

Arise!



A weekly email bulletin, brought to you by the Oregon City church of Christ.

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Ron Writes

Trends in Churches of Christ in U.S.A. (part 1)

Few have as much contact with churches of Christ in the U.S. than Dale Jenkins who works with his brother Jeff at the Jenkins institute, a ministry to encourage preachers. From his interaction with over 1,500 churches and preachers, here are his observations (because of length, each point was edited from the original):

Our churches are becoming YOUNGER.

A trend observed in the 1970s was the graying of the American church. Jenkins writes "I am almost always shocked when I visit rural churches at how many children and young families I see. It is more often than not that the church is full of babies and children."

Our churches are becoming more racially diverse.

Jenkins notes. "As our country is ablaze in racial tension, MOST of our churches are not playing along!" He says "in most of our medium to large cities, you will find churches with a moderate to high racial diversity. It is nothing rare to find many congregations who have historically been white to have black men in their leadership. There is nothing shocking here and nothing should be (Isaiah 2:2)!"

Our leaders are humble and generous.

Even during a difficult pandemic Jenkins says "Yes, there are some difficult leaders out there and a number of our congregations seem to be tormented with a single particular Diotrephes (see 3 John 1:9). But, while these bad leaders stand out, the overwhelming majority of our elders are very humble, very gentle, and very generous. 2020 was especially challenging for leaders in congregations, but throughout our talks with elders, we saw a shepherding spirit that showed through."

Our leaders are becoming more optimistic and less restrictive and controlling.

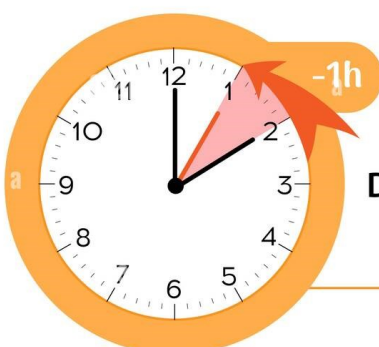
He says, "Again, nothing scientific here and I'm not speaking for the whole church but it certainly feels like there is much more optimism than pessimism in the churches I am seeing. Churches are dreaming of what can be. Leaders are looking to move forward and aggressive to that end. "

Evangelism is on the upswing.

Jenkins states that more churches are looking for personal work ministers, ministers of evangelism or "connections ministers" to add to their staff.

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Sunday's Sermon— John 20:1-18, The Tomb is



FALL BACK
Daylight Saving Time Ends
November 7, 2021

Prayer Requests

Barbara Broadbent's sister, **Jean Krieger**, is back in the hospital with lung problems. She just had back surgery a couple weeks ago.

From Kalene: Please continue to keep me in your prayers as I recover. The doctors are not sure it is pleurisy now. It's still very painful and the recovery is taking a lot longer than I thought it would. Thank you.

Gairy Reynolds' youngest sister, **Tammy Lash** has had a stroke. She is doing fair, and will be seeing a physical therapist.

PRAISE GOD

The brother of Shar Godfrey and Mary Rall, Leonard, found out this past week that he doesn't have cancer after all.

Brandyn Warrilow's wife **Beth**, and her daughter **Samantha**, have both tested positive for COVID. Beth's other daughter Emily tested negative. Please pray for their recovery.

Our ELDERLY, please pray for good general health.

Our Students, our Teachers, our Military, our Police and First Responders.

ON GOING PRAYERS: Tom and Barbara Broadbent, Eric Zittle (Kristin Ruddiman's dad) cancer, Ken Rider (dementia).

SYMPATHY

Rosa Chapina, a member of the Hispanic group in Keizer, passed away last Tuesday after a long fight with cancer.

Mary Rall and Shar Godfrey's sister passed away in Montana on Oct. 22

Great News!! - Banndon Fite, the adult son of Charlie Jones was baptized Sunday afternoon.

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FROM EDUARDO

- We ask for prayers for the relatives of our sister Rosa Chapina who passed away last Tuesday so that God would give them comfort.
- Prayers for the Hermosillo family for the passing of Normando, who was Aracely Gandara's cousin.
- Prayers for the families who have lost a relative in recent weeks: Gonzalez, Alcántara, Chávez.
- Benito Ibarra in the process of rehabilitation to be able to walk.
- Lili Calero with cancer, family of Aracely and Eduardo.
- For the health of Hilda's mother, Juana Rivas.
- Jarry Alcantara's health.
- The health of Ramona Chavez, Irma's sister.
- Rocío Rodrigues is looking for work.

