

# 2012 HOW-TO CONVENTION

Lynchwood  
Church of God

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*“Speak Lord,  
Your Servant is Listening”*

*1 Samuel 3:1-10*

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28, 2012

## SCHEDULE

8:00 am  
Registration

8:30 am  
General Session

9:40-10:50 am  
Session 1

11am-12:10 pm  
Session 2

12:15-1:15 pm  
Lunch

1:20-2:30 pm  
Session 3

2:40-3:15 pm  
Wrap Up

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER: CLARK BLAKEMAN

Clark Blakeman is founder and director of Second Stories, which works to transform neighborhoods by equipping churches to practice the whole gospel in community partnerships. Bringing together a robust theology and Asset Based Community Development, Second Stories trains churches and community groups, and creates in-context learning experiences designed to develop urban leaders. Together with their youngest daughter, Clark and his wife, Cathy live missionally in SE Portland.

In our opening session, Clark will speak to the situation of the exilic Jews of Jeremiah’s time and the similar call to the U.S. Church today. He will conclude our day with a look at the symmetry of Kingdom demonstration (deeds) and gospel explanation (words) and remind us that God can minister to us through non-Christians too.



*Registration is only \$25 per individual if postmarked by Jan. 17, 2012. Groups of 8 or more can register from the same church for \$150 if postmarked by Jan. 17, 2012 (more info on back). Choose your conferences from pages 2-3; then turn to page 4 to register and to get directions to Lynchwood Church of God in Portland.*

## A Peek at Conference Opportunities...

- How to Shepherd 18-24 yr old Christians ...
- How To Partner with Pagans for the Common Good
- How To Prepare a New Generation of Church Leadership
- How to Build a Team of Caring Teachers
- How to Declutter ...
- How to Bridge the Generation Gulf
- How to Find Your Ministry Calling
- How to Set Healthy Boundaries...



**SESSION 1**

(Choose **ONE** conference from **Session 1** and enter it on the registration form.)

**1. How To Rediscover The Lost Art of Listening**

—Clark Blakeman (Founder & Director, Second Stories, Portland) Look at the story of Phillip the evangelist in Acts 8 as an example to listen more and better, to discover where God is working, and in whom, and then join him in his mission. Moving from biblical example to current applications, the workshop will ask the question, “what is your neighborhood saying?” and work through forming good questions, introduce listening projects and how to execute them.

**2. How to Have a Healthy Impact on Children**

—Cheryl Haskell (Holladay Park COG, Portland) Raising healthy children is not easy, and is harder in our current culture. Share and receive tips and ideas that have proven helpful in promoting physical, spiritual and emotional health for the children in your life. Whether you are a parent, grandparent, aunt/uncle or neighbor, you can have a healthy impact on children.

**3. How to Shepherd 18-24 yr old Christians Through Understanding the Will of God** —Jess Bielman (Executive Director of Contextualized Ministry, Warner Pacific College) During this time of 18-24, many major first decisions and choices are made. Sometimes hearing and discerning the voice of God can be tricky. Come learn some helpful perspectives and questions for guiding young people through the exciting and faith-affirming season of wrestling with the will of God.

**4. How to Explore the Bible via the Lectionary**

—John Johnson (Professor of Ministry and Missions, Warner Pacific College) “Doing” the Lectionary is a time-tested discipline of studying the Bible. Lectionary reading is a practice that causes the reader to slow down, listen well, look for connections, and then move to practical applications. Come and learn how to read and reflect on Scripture through this “new” and ancient practice.

**5. How to Explain the Gospel to Others**

—Ron Hoak (Co-Pastor, Rockwood COG, Portland) Do you want to know if you have Biblical Salvation? Do you want to know what and how to share with someone who doesn't? This workshop and video will answer questions and help you to know what to share with others so they can experience Jesus Christ for themselves.

**6. How to Set Healthy Boundaries with Friends, Family, Church Members and Employers**

—Lori Kuechler (Academic Counselor, Warner Pacific College) Discover ways people deal with the many demands of our current society in a graceful and loving way.

**7. How To, As the Church, Help Resolve the Gang Problem** — Charles Hunter (Sr Pastor, Neighborhood COG, Portland), Officer Marci Jackson (coordinator of the Portland Police Crisis Response Team) and Officer Sheldon (School Resource Officer) Learn general information about gangs, such as their language, tattoos, and hand signs. Discover what the Portland area churches are doing to help stop the gang problem and how your church can help.

**8. Discernment: Taking Time to Listen** — Bruce Steffensen (Director of Spiritual Formation and Leadership Development) and the Discernment Team. This will be an opportunity for anyone to enter into the discernment process with the district's discernment team. Members of the team will facilitate a conversation aimed at discovering the district's condition and call.

**SESSION 2**

(Choose **ONE** conference from **Session 2** and enter it on the registration form.)

**9. How To Partner with Pagans for the Common Good**

—Clark Blakeman (Founder & Director, Second Stories, Portland) This workshop will build on listening well to the neighborhood. What is to be done once the neighborhood has been heard? It will build on the truth that God's image is in all people and that this gives us the ability to find deep commonality and potential partnerships with all people. Attention will be given as to how to invite interested stakeholders to come together, build consensus and choose a project to work on together.

**10. How to Work with Preschoolers** — Brenda Winslow, (Better Children's Ministries, Sweet Home) This class discusses better understanding of preschoolers and how to touch base with them and their parents. We will also learn how to teach them more effectively and make sure they want to come back again.

**11. How To Avoid the 10 Mistakes Made by Youth Pastors** —Janice Collazo (Youth Pastor, First COG, Albany) Youth Pastors are notorious for sticking their foot in their mouths. No matter what your age is, or how many years you have been in ministry, you will blow it. Come and learn about the most common mistakes made by both veteran and rookie pastors and how to avoid them. Be prepared to bring your stories, gain advice and have lots of laughs.

