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OREGON CHRISTIAN CONVENTION



The Heritage

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Women's One Day Retreat April 6, 2017 Thursday 9 AM—3 PM



Cost: \$20.00 per person

Group Rate: \$75 (4 from one church; \$15 for each additional person) *Registration fee includes lunch*

Women's One Day Retreat

Women Working in the World Women Ministering in the Church Scripture Focus: Romans 12

<u>Who's invited</u>: **WOMEN** who serve in ministry in the church (paid staff and volunteers) Women who are ministering in their church families.

Who's Leading:

<u>Violet Gott</u>—from church secretary to youth pastor to CMF missionary to Mexico to begin recovery groups. Judi Christensen—story teller

<u>Cathye McCracken</u>—hospice social worker specializing in grief counseling

<u>Debbie Groat</u>—sharing on social media, associate minister Newberg Christian Church

<u>Dianne McIntosh</u>—writing down the words

What to expect: an interactive day of "round table" discussions (using rectangular tables) on topics such as social media, ministering to grief, addiction, creating boundaries, prayer, writing and more.

Lots of little extras like chocolate, coffee, tea and scones. Plus surprises to add zip and zing to the day.



Invite the women of your church for a day of exploring hard topics in an atmosphere of encouragement and joy. Come away refreshed and refocused.

Please register early! Your registration ensures we have enough food and surprises for everyone, thank you!

Seniorfest! May 11, 2017 Thursday; 10 AM—4 PM

Encouraging Others ... Even Sinners



Let's look at a couple of important scripture passages while we're together at the Turner tabernacle in May (Ephesians 2:1-4; 4:8-9 and Luke 15:11-32) and consider the spiritual legacy we want to end up leaving to our grandchildren (and maybe to a whole generation, as well). I think we need to wrestle a little with the idea of encouragement looking

exactly like approval, because, although my two granddaughters are perfect, I'm worried that your grandchildren and their friends might be sinners, and we wouldn't want them to get the wrong idea. So see you at Senior Fest—and do bring your Bible with you if you can.

Doug Dornhecker, keynote speaker

Workshop Leaders:

call 503-743-2101.

- Gary Tiffin: Living by Our Hopes Not by Our Fears
- Simone Carter: Take the Right Steps
- Tom Burgess: Continuing the Mission
- Debbie Loyd: "You Know You're a Senior If..."
 Watercolor Workshop



COST: Early Bird (before May 4) **\$15 per person.** \$20 after May 4. Registration includes lunch. Register online at oregonchristianconvention.org or download a registration form to mail or

2017 Sponsored Events at OCC

- January 28: Elder/Pastor Conference
 - February 25: Marriage Workshop
- April 6: Women's One Day Retreat
 - May 11: Seniorfest!
 - May 26-29: Nehemiah Project
 - June 27-July 2: 165th Oregon
 Christian Convention
 - September 8-10: Sub35 Con
 - October 1: Autumn Gathering
- October 10: Pastors Only Conference
- November 10-11& 17-18: Country Mouse
 Holiday Market

OCC offers year-round events designed to strengthen and equip the body of Christ. Check out what's available and get involved! For more details and registration information go to the OCC website at oregonchristianconvention.org

Nehemiah Project

May 26-29, 2017
Looking for a team-building
mission project?
Think Nehemiah Project.





WHAT HAPPENS AT
NEHEMIAH PROJECT?
It's a weekend of work and worship,
of fellowship around meals and of
relationship building projects.

Everyone is welcome to participate. There is no cost. Simply RSVP so we can buy enough food.

The blessing that God pours out "when the people have a mind to work" is always amazing!

A project list will be posted on the website as the date gets closer.

Please call Dianne at 503-743-2101 or email

dianne@oregonchristianconvention.org to sign-up and secure housing.

165th Oregon Christian Convention: June 27-July 2, 2017

The problems we face are because of spiritual warfare. Our battle is within the spiritual realm which we cannot see and so we are called to continually "STAND FIRM."

God knows what is going on in each of our lives and we can experience the freedom and victory as we "STAND FIRM."

Our theme verse is **Ephesians 6:14** which commands us to **"STAND FIRM"** then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place.

"STAND FIRM" on God's Word, letting HIS light show us the truth that saves us from the paths that threaten us.

"STAND FIRM" by putting on the full armor of God.

