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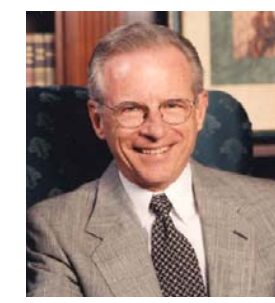
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155th Oregon Christian Convention - "Tied Together in Christ"

June 26-July 1, 2007



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**Come experience unity in action at the Oregon Christian Convention
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**Registration forms available online at www.oregonchristianconvention.org
or call the office at 503-743-2101**

Quilts of Hope Project Scheduled for 2007 Oregon Christian Convention

The theme "Tied Together in Christ" will be visually demonstrated as attendees of the 2007 convention work together to create quilts of hope.

Nationally, Oregon ranks sixth highest in homeless population.

In an effort to reach out to our communities with the love and warmth of the gospel the 2007 Oregon Christian Convention will be creating **Quilts of Hope**. These quilts will be made by you for distribution among rescue missions or other outreach organizations. During the week of the convention a quilting area will be set up so that those attending can participate together in the tying of the quilts. Each knot will represent a prayer for the recipient of the quilt. Our goal is to have over 200 quilts available and completed by the end of the week!

Individuals as well as groups are welcome to fashion a quilt. Use your imagination; it can be as simple or as intricate as you want. Create designs using appliqué, fabric paint and needle point, use old or new fabric. Please place a heart somewhere on the quilt.

Each "quilt sandwich" should consist of:

- 17" squares, 3 wide and 4 long
- Basted with top, batting and backing
- Do not bind prior to shipment
- Binding should be included in shipment

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Each quilt will be labeled:

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ESCN Conference May 4-5, 2007
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MayFest May 2-4, 2007

If you are heading into the golden years or already basking in the glow, MayFest is for you! This three day event will get you excited about serving the Lord, give you insights and ideas on how to face issues specific to you and allow you to relax and fellowship with folks from around the region. This year's event features David Ladd, pastor of New Hope Christian Church in South Everett, Washington. Ladd will be speaking on the topic "**Only God is Awesome.**" The event kicks off on Wednesday May 2nd at 4:00 p.m. and ends Friday May 4th after lunch. Registration for this three day event is \$35.00, housing this year is free. For registration information and full details go to www.oregonchristianconvention.org or call the OCC office at 503-743-2101. Don't miss this special time of encouragement, and growth.

Energizing Smaller Churches Network Conference **Releasing The Power of the Smaller Church**



Sponsored by Standard Publishing &
the Oregon Christian Convention
May 4 and 5, 2007

Standard Publishing Company will bring the Energizing Smaller Churches Network (ESCN) conference to the Oregon Christian Convention Grounds on May 4 and 5, 2007. The main speakers for this conference are **Jeff Walling** of Providence Road Church of Christ in Charlotte, NC; **Brian Jones** of Christ Church of the Valley in Collegeville PA; **Terry O'Casey** of High Lakes Christian Church in LaPine, OR and **Erik Neilson** of Adventure Christian Church in McMinnville, OR.

Your registration fee includes refreshment breaks and admission to the closing banquet. Registration is done through Standard Publishing and can be accessed by going to the Oregon Christian Convention website: www.oregonchristianconvention.org

Housing is not included in the registration fee but housing on the OCC grounds will be **FREE** for anyone registered for the Energizing Smaller Churches conference. To secure your free space on the grounds please call the OCC office @ 503-743-2101 as soon as possible.

Need more information? Go to www.oregonchristianconvention.org for complete schedule of events, information on the scope and vision of the ESCN Conference, housing options and registration.

Pray that we will catch the VISION and spread the POWER. Christians helping Christians, Churches helping other Churches, all with the vision of advancing the Kingdom by **Releasing The Power of the Smaller Church.**

Shelley Magnuson
Oregon Coordinator

ESCN Workshops

Youth Ministry – *An Eye on the Future*: Equipping Adults to Disciple Teens

Spiritual Formation – *The Feast That Satisfies*: Leading People to Intimacy with God

Unity – *Keeping the Body Intact*: Managing Change, Preventing Conflict

Missions – *Moving Toward a Missional Culture*: Developing a Philosophy and Passion for Outreach

Education – *Intentional Disciple Making*: Changing Lives Through Sunday Schools and Small Groups

Worship – *Focusing on the Audience of One*: Planning God-Centered, Visitor-Friendly Services

Ministers, Elders, and Deacons – *Kingdom Teamwork*: Building Positive Relationships for Effective Decision Making

Children's Ministry – *Is It Time for Church Yet?*: Attracting Families Through Quality Programs

Northwest Connections

Oregon Christian Evangelistic Fellowship (OCEF):

Terry O'Casey is working with OCEF and the High Lakes Christian Church of LaPine, Oregon as they step out in faith, in order to reach their community for Christ. In response to Terry coming, the church has had over 100% of capacity in attendance each week. The church will go to double services the first Sunday in February.

Burns Christian Church is also partnering with OCEF to be a church planting church.

Please pray for these churches as they do whatever it takes to reach their communities for Christ.

Salem First Christian Welcomes Bob and Julie Hanna

Bob Hanna is the new senior pastor at Salem First Christian. He and his wife Julie are both Northwest Christian College graduates. The Hanna's come from a 14 year ministry at Lynchwood Christian Church in Portland, Oregon.

90 Year Anniversary: May 12 & 13, 2007

Discovery Christian Church; formerly First Christian, in Bend, Oregon announces a 90th anniversary celebration! If you are interested in participating in this event, are a former member, minister or youth minister please contact the church office at 541-382-2272.

Stone-Campbell Symposium

The second annual Stone-Campbell Symposium is scheduled for March 19-21, 2007 at Northwest Christian College.

"*Your Sons and Daughters Will Prophesy: Education in the Stone-Campbell Movement*" is the theme for this year's event. For more information call 541-684-7222 or visit www.nwcc.edu.

NOTE: If you have an announcement for the **Northwest Connections** column please email Dianne McIntosh at dianne@oregonchristianconvention.org or call

(541) 367-5651. Deadline for next issue: March 23.

NOW is the time to **give** to OCC.

Giving **today** will make a huge **impact** on the continued **growth** and **development** of the Oregon Christian Convention. **It's simple.** There are **three ways** to make your contributions work at OCC.

- Give to the **general fund** in order to maintain monthly expenses.
- Give to the **designated fund** for overall project development.
- Give to the **specific projects** (must be a board approved project) that you are most interested in.

JOIN in the voice for **unity.**

Give today to the **Oregon Christian Convention** and **see your contributions** at **work** in expanding quality programming, renovations on the grounds, new projects and a commitment to **connecting** Northwest Churches.

(Quilts of Hope continued from page 1)

If you are planning on attending the convention bring your quilt with you. If you want to participate and are not able to attend the week of the convention please ship to OCC by June 20th. All quilt submissions need to include who made the quilt: church, organization or individual name.

If you want the quilt to go to a specific mission you must include the name and address of that mission. If you want the quilt returned to you so that you can distribute the quilt then you must include your return address and \$6.00 shipping.

We are also looking for interested persons to assist in completing the quilts. Those wishing to bring sewing machines to the convention will be able to assist in binding the tied quilts.

Quilts will be returned to the senders as requested. All quilts not identified for return will be given to local rescue organizations for distribution across Oregon.

Let's show how wonderful our God is! With his help, we can cover many in prayer, love and warmth. Questions may be directed to Margaret Cleveland, 501-910-7796 or email her at am-cleveland@minetfiber.com.

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