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Coming Kingdom**

"The time has come, and the Kingdom of God is near.
Change the way you think and act, and believe the Good News."
Mark 1:15 GW

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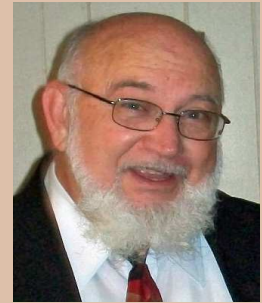
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THE GOOD NEWS
OF GOD'S COMING KINGDOM
TO BE ESTABLISHED
WHEN JESUS RETURNS**



EDITOR'S NOTE

Co-Editors: Kent Ross - Wally Winner



Welcome to this issue of our E-Herald. This is a somewhat unusual issue for us this month. We have the usual collection of fine articles, but there is something extra with this issue.

Pastors Scott Deane, Bruce Reye and Chuck Jones share their insights, some of which are prophetic, some are devotional, but all will encourage and inspire you in your walk of faith.

But because this month of July is when our General Conference will be meeting (11-13 at the Lawrenceville, OH church), and because it happens that I was going through some old files of my father's, S.O. Ross, I found much historical material relating to those General Conference meetings back in the 1970's and 1980's. That wasn't so very long ago, at least to some of us, but I found it very interesting in considering their Gatherings then and the upcoming one. I've chosen to share several pages from his files and consider how the work is changed significantly . . . some of which is positive, some of which is not.

Copies of the following pages are included:

- 1) A report of what was then called Youth Conference, where you will see there were over 400 participants at two concurrent camps. These high numbers are down substantially. Interestingly, that was the summer a new youth director took over the reins and canned the two camp directors, wanting to go a new direction, unfortunately it was down.
- 2) There is a copy of the schedule for the entire General Conference meeting. Classes and sessions filled each day. Some of those listed as speaking then are also speaking at this year's Conference. It is interesting to follow the decline in attendance and participation that has occurred over the interim years..
- 3) That why a listing of goals in also included, which looked positively to the future, with growth ideas and prospects. There seems to be only one action item this year, which is to expand the missions board, by allowing it to expand, for present members to appoint their new members and thus perpetuate themselves. It's interesting to note that at least two of the members back then, remain on the missions board today.
- 4) Also there is a listing of givers in a given month. Many of them faithfully gave what they could, larger and smaller, to support the overall work of the General Conference work, "Doing together what we cannot do alone." That pattern of faithful giving continues and some of the names would also be there today, though many faithful ones have now fallen asleep in death.

These pages may not mean the same to some of our readers who have little knowledge of our General Conference, but many of our readers will read and remember, and hopefully decide to remain among the faithful as we continue doing together.

Awareness of the Headlines

Egypt elects as its new president as member of the Muslim Brotherhood, which bodes more difficulties for Israel and for the United States. Strangely enough, the U.S. president seems to have congratulated Egypt on it's move toward democracy. For Bible students this only further strengthens the belief that at the end of this present, evil Age, Israel will stand alone, abandoned even by the United State of America. This was unthinkable before this present administration.

Russia, Iran, Syria and seemingly China together planned extensive war-games in the volatile Middle East, where things continue at a near igniting point. Syria is murdering its own citizens and the world lodges another futile protest. These slaughters include many Christians, and the media ignores the horror of it all.

Great tribulation is being perpetrated against Christians through Africa and Southeast Asia and especially where Islam is in the majority. Again, this is largely ignored and minimized by the world press as if persecution against Christians is not a matter of important.

Jesus did warn that if the world hated him, so it will also hate those who follow him. All this is not new, but it is intensifying in these times.

More than Ever

The need for evangelism in these days is paramount as the time seems to be growing shorter for action. The Good News remains the Good News of the Coming World-wide Kingdom of God, but few heed its call.

Instead the pursuit of pleasure plagues the Christian church. We would be more evangelistic if we didn't have to use our camper on these lovely summer weekends, and we have ball games that make getting to church each Sunday so difficult, and with friends coming this weekend, we'll need to stay home and get ready for dinner, and on it goes . . . ad nauseum, ad infinitum.

