



# The Heritage

a ministry of the Christian Churches and Churches of Christ

*Autumn Gathering*  
September 20  
Sunday at 6 PM  
In the Tabernacle



It's that time of year again for our **Autumn Gathering**.

*The gathering is for people like you who love to sing and hear old hymns learned as a child or popular praise songs that enliven our public worship. This event is filled with variety!*

You are cordially invited to a Sunday evening of joyful praise at the Turner Tabernacle as we listen and participate together. Led by several worship groups and individuals from around the state.

So join us for an early evening of fellowship and praise on Sunday the 20th at 6:00 PM. If your worship band would like to participate, give Gene Sonnenberg a call at (714) 393-1516. C U there!

Gene Sonnenberg, Newport CC

## PASTORS ONLY CONFERENCE: OCTOBER 13 All Pastoral and Ministerial Staff Welcome

Being a pastor/minister is tough business! Some studies suggest that 95% of people who enter full-time ministry ending up leaving! Discouragement, burnout, moral failure, church politics, and sheer exhaustion are driving godly men and women out of the church. Who is pastoring our pastors?

This issue is also complicated by the guarded nature of those who work in churches. While we value transparency, showing it could cost us our jobs. We help others deal with failure but feel too vulnerable to share ours. There are endless books and conferences geared at programming and best methods, but there are precious few resources designed to help pastors take care of themselves.

This year fall Oregon Christian Convention presents our "Pastors Only" conference to provide encouragement for all varieties of pastors/ministers. We're having sessions featuring Oregon pastors speaking on issues that concern pastors:

1. Pastoral Care for Pastors: Taking care of ourselves so we can take care of others.
2. Pastoral Pain: Dealing with painful circumstances while pastoring a church.
3. Wrestling with Success: How do we understand success in ministry?

Join us on Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup> for a time of encouragement for Pastors Only. The cost is \$25 per person and \$15 for college students, which covers expenses and a catered lunch provided by Stars-N-Stripes Deli and Catering. Contact Dianne at 503-743-2101 for more information.

Erik Neilson, Lead Pastor, Adventure Christian Church, McMinnville

Tuesday, Oct 13, 2015  
10am-3pm @ Oregon Christian Convention  
All pastoral/ministerial staff welcome!

## Pastors Only

A day of insight and encouragement for pastors by pastors.

## Elder-Pastor Conference

### STANDING ON SHAKY GROUND:

Where can the Church stand when the ground under us is shifting?

January 30, 2016 Saturday, 9 AM-4 PM

Unless you've been in hibernation for the past few years, you know that there has been a massive shift in our culture, and not just in the area of the definition of marriage. It has really felt as if this has happened overnight, but in fact these changes have been coming for quite some time. But like the chess game where your opponent is about to declare "check mate," the last move may win the game, but there were many moves by many pieces leading up to that final stroke.

By no means is the "game" over. We are not playing chess, but we are in a match of opposing ideologies. However, the question is not how do we "win" but how do we stay faithful to the Lord Jesus Christ, to His values and to the commitments we made when we declared Him our King? We are but the pieces on the board; Jesus is the Grand Master who will have the ultimate victory!

Those of us who have not compromised on what the Bible says find ourselves in new territory in relating to our culture. If you are like me, your head is spinning, you are trying to find a new equilibrium, and you are not sure of what is coming next that will continue to impact the local church. The upcoming Pastors and Elders Conference, January 30, 2016, will attempt to answer some of those questions, provide encouragement to each other as leaders who need to discover how to minister within a changed culture, and offer some possible strategies for presenting the Gospel to a post-Christian landscape.

Using the theme *STANDING ON SHAKY GROUND: Where can the Church stand when the ground under us is shifting?* we hope to speak to the following questions:

- What about weddings?
- Is there anything the local congregation can do to prepare for possible lawsuits and litigation?
- How do we speak Truth with Love and Grace to a culture that thinks we are bigots and homophobes?

Plan now to join other church leaders so together we might find answers to these and other timely questions.

Dewis Whittet, Lead Pastor, Kern Park Christian Church, Portland

Register online at  
[oregonchristianconvention.org](http://oregonchristianconvention.org)  
\$20 individual  
Group Rate: \$70 (4 from one church. \$10.00 for each additional person)

## Relational Leadership ★ Counsel, Coach, Mentor ★ February 20 ★ 9 AM—3 PM

More information online at [www.oregonchristianconvention.org](http://www.oregonchristianconvention.org)



**Ryan Connor**  
Lead Pastor,  
Amity Christian  
Church; Licensed  
Professional  
Counselor

"Pastoral  
**counseling** is an

important part of ministry in all churches. Large churches may assign this role to a specialized minister of pastoral care, but generally all ministers will be called upon to provide some pastoral counseling. This workshop will help you learn to identify common spiritual, personal and relational issues that come up in pastoral counseling."



