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CANNON BEACH CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE CENTER

SUMMER 2011



Family Roundup

We Love The Kids

Whether six or sixty, there are times to be a kid at heart. The family roundup is one of those occasions. Last year during summer conferences everyone was invited to the recreation center after Tuesday breakfast for special fun. Kids, parents, grandma and grandpa, aunt and uncle—everyone sang worship songs, played an active silly game and everyone went over Bible verses. Fifteen minutes of ageless mixing and fellowship before splitting off to age appropriate classes. It was so much fun, and so well received, we may do it several times a week this year.

We bring great Bible teachers and music to CBCC for the adults, and that's important. But we also put tremendous effort into forming a team of topnotch children and youth workers. Eric Ipson, the kids program supervi-

sor, says, "We change lives by presenting the Gospel to three-year-olds, and eight-year-olds, and fourteen-year-olds, and eighteen-year-olds and every age in between." And we know that parents, and those not still young enough to qualify, see the kids program as important and done well.

The Christian publisher Gospel Light states, "Nearly 85 percent of people who make a decision for Christ do so between the ages of 4 and 14." Others say, "A week of camp is as good or better than a year of Sunday school." There is great value in what we do here, and everyone gets to be a part.

Cannon Beach Conference Center knows that one of its strengths is the multigenerational aspect to ministry. Building sandcastles is not a kids event, it's an activity for the whole family.

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Dear Friends,

It's always hard to say goodbye to a long time colleague and friend. If the leave-taking is positive you feel happy for them but also feel a sense of deep personal loss as well. Perhaps you have experienced that. As the article in this edition of Selah talks about, that's how I feel about the recent departure of Janet Kerns, CBCC Program Manager for 14 years and valuable staff member for 29 years. Janet and I both came here in the early 80's during a time of transition and saw tremendous growth and change in the Conference Center over the years.

Under her leadership nearly all our family and kids programs were developed and enhanced. Our women's conference ministry tripled in size. She added study tours and year round kids programs. As we grew, her ability to anticipate the future and her incredible organizational and problem solving gifts helped us navigate the challenges of growth and change.

One thing we have both learned along the way, however, is that God has us all here for a season and a purpose and CBCC is God's place, not ours. As such, He will bring here the staff He wants and allow us to move on when our time is done. Janet felt her time was done and she was free to rejoin her family in her home town. Thankfully, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever."

While change is often difficult, I am very excited about the new team the Lord is building here at CBCC! Some are new staff and some are "veterans" given new assignments. They are experienced, mature, godly men and women who are passionate about what God is doing at the Cannon Beach Christian Conference Center. People like Lisa Beedy, Program Assistant and Women's Conference Coordinator who will be taking on new responsibilities and will help with hosting and emceeding this summer. We anticipate hiring a new Program Manager soon and look forward to introducing him/her to all our faithful conference friends.

Thanks for your prayers during this transition and in the days of learning and adjustment ahead. Our God is a gracious God who loves to surprise, delight and provide for us. To Him be all the Glory!

In His Grace,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeff Carlsen". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Jeff Carlsen
Executive Director

P.S. As this is going to press, I just got word we have hired a new Program Manager! They will arrive during the summer and we will introduce them to you in our next Selah newsletter.



I can't stay the whole week

A full week in Cannon Beach is a dream vacation. And we encourage guests to stay for the whole week during Summer Family Conferences. Every day has its special events such as a beach campfire with s'mores, sandcastle competition, salmon barbeque, carnival, concert, and talent night. But a partial week can certainly be a great vacation also. We know it's not always possible to stay seven days. But there's plenty going on every day, and a partial stay this year might be that perfect vacation.

Early in the year we take only full week reservations, but four weeks prior to a summer conference, you can call and book available rooms for as many nights as fits your schedule. For many guests the Bible teachings are a highlight. We record the sessions, so you can enjoy the continuity of a full series with CDs.

Our registration personnel can let you know what rooms are available for each conference and step you through the process of tailoring your Cannon Beach visit. So call today at (800) 745-1546 and we will do our best to arrange a vacation to remember.