**12. How To Encourage and Utilize Musicians in Your Worship Community** —Michelle Collins (Music Instructor/Consultant, Portland) We'll focus on rehearsal and worship service 'logistics' as well as balancing your life and profession with 'soul investments.'



**13. How To Prepare a New Generation of Church Leadership** – *Barb Darnall (Holladay Park COG, Portland)*  
 Discover a common sense approach to preparing church leaders. Learn a few strategies you can implement immediately and come away with a vision of how to design a sustainable multi-year plan. We will focus on a developmental approach to raising new leaders.

**14. How to Know Where God is When Your Life is Falling Apart** – *Aletha Voges (author of "God's Will, My Response, My Will, God's Response," Kent, WA)*  
 Are you struggling with faith issues in your life today? Take your own faith journey with Aletha as she shares how God made himself known to her through her trials. How do you trust God when He is silent or says, "No" to your requests? How to lean on God in all circumstances.

**15. How to Declutter and Remain Clutter-free in a Cluttered World** – *Gwen Johnson (Mt. Scott COG, Portland)*  
 Everyday we are bombarded... snail mail, email, junk mail, gifts (wanted and unwanted), our kids' stuff, our parents' stuff, our own stuff, overflowing schedules and overflowing closets. We have more than we can possibly deal with and handle well. This interactive session sheds light on what clutter is and gives helpful and practical ways to declutter our lives and spaces.

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### SESSION 3

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**17. How To Utilize The ABCDs of Neighborhood Transformation** – *Clark Blakeman (Founder & Director, Second Stories, Portland)* This workshop will present an overview of a neighborhood transformation model that enables churches, concerned citizens, agencies and organizations to work for the common good. (A sort of teaser for our full day workshop.)

**18. How to Build a Team of Caring Teachers**  
 – *Brenda Winslow (Better Children's Ministries, Sweet Home, OR)*  
 This class emphasizes the fact that volunteers will stick together with fewer workers leaving a ministry if they have a common goal and work together as a team. We will explore what steps to take in creating that caring team.

**19. How to Listen So Your Kids Will Talk and Talk so Your Kids Will Listen**—*Kevin Bryant (Vice President for Advancement and External Affairs, Warner Pacific College)*  
 In other words you have two ears and one mouth- use them in that proportion!

**20. How to Balance Life and Ministry**—*Janice Collazo (First COG, Albany)* We are in God's plan and He wants us to enjoy the life he has given us. Sometimes in the scheme of ministry we forget the joys of life, family and marriage. We need to understand what we can do, what we cannot do and even how to sometimes say "no." Come "vent" your frustrations in trying to balance life with ministry and walk away with tools, hope and a sense of being refreshed.

**21. How to Bridge the Generation Gulf** – *Megan Good (Pastor, Albany Mennonite Church)* The evidence confronts us each Sunday morning in the faces conspicuously absent from our pews. The infamous generation 'gap,' once merely a nuisance, is rapidly widening to a vast and uncrossable gulf. Who are those 'strangers' on the other side of the generational chasm, and what might it take for the church to rebuild a viable crossing to reach them? Join one Millennial (the generation born 1982-2001) pastor for an exploration of the joys and challenges of life and ministry 'on the bridge.'

**22. How to Find Your Ministry Calling** – *David Shrout (Executive Coordinator, Assoc. Churches of God in ORWA)*  
 At the intersection of your Spiritual Gifts and your behaviors (DiSC) you will discover the "sweet spot" of your ministry. This class will introduce "Uniquely You," a survey tool that will guide you through this process.

**23. How to Educate Your Members and Community About Personal Finances Using Financial Peace University** — *Toni Drager (Pastor of Care and Outreach, First COG, Albany)* The third Strategic Value of the Church of God is "Committing to stewardship principles (Matthew 6:33) leading to a flexible ministry future and the management of debt (debt free) for every individual, church and agency." Financial Peace is one of the programs that can help you and people in your community meet this goal. Come see a preview, ask questions, and hear a testimony or two about how lives have been changed.

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3818 SE 174th Ave. Portland, OR 97236  
www.lynchwood.org

From I-205 North: Take the Powell Boulevard exit off I-205 North. Go east on Powell Boulevard. Continue east until you reach SE 174th Avenue. Turn left (north) on 174th until you reach the church on the corner of 174th and Marie (east side of 174th).

From I-205 South: Take the Division Street exit off I-205 South. Turn left (east) on Division Street. Continue east on Division Street until you reach SE 174th Avenue. Turn right (south) on 174th and continue until you reach the church on the corner of 174th and Marie (east side of 174th).

## REGISTRATION: How-To Convention 2012

Lynchwood Church of God  
January 28, 2012

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**INDIVIDUAL RATE:** \$25 if postmarked by January 17  
\$30 if postmarked after January 17

**GROUP RATE:** \$150 per church group (up to 8) postmarked by January 17\*  
\$175 per church group (up to 8) if postmarked after January 17\*

**NUMBER ATTENDING:** \_\_\_\_\_

Registration fee includes lunch. \*FOR GROUPS: We need the total number attending in your group for an accurate lunch count. With group registrations, \$5.00 will be added to the group registration for each additional person beyond 8. (Example: Early registration for 10 people from your church would be \$160.00: \$150 registration fee for 8 people plus two additional attendees at \$5 ea). Attach a separate piece of paper for conference choices for each person in your group.

**SEND REGISTRATION and MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:**

Association of the Churches of God  
P.O. Box 18000  
Salem, OR 97305

**CONFERENCE CHOICES:**

Choose **one** conference from **each session** and indicate below.

Session 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Session 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Session 3 \_\_\_\_\_