The armor of God does not stop the spiritual warfare from raging; however it does stop spiritual warfare from defeating you.

Don't run. Let your legacy show persistently that you "STAND FIRM" in the freedom and victory of our Lord Jesus Christ!

You will not want to miss this powerful, life-impacting and funfilled convention.

—Brenda Lyon, 2017 Convention President

2017 Oregon Christian Convention Keynote Speakers sharing on the theme from Ephesians to **Stand Firm**



Gary Selby

Professor of Ministerial Formation at Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan.

Gary is speaking at the 7 PM evening sessions Tuesday-Thursday and at the 9 AM morning sessions Wednesday & Thursday.

Jeff Walling

Director, Youth Leadership initiative at Pepperdine University.

Jeff is speaking at the 7 PM evening sessions Friday & Saturday and at the 9 AM morning sessions Friday & Saturday. Jeff will also be



speaking at 10:45 AM at the Sunday morning allchurch worship service in the Tabernacle.

Convention week begins Tuesday, June 27 at 7 PM

Daily Schedule:

9 AM—Gary Selby (Wednesday & Thursday) and Jeff Walling (Friday & Saturday; Sunday at 10:45 AM) 10:45 AM—Various Workshop leaders including:

Wednesday—Bob & Connie Bowers —1.2.3. Family

Thursday—Russ Isom and Jacob Vaden (Milwaukie Christian Church)—Outreach to the Public School Friday—Russell Clum (Church of the City)—testimony of what God is doing at Church of the City Saturday—Ken Harvey (Canby Christian Church) and Kevin Bates (Resonate)—Connecting

Noon—Lunch

2 PM—afternoon activities include: basketball tournament, Amazing Race, Laser Tag

7 PM—Evening Session begins with music/comedy/concerts: (Tuesday) Bob Bowers: the Singing Trumpet, (Wednesday) Nancy Bernard, (Thursday) NCU Ensemble, (Friday) Dewayne Hill: comedian/magician, (Saturday) Children and Youth of the 2017 convention.

Evening Keynote Speaker: Gary Selby (Tuesday—Thursday) and Jeff Walling (Friday—Saturday) 9:00 PM Bonfire

FOR DETAILS ON SPEAKERS, SPECIAL EVENTS, HOW TO REGISTER, CAMPING, FOOD ... EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO

KNOW...GO TO THE OCC WEBSITE AT WWW. OREGONCHRISTIANCONVENTION.ORG

Special Events:

Tuesday, June 27:

-Alexander Christian Foundation Golf Tournament at Elkhorn Valley Golf Course. Registration 8 AM; Tee-Off 9 AM Wednesday, June 28:

- -Financial Planning Ministries Seminar at noon in Jubilee Lodge
- -Boise Bible College Banquet at 5 PM in Jubilee Lodge

Thursday, June 29:

- -Emmanuel Christian Seminary at Milligan luncheon at noon in Jubilee Lodge
- -Northwest Christian University Reunion classes of '62, '63 and '64 in Pioneer Hall at 2 PM
- -Northwest Christian University Banquet at 5 PM in Jubilee Lodge

Friday, June 30:

- -Turner Retirement Homes no-host lunch in Jubilee Lodge at noon, followed by tours of TRH and strawberry shortcake!
- -Fundraiser for Pioneer Hall—BBQ Steak Dinner: Entertainment, great food, in Pioneer Hall at 5 PM

Sunday, July 2:

All Church Family Picnic/Potluck at 12:30 PM. OCC provides hotdogs and buns.



2017 OCC REGISTRATION:

Family—\$70 Adult—\$30 Senior Adult—\$25 College Student—\$25 One Day—\$7 Youth Group—\$75

Register online with credit/ debit card or download a mail-in registration form off the website.

Register today! oregonchristianconvention.org

Exploring the theme: Stand Firm

The week of convention offers something for all ages! Children and youth will be challenged to Stand Firm at home, at school and in their communities. More details online at www.oregonchristianconvention.org

Youth

Nick Loyd, Lead Pastor at Pathways Church in Everett, Washington

Children

Amber and Russell Grove, Boise Bible College

Preschool/Nursery
Margaret Cleveland, First
Christian Church, Salem



September 8-10, 2017 www.sub35con.com



Sub35 Con is thrilled to be coming back for another gathering on September 8-10, 2017. Our first convention in 2016 was filled with deep learning, joy and spiritual renewal that resulted in friendships and connections all across Oregon. We were delighted with the message

and heart brought to the event by Seth King, and are working hard to finalize our speaker for 2017.