People are not responding to a "gospel" that is worth so little to those who proclaim to be followers of it. One of our old preachers characterized things this way as he paraphrased the hymn, "Like a mighty turtle moves the Church of God. Brothers, we are treading where we've always trod. . . "

Dietrich Bonhoeffer once profoundly put it, "When Christ calls a man, He bids him come and die," but then he probably didn't understand how important is our busyness today.

'Cheap, Cheap Grace

Heritage Conference

This Fall, over September 20-22, 2012 (note the corrected dates), there will be a Gathering of like-minded believers to consider our Heritage and the challenge of the future. David Krogh, past present of both Oregon and Atlanta Bible Colleges, will be one of the featured speakers. More speakers are being confirmed as the program develops. Two days filled with strong presentations, touching details from missions, special evening programs and spirit-filled sessions.

Jan Stilson will be there speaking regarding our connection with English believers in the 1700 and 1800's. Further there will be a consideration and analysis of the Church Planting efforts with our churches. There will also be an assessment of Church of God Christian education materials for various age levels with conversations with some of those editors.

More details will be coming. The Heritage Conference is to be held at the North Hills Church of God, outside Springfield, Ohio. Block those dates out and join us for this important meeting as we Look to the Past, Consider the Present, and Plan for the Future.

Kent H. Ross



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Christian Light

By Chuck Jones

When I think of “christian light” my thoughts go directly to the words of our Master and Teacher when he declared; *“You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. 16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven”* (Matthew 5:14-16).

As we read this passage, the major idea is that “we are the light (phos) of the world. The Greek word “phos” “is used in both a literal and a transferred sense, has the meanings of daylight, sunlight, brightness, shining, and lamp. Light is both a medium and object of sight. It enables us to grasp and master the world; to see it is life. Light brings freedom, deliverance, and hope” (TWBNT).

The word Jesus used is the same as our English word light. As we understand light, we can understand “phos”. Bear with me as I make some connections.

Light as we know it must come from a source. Light is generated. Light can not be overcome or driven out by darkness, the opposite is true. If the source is eliminated, then darkness will fill the void. There are perhaps two things like this, light and heat.

Each of these has an opposite; darkness and cold, Yet these two qualities, light and heat are generated. Their opposites can't be. I know someone is thinking “I have an air conditioner and a fridge that make things cold.” That is true. The way that happens is that the heat is removed. Likewise, darkness can't be generated. It appears only when light is removed. No one has invented a “dark-bulb”. To carry this metaphor a little farther, good and evil can also be applied to this thinking. Good will always overcome evil. Evil is not as powerful as good. Good is generated, evil is the absence of good. The source of good is the same one as the light that is in us. As Paul directed us, *“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good”* (Romans 12:21).

When Jesus declared us to be light of the world. There are some important implications that go along with that. We are darkness driving-out machines, when that light is generated by the All Mighty.

Light is very helpful in knowing what to avoid, so we don't stumble. This ought to go without saying, but it came to me one night at camp. The men's cabins were way off in the woods and the restrooms were way off in the other direction. Natured called well after dark. So I had to make the trip. There was one



spot where the path went down hill and to the left. That spot had a number of tree roots that stuck up out of the ground and made the path a little dangerous. If it hadn't been for my flashlight, I may well have taken a tumble. When it comes to life in this present evil age, Jesus is the light of the world. *Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life."* (John 8:12). Notice that Jesus said, the one who follows him, will not walk in darkness there will be less chance to stumble when we follow Jesus. Then this "reflected" light will help lead others as well.

Don't hide your light. That only allows darkness to spread.

Letting our lights shine is an interesting statement. "Let" carries an idea of cooperation. Like, "let the dog out". It implies to me that unless we do something to stop it, it will be done. Letting your light shine requires that we don't hide it under something that will keep it from shining out in the darkness. Mark records these words of Jesus for us: *"Is a lamp brought to be put under a basket or under a bed? Is it not to be set on a lampstand? 22 For there is nothing hidden which will not be revealed, nor has anything been kept secret but that it should come to light. 23 If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear"* (Mark 4:21-23).

