

Speaker Information for our 2009-2010 OCACW year

- Sept. 12, 2009** **Keynote Topic:** “*Writing Through Adversity*”
Speaker: **Dr. Jeanetta Chrystie** – author, poet, & college professor. Learn to tap your trials for ideas to write in many genre to help others.
- Oct. 10, 2009** **Keynote Topic:** “*Tips to Get Your Manuscript Ready for Publication*”
Speaker: **Paul Smith** – Director of Editorial Services at Gospel Publishing House. Learn the keys of preparing a manuscript for submission to an editor.
- Nov. 14, 2009** **Keynote Topic:** “**Creativity and the Writing Process!**”
Speaker: **John Maempa** – Director of the National Prayer Center. Learn about the role of creativity in great writing, and ways to become more creative.
- Dec. 12, 2009** **Our 3rd Annual Christmas Readings Meeting:** sign up early to reserve your place on the program to read your Christmas-themed poetry, short fiction, non-fiction article, humor piece, or devotion. Reading time: 3-5 minutes each.
- Jan. 9, 2010** **Our 3rd Annual “Lightning Writing” Challenge:** bring your writing instruments & paper, select from our provided set of “writing starters,” spend 45 minutes writing in your favorite style or genre, then share with everyone.
- Feb. 13, 2010** **Keynote Topic:** “**Writing a Historical Stage Play**”
Speaker: **Joseph Ransom** – author, speaker, playwright, and founder of Joseph’s Closet Ministries. Learn about playwriting and discover the differences between writing a historical drama and any other stage play.
- Mar. 13, 2010** **Keynote Topic** “**Where do they come from: Idea sources for songs**”
Speakers: **Ron Howard** – Christian Song writer
We’ll experience an exciting journey of inspiration and “how to: ideas from his years of writing hymns and praise songs.
- Apr. 10, 2010** **Keynote Topic** “**Does Poetry Matter?**”
Speaker: **Lee Ann Russell** – author and poet with numerous contest awards; and **Larry Cunningham** – writer, poet, & high school science teacher. Using samples of good and bad poetry, they “battle” and both end with the same thought: yes, poetry does matter, and they leave no doubt as to why. This presentation is a teaching tool, delving into style, form, and what constitutes good and bad poetry. Join us for a fun experience for all writers.
- May 8, 2010** **Keynote Topic:** “**The Realities of Publishing: Keeping a Kingdom Mindset**”
Speaker: **Erin Davis** – author of *Graffiti: Learning to See the Art in Ourselves*. Hear about Erin’s experiences of becoming a published Bible study author and popular Christian speaker, and receive encouragement that when the Lord is in the work (writing), He will provide the blessings.