The goal of the event remains the same: further the kingdom of God in Oregon by uniting and encouraging young adult Christians. It is a weekend retreat for 18-35 year olds who want to experience deep fellowship with other Christians. We want to inspire everyone to not focus on the things that make us different, but to instead celebrate the Savior that unites all of us and makes our differences seem trivial. This year's event is hoping to build upon everything we did last year

(teaching, worship, small groups, and games), in order to further reach this goal.



Brittney Hanley, lead organizer



Autumn Gathering October 1,

2017 in Pioneer Hall at 6:30 PM The Autumn Gathering is a musical venue of bluegrass, folk, country and rock. It's an October evening in a wonderful, old 1886 building enjoying music together. Coffee and cobbler will be available to add to the evening. There's no cost to attend; free-will

offering will be taken.



"Love must be sincere.

Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

Be devoted to one another in brotherly love.

Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."

Romans 12:9-12

Looking Ahead: **2018**

Oregon Food Pack Event

It's time to start fund raising for the 2018 Oregon Food Pack Event, sponsored by the Oregon Christian Convention and the International Disaster



Emergency Service (IDES).

Goal: \$54,000 to fill a shipping container with 260,000 meals.

This is a great mission event that connects church communities in a worldwide outreach. Let's get started now raising the monies needed to fill that container!

For more information on fundraising and participating in the food pack event contact Linda Shearer at Ishearer3612@gmail.com or call 503-510-6418.

Move Some Mountains with Me

At this time of year the list of projects that need to be completed at OCC becomes mountainous. I am always wondering how we will complete the tasks ahead. The need for volunteers, the cost of projects, the time element all play into the big question of "what can we really hope to get done?" As my list grows I am constantly confronted with the reality of my inability to accomplish anything on my own. The Psalmist says "our help is in the name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth." It's such a relief to know that my help is really and truly in the name of the Lord. And if you've ever doubted what He can get done you should participate this time of year at OCC. It's amazing what gets accomplished. Miraculous really. God has this incredible way of working through His people to move mountains. Thank you for being part of what God is doing!

—Dianne McIntosh, OCC Admin

GIFTS IN MEMORY

Olof Carpenter
Dorothy Grover

Evelynn Carrier
Phil Carrier

Bob and Frances Dornhecker

Doug Dornhecker Sylvia Stock

Bob Gregory

Jack & Linda Barrowcliff Rob & Sue Carnev Jerry & Marcia Carter Carrol Cochell **Gary Curths** Julie Dedman Kathy Downing **Betty Gregory** Ken Gregory **Dorothy Grover** Ron & Judy Hassman Clifford Hoblett **David Houston** Don & Dorothy Kimball George & Frances Knox David & Susan Leedom Carmen Mogen Frank & Virginia Musgrave Linda Pace Martin Prather Doug & Marg Priest Marian Ratzlaff Glenn & Linda Russell Harold & Viola Skurdal Paul & Cathy Snyder Sylvia Stock Louise Suttle Alfred Thonstad

Andy & Julie Tow

Louise Wheeler

Oreta Wheeler

Roberta White

Herald Haskell

Bob & Betty Gregory

Hilda Huff

Bob & Betty Gregory

Bud Kribs

Dorothy Grover

Eileen Love

Dorothy Grover

Marlin Love

Dorothy Grover

Shelley Magnuson

Dorothy Grover

Dr. Fred Norris

Jerry & Becky Rudberg

Edith Parrish

Ron Parrish

Louise Pulsifer

Dorothy Grover
Galen and Joann Siddall

Ray Pulsifer

Dorothy Grover

Keith Sorensen

Dorothy Grover

GIFTS IN HONOR OF

Brenda Lyon

Jerry and Becky Rudberg

Bob and Betty Gregory

Randy & Joan Mogen

Roy and Joy Lawson

Jerry & Becky Rudberg



Group Photos during the week of convention are part of the historic legacy of OCC. Our photos date back to the late 1800's. Get in the picture at the 2017 convention.

Oregon Christian Convention

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