

# The Heritage

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"Go Ye Into All The World..."

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## **Operations Manager Called**

Dean Soper, manager of Little River Christian Camp for the past seven years, has accepted the call to become the new Operations Manager for the Oregon Christian Convention beginning this coming January 1. Dean and his wife Linda will make their home on the Convention grounds. He will be responsible for maintenance, grounds, facility upgrades and general operations of the facility. He will be assisted by our two current part-time staff, Eileen Gill who serves as Administrative Assistant and Steve Church who serves in maintenance and grounds.

This new position will provide continuous presence on the grounds and the ability to coordinate much needed repairs, remodeling, and upgrades for our facilities.

The Board (Trustees) have defined this position as a much needed means to wisely invest some of the recent gift funds toward upgrading the Convention grounds in order to more fully steward and utilize our facilities.

Over the years, Dean and Linda have volunteered to help in many Convention projects and programs. Dean's initial commitment to Christ made at the Convention early in his life will now be expressed in advancing the mission of Christ through the work of the Convention.

**Welcome Dean and Linda!**

**Gary Tiffin, Personnel Committee Chair**

## **Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow!**

Once again, the Convention has been blessed and given a message we believe is from the Lord. A beautiful Christian couple, who do not wish to have their name dropped all over the wires, has contributed \$100,000.00 to the facility. This is the same couple who had earlier donated \$300,000.00 to the debt reduction fund. We have and do thank them from the bottom of our hearts and praise God for their generosity.

Dear readers, those gifts have come to us at just the right time to give us great hope of a continued presence of the Convention on the Turner grounds. Those of you who have been contributing on a monthly basis toward the ongoing operation of the facility need to feel very encouraged that your donations are not in vain. In fact, your gifts are more important than ever now, for the Board is restarting plans for facility improvements which will be a benefit to all Convention goers and those who use our grounds year round.

**PRAISE HIS HOLY NAME!!**

**Jerry Carter, Interim Administrator**

## A Report from the Long Range Planning Committee

by Jim Aydelott, LRP Chairman

The Long Range Planning Committee is pleased to report the passage by the OCC Board of our following proposals:

1. Hire an Operations Manager with maintenance experience as soon as possible to move forward with primary maintenance to prepare the OCC facilities for the 2007 season. The first objective will be to have all of the useable buildings painted by convention time 2007. The proposal was approved and sent on to the Personnel Committee for action ASAP.
2. Until the new Operations Manager is working full-time on the OCC grounds, the LRP Committee chairman shall establish and oversee all remaining Wednesdays in 2006 as volunteer days, inviting any and all volunteers to come to OCC and help maintain the facilities and grounds starting at 9:30 AM.
3. Install a 50-year roof commercially this winter on Centennial Lodge. This is a moss-resistant product to preserve the lodge and reduce the need for additional roof labor for the life of the product.
4. Order a leaf collection trailer to be powered by our present tractor. This will reduce hours of labor raking the leaves by hand.
5. Upgrade the internet system so guests may use the Wi-Fi feature while staying in the OCC Conference Center, either in an RV or in the lodges. This will also upgrade the office connection so the staff will have daily access to the Internet for email, etc.
6. Stabilize Pioneer Lodge to return it to safety standards by replacing necessary beams and pillars to level the foundation. This will allow continued usage of the café for all users of the conference center.
7. Install exhaust fans and new heating elements in the west side restrooms to improve ventilation and heating control.

**Please come and help on Wednesdays!!!!!! or call and schedule a time when your group could come and spend a day with us at the OCC Conference Center.**

## FACE LIFT

*The Heritage* newsletter connects you with the events and news of the Oregon Christian Convention. In an effort to expand the scope and better fulfill the mission of OCC, *The Heritage* will be getting an overhaul in 2007. Be looking for special features such as a history spotlight, kids corner, progress reports, recipes, missionary highlights, prayer needs and much more.

Space will be available for northwest churches, colleges and organizations to announce upcoming events, special occasions, prayer needs and news items. If your group would like to submit an article, please email Eileen at :  
eileen@oregonchristianconvention.org.

