


..... 24th Annual

Montrose Christian Writers Conference

JULY 21-26, 2013

Words Wisely Written

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- Appointments with Editors & Agents
 - Daily Inspirational Sessions
 - Great Evening Programs
 - 5 Continuing Classes
 - 45 Afternoon Workshops
 - Professional Critiques & Consults
 - Hands-on Mentoring Opportunities

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BIBLE CONFERENCE

Conference Schedule

SUNDAY

3:30	REGISTRATION	Lobby, Dreyer Lodge
5:30	SUPPER	Tea Room, Dreyer Lodge
7:30	OPENING SESSION <i>Keynote: A Writer's Dream</i>	Chapel, Dreyer Lodge Bob Hostetler
9:00	GET ACQUAINTED TIME	Chapel, Dreyer Lodge

MONDAY-THURSDAY

7:30	BREAKFAST
8:45	MEDITATION & WORSHIP
9:15	MORNING CHALLENGE

<i>M: Facing Your Fears</i>	Larry Leech
<i>T: To Those Who Persevere . . .</i>	
<i>Go the Publishing Contracts</i>	Linda Glaz
<i>W: If John Had Not Written</i>	Bob Hostetler
<i>Th: The Shark Ate My Ichthus</i>	Torry Martin

10:15	BREAK
10:40	MAJOR MORNING CLASSES
12:30	LUNCH
1:30	AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS
4:30	CRITIQUE GROUPS or FREE TIME
5:30	DINNER and FREE TIME
7:30	EVENING SESSIONS

<i>M: Focus Groups</i>	
• <i>Kid-Focused Writing</i>	Joanna Echols
• <i>Zany Ways to Market</i>	Jeanette Levellie
• <i>Eggcorns and Mondegreens</i>	Christine Lindberg
• <i>Ways to Make Money Writing</i>	Larry Leech
• <i>Working the Web: Q&A</i>	Bonnie Calhoun
<i>T: Torry Story: Behind the Scenes</i>	Torry Martin
<i>W: WORDS: Witness and Song</i>	Donna Krieger, Carol Wedeven
<i>Th: Writers Theater</i>	

FRIDAY

7:30	BREAKFAST	
8:45	MEDITATION, WORSHIP, and CHALLENGE <i>Writing as HIS Ministry</i>	Cindy Sproles
11:00	BENEDICTION and FAREWELLS	



Worship Leaders

Conrad and Donna Krieger: Conrad plays piano, guitar, trumpet, and flugelhorn. Donna is a songwriter, soloist, pianist, organist, arranger, and recording artist with 13 recorded releases. She has written and/or arranged hundreds of songs and published two cantatas and two books of piano solos/arrangements.

Workshop Leaders

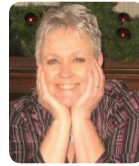


BONNIE S. CALHOUN: Owner/Director of Christian Fiction Blog Alliance, owner/publisher of Christian Fiction Online Magazine, Northeast Zone Director for American Christian Fiction Writers (ACFW), the ACFW 2011 Mentor of the Year, and President of (CAN) Christian Authors Network.



JOANNA ECHOLS

Senior associate editor of *Focus on the Family Clubhouse Jr.* magazine who had her first story published at age 8. Has served in various editing roles, including seven years with children's magazines.



LINDA GLAZ

Agent for Hartline Literary Agency with a triple-A personality who demonstrates her high energy level and passion for words by writing in addition to being an agent.



JEANETTE LEVELLIE

A spunky, sometimes reluctant pastor's wife of thirty-plus years who is the author of *Two Scoops of Grace with Chuckles on Top*. Writes a bi-weekly inspirational humor column and blogs at least twice weekly.



CHRISTINE LINDBERG

Senior lexicographer for Oxford University Press for 15 years where she was the content specialist for OUP's American-English dictionaries and thesauruses. Now working independently, including a monthly essay for the "World of Words" page at Oxford Dictionaries Online.



LINDA BONNEY OLIN

Writer of hymns, poems, devotions, dramas, blog interviews, fiction, non-fiction—whatever the Holy Spirit assigns. Has self-published a song collection and a Lent play as e-books.



GLORIA PENWELL

Editorial representative for AMG Publishers. CLASS Christian Writers Conference Assistant Director. Gloria's expertise comes from attending hundreds of writers conferences with her husband, Dan, who was Acquisitions Editor at AMG Publishing.



MAJOR ALLEN SATTERLEE

Editor-in-Chief for The Salvation Army National Publications 2011- Present. Author of over 200 articles and 7 books, including *Voices from Haiti*. Has served in positions in Singapore, Malaysia, Myanmar, Papua New Guinea, and Jamaica.