This passage has some additional information for us to consider. It is as if Jesus is saying, "Did I invest in you as light so you could hide it? No, I want you to shine in the darkness." It appears that there really isn't any alternative to this. If we have the spirit of Christ, then it should be seen by others. If we don't have the spirit of Christ, then we aren't his (see Romans 8:9). The things Jesus referred to as "hidden" are spiritual truths that were revealed to the disciples at a later time.

Luke recorded this same passage with a little bit different twist. *"No one, when he has lit a lamp, covers it with a vessel or puts it under a bed, but sets it on a lamp stand, that those who enter may see the light. 17 For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor anything hidden that will not be known and come to light. 18 Therefore take heed how you hear. For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him"* (Luke 8:16-18).

That difference I want to point out is the last verse. "Pay attention to how you hear." Let it sink in and make a difference in your life. The warning is that *"For whoever has, to him more will be given; and whoever does not have, even what he seems to have will be taken from him"* Let your light shine!

It may not come to mind but light can be intrusive. Especially when we want to sleep. But we haven't been called to sleep. In fact Paul directs us, *"And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. 12 The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. 13 Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts"* (Romans 13:11-14).

The time of Jesus' return is closer now than it has ever been before. Wake up! Don't be satisfied with less than Jesus wants out of you. I'll close with these words from Romans 12:11. *"[do]not lagging in diligence, fervent [on ûre like a light] in spirit, serving the Lord."*

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Annual Report of the Church of God General Conference Board of Directors

Theme: "Heritage of Our Faith"

This report of the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference was approved at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors on April 29, 1975. The report is presented here so delegates to the 1976 General Conference business sessions (August 9-14, 1976, Riverview Park, Cedar Falls, IA) can become familiar with it and can be instructed by their church or state conference regarding same.

This report is for the first eight months of the fiscal year, and any special items of interest in the interim will be reported orally at General Conference. The progress and activities of the several departments are reported herein, with some additional comments on the work as a whole.

The new dormitory at Oregon Bible College has been used since school began in August, 1975. The building is working out very satisfactorily, and is a tremendous asset to the work of Oregon Bible College. All of the physical facilities of the General Conference are in good repair. The literature campaign continues to be a blessing to the churches and individuals who are involved in this program of distributing the written Word.

We extend our thanks and appreciation to all members of the General Conference staff for their dedicated service. Following is a report of each of the several departments of the Church of God General Conference.

Berean Youth Department

At the time of this writing, several programs sponsored by the Berean Youth Department have been successfully completed. Others are in the planning stage.

The major program of the Berean Youth Fellowship is Youth Conference. A very successful Conference was held July 20-26, 1975. Camp Alexander Mack and Shipshewana Retreat Center played hosts to our young people. Camp Mack became an all-high-school camp. Two hundred ninety-eight young people and 33 staff members were present. Shipshewana Retreat Center became an all-post-high camp. Sixty-seven campers and 18 staff members were present at this facility.

The same two camps have been obtained for the 1976 Youth Conference, to be held July 18-24, 1976. Camp Mack will again be an all-high-school camp and the Retreat Center will host post-high through age 25. Married couples of the right age will again be allowed to attend. Plans for this program, for the most

part, have been completed and the staff for 1976 has been established.

Again, due to increased costs passed on to us by the site owners, we have had to raise the tuition cost to \$53.00 for 1976.

There was no Junior Caravan during 1975, but the Senior Caravan traveled to Fredericktown, MO, where it conducted the annual vacation Bible school and participated in the Missouri State Conference. The Caravan was sponsored by your Youth Director and his wife, and was held July 27-August 2, 1975.

The slide-sound set of the 1975 International Berean Youth Conference was prepared and put into circulation in January of 1976. At this time, the set is scheduled to be shown to some 28 churches.