Also coming in 2007: A brief, informative and entertaining DVD will be available for churches and individuals to use as a tool to introduce OCC with its mission and ministry.

**The list of exciting events for 2007 is growing!**

**Administrative Professionals Conference - Thursday, March 22, 2007** This one day event will be filled with encouragement, support and pertinent information for individuals who work as administrative professionals.

**MayFest - May 2-4, 2007**

**Energizing Small Churches Conference - May 4-5, 2007**

**Spring Rally - May 5, 2007**

**Oregon Christian Convention - June 26-July 1, 2007**

**Fall Rally - September 8, 2007**

**Pastor/Mentor Retreat - October 9, 2007**

**Country Churchmouse Bazaar - November 9-10, 16-17, 2007**

The growth and expansion of programming, the development of the property and the excitement of working together as the body of Christ is evident as a fresh spirit of unity heralds a bright future for the Oregon Christian Convention.

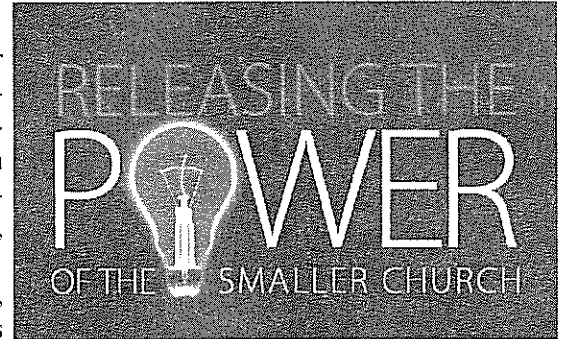
# Energizing Smaller Churches Network

The Energizing Smaller Churches Network (ESCN) was established to promote the health and growth of smaller churches by affirming their value and enlarging their vision.

Formed in the fall of 2004 by a group of church leaders sharing a burden to help smaller churches achieve their ministry potential, the ESCN has experienced significant growth in its brief history. From the first four ESCN conferences in 2006 to a series of 10 national conferences planned for 2007, the impact of the ESCN is being felt across the country.

Developing the theme, "Releasing the Power of the Smaller Church," each 2007 ESCN conference is uniquely designed for leaders and volunteers in smaller churches. Plenary sessions led by nationally known church leaders affirm the value of the smaller church and equip smaller church leaders and volunteers for effective ministry. Specialized workshop sessions offer step-by-step instructions, specific tools, and helpful resources for smaller church ministry.

In addition, the ESCN is committed to being a true network, bringing together leaders and volunteers in smaller churches across America through conferences, Internet communication, consultation, and relationship building.



## 2007 ESCN Events & Host Organizations

February 22-24	Dallas Christian College Dallas, TX
March 9-10	Central Christian College of the Bible Moberly, MO
March 30-31	Manhattan Christian College Manhattan, KS
May 4-5	<b>Oregon Christian Convention Turner, OR</b>
May 18-19	Florida Christian College Kissimmee, FL
August	Cincinnati Christian University Cincinnati, OH
September 7-8	Lincoln Christian College & Seminary Lincoln, IL
September 28-29	Great Lakes Christian College Lansing, MI
October 12-13	Johnson Bible College Knoxville, TN
October 26-27	Roanoke Bible College Elizabeth City, NC

### Speaking in Turner:

**Jeff Walling**  
Providence Road Church of Christ  
Charlotte, NC

**Brian Jones**  
Christ Church of the Valley  
Collegeville, PA

Go to [www.oregonchristianconvention.org](http://www.oregonchristianconvention.org) and look for the "Releasing the Power" icon. Click on the power to register for the 2007 ESCN Conference.

## **A Note from our Treasurer, Ann Cecil:**

Praise the Lord for faithful Christians, generous contributors and dedicated workers. We have survived tough years of pinching pennies and are now ENTIRELY DEBT FREE.