CAROL WEDEVEN

Author of 11 children's books, curriculum, poetry, fillers, short stories, and drama scripts. She speaks to MOPS groups, enjoys drama improvisation, plays with words, hosts a critique group, and mentors writers.

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Words skillfully welded together wield great power. That's what keeps us at our computers: This constant quest to combine the right words to reveal our intended meaning. This year's conference offers you practical, hands-on help for writing, marketing, and promoting your work, but it also offers you opportunities to polish your language skills and rediscover your love for writing as you worship, relax, and interact with fellow writers.

Patti Souder,
Writers Conference Director

Staff:

Assistant Director
Carol Wedeven

Get-Acquainted Party
Brenda Hendricks

Freebies
Kathie Mitchell

Book Table
Ray and Ginny Merritt
Carlene VanCott
Frank Westcott

"I came here with God's dream bursting out of me and then He put the whipped cream, cherry, nuts, and hot fudge on it."
— From a 2012 Conferee

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Morning Continuing Classes

10:40AM - 12:10PM • MONDAY-THURSDAY

Designed to provide in-depth learning and participation. Most valuable when taken as a series but open to those who cannot attend every day.

LEARN THE LINGO with *Cindy Sproles*



Learn the basics of manuscript prep and the lingo that goes with it in today's publishing world. **Say What?** POW, GWS, MOO, RUE, and more. **They Told Me to What?** Bios, business cards, one-sheets, and etiquette. **Come Again?** Self-publishing vs. traditional publishing. **Do what?** Social media and speaking.

Cindy serves as Executive Editor of ChristianDevotions.US, a daily devotional website. She is also an Acquisitions Editor for Lighthouse Publishing of the Carolinas and a contributing writer for CBN.com. Cindy has written one book, co-authored another, and has been published in several compilations and syndicated newspapers. She directs Writers ADVANCE! Boot Camp.

THE WELL-ROUNDED WRITER with *Bob Hostetler*



Engage in hands-on sessions that will equip you with better business practices, improved craftsmanship, an awareness of your writing as meaningful ministry, and even a refreshing rediscovery of the joys of writing for fun.

Bob Hostetler, author of 32 books, is also an editor, pastor, and speaker. His award-winning books, including Falling in Love with God and Don't Check Your Brains at the Door (co-authored with Josh McDowell) have sold over three million copies. Bob has won two Gold Medallion Awards, four Ohio Associated Press awards, and an Amy Foundation Award.

G.R.E.A.T. WRITING with *Larry J. Leech II*



Discuss the key elements of G.R.E.A.T. writing: Grammar, Red flags, Extra words, Adjectives and Adverbs, and Tricky words. Look at where to find ideas, how to stay motivated, writing first pages, creating tension and more. Bring a work-in-progress for fine tuning.

Larry spent nearly two decades writing, editing, and managing news and sports departments at various newspapers. He served as editor of Christian Retailing magazine for five years. Now a freelance book editor and writer, Larry has published 2,300 articles, ghostwritten a dozen books, edited 150 manuscripts, and served as the first president of Word Weavers International. He will evaluate manuscripts for HigherLife Publishing.

YOUR BEST FICTION WORKSHOP with *Marsha Hubler*



Working on juvenile fiction? Romance? Fantasy? Short stories? Join this work-in-progress class to learn how to create eye-catching fiction to hook readers, flesh out characters, and develop a story arc. Register for MCWC by June 28 and request guidelines for submitting a sample of your work beforehand. (Class size limited.)

Marsha is the author of the best-selling juvenile fiction Keystone Stables Series, The Loves of Snyder County Amish/Mennonite Series, and The Snyder County Quilting Bee Short Story Series. She has a master's degree in education.

HEY! WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA? with *Torry Martin*



Discover the power of storytelling. Develop original but believable characters and dialogue. Look at format, story, structure, character, and dialogue for comedy sketches for stage or screen. Compare screenplays with novels. Learn collaborative writing, marketing, and promotion.

Torry is an award-winning actor, screenwriter, comedian and author. In addition to penning humor columns for a variety of national print and online publications, he writes for Adventures in Odyssey where he created the popular character of Wooton Bassett. Torry has co-written six full feature length scripts and speaks and performs at conferences.