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S'mores around a campfire is for everyone. Even the carnival day doesn't just feature children. It's for everybody to enjoy. It's for everyone to witness. It's for us at CBCC to challenge ourselves to improve it every year.

Grow spiritually, relax in our beautiful setting, and have some fun at a family roundup. Spiritual renewal that encompasses everyone at every level, single or married, young or a bit older, is what makes the conference center a great choice for vacation.

Handwritten letter from
camper Flannery Collins

Dear cbcc,
I love coming to cbcc, because theres
lots of activities for kids, the coach house, great
idea. most of all, the food is Delicious!!!

You might know my mom and dad if you dont
know me. Chris & Erin Collins, we come every year
with our family.

Any way, all the staffs are supper nice, and your
teachers. Tell Dan farkor he is the best cook ever!!!

We all Love God, and thank you for every-
thing thers and helping us have a great time.
And nothing there is boring.

your thankful
student,
Flannery Collins

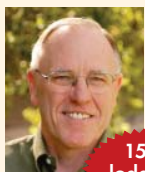
P.S. please wright back if you have time.♡



Paul Cedar & Mark Cedar
June 20 – 25 (5-day week)

Paul Cedar is the Chair/CEO of the Mission America Coalition. An engaging and interesting speaker, Dr. Cedar is also the author of eight books with the most current volume entitled *A Life of Prayer*. **Mark Cedar**, Paul's son, is Senior Pastor of Desert Springs Church in Palm Desert, California. Mark has a great sense of humor, a desire to delve deeply into God's Word, and the ability to help individuals apply biblical concepts.

25% discount



Ed Underwood
June 25 – July 2

Ed Underwood is Senior Pastor of the historic Church of the Open Door in Glendora, California. His practical messages are drawn from a deep understanding and love for people and love for God's Word. Ever ready to sit with guests and enjoy a meal or cup of coffee, his warmth and enthusiasm are easily felt by our guests.

15% lodging discount



Bruce Fong
July 2 – 6 (Half Week)

Bruce Fong recently served as President of Michigan Theological Seminary and prior to that professor of Homiletics, Bible, and Pastoral Ministries at Multnomah Biblical Seminary. He now pastors a multi-cultural church in San Francisco. Bruce is an excellent communicator masterfully using illustrations and humor to enhance his in-depth Bible teaching. Musical artist: **Mila Polevia** (contemporary)



Charles Price
July 6 – 9 (Half Week)

Charles Price is senior pastor of The Peoples Church in Toronto, Ontario, Canada. His sense of humor and depth of biblical understanding make him an excellent and sought after conference speaker, whose teaching has been greatly appreciated on each visit to Cannon Beach. Musical artist: **Mila Polevia** (contemporary)



Ron Allen & Mark Bailey
July 9 – 16

Ron Allen (July 9-13) is Senior Professor of Bible Exposition at Dallas Theological Seminary. In addition to his teaching responsibilities he ministers as guest lecturer in schools in North America and in numerous countries abroad. He has written over a dozen books, and was a senior editor for The Nelson Study Bible. His speaking is peppered with humor, stories, and a wealth of acquired knowledge—an ever-popular teacher in Cannon Beach. **Mark Bailey** (July 13-16) is Professor of Bible Exposition and President of Dallas Theological Seminary. Dr. Bailey assumed the Seminary's presidency after years of service as both a professor and the vice president for Academic Affairs as well as his role as pastor of a local church. He was a seminar instructor for Walk Thru the Bible Ministries for 20 years and is in demand for Bible conferences and other preaching engagements. Musical artist (July 13-16): **Steve Green** (contemporary)



Ray Pritchard
July 16 – 23

Ray Pritchard serves as president of Keep Believing Ministries. He has written 27 books including *Stealth Attack*, *Fire and Rain*, and *Credo: Believing in Something to Die For*. His dynamic teaching style is filled with stories, humor, practical application, and solid Biblical content. Musical artists: **Brandon & Chrysta Beene** (contemporary/southern gospel)



