



The Heritage

THE 155th OREGON CHRISTIAN CONVENTION, JUNE 26-JULY 1, 2007



MUSIC

Led by Melissa Stock, Northwest Christian College

"I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING MORE BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN THE LORD AND SHARING THEIR SORROWS AND JOYS. IT IS SUCH A BLESSING TO BE BACK AND I CAN'T WAIT TO HEAR EVERYONE'S VOICES IN SONG" Melissa Stock

There is something special about worshiping in the tabernacle. It is a rich experience as brothers and sisters in Christ join their voices in song. One highlight for Melissa

was "being moved to tears at the end of my first year, when we sang *How Great Thou Art* unaccompanied in that glorious tabernacle- and seeing EVERY person in that room singing and smiling, you could see the joy of the Lord in their faces!"

Worship unites us. It "ties us together in Christ" as we proclaim the greatness of God in a spirit of love and unity. Come, be a part of the 2007 worship experience.

CHILDREN

A wonderful program for children of all ages is planned for the 2007 convention. Kerry & Lori Moretti and P.Y. Young are leading the morning children's program. The evening program features a special storyteller each night. Storytellers are: Tuesday-Ruth Wood, Wednesday-Jim Kirby, Thursday-Dennis Bixler, Friday-Terry



O'Casey, Saturday-Matt King, Sunday-Movie Night. Saturday, June 30th during the morning session children ages 6-12 will be going on a field trip to Mission Mill in Salem.

Nikol Randolph and Hazel Randolph will be leading the evening preschool program. Altie Fuller will be caring for infants and toddlers in the nursery.

FAMILY

Looking for the perfect family vacation? The Oregon Christian Convention is a wonderful family experience.

Saturday, June 30 is FAMILY DAY. At 3:00 p.m. make homemade ice-cream. Bring your own ingredients, the salt and ice will be provided. Join the fun for an old fashioned carnival from 3:30-4:30. After dark on June 30th enjoy a spectacular FIREWORKS display.

YOUTH

"MY YOUTH GROUP LOVES TO COME!"

Lloyd Love

The youth program at OCC combines dynamic speakers, awesome worship, fun activities and a desire to change lives to produce a week that energizes and transforms the youth who attend.

* *Speaker:* Nick Loyd, youth pastor at Northwest Church in Seattle, Washington.

* *Worship:* Holding Out

* *Afternoons:* Recreation!!

* *Bonfire:* After evening session



Holding Out

"My mom & I attended convention & slept in the women's bunk area for many years. I loved coming to Convention. One of my favorite parts was the tabernacle itself. I remember it as HUGE! Great preaching! It was always a special time for just me and my mom to be together & worship the Lord."

Kathryn Boyd & Kay Nell Miller

AT A GLANCE
2007 Convention Highlights
June 26-July 1, 2007

- ◆ Tuesday - 7:00 p.m.- Opening Session, Stock Brothers Concert.
- ◆ All Week - Quilts of Hope Service Project. Contact Margaret Cleveland 503-910-7796 or amcleveland@minetfiber.com.
- ◆ All Week -Afternoon youth activities
- ◆ All Week - Back of the Tabernacle: Displays and Information on Missions, Colleges, Seminaries and other Resources.
- ◆ Wednesday - 3:00, Financial Planning Ministry Workshop. Learn the value of a Living Trust and receive help creating one. This service is offered at no cost to you.
- ◆ Thursday - 2:00 p.m. Turner Retirement Home Open House. Strawberry Shortcake!
- ◆ Friday - 2 :00 p.m. Ladies Tea, Guest speaker: Robyn Priest.
- ◆ Saturday - Family Day, afternoon Carnival with booths and games plus homemade ice cream.
- ◆ Saturday - After Dark, FIREWORKS!
- ◆ Sunday - 9:00-noon, Worship in the Tabernacle.
- ◆ Sunday - 7:00 p.m. Closing Session of the 155th Oregon Christian Convention.



**A Letter From the 2007
Oregon Christian Convention
President**



I AM EXCITED ABOUT THE 2007 OREGON CHRISTIAN CONVENTION, JUNE 26-JULY 1. OUR THEME THIS YEAR IS A UNITY THEME, "TIED TOGETHER IN CHRIST," BASED ON PSALM 133.