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

MONDAY

1:30-2:15	1. What Do Publishers Want? Updates and Insights	Faculty Panel
2:30-3:15	2. How Not to Get An Agent 3. Getting the Most Out of This Conference 4. How to Make an Editor Sit Up and Take Notice 5. Facebook for Dummies	Linda Glaz Bob Hostetler Gloria Penwell Bonnie Calhoun
3:30-4:15	6. Opening With a Bang 7. Root Out Redundancies! 8. Dos and Don'ts in Writing for Children 9. Creating Your Village with Facebook	Linda Glaz Christine Lindberg Joanna Echols Bonnie Calhoun

TUESDAY

1:30-2:15	10. How to Write a Good Proposal 11. Keys to Co-authoring Success 12. Beginnings and Endings: Grab editors and readers! 13. Writing Bible Studies	Linda Glaz Bob Hostetler Joanna Echols Gloria Penwell
2:30-3:15	14. Dialogue Tags, Use and Abuse 15. Humor Sells 16. Design Change for Memorable Kid Characters 17. Blogging Made Easy	Linda Glaz Jeanette Levellie Carol Wedeven Bonnie Calhoun
3:30-4:15	18. Wimps or Alpha Males on Steroids? 19. Tangled & Mangled: Typos, Spoonerisms, Scary Words 20. Wanted: Award-Winning Verbs for Kids 21. Blogging For Dollars	Linda Glaz Christine Lindberg Carol Wedeven Bonnie Calhoun

WEDNESDAY

1:30-2:15	22. Down for the Count 1 23. Create a Winning One-Sheet 24. Writing for Magazines in Today's World 25. Anyone Can E-Publish; Should You?	Linda Glaz Bob Hostetler Major Allen Satterlee Linda Bonney Olin
2:30-3:15	26. Down for the Count 2 27. Writing Compelling Devotions 28. Reveal Attitude, Tone, and Voice for Kids 29. Twitter, Pinterest, Goodreads, LinkedIn, and You Tube 1	Linda Glaz Jeanette Levellie Carol Wedeven Bonnie Calhoun
3:30-4:15	30. Developing Your Voice 31. A Writer's Thesaurus: Friend or Foe? 32. Showing Dialogue & Action, Telling Story for Kids 33. Twitter, Pinterest, Goodreads, LinkedIn, and You Tube 2	Larry Leech Christine Lindberg Carol Wedeven Bonnie Calhoun

THURSDAY

1:30-2:15	34. Working From Home 35. Column Writing as a Platform Builder 36. Doing Credible Historical Research 37. Market Your E-Book: Why You Must and How You Can	Larry Leech Jeanette Levellie Major Allen Satterlee Linda Bonney Olin
2:30-3:15	38. Importance of a Critique Group 39. Time Management for Part-time Writers 40. Create Sounds in Stories for Kids 41. HootSuite 1	Larry Leech Jeanette Levellie Carol Wedeven Bonnie Calhoun
3:30-4:15	42. After the Conference 43. Illusions vs. Allusions 44. Sense-Full Stories for Kids 45. HootSuite 2	Larry Leech Christine Lindberg Carol Wedeven Bonnie Calhoun

Afternoon Continuing Classes

*How-to instruction on
specialized topics.*

CHOOSING WORDS FOR CHILDREN

• **6 Sessions:** 2:30pm and 3:30pm
Tuesday, Wednesday and
Thursday with *Carol Wedeven*

SELECTING WORDS SKILLFULLY

• **4 Sessions:** 3:30pm
Monday through Thursday
with *Christine Lindberg*

WORKING WITH WORDS ON THE WEB

• **8 Sessions:** 2:30pm and 3:30pm
Monday through Thursday
with *Bonnie Calhoun*



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REGISTRATION

Tuition	\$175	_____
Early Bird Discount if registered by June 15	\$-10	_____
Promoter's Discount \$5 discount for each first-timer you bring	\$- _____	_____
Commuters' Lunch Package Monday-Thursday	\$28	_____
Per Diem Tuition (Includes lunch)	\$60	_____
Professional Critique	\$40	_____

SCHOLARSHIPS

• **Shirley Brinkerhoff Memorial Scholarship: \$100 grant for tuition:** Awarded to a writer actively striving to hone the craft of writing who has not yet secured a publishing contract. Applications are available at montrosebible.org.

• **General Scholarship** help available according to need.

Please inquire when registering.

LODGING AND MEALS:

	Weekly: (Sunday supper through Friday breakfast)	Daily: (1 night; 3 meals)	
Torrey Home, private bath	\$360	\$80	_____
Dreyer Motel, private bath, AC	\$360	\$80	_____
Dreyer Lodge, private bath, AC	\$315	\$70	_____
Add 25% for single occupancy request			_____

LODGING ONLY:

RV Court (water, electric, sewer)	\$135	\$28	_____
RV Court (water, electric)	\$105	\$22	_____
RV Court (no hookups)	\$70	\$15	_____

TOTAL COST _____

Amount Enclosed (Minimum deposit \$40) _____

Name _____ Address _____

Phone (____) _____ Email _____

Roommate Choice _____

Books I've written and will bring to sell _____

MORNING CONTINUING CLASS

Please choose one:

Lingo _____ Well-Rounded _____ GREAT _____ Fiction Workshop _____ Big Idea _____

AFTERNOON WORKSHOPS

Please list the workshop number for each class period you expect to attend:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
1:30	_____	_____	_____	_____
2:30	_____	_____	_____	_____
3:30	_____	_____	_____	_____

Interested in winning a free book?