Youth Week was conducted October 20-26, 1975. There were 18 groups which participated by sending in reports for judging. Again this year, the responsibility for judging was given to the Youth Advisory Council. This was accomplished at the annual meeting of the Council during the Midwinter Retreat.

The first-place traveling trophy was awarded to the Blood River Bereans of Springfield, LA. The second-place traveling trophy went to the Columbia Bereans of Columbia Station, OH. East Peoria, IL, Hope Chapel, South Bend, IN, and the Lakeshore Bible Church, Tempe, AZ, also ranked high. It was apparent from the reports received that a great deal of planning and work had been put forth by the Bereans and their leaders.

The annual Post-High Midwinter Retreat was held December 29-January 1 at Camp Alexander Mack. Thirty-two young people were in attendance. Hugh and Mary Harman and Jim and Charlene Graham served as staff for this retreat.

Publications of the Youth Department include *Challenge* and the *Junior Berean Lesson Manual*. The *Junior Lesson Manual*, containing 27 lessons, was put into printed form in July of 1975 and was made available to the churches. Very few copies were used, and it was decided to hold off on the publication of another manual until a future time. *Challenge*, edited by your Youth Director, continues to be published on a bi-monthly basis. Also, *Youth Workers Memo* and other literature are sent out as needed.

We are, as always, thankful to God for his blessings, and
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The report on the Youth department show 416 participants at the two concurrent camps held at Camp Mack (high school) and Camp Shipshewana (college-age). Does anyone know the whereabouts of the "traveling trophy" for the youth week winners? Also reference is made to the Junior & Senior Berean Lesson manuals, and the 1967 ones will be considered at this year's Heritage Conf., Sept. 20-22, 2012 at North Hills, Ohio)

Of interest are the speakers and leaders of the various sessions, some of whom are no longer with us. Also see the extensive schedule, and attendance then numbered somewhere over 200+

THE GENERAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Theme: "Heritage of Our Faith"

Conference Workers:
 General Program Chairman: S. O. Ross
 Camp Director: David Krogh
 Worship Program Directors: Kenneth Milne, John Fauntleroy, S. O. Ross
 Children's Class Director: Lynne Krogh
 Head Usher: Harold Domigan
 Music Director: Dale Ramsey
 Credentials Committee: Ruth Overholser
 Reception: Don and Marge Overmyer
 Room Assignments: Mildred O'Neil, Diane Huston, Wilma Petry
 Desk Clerks: Dotis Reye, Cheryl Swartz
 Ministers' Meetings: R. Warren Sorenson
 Priscilla Meetings: Grace Cain
 Business Office: Becky Hall, Mary Krogh, Lois Smith
 Camp Nurse: June Andrew
 Photographer: J. Richard LeCrone

DAILY SCHEDULE

Monday, August 9

2:00 Registration Begins
 5:30 Supper
 7:30 Evening Worship Service
 Conference Board of Directors, Opening and Song Service; Kenneth Milne, Speaker, "Our Heritage From Abraham"
 8:45 Reception
 10:30 Lights Out

Tuesday, August 10

7:30 Breakfast
 8:45 Prayer Sessions (all Adults, Ministers, Youth, and Priscillas in joint session), Billie Kennedy, Chairman
 9:00 Joint Session (Adults, Ministers, Youth, and Priscillas), OBC Board of Education
 9:00 Children's Classes
 10:00 Youth attend Business Sessions (Youth Day)
 10:00 First Business Session
 Welcome by the Chairman
 Seating of the Delegates
 Introduction of New Delegates and Delegations
 Communications
 Question Period on written reports of committees and boards
 Report on Activities of the Board of Directors, Russell Johns
 Financial Report
 Consideration of Berean Youth Fellowship Business Publications
 11:45 Recess for Lunch
 12:00 Lunch
 1:25 Mission Board Presentation
 2:15 Sharing Sessions
 1. Mission Board, Building a Firmer Foundation in Home Missions
 2. Mission Board, Building a Firmer Foundation in Foreign Missions
 3. A Biblical Study, Paul McPherson
 4. Multi-Media Presentation, John Lewis
 5. Implications of Contemporary Education, Charles Pryor
 2:15 Board of Directors' Meeting
 3:30 Dismissal From Sessions
 3:30 Alumni Business Meeting (OBC)
 3:30 Planned Youth Activities
 4:00 Choir Practice
 5:30 Supper

