



The Heritage Newsletter

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What's Your Focus in 2020

"Consider it a sheer gift, friends, when tests and challenges come at you from all sides. You know that under pressure, your faith-life is forced into the open and shows its true colors. So don't try to get out of anything prematurely. Let it do its work so you become mature and well-developed, not deficient in any way."

James 1:2-4 The Message Bible



This is a challenging scripture. To look at

troubled times as pure joy does not come naturally to our human eyes. Yet, if we can grasp this incredible growth-gift we are given, perhaps we will shift our vision to faith-focused living. Perhaps we, as the body of Christ, will shine the love of Jesus in ways that speak love.

So how is OCC using these challenges for growth? God is working through the restrictions of a pandemic to open our options. God has torn down barriers that caused us to restrict His word to four walls. The week of convention, now named the Northwest Christian Convention, is an example of God taking a concept for building an online event and transforming it into a reality. The NwCC remains available online to you at mynwcc.org. This is just one example of pressure from "tests and challenges" becoming a "sheer gift" from God.

Another example is The Pastors Only Conference, coming on October 14. This year's event is happening with micro-sites across the Northwest and Alaska. These gatherings will encourage and connect church leaders in specific geographic areas.

Convention is about connection. The mission is to equip the body of Christ. As we move into 2021 events like the Elder/Pastor Conference, the Unity Project, Women's One Day Retreat and Seniorfest will all be happening in whatever way God leads for them to take place.

Trials and challenges are all around us. We are under pressure and I pray that God will equip you with eyes to see beyond the current trials so that He can complete His work in you. God is doing amazing things!

Dianne McIntosh, OCC Admin



Autumn Gathering Sunday, October 4 @ 5 PM

A gathering is defined as an "assembly or meeting, especially a social or festive one...held for a specific purpose"

The Autumn Gathering is a festive coming together for the purpose of enjoying an evening of music.

Come to the Landing at Pioneer Hall (on the OCC grounds) at 5:00 PM, Sunday, October 4 for a variety of music performed by different artists from around the Northwest. The gathering is happening outside on the northeast side of Pioneer Hall. Bring a lawn-chair or blanket. (If weather is inclement we will gather inside the Tabernacle in order to have room to social distance)

This is a free-will offering event. Everyone is invited.

We will be following all state Covid-19 guidelines for health and safety.

Coming to a Location Near You: Pastors Only Conference: October 14

COVID has changed everything. A phrase I'm tired of hearing too, but it remains true for the Pastors Only Conference. This year will be different.

This year we are pivoting away from the large group gathering and leaning into microsite gatherings. We believe these small groups will be relationship rich, leaving participants encouraged and connected with other pastors in their area. We also believe this time of encouragement will reach further as we have sites located all over the Northwest. To find a site near you and to get registered visit www.pastorsonlyconference.com.



At the 2020 Pastors Only Conference we will be hearing words of wisdom and encouragement from ministry veterans **Bob Russell** and **David Case**. These short talks will be bolstered by small group discussion with brothers and sisters in ministry. After lunch each microsite will offer an elective activity (hiking, golf, ax throwing, etc.) for you to take part in.



This is a season to build each other up. A time to pray together and listen to each other. We hope that this year's Pastors Only Conference will be a time of rest, encouragement, and, as the Bible says, "carrying your burdens one with another." Plan to join us Wednesday October 14 at a microsite or live online.

Sean Bitzer, Lead Pastor, Monmouth Christian Church

The Country Mouse Holiday

Market is a community building, fundraising event. The market offers a wide variety of handcrafted and locally produced items.

The Country Mouse Café is in Jubilee Lodge this year. Moving the café to Jubilee Lodge allows for distancing of tables, safe food ordering and delivery, plus gives the volunteer staff a sanitary and safe environment to work in. Your food purchases are a great way to support OCC.



Country Mouse Holiday Market

November 12-13-14, 2020

*Thursday: 10-5 *Friday: 9-5 *Saturday: 9-4

Hosted by the Oregon Christian Convention Camp & Retreat Center

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This event will follow state health & safety guidelines for Covid-19.



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Elder Pastor Conference/Workshop January 30, 2021 with **e2** effective elders

Has your ministry seemed to have slowed down—or even come to a stop? COVID-19 has brought ministry to a grinding halt in too many places. When that happens, we need a JUMP START

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Helping Stalled Churches Move Again

Charging Up Ministry that Moves!

Join the e2 team for this one-day conference explores the four essentials to creating new—and increasing—ministry momentum!

We will explore evangelism, discipleship, leadership development, and next generation ministry through three lenses: Why it's essential? How should it be done? And, what has to change to jump start your ministry! Be prepared to start your engines and charge into 2021 as never before!



Drs. Gary Johnson, David Roadcup, and Jim Estep will explore four arenas of ministry that may require a "jump start" to get your congregation moving forward and advancing the Kingdom.

Register online at oregonchristianconvention.org
Cost: \$25 per person

Group Rate: \$85 (4 from one church) \$18 pp for each additional person.

****Please note we will have the content of this event available to all registrants even if Covid-19 restrictions do not allow us to meet in person.**

The Mission of OCC: "...to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ." Ephesians 4:12-13 (NIV)

THE UNITY PROJECT is a one-day event with a year-round mission: to equip the church to live out the unity of Christ in a broken world.

We believe that the Gospel of Christ reconciles people to each other, and therefore the church is called to be a community of people who are reconciled to each other, and who bring reconciliation into the world.

Our theme for the 2021 conference is, **"United Congregations in a Divided World."** We will be exploring issues of unity within congregations, such as navigating personal conflict, theological disagreements, and generational gaps.

The Unity Project is always the last Saturday in February, so mark your calendar on February 27, 2021 and come join the conversation!

Matt Holmes, Lead Pastor, Turner Christian Church

The Unity Project

United Congregations in a Divided World

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Join the conversation
oregonchristianconvention.org
facebook.com/unityprojectOR

WEATHERING THE STORM

In these very difficult times OCC has lost almost all rental income. This creates a big gap in our budget. God is filling the gap through your generous gifts. Thank you! We at OCC are committed to living within our income thus we have done everything possible to reduce expenses. As we move into Fall and Winter your continued support is crucial. Thank you again for being such an awesome blessing to OCC!

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