We stand at moment of great opportunity because of the publishing of the *Encyclopedia of the Stone-Campbell Movement* (jointly edited by scholars from all three major streams of the Restoration Heritage) and the historic meeting of reconciliation at last year's North American Christian Convention between the Churches of Christ and the Christian Churches/Churches of Christ. The atmosphere has never been more conducive to talking with each other. Now is the time to capitalize such an opportunity.

We will explore the basis for unity among believers, and for the sake of world mission. Four great speakers, drawn from across the movement will address us. Dr. Douglas Foster is one of the editors of the Stone-Campbell encyclopedia, and a great scholar from the acappella Churches of Christ. Dr. Douglas Skinner is known to us. He is from the NW, spoke several years ago at Convention, and is a past Second Vice-Moderator of the Disciples of Christ. Dr. Doug Priest, Jr. is the Executive Director of the Christian Missionary Fellowship and a leader in world mission. Dr. LeRoy Lawson is a well known preacher, educator, and mission leader. All four are well-known as irenic and thoughtful people. You may not always agree with them, but they will lead us to the issues and give us gracious help for wending our way to realizing Jesus' desire for unity.

Melissa Stock is once more coordinating our Music. Six of our colleges and one graduate school are planning events at the Convention. Also, OCEF and Turner Retirement homes will be present with explanations of their ministry. A Financial Planning Seminar will be held with the opportunity to get a Trust set up for free. Robyn Priest, missionary (Dr. Priest is her husband), will speak for the annual Women's Tea.

The Oregon Christian Convention, however, is not just for adults. It has always been a whole family affair. This year is no different. A dynamic Youth Program is being planned under the guidance of Lloyd Love, Thurston Christian Church, and Brenda Lyon, North Plains Christian Church. Nick Loyd, Youth Minister from the Northwest Church in Shoreline, WA, and a powerful preacher, will address and challenge the Youth. Great programs for children are also being planned, with a Carnival on Saturday. Fireworks will cap our pre-Fourth of July Celebration on Saturday night.

I hope to see you at the Convention! If you can't come for the whole thing, come for a part. If you do you will find something for your mind and your heart. And you can participate in an historic effort to reconnect the streams of our heritage by getting to know each other personally.

Frank Loyd
President, OCC 2007

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

“Tied Together in Christ”
Psalms 133



Dr. Douglas Foster of Abilene University will be speaking Tuesday, evening session; Thursday, first morning session;

Friday, second morning session and Saturday, evening session.



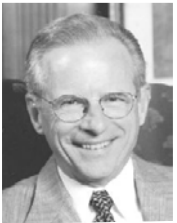
Dr. Douglas Priest is the director of Christian Missionary Fellowship. He will be speaking Wednesday, first morning session;

Thursday, second morning session; Friday, evening session, Sunday, first morning session.



Dr. Douglas Skinner is a pastor and former vice moderator of the Disciples of Christ. He will be speaking Wednesday, first

morning session, Thursday, evening session; Saturday, first morning session and Sunday, second morning session.



Dr. LeRoy Lawson is an author, educator and pastor. He will be speaking Wednesday, evening session; Friday, first morning session, Saturday,

second morning session and Sunday, evening session.

“Behold how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!”

Psalms 133:1

DAILY SCHEDULE

9:00-10:15-First Session

10:15-10:45-Break

10:45-Noon-Second Session

Afternoon activities, workshops and recreation.

7:00-Evening Concert

7:30-Evening Session

After session-Pie & Ice Cream

REGISTRATION

The Oregon Christian Convention has so much to offer! Plan to attend and register today.

Family-\$50.00

Adult-\$20.00

Student-\$15.00

Senior Citizen-\$15.00

One Day-\$5.00

You can register online at oregonchristianconvention.org or check with your church office or local registrar.

Call the OCC office for housing options and registration forms.
503-743-2101

FOOD

Jubilee Lodge will be serving delicious meals prepared by Linda Soper and her culinary crew.

Pioneer Coffee Shop & Eatery will be available all day with coffee, iced drinks, baked goods, snacks and light faire.



Service with a smile!