7:00 Communion Service, C. E. Randall and Cecil Smead
 7:30 Evening Worship Service, Dale Ramsey, Song Leader; Warren Sorenson, Speaker, "Christ and His Church"
 9:00 Youth Film
 10:30 Lights Out

Wednesday, August 11

7:30 Breakfast
 8:45 Prayer Sessions (Adults, William Lawrence; Ministers, David Cheatwood; Youth, Michael Berry; Priscillas, Enid Maddock and Mildred Macy)
 9:00 Adult Bible Class, Eugene Stilson
 Youth, Edward Bender
 Children's Classes
 Ministers' Meeting
 Priscillas' Meeting
 10:00 Youth Class, Waldon Winner, Jr.
 10:00 Business Session
 Reading of Tuesday's Minutes
 Mission Business
 Election of Mission Board Members
 11:45 Recess for Lunch
 12:00 Lunch
 1:25 Board of Education Presentation
 2:15 Sharing Sessions
 Oregon Bible College Board of Education
 2:15 Board of Directors' Meeting
 3:30 Dismissal From Sessions
 3:30 Planned Activities for Youth
 4:00 Choir Practice
 4:30 OBC Alumni Banquet
 5:30 Supper
 7:30 Evening Worship Service, Dale Ramsey, Song Leader; Kent Ross, Speaker, "The Church of God Today"
 9:00 Bi-annual meeting of the Church of God Ministers Voluntary Retirement Association
 10:30 Lights Out

Thursday, August 12

7:30 Breakfast
 8:45 Prayer Sessions (Adults, Joe James; Ministers, John Ralston; Youth, Joe Duncan; Priscillas, Charlene Graham and Debbie Mattison)
 9:00 Adult Bible Class, E. Milton Hall
 Youth Class, Daniel Landry
 Children's Classes
 Ministers' Meeting
 Priscillas' Meeting
 10:00 Youth Class, Robert Jones
 10:00 Business Session
 Reading of Wednesday's Minutes
 Nomination of Three Directors
 Oregon Bible College Business
 11:45 Recess for lunch
 12:00 Lunch
 1:25 Worship Service, Michael Mattison
 2:15 James Graham (SS Board)
 2:25 Sharing Sessions
 1. Opportunities for the Older Adult, Francis Burnett
 2. Advancing the Smaller Sunday School, James Graham
 3. What Makes a Good Sunday School Teacher? Joyce Knapp

4. The Pupil's Responsibility, Scott Ross
 5. The Youth Role in the Sunday School, Gordon Landry
 2:15 Board of Directors' Meeting
 3:30 Dismissal from Sharing Sessions
 3:30 Planned Activities for Youth
 4:00 Choir Practice
 5:30 Supper
 7:30 Evening Worship Service, Musicals, "Our Heritage in Music," Dale Ramsey
 10:30 Lights Out

Friday, August 13

7:30 Breakfast
 8:45 Prayer Sessions (Adults, Willis Turner; Ministers, James Ritch; Youth, Dale Harshman; Priscillas, Louise Humphreys)
 9:00 Adult Bible Class (SS Board), Scott Ross, "A Meaningful Heritage"
 Youth, Ray Hall
 Children's Classes
 Ministers' Meeting
 Priscillas' Meeting
 10:00 Youth Class, Ronald Macy
 10:00 Business Session
 Reading of Thursday's Minutes
 Election of Three Directors
 Sunday School Business
 11:45 Recess for lunch
 12:00 Lunch
 1:25 Installation of the new Board of Directors, R. Warren Sorenson
 1:40 Ordination Service, C. F. Pryor
 2:15 Continuation of Business Session
 General Business
 Adoption of a Budget
 3:30 Adjournment of Business Session
 3:30 Planned Activity for Youth
 5:30 Supper
 7:30 Evening Worship Service, Dale Ramsey, Song Leader; James Mattison, Speaker, "Consummation of Our Heritage"
 10:30 Lights Out