**Cal Habig**  
ACC,  
Leadership Coach,  
Tigard, Oregon

"The basis of  
**coaching** is  
helping leaders

use the information and tools that they already have to make better decisions and carry out the actions that will lead them to success. It is future focused rather than past focused. It can be both a formal coaching relationship with a trained and certified coach, or it can be more informal as a minister or supervisor using coaching techniques to get the most out of their volunteers or employees."



**Terry O'Casey**  
Director and  
Associate Professor  
of Christian  
Ministry and Bible,  
NCU, Eugene

"Bible College and  
Seminary can  
make us monks,

alone with our books and poetry, in the study, writing sermons.

**Mentoring** is a call beyond loneliness and isolation. It is the privilege of raising up Timothy's who then are bid to continue that mentoring process. Come learn the art and blessings of parenting and being parented; of being mentored and mentoring; of discipling and being disciplined."

**2015-2016 OCC Events**  
**Save the date!**

**September 20:** Autumn Gathering

**October 13:** Pastors Only Conference

**November 13-14 and 20-21:**  
Country Mouse Holiday Market

**January 30:** Elder/Pastor Conference

**February 20:** Relational Leadership

**March 12:** Mission Conference

**April 14:** Office Professionals Retreat

**May 12:** Seniorfest!

**May 27-30:** Nehemiah Project

**June 28—July 3:** Week of the Oregon  
Christian Convention



**Country Mouse Holiday Market**  
**November 13-14 and 20-21**  
**Friday and Saturday**  
**9 AM—4 PM**



The convention has come and gone and we had a very warm experience (in more ways than one). Now it is only a couple of short months until the 2015 Country Mouse Holiday Market is due to start. It is one thing to see the Tabernacle all set up for the convention but when November arrives we will totally transform it into a market place. There will be many booths to browse through. They will be filled with the creative efforts of many talented people. Are you one of those talented people or are you one of those who like to purchase homemade items for gifts?

If you are one of the talented people, have you secured your booth? We still have some available. Are you one of the shoppers? You will find some of the best items here. And, while you shop or sell your wares, you just might be entertained by a musical group. There will be everything from baked goods, jewelry, floral arrangements, and clothes for humans and for dolls. Oh, and did I mention, there will be a Café for your dining pleasure? All proceeds from the booth rentals and from the Café go to support OCC.

We would love to see you here both weekends. Some vendors only come for one weekend, so there is always something new to check out. See you in November.

P. S. We can always use more volunteers for music and serving in the Café.

*Marcia Carter*, Country Mouse Holiday Market Coordinator

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**“...the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the building up of the body of Christ, till we all come to the unity of the faith...” Ephesians 4:12-13a**



**Children sharing their talents at the 2015 week of convention.**

### Mission in Your Own Backyard

March 12, 2016 10 AM—3PM

Focus of the day:

#### Prayer and Action

Featuring:

**Joe and Carole Hoover**, Pioneer Bible Translators  
**Troy Dean**, Northwest Christian University

### Seniorfest! May 12, 2016

10 AM-4 PM—Cost: \$15 per person

Theme: “If I Knew Then What I Know Now...”

Featured Speaker: Gary Snavelly

★ Gary will also be offering a watercolor workshop.



### Office Professionals Retreat

April 14, 2016

Thursday, 9 AM-3 PM

Featuring: **Debbie Groat**, Women’s and  
Volunteers Minister and Administrative Assistant to  
Senior Pastor at Newberg Christian Church

#### “Being the Calm in the Storm”

Come explore how critical our attitudes and actions as  
administrative professionals are to everyone: from our  
families to our staff to our congregation.

Get more information on events and registration, by  
visiting the OCC website at  
[www.oregonchristianconvention.org](http://www.oregonchristianconvention.org)  
or calling the office at 503-743-2101



### Nehemiah Project

May 27-30, 2016

**Camp Free—Eat Free—Work Hard**

“...so they said ‘let us rise up and build.’ Then they set  
their hands to do *this* good work.” Nehemiah 2: 18b

The Nehemiah Project is one big weekend of work,  
worship, fellowship and—believe it or not—fun.

Every year we tackle different projects on the OCC  
grounds. In the evening we worship together. Getting to  
know people as you work side-by-side with them is a  
relationship-building experience. Be a part of it!

The cabins, campsites and lodges are all available for you  
to stay in. *But you must call and reserve.* Call Dianne at  
503-743-2101 to sign-up for the weekend!

