the way he lived his life more than by words. He was a walking example of what true faith and love through Christ is meant to be. Ralph is now face-to-face in the presence of God.

He was preceded in death by his parents Earnest and Mary Sutter; his sons Randy and Gary Sutter; siblings William (Bill) Sutter; LeRoy Sutter; and Joyce Baringer.

Survived by: Wife: Ellie Pierson-Sutter; Sons: Roy and Laurie Sutter, Scott Sutter, Rick and Shelly Sutter, Brad and Joy Sutter, Brian and Darren Shore, and Daughter Stephanie Ferry. 12 grandchildren, and 7 great grandchildren.

Last but not least Ralph is survived by: 3 Alaska Brown Bear, 3 Black Bear, 2 Dall Rams, 1 Mountain Goat, 1 Alaska Moose, 1 Barren Ground Caribou, 2 Whitetail Deer, 3 Mule Deer, 1 Rocky Mountain Elk, 1 Pronghorn Antelope, 1 Kudu, 2 Impalas, 1 Bushbuck, 1 Zebra, 1 Warthog, 1 Coyote.

Oh, how we miss and love you, Ralph Sutter!

Your Precious Ellie and family

Cannon Beach Retreat

CANNON BEACH RETREAT 2020

Cannon Beach Christian Conference Center 289 N Spruce Street, Cannon Beach, OR 97110



Come for a time of renewal and refreshment at the 2020 Cannon Beach Retreat. The featured speaker this year will be our Retreat Director, Pastor Larry Whittlesey from Vancouver Church. Our time together will include traditional worship music, fun activities, beautiful scenery, inspirational messages and great food!. Our special guests will be **The Classic Gospel Sons**, performing in concert on Wednesday night at the retreat! Don't miss this special opportunity this year!!

Food & Accommodations: The Cannon Beach Conference Center is located footsteps from the majestic Pacific Ocean and is known for its relaxing atmosphere and hearty food. Included in your registration are 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners and 2 nights lodging. Rooms range from modest to more deluxe, some being right on the beach. Rooms are reserved with a paid deposit on a first come and available basis, so plan ahead if you want a specific type of room.

TO RESERVE YOUR ROOM PLEASE SEND YOUR REGISTRATION FORM TO: Cannon Beach Retreat c/o Vancouver Church 3300 NE 78th Street Vancouver, WA 98665

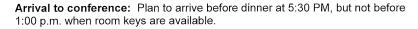
For more information please call Pastor Larry at 503-475-1592 or email Larry@vancouverchurch.org

Registration cost: Cost is determined by the lodging you select and number of people in the room (see rate schedule). A **non-refundable deposit of \$50.00 per person** is required to hold a room. This fee is included in the price on the rate schedule.

Offsite option – If you will be staying elsewhere, the cost is \$125 per person which includes all meals, beverages, and snacks. Drop-in costs for each day is \$30 plus \$15 per meal.

Registration and full payment deadline: Monday - September 22, 2020

Refund policy: Reservations may be cancelled through Monday September 22 with full refund less the \$50.00 deposit. After September 22 a refund will be given only in the case of a medical emergency.





Questions? Call Pastor Larry Whittlesey at 503-475-1592



September 29, 2020—October 1, 2020 Hosted by Vancouver Church

Due to the pandemic, this previously scheduled retreat hosted by Vancouver Church, is now up and running and looking for YOU to join them in September!

Remembering Our Ministers



In loving memory of those ministers in our District who passed away in the last year.



Rev. Greg Hicks 1951-2019

> Rev. Richard Hubacek 1935-2019

Rev. Roy Dockter 1925-2019



Honoring Our Ministers



50 years of Ordained Ministry

Rev. Daniel Arnbrister Rev. Clyde Goin

40 years of Ordained Ministry

Rev. David Shrout





25 years of Ordained Ministry

Rev. Franklin Brown Rev. Cheryl Haskell





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!

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



August 14-16, 2020

Brochure @ www.orwacog.org

Pastor Rich La-Mar

CANCELLED DUE TO COVID-19

For the past 15 years, tored

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Rich has pasthe College Park Church in Bend, Oregon, with his wife Tina (Becker), whose Church of God heritage goes back almost 80

"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."

rails 2:6-7



Pastor Rick Cunnington **WORSHIP**

Pastor Rick Cunnington 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.



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