OC church News and Notes

Are you in grade 7-12 and interested in being in the Teen Group?

You are welcome to come join us every Wednesday evening at the building to study the Bible and fellowship together.

See Steve Haney for more information.

We Have A New Website!

Have you visited the church website lately? If you haven't, you are in for a surprise! We have a new mobile-friendly, secure platform with new information every week. Our site provides us with one place to go for everything including the videos Ron and Steve have made over the past year and a half. We are also in the process of adding Ron's older recorded sermons.

Visit our new site, look around, and see what's new. Our web address is still <https://oregoncitychurch.org>

Here are a few things to look for:

- Monthly updates about our missionaries in Zimbabwe and India.
- Ron's blog (Ron Writes)
- Weekly bulletins (under Newsletters)
- Announcements for upcoming events
- A secure portal for contributions

In addition to the main website, we also have a community area just for members where you can add posts including prayer requests and announcements. You can get to the community area from the Connect menu. The community area is optional, and you will need to create a Faithlife account to post or see members-only information.

If you would like member access, send an email to churchofchristoc@gmail.com so we can send you an invitation. If you do not already have a FaithLife account, you will be able to create one after clicking the link in the invitation. Please use a strong password when creating your account. A strong password is at least 12 characters long and contains letters, numbers, and symbols.

A few things we will be able to do in the Community:

- Participate in study groups.
- View the prayer list
- Connect with other members.
- View the calendar.

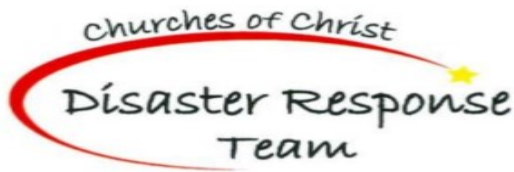
Once you have joined the community you can set your Notification Preferences to choose if you want to be notified when new posts are added.

Please contact Judy Headrick if you have any questions or problems.

COVID UPDATE

The elders are asking everyone to wear masks when inside the church building, to follow the new Oregon state mask requirements for ages 5 years and up.

Around Our Area



From New York to Tennessee and elsewhere, flooding is devastating many areas. Plus, hurricanes and tornadoes and wild fires have caused a lot of damage as well. **Church of Christ Disaster Relief** is responding as soon as these things happen.

If you would like to donate their Web site is,
<http://www.churchesofchristdrt.org/>

Together with Love in Christ (TLC)

The area wide Sunday worship
has been **cancelled** for this year.

We regret to announce that due to the COVID pandemic and the difficulty of finding an adequate location, there will not be a gathering of the **2021 Together with Love in Christ (TLC)**.

The logo for Mountain States Children's Home features a stylized blue mountain range above the text "mountain states" in bold and "CHILDREN'S HOME" in a smaller, spaced-out font. Below this is a smaller version of the same logo. The main text "Day of Giving" is written in a large, elegant, cursive blue font. At the bottom right, there is a photograph of two smiling children, a boy and a girl, both wearing blue shirts. Below the photo is the text: "Make a Difference on this Special Day of Giving for Children to Receive Our Deeper Level of Care".

Make a Difference on this Special Day of Giving
for Children to Receive Our Deeper Level of Care

Go to <https://www.msch.org/>

To make a donation on this day,
or to learn more about MSCH.

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To view the weekly bible classes and weekly sermons, look us up on .



Type in, "Oregon City Church of Christ", in the search bar.



Christian **A**ccountability **S**upport **T**eam

Meets Monday's at 7 PM.

Meetings are open to anyone who needs Christian support.

CAST is a confidential Bible based 12-step group designed to help Christians identify, admit, and recover from debilitating problems caused by sin. Through a Biblical focus this group will show to those struggling, God's unwavering compassion, forgiveness and loyalty.

CAST is for those under bondage of any addiction a person has become powerless to control.

Anyone can come to any meeting

*Please let **Steve Partlow** know in advance you will be attending.*

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