Include a short piece (300 word limit) in any genre related to our theme with your registration

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PROFESSIONAL CRITIQUES

This is a great opportunity to have your work evaluated by a published professional. You will receive a written evaluation of your manuscript plus a 30-minute private appointment to talk about ways to improve and/or market your piece.

Register for MCWC by June 28 and request guidelines for emailing your manuscript to the critiquer of your choice. \$40.00 per critique.

Bob Hostetler

Nonfiction books: *Proposal plus 10 pages.*
Fiction books: *Synopsis plus 10 pages.*
Poetry: *Maximum of 3 poems with no more than 40 lines per poem.*

Marsha Hubler

YA, Romance, and Fantasy books: *Synopsis plus 10 pages.*
Short stories: *10 pages.*

Larry Leech

Nonfiction books: *Proposal plus 10 pages.*
Nonfiction articles: *Up to 2500 words.*

Torry Martin

Drama sketches: *Up to 12 pages.*
Humor articles: *Up to 1500 words.*
Screenplays: *Synopsis plus 10 pages.*
Press Kits.

Cindy Sproles

Devotions: *Up to three with a maximum of 400 words each.*
Inspirational articles: *Up to 2500 words.*

Carol Wedeven

Picture books, stories, or articles for children: *Up to 1500 words.*

WHAT TO BRING

Your Bible, manuscripts for critique and/or presentation to editors and agents, short pieces for Writers Theater, a sturdy bag for freebies, notebook, pens, laptop computer, casual clothes, comfortable shoes, umbrella, and a sweater or light jacket.

Driving Directions are available on our website at www.MontroseBible.org.

Flying?

The Wilkes-Barre/Scranton (AVP) and Binghamton (BGM) airports are about an hour from Montrose. Transportation from these airports can be arranged *if requested in advance.*

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2013 SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

EDITORIAL APPOINTMENTS

Private 15-minute appointments with editors and agents to show them material which may be suitable for their publications and/or to discuss ideas for stories. Sign-up sheets available at the conference. Study guidelines ahead of time, and bring professionally prepared manuscripts. Be sure to bring copies! No charge.

CRITIQUE GROUPS

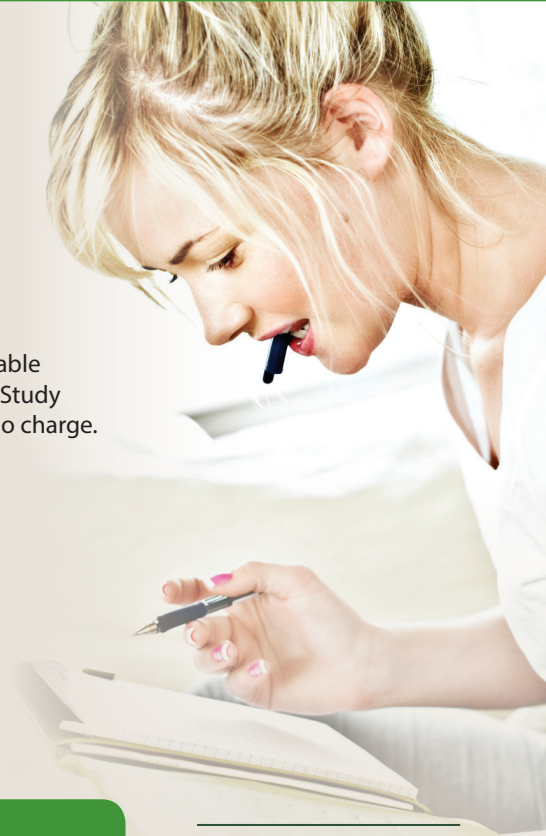
Opportunity for feedback from other writers. No charge.

CDs or MP3s

Listen to the sessions you missed or those you want to hear again.

Book Table

Features books by faculty and conferees. When registering, please indicate books you've written which you would like to sell.



MONTROSE BIBLE CONFERENCE

Whether you're planning your own retreat or attending one of our unique and inspiring event experiences, Montrose Bible Conference is the right location for you, your family, and friends to experience God! Nestled in the "endless mountains" of northeastern Pennsylvania, you will find yourself surrounded by the peace of God's majestic creation in an atmosphere of fun, fellowship, and learning. We invite your spouses and friends to come with you to relax while you attend classes!

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