Bill Farrel
July 23 – 30

Bill Farrel has been impacting lives for well over twenty years as a Senior Pastor, Youth Pastor, conference speaker and frequent guest on radio and TV. He has co-authored with his wife, Pam, *Men are Like Waffles*, *Women are Like Spaghetti* plus a wide variety of other popular books on marriage, relationships, kids, and family. Bill's practical teaching, sprinkled with humor and real life illustrations, challenge and encourage audiences of all ages. Musical artist: **Lisa Rieff** (contemporary)



Bill Butterworth & Rene Schlaepfer
July 30 – August 6

Bill Butterworth's wit, warmth and realism bring love, laughter and hope to audiences all over North America. Bill has written close to two dozen books. Bill is a man of spiritual depth and experience who devotes himself full time to encouraging people through Bible-based speaking and writing. Guests look forward to his Bible teaching which is interesting, often humorous, and inspirational. **Rene Schlaepfer** is a former broadcaster and currently pastor of a large church in California. His superbly clear and humorous teaching always results in Jesus transforming many lives through His Word. Musical artist: **Clark Bondy** (saxophone)



Tom Shrader
August 6 – 13

Tom Shrader is Senior Pastor of a large Phoenix church. Since 1991 he has also been involved in a teaching ministry to business people under the banner of Priority Living of Arizona. He has a refreshing, straight-forward style of teaching that offers sound biblical answers to practical, everyday questions. Musical artist: **Clay Crosse** (contemporary)



Bob Kraning & Bob Vernon
August 13 – 20

Formerly Director of Forest Home Conference Center, **Bob Kraning** joined Chuck Swindoll's staff as Pastor of Men's Ministry and Evangelism in 1988. Founder of Good Word Ministries, Bob now travels full-time teaching and preaching. An excellent and enthusiastic communicator, Bob radiates his love for the Lord. During his 38 years in the Los Angeles Police department, **Bob Vernon** came to be known as a Christian willing to stand up for his faith under difficult circumstances. Bob founded *Pointman Leadership Institute* and has taught, preached, and disciples across the United States and around the world with a message of Christian ethics and need for moral change. Bob, an engaging speaker, is faithful to teach God's Word and illustrates often with great cop stories. Musical artist: **Carrie Kay** (contemporary/inspirational)



Bryan Loritts
August 20 – 27

Bryan Loritts is Lead Pastor of a large church in Memphis, Tennessee—a multicultural church ministering to the evolving community of urban Memphis. Bryan's unique ability to communicate the deep truths of Scripture in a relevant, uncompromising manner has helped to reach a generation embedded in postmodernism. Musical artist: **Timothy Greenidge** (contemporary)



Scott Gilchrist
August 27 – September 2 (6-day week)

Scott Gilchrist is senior pastor of Southwest Bible Church in Beaverton, Oregon. Scott loves to see people come to know Christ and grow in their relationship with Him. He is passionate about teaching the Bible and helping people of all backgrounds see the riches that God has provided in His Son.



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Labor Day Weekend
David Hocking
September 2 – 5

David Hocking founded Hope for Today in the fall of 1995. David, well known as a dynamic preacher, has been teaching the Bible for over 50 years at churches, conferences and colleges as well as on radio and in over 35 books. David is a tremendous communicator that leaves a lasting impression on those that sit under his in depth Bible teaching. Musical artist: **Clark Bondy** (saxophone)



For More Information & Registration
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Women's Conference
Judy Hampton
 September 16 – 18

Judy Hampton is a popular speaker who is best known for her entertaining speaking style. She is transparent, authentic, extremely humorous, and biblically sound. Her strong relationships energize her humorous illustrations, and her powerful messages have audiences laughing out loud one minute and wiping a tear the next. She is a respected international keynote speaker for women's conferences and retreats, speaking over thirty weekends a year. Judy makes her home in Southern California with her husband. They have two married children, five grandchildren, and one grand doggie. Musical artist: **Georgene Rice** (contemporary)



Men's Conference
Matt Hannan
 September 23 – 25

Matt Hannan is a dynamic and successful ministry leader well known for church growth and building strong teams. Matt as pastor of New Heights Church in Vancouver, Washington, helped create the Northwest Church Planting Center and planted dozens of new churches over the years. Always Biblical, sometimes unconventional, his refreshing honest and practical teaching will challenge men on important areas of their lives.



