

Speaker Information for our 2008-2009 OCACW year

- Sept. 13, 2008** **Keynote Topic:** *“Newspaper Journalism—A Moving Target”*
Speaker: [John Sacoulas](#) – managing editor and co-publisher of the Ozarks & Branson Christian News. He will share with us about the quickly changing landscape of print journalism and how to keep up with it.
- Oct. 4, 2008** **Keynote Topic:** *“Writing Devotions”*
Speaker: [Dr. Jeanetta R. Chrystie](#) – author, poet, & college professor. Learn the key components of devotions & where to find markets for them.
- Nov. 8, 2008** **Keynote Topic:** *“Writing for Children & the CEV Bible translation!”*
Speaker: [Barclay & Jean Newman](#) – Barclay Newman was chair and chief translator, and Jean Newman was editor and stylist, for the team that produced the *Contemporary English Version* of the Bible. Recently, Jean did the illustrations and Barclay wrote the text for a children’s picture book entitled *The Ginkgo Tree*.
Learn about their experiences writing a children’s book. Then hear about Barclay’s new translation of the Bible.
- Dec. 13, 2008** **Our 2nd Annual Christmas Readings Meeting:** sign up early to reserved your place on the program to read your Christmas-themed poetry, short fiction, non-fiction article, humor piece, or devotion.
- Jan. 10, 2009** **Our 2nd Annual “Lightning Writing” Contest:** bring your writing instruments of choice, select from our provided set of “writing idea” starters, spend 45 minutes writing in your favorite style or genre, then share with everyone.
- Feb. 14, 2009** **Keynote Topic:** *“The Christian Poet as Contemporary Catechist”*
Speaker: [Dr. Nathan Nelson](#), Professor of English and Chair of the Humanities Dept at Evangel University.
Learn ways to engage contemporary culture, wrestle with difficult topics, and reach a broader audience than writer’s groups and literary magazines.
- Mar. 14, 2009** **Keynote Topic** [How I Became A Christian Romance Author!](#)
Speaker: [Jeanie Smith Cash](#), Christian Fiction Author
We’ll experience her exciting journey as we learn what it’s like when God moves you from being a beginning writer to becoming a published author. Jeannie’s first two fiction titles are “Christmas In the Country” and “Wyoming Christmas Heroes.” Her third book, “Christmas Love at Lake Tahoe,” comes out in Fall 2009.
- Apr. 11, 2009:** **Keynote Topic** [“Playwriting...From the Inside Out”](#)
Speaker: [Steve Jenkins](#), playwright and admin of Stained Glass Theatre
Learn playwriting tips of Stained Glass Theatre’s administrator as he shares stories and techniques from his playwriting experiences.
- May 9, 2009** **Keynote Topic:** [“Titles, Leads, and Descriptive Writing”](#)
Speaker: [John Maempa](#) (former editor at Gospel Publishing House) now the Director of the National Prayer Center in Springfield, MO.
“You have only a moment to arrest a reader’s attention. Capturing interest and maintaining it are challenges this session will explore.”