**Register today for the 2016 Oregon Christian Convention: June 28-July 3, 2016**  
theme: “**Shaped by the Word**”

**Keynote speaker: Rick Atchley**, “Minister of the Word” at The Hills Church in North  
Richland Hills, Texas.

**Bible Lecturer: Dr. Johnny G. Pressley**, Professor of Theology and Academic Dean of  
the Seminary at Cincinnati Christian University

For more information go to the OCC website at  
[www.oregonchristianconvention.org](http://www.oregonchristianconvention.org)

**Camp for the week or come for a day—the week of convention has something for everyone!**



Special Announcement:  
**Imani Milele**  
**Children's Choir**  
 from Uganda  
 Sunday, October 4  
 11 AM and 6 PM  
 In the Turner Tabernacle.  
 Find out more about Imani  
 Milele Children at  
[www.imanimilele.com](http://www.imanimilele.com)

## The Giving Tree

Pray with me for 90 more new, regular, individual or church contributors to begin giving to OCC. Twelve leaves have gone on the tree. Every leaf on the tree represents an answer to this specific prayer. Signing up is easy. Simply go to [www.oregonchristianconvention.org](http://www.oregonchristianconvention.org) and click the donate tab. Decide on your monthly gift and choose to make a recurring donation. *Lots of small gifts add up to a very green tree!*



### GIFTS IN MEMORY...

- Ted Baimbridge**  
Shirley Robb
- Gladys Gregory**  
Bob and Betty Gregory
- Arden and Vera Hall**  
Dorothy Grover
- Herald and Wilma Haskell**  
Theodore and Patricia Hadley
- Hilda Huff**  
Bob and Betty Gregory
- Nellie Jonasson**  
Dorothy Grover
- Marlin Love**  
Dorothy Grover
- Cecil Large**  
Alda Large
- Shelley Magnuson**  
Dorothy Grover
- Nancy Mickey**  
Mary McFarland
- Louise Pulsifer**  
Dorothy Grover  
Galen and Joann Siddall
- Ray Pulsifer**  
Dorothy Grover
- IN HONOR OF...
- Mary Ellen Pereira**  
Dennis Helsabeck
- Lonne Morse**  
Jerry and Becky Rudberg



## Pioneer Hall 2015

**“One generation shall praise Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts.” Psalm 145: 4**

C.F. Swander declares God’s “mighty acts” in his book *Making Disciples in Oregon*. In that book Pioneer Hall is affectionately referred to as “the restaurant.” He writes that in 1922 the tabernacle roof needed repair, “one could stand within and see the stars through the holes in the roof.” A “call was made for money” so that by the “close of the convention in 1923 the roof had been placed on the tabernacle, one on the restaurant, new sides placed on the restaurant...at a cost of \$2,226.77, with all the bills paid in full.”

That was 1923. Ninety-three years later “the restaurant” needed more than a roof and sides. It had reached a critical point structurally and needed new supports, roof and foundation. It seemed like a huge, unsurmountable challenge; a bit like moving a mountain. Yet because of the generous answer to the “call for money”, phase one of the Pioneer renovation was completed at a cost of \$141,947, with “all the bills paid in full.”

I believe God has done this. We have the opportunity to declare God’s work to the next generation. Join with me in being extremely grateful for the work that God has done to transform an old “restaurant” into a useable building with years more life in its timbers.

Now the call goes out again. The massive construction phase is complete but there’s more work to be done to finish off the interior. Your support will make it happen! I thank God for what He’s done and what He will continue to do.

Dianne McIntosh, Oregon Christian Convention, Admin.

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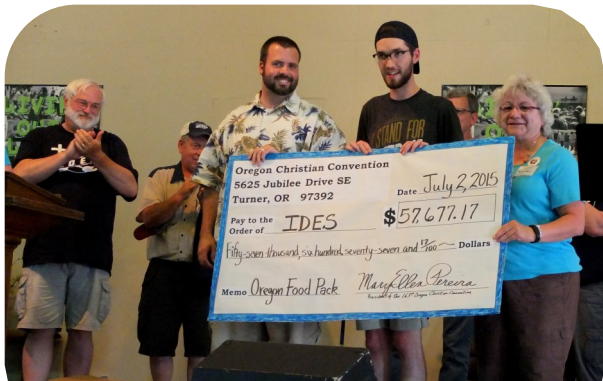
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### 2015 Fall Dates!

- ◆ September 20: Autumn Gathering
- ◆ October 13: Pastors Only Conference
- ◆ November 13-14 and 20-21:  
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Randy Jones, Chase Cotten and Bev Campbell accept the check.

### Oregon Food Pack

The Oregon Food Pack Event was a huge success. \$57,677.17 was raised to purchase the food and then, to make it a gigantic packing event, over 228,324 meals were packed. The food will travel to Haiti. What a blessing this event was. Thank you to everyone who worked to make it a success.

**You made history in 2015!**