CONCERTS

7:00 p.m. each evening



Tuesday: **The Stock Brothers**



Wednesday: **Stones Throw**

Thursday:
Northwest Christian College
Community Choir
Directed by Melissa Stock



Friday: **Jonah's Wail**



Saturday: **Bill Coleman & and the "Good News" Gospel String Band**

Sunday:
Matthew and Melissa
Stock

THANK YOU!

Shelley Magnuson was the Oregon coordinator of the Energizing Smaller Churches Conference. Thank you Shelley for all of your hard work organizing the event.

Thank you to all the volunteers who donated their time and talents at the Administrative Professionals Conference, Mayfest, The Energizing Smaller Churches Conference and the Spring Rally. Your dedication makes these events successful!

I would like to thank all those who helped on the workdays. There is so much to do here that sometimes it is overwhelming. But God is good.

I want to thank Ralph Rowe for painting Jubilee for us. Ralph is a MMAP'er who is unable to go on projects with the regular MMAP group right now because of his wife's health. Ralph did an excellent job painting Jubilee. Thank you!

We need for a golf cart.! If you have one to donate please call the office.

Between now and convention "everyday is a work day!" Please come up, down, or over and help with the many projects. Thank you again for all of your prayers and help.

Dean Soper, Operations Manager

A Short History of the Men's Room

Once upon a time there were no restrooms in the tabernacle. Then, in a year blurred by antiquity, two restrooms were constructed. The women's restroom and the men's restroom were back to back in the east corner of the building. It was good, for awhile. The march of time took a toll on the facilities. Drips, leaks, floods and plugs caused damage. The cardinal rule, "ladies first" was followed and a new, gleaming women's restroom was constructed in the west side of the building. Free access to both sides of the facilities on the east side was granted to men and it was good, for awhile. Sagging ceilings, challenging plumbing parts and a fall through the floor boards prompted Dean Soper to take a hard look at the disintegrating men's room. Was it fixable? Could any good come from these obsolete fixtures? No. It was time to take the men's room to new heights. It was time to transform it into a gleaming reflection of the women's facility on the west side. Dean dove in with vigor and stripped it down to the studs. It was an act of daring on his part, yet Dean was up to the challenge. With the help of incredible volunteers Dean Soper is succeeding. The men will have a new restroom and

it will be good.

If you are excited about this new development, if you feel it was needed, if you are unable to help on mammoth projects like this one but you see they need to get done then please applaud the efforts of Dean and his valiant volunteers by giving money to pay for these projects.

As the money flows in the projects will get done and it will be very good.



NORTHWEST CONNECTIONS

Mrs. Elery (Wilma) Parrish went to be with the Lord on May 5, 2007

The Wright Family Band

June 9, 2007 7 PM

Englewood Christian Church

The Wright Family consists of Ted (dad), Kim (Mom), and 6 very talented children, all playing various bluegrass instruments and doing vocals on well known hymns as well as bluegrass gospel. They will also present a demonstration of Appalachian Clogging. There will be no admission charge, but donations will be accepted. Contact: Phil Carrier 503-282-2103 philptcu@aol.com

Thurston Christian

Thurston Christian Church is sending out two short term missions group. The youth group will be going to Mexico in August and an adult group is heading to the Ukraine in September.

* If you have an announcement for NW Connections please contact Dianne McIntosh at 541-367-5651 or email dianne@oregonchristianconvention.org

**"Wherever God has a son
I have a brother."
Carl Ketcherside**



Great Preachers and Real Characters



I'm indebted to the Oregon Christian Convention for many reasons, not the least of which is the great preachers I've heard and met there. During my half-century of attending conventions and rallies in the old tabernacle, I've heard some wonderful, moving, and life-changing sermons.

Oh, I've been present for some that went too long, of course. A few I heard as a kid were dull enough that my copy of the old hymnal became instantly fascinating. I can think of one really negative preacher a few years back who (as Dr. Richardson used to say) "generated more heat than light."

But our visiting preachers have at times ushered us into the very presence of God "and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus."

When I graduated from high school in Milwaukie, James Matthew Alley was preaching at the Gladstone Christian Church, and that year--nearly forty years ago now--he prepared a seven-page presentation about the Turner Convention he entitled "Oregon's Oldest Continuous Camp Meeting." In it, he raised this question: "Who was the greatest preacher ever behind the tabernacle pulpit?"