Women's Conference
Catherine Martin
 September 30 – October 2

Catherine Martin challenges others to seek God and love Him with all of their heart, soul, mind, and strength speaking from her heart and depth of ministry experience. Catherine is founder and president of Quiet Time Ministries, Director of Women's Ministries at Southwest Community Church in Palm Desert, California, and adjunct faculty of Biola University.



Retirees Conference
Ron Cline
 October 3 – 6

Ron Cline is gifted in communicating the gospel of Jesus Christ, challenging and edifying the body of Christ. His background as a pastor, educator, counselor, missionary and author gives him credibility and rapport with the many groups and individuals he and his wife, Barbara, minister to around the world each year. Audiences enjoy his straight forward style and wealth of ministry experience from which to draw Biblical life application. Musical artists: **Best Friends** (inspirational)



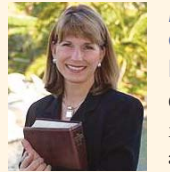
Women's Conference
Susie Shellenberger
 October 21 – 23

Susie Shellenberger is known for her creative energy, humor, grasp of God's Truth, and desire to solidify relationships with Christ into consistent intimacy. She's a former youth pastor and high school teacher who now speaks internationally and teaches Sunday school in her local church. Susie has written more than fifty books, and traveled to every continent in the world including Antarctica! She is a powerful speaker delivering non-compromising messages that audiences remember for years.



Couples Conference
Ray & Carol Johnston
 November 4 – 6

Ray & Carol Johnston will present together this conference for couples drawing from individual experiences as they built a significant ministry and continue to raise a family. Ray is leader of one of California's largest churches and Carol has successfully balanced ministry, marriage, and an active family life with four kids.



MIDWEEK Women's Conference
Carolyn Johnson
 November 7 – 9

Carolyn Johnson is an educator, Bible Study leader, mother of three, grandmother, and poignant retreat and conference speaker. She has spoken nationally as well as internationally including Europe, South America, Central America and Canada. Carolyn has one mission as a speaker — to ignite a burning desire within listeners to know God in an authentic way. The audience should come ready for fellowship, being in God's Word, and applying it to their lives.



Grand Parenting With A Purpose
Bob & Carol Kraning
 November 11 – 13

Bob & Carol Kraning have a wealth of experience as parents and partners together in ministry, leading Christian organizations and now helping churches in transition through Good Word Ministries. They often speak on grand parenting from both a biblical and a practical standpoint, sharing what they've learned through personal experience and from the many Christian leaders with whom they've worked. Bob & Carol positively and intentionally influence their late teen grand kids, and do everything they can to maintain a healthy relationship with their adult children.

New
Conference



Thanksgiving Conference
Jerry Benjamin
 November 24 – 27

Jerry Benjamin travels extensively in the United States, Canada, and other parts of the world as an Itinerant Bible Teacher proclaiming the message of the living and indwelling Lord Jesus. Emphasis is given to the centrality of Christ in all of Scripture. His Jewish upbringing prior to salvation adds rich insight, exposes themes woven in Bible history, and creates a focus on the Person and work of Jesus Christ. Musical artists: **Brandon & Chrysta Beene** (contemporary/southern gospel)



Christmas Conference
Dick Hubbard
 December 9 – 11

Dick Hubbard is former pastor of historic Calvary Baptist Church of New York City. A gifted Bible teacher, he now devotes his time to conference speaking, seminars, and training leaders in developing countries. He is an in-depth Bible teacher both challenging and encouraging drawing from a wealth of pastoral experience.

Musical artist: **Diane Susek** (inspirational)

Speaker Highlight – Bryan Loritts

At an early age, Bryan Loritts embraced Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. Always cognizant of the call of God on his life into ministry, he enrolled in Philadelphia Biblical University (formerly known as Philadelphia College of Bible) where he earned his Bachelor of Science in Bible and Pastoral Studies. While there, Bryan was licensed to preach the Gospel, and shortly after graduating was ordained.