We have an energized, experienced Board determined to make the convention grounds financially secure and very usable and, above all, they have emphatically voted to keep OCC out of financial debt. Our Long Range Planning Committee is absolutely dedicated to upgrading the facilities and grounds with funds raised in advance. A system of accounting has been set up to track and set aside every penny raised for these special projects. We have trimmed unnecessary expenses and are making essential repairs as funds are made available to cover these very necessary expenses.

Due to two very generous contributions, we have cleared the debts, put our books in order and remain in the black even though our regular contributions have lagged behind prior years.

I would like to express my personal thanks to Virginia Patton for the thousands of hours she struggled with the OCC debt and bills while having insufficient funds to cover it all. It was a thankless job at times and I encourage each of you to thank her for her diligence during those tough financial times.

Blessed to be the new Oregon Christian Convention  
Treasurer at this exciting time in the Convention's life.

Ann

# 155<sup>th</sup> Oregon Christian Convention

“Tied Together In Christ”

Psalm 133

*Keynote Speakers:*

Doug Foster, LeRoy Lawson, Doug Priest, Doug Skinner

***Make Plans to Attend June 26-July 1, 2007***

Go to our website at [www.oregonchristianconvention.org](http://www.oregonchristianconvention.org)  
to download the **2007 Convention registration form!**

We accept VISA and MasterCard.



We would like to extend a special Thank You to:

**Jerry Rudberg** - for the pick-up truck!

**To the generous folks who donated a new computer to the office!**

**Loren Doty** - for getting the new computer moved and up and running!

**Joe Van Den Haak** - for helping out on the main office computer

**Bazaar helpers: Gary Tiffin, Dorothy Truesdale and friend, Dean & Linda Soper, Shelley Magnuson, Doris Richards, Dorothea Humphreys, Lorraine Filby, John & Kathy McCoy, Kelly Lance**

**Steve Church** - for his tireless care of our grounds and buildings

**Jerry Carter** - for his faithful work for OCC

## YOU'RE INVITED TO THE 2007 STONE-CAMPBELL SYMPOSIUM

***March 19-21, 2007***

Theme:

**“Your Sons & Daughters Shall Prophesy:  
Education in the Stone-Campbell Movement”**

For more information:

541-684-7241

[www.nwcc.edu](http://www.nwcc.edu)

### OCC Wish List

#### OCC STAFF

**Ann Cecil** – Treasurer

**Steve Church** - Grounds

**Eileen Gill** – Administrative Assistant

- ◆ **New** commercial convection oven
- ◆ **New** commercial gas stove with double ovens and grill
- ◆ **16 New** Queen-size beds and frames for Centennial Lodge (*or adopt one room!*)
- ◆ **5 gallons off-white paint** to paint bathrooms inside Centennial Lodge

#### OFFICE HOURS

Monday – 8 AM to 3 PM

Tuesday – 8 AM to 3 PM

Wednesday – CLOSED

Thursday – 8 AM to Noon

Friday – CLOSED

**GIFTS IN MEMORY OF...** *(Gifts received July 27, 2006 to November 28, 2006)*

**Dorrall Campbell**  
*Gerald & Becky Rudberg*  
**James & Virginia Gobble**  
*Virginia Bock Brown*  
**Dr. Charles Gresham**  
*Gerald & Becky Rudberg*  
**Hilda Huff**  
*Robert & Betty Gregory*  
*Margy Petersen*  
**Wayne LaFarge**  
*Lorna LaFarge*  
*Suzanne Laisner*  
**Al Laver**  
*Doris Laver*  
**Jack McIntosh**  
*Robert & Betty Gregory*

**Dr. T. Nakari**  
*Gerald & Becky Rudberg*  
**Joyce Perdue**  
*Wilma Parrish*  
**Louise Pulsifer**  
*Dorothy Grover*  
*Raymond Pulsifer*  
*Galen & Joann Siddall*  
**Ted Schimming**  
*Betty Schimming*



*We appreciate those who have chosen to honor friends and loved ones by contributing in their memory or in honor of them to the OCC Conference Center.*

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