His answer was appropriately non-committal: "That would be hard to say." So many great preachers "of various talents" have spoken at the convention "that there is no sure answer to this question," he wrote.

But Dr. Alley also made this observation:

"You can be sure that some mighty interesting personalities have preached at Turner. How about Uncle Philip Mulkey? He became so cantankerous with his secessionist sympathies that they jailed him in Eugene during the Civil War. Eight hundred armed men were going to rescue him. So a company of U.S. Regulars came down from [the] Vancouver Barracks and took him back with them. In a few days they were glad to turn him loose."

You can still count on finding "some mighty interesting personalities" at the Oregon Christian Convention! Even if an occasional sermon is only so-so, you can count on being surrounded with real characters.

Characters like James Matthew Alley! He's gone now, of course, along with his wonderful sense of history (he was a descendant of Huguenots--French protestants!) his very formal attire (I remember him preaching in the N.C.C. chapel in 1969 and reminding young preachers to dress as though their sermons were worthy of their very best--for he was wearing the exact same tie that President Nixon had worn at his inauguration), and his amazingly kind heart (the same weekend Kathy and I became engaged I went to sing at the Scio Christian Church where Dr. Alley was then serving, and after members of the NCC performing group announced our engagement, Dr. Alley found me, handed me two dollars, and instructed me to buy her a rosebud to be presented with his warmest wishes).

I love Turner for its great preachers, but I love it even more for its real characters and their "mighty interesting personalities."

Doug Dornhecker
Olympia, Washington

GIFTS IN MEMORY...

Ann Budke
Frank and Linda Barnett
James and Virginia Gobble
Virginia Bock-Brown
Gladys Gregory
Robert & Betty Gregory
Hilda Huff
Robert & Betty Gregory
Susan & David Leedom
Wayne La Farge
Lorna La Farge
Al Laver
Doris Laver
Helen Moore
Jerome & Launa Eyestone
Wilma Parrish
Faye Filby
Iona Carlson
R.C. & Eunice Royston
Woody Phillips
Minnie M. Phillips
G. Louise Pulsifer
Ray Pulsifer
Dorothy Grover
Galen & Joann Siddall
Polly Smith
Don & Ethel McGill
Lorna La Farge
Elsie Tiffin
James & Barbara Nelson
James & Geraldine Sells
Don & Patsy Slusher
Faye Filby
Orris & Jean Doty
Donald & Marchi Rice
Jerome & Launa Eyestone
Marvin & Pamela Scherpf
Randy Smith
Vanessa & Randy Horning
Eileen Lawson
Wilma Parrish
Albert Watts
Maudie Watts
Dallas Weyand
Laura Weyand
Doris White
Lorna La Farge
Willie White
Gerald Rudberg

IN HONOR OF

Eunice Royston's Birthday
Virginia Bock-Brown

EDUCATORS CONFERENCE:

AUGUST 16, 2007

PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS, PRIVATE SCHOOL TEACHERS, HOMESCHOOLERS, ADMINISTRATORS, EDUCATORS: THURSDAY, AUGUST 16, 2007 THE OREGON CHRISTIAN CONVENTION WILL BE HOSTING A CONFERENCE FOR YOU.

This one day event will begin at 9:00 a.m. on the historic grounds in Turner, Oregon. The morning sessions will focus on faith issues in the classroom.

One highlight of the day will be hearing Alter Wiener share his story. Mr. Wiener is one of the very few Holocaust survivors still living in the Portland area. Mr. Wiener's autobiography "*From A Name to A Number*" has just been published.

Al's story is a testimony to an unfolding tragedy taking place in WWII. It has a message of what prejudice may lead to and how tolerance is imperative.

The cost is \$30.00 for the day and includes luncheon. Register online at www.oregonchristianconvention.org or call 503-743-2101 for more information.

**Youth Concert in
the Tabernacle
September 7, 2007**
Check the website for details!

Fall Rally

September 8, 2007

Guest Speaker:

Dr. Gene Sonnenberg,

Professor of New Testament
and Church History at
Hope International University.

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