After graduating from college, Bryan moved to California where he served as the Pastor of New Members at Faithful Central Bible Church in Inglewood, California, and simultaneously enrolled into Talbot School of Theology where he graduated with honors earning an M.A. in Theology. Currently Bryan is working on his Doctorate of Philosophy from Oxford Graduate School.

From Talbot he went to Lake Avenue Church in Pasadena, California, where he was Pastor of the Warehouse, a ministry to GenX. He took over a ministry of 25, and in a little less than two years saw it grow to over 500. From Lake Avenue Church Bryan and his family moved out to Charlotte, North Carolina where he served as the Young Adults Pastor at Calvary Church giving oversight to a growing and thriving ministry reaching the young adult community in Charlotte.

Presently, Bryan is the Lead Pastor of Fellowship Memphis- a multicultural church ministering to the evolving community of urban Memphis. Bryan has also served as an adjunct professor at Crichton College, and is on the board of trustees for Biola University, Presbyterian Day School, and Memphis Leadership Founda-



Join us August 20-27 for a Summer Family Conference featuring Bryan Loritts as Bible teacher, Timothy Greenidge special music, a dynamic kids program and an attentive staff ready to serve you.

tion. In addition to serving the community of Memphis, Bryan's ministry takes him across the country as he speaks to thousands annually at churches, conferences and retreats. He is also the author of the book *God on Paper*; as well as a contributing author for the book entitled *Great Preaching*.

Bryan's unique ability to communicate the deep truths of Scripture in a relevant uncompromising manner has helped to reach a generation embedded in postmodernism. He is a sought after speaker whose messages can be heard weekly across the nation on the Bott Radio Network. Bryan and his wife Korie also serve together on the Family Life speaker team. This ministry takes them across the country as they speak at Weekend to Remember conferences, joining in the fight for healthy godly marriages. Yet as passionate as he is about communicating God's truths both locally and abroad, spoken and written, his greater passion is his wife Korie, and their three sons Quentin, Myles and Jaden.



Janet's long-time friends
Judy Nelson and Bonnie Knopf

Janet Kerns circa 1985



Janet Kerns

Janet Kerns was hired in 1982 as Children's Program Director, and up to her departure in April of this year, has always maintained a passion for ministry to children and youth. Janet assumed many responsibilities over the years including Guest Services Manager and Program Manager, always striving for excellence with guests of all ages. Of course, well-balanced dynamic kids programs displayed well that ministry excellence.

An employment opportunity opened at the Yakima Union Gospel Mission which involves working with women and families. Janet sees this director level position as a chance to use her passion and skills, plus a chance to move back with family and the city where she was raised. The mission's vision reads, "Providing hope to the hopeless, friends for the friendless, and help for anyone in time of need." Those that have known Janet Kerns over the years will have no doubt that her heart for ministry will impact YUGM and the community. Her season of ministry is complete in Cannon Beach, but will continue on in the city of Yakima, Washington.

Project Updates

A lot of work on three projects has been done over the fall, winter and spring. The grounds beautification project, interior renovation project and Tides repair project have seen good progress as staff, volunteers and hired contractors replaced carpet and floor vinyl, sided buildings, put in new windows, built outside landscape features, purchased furnishings, plus fixed all the little things that need fixing day by day. We're thankful to financial supporters and volunteer workers that make this possible. And it must be noted that Jean Carlsen volunteered untold hours to selecting colors, shopping for artwork, choosing furniture, and coordinating the many details that allow projects like this to succeed. The following pictures show only a portion of what's been accomplished over the past eight or nine months.



Lounges and meeting areas, as well as many guest rooms, have fresh new furnishings



The Coach House got a total makeover



The Tides and Administration buildings have new siding and windows nearly completed, and the grounds department has continued to add new landscaping elements



Almost every building on campus has had some area recently re-carpeted



Volunteer at CBCC

There is a wide wide variety of volunteer opportunities at CBCC for both men and women. And there are several ways to get plugged in:

- Call Rick at (503) 436-2768 extension 135. Or call our Front Desk at (800) 745-1546 and ask for Rick.
- Email RickMiller@cbcc.net and find out more information at www.cbcc.net by clicking on [About CBCC] then [Volunteers]



Rick Miller, Volunteer Coordinator

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