

Contributors to the History

Publications Team

LENARD HOVDE, AUTHOR

Lenard Hovde was born May 18, 1941 in Enterprise, Oregon. His mother had been raised attending the Christian Church in Baker, Oregon (later renamed Baker City). Her father, Claude Dougherty, homesteaded about five miles south of Baker on Sutton Creek. He was a long-time elder of the Baker Christian Church. Lenard's great grandfather, Paris Dougherty, was a charter member of Nampa, Idaho Christian Church.



Lenard Hovde

The Hovde family moved from Enterprise to Selah, Washington in 1944 and began attending the Selah Church of Christ. Several of Lenard's father's family also attended the church at the time of the family's arrival in Selah.

Lenard's father was baptized when Lenard was about eight years old. Then his parents became more involved in the church.

In 1952 Central Washington Bible College was reestablished with the Selah Church of Christ as its home building sharing the quarters with the church. Because of the association with the Bible College, Lenard met several pastors and evangelists who were very involved in the association of Christian churches throughout Washington and Oregon.

Lenard accepted Jesus Christ as his Savior and Lord 1958. The central figures in his church life were Teddy Leavitt, founder of Bible Rock Camp and Central Washington Bible College; Hervy Abercrombie, his pastor and Dean of the Bible College; and Bruce Caldwell, his father-in-law. Lenard's uncle, Robert Brock, ministered for many years for the Disciples of Christ and served for 17 years as Regional Minister of the Christian Church (Disciples Of Christ) covering the States of Washington, northern Idaho and Alaska. He gave Lenard a copy of the book "Wash. - Northern Idaho Disciples" by Orval Peterson when he learned that Lenard had taken on the task of updating Castle Rock Christian Church's history.

Lenard married Lindarae Caldwell July 26th 1963, moved to Castle Rock in June 1964 and soon joined the Castle Rock Christian Church. The Hovdes raised four daughters all of whom were baptized in the church and today are all serving the Lord in their own churches.

During the Hovdes' 39 + years at Castle Rock Christian Church, Lenard has served as youth director, Sunday school superintendent, deacon, and missions committee chairman and most recently as a member of the Sesquicentennial Celebration Committee.

Throughout his life Lenard has always had an interest in Christian Church doctrine and has paid particular attention to some of the differences between the Church of Christ non-instrumentals, Independent Christian Churches and Churches of Christ and the Disciples of Christ. Researching this 150 years of history has provided Lenard with considerably more information about the Castle Rock Christian Church and its relationship to the history of the Restoration Movement. The overriding focus of the Castle Rock Christian Church seems to be summed up in its continuous evangelistic outreach to present the gospel of Jesus Christ to Castle Rock and the world and its desire to stay focused on sound Biblical teaching.

It is Lenard's desire that we stay on the same message that William Huntington took to the Indian trails of the Delemeter Valley and continue to present the salvation message to the community and world until He comes.

LINDARAE HOVDE, EDITOR



Lindarae Hovde

Lindarae Hovde has been choir director for over 30 years, is ministering in Son Light Club, and plays the piano for the worship services.

She was a member of the pastoral search committee whose members were 100 percent in agreement to call pastor John Leffler to Castle Rock Christian Church in September of 2000.

Lindarae has provided great council in editing and suggestions that have made definite improvements on this history project.

Lindarae was born in Salem Oregon July 10, 1942 to Bruce and Leona Caldwell. Her father was a minister, and her family was on the move most of her adolescent life. She rarely stayed in one community more than a year at a time until the family moved to Selah Washington in 1957 where her father served as a professor at Central Washington Bible College. This was where she met and married Lenard in 1963.

Employment took Lindarae and Lenard to Castle Rock to work for Weyerhaeuser Company in 1964.

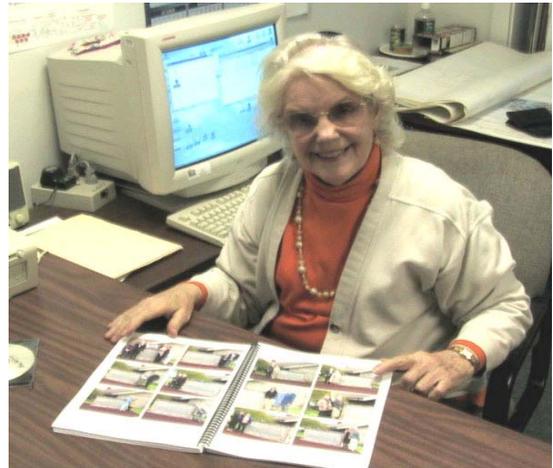
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In 1966 Lenard was drafted into the navy, and he and Lindarae spent almost three years in New London, Connecticut while Lenard served in the submarine service. Lindarae taught Sunday school and served in the Awana program and helped launch home Bible studies.

After returning to Castle Rock she served the Castle Rock Church teaching Sunday school and conducting Good News Clubs in her home and church. She and her husband were youth directors for several years, and Lindarae also directed Daily Vacation Bible School and assisted Lenard while he was Sunday school superintendent. All during this time she has directed the choir producing many Christmas and Easter specials. In addition to being mom and homemaker, she drove school bus for 26 years.

LINDA KELSO, DESKTOP PUBLISHER

Before he retired, Lenard worked at Weyerhaeuser Company on No. 3 Paperboard machine and worked with Linda on a safety committee for several years. Linda has many years of experience in the document publishing business as well as other ventures. She is an employee of WASSER Studios which contracts Linda's services to the Weyerhaeuser Company. Over the years she had become a valued friend to Lenard as well as to rest of the employees that she works with.



Linda Kelso

As we were celebrating our 150th birthday last year, Lenard shared his excitement about the project of updating our church history and the planned history book. Throughout the two-year development of the book, Lenard explained how we had been unable to find anyone who had the skills and talents to help us transfer the information we had collected into a quality book. Linda graciously offered to help.

She has been an answer to our prayers. We are deeply grateful to Linda for this great service. Her desktop publishing skills have brought this information to life all in a way that none of us thought possible. We are forever indebted to Linda for her many hours of work and effort of love. Castle Rock Christian Church thanks you Linda!

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think about the generations past.
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you. Inquire of your elders,
and they will tell you.

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