Saturday, August 14

7:00 United Prayer Service, Russell Johns
 7:30 Breakfast
 9:00 Camp should be vacated

GENERAL CONFERENCE

The annual Church of God General Conference is a time of fellowship and sharing with brethren from many parts of the United States and Canada. It is a time of study, prayer, worship, instruction, beautiful music, Conference business, and timely and inspiring messages from God's Word.

In this bicentennial year of the United States, it is a time of reflection and recalling of our historical heritage. The theme of the Conference, "Heritage of Our Faith," also denotes a time of reflection and recalling the great heritage that we of the Church of God cherish. We are most grateful to the patriarchs of old who have brought to us the truths of our faith.

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CHURCH OF GOD GENERAL CONFERENCE
PROPOSED BUDGET

October 1, 1972 to September 30, 1973

ANTICIPATED INCOME:

Tuition, Room & Board (OBC)	\$ 30,000.00
Gross Profit from Sales (Sales less printing & purchases)	5,000.00
Total Anticipated Income	\$ 35,000.00

ANTICIPATED EXPENSES:

Salaries	\$84,000.00
Utilities & Telephone	8,000.00
Insurance	2,500.00
Social Security	4,000.00
Postage	3,000.00
Depreciation & Repairs	2,500.00
Departmental Printing	8,000.00
Supplies & Expense	4,500.00
Food	7,000.00
Auto & Travel	7,000.00
Youth Caravan	500.00
Library	500.00
Legal & Audit	800.00
Golden Rule Contract	1,500.00
Advance Education, OBC Prof	800.00
Emergency Reserve Fund	600.00
Literature Campaign (Incl. Heralds)	8,000.00

MISSIONS:

Nova Scotia	4,800.00
India	1,800.00
Mexico	1,000.00
Philippine Islands	5,000.00
Lebanon & Egypt	5,700.00
Nigeria	1,800.00
Pastoral Aid	3,500.00
Literature	600.00
Board Expense	1,200.00
Mission Opportunities	400.00
	25,800.00

Total Anticipated Expenses	\$169,000.00
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CONTRIBUTIONS NEEDED (Goals for Giving)	\$134,000.00
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The budget seems paltry now, but we worked hard to achieve it and much good work was accomplished then.

FIVE REASONS YOU MIGHT NOT WANT TO GO TO GENERAL CONFERENCE

1. There is a lot of beautiful country between here and there. We all know that can cause a strain on your eyes!
2. You get there and meet a lot of Christians walking around happy, with smiles on their faces, and they act friendly all the time. That certainly is a jolt to your system, especially a whole week of it.
3. You get a chance to meet dedicated church members, studying ideas to help our churches, and you get a chance to pray together and share your problems with others. You hear the Word of God preached every day. That is apt to leave a scar on your personality.
4. Then there are three good meals a day. You go through the line to pick up your food, and then find a table where you can chit-chat with some good Christians while you eat. That is hard on your digestive system. I took my indigestion pills with me, and never got a chance to take one.

5. Then you have some time to relax; maybe sit around a campfire, maybe just visit with old friends, or perhaps go out for pizza or ice cream. That is hard on you; it might even keep you awake nights.

So, unless you can stand that kind of living, I wouldn't advise you to go to General Conference.
Lyle Walkington, Blanchard, MI.

BICENTENNIAL-ORIENTED RECEPTION

Many communities throughout the nation will be having bicentennial events and activities all during this year. Since the theme for the General Conference is "Heritage of our Faith," it seems quite fitting that those who have costumes relating to historic events bring them to wear to the Monday night reception. This is a time set aside for greeting each other, welcoming first-timers, and sharing in fellowship together, so the committee urges you to wear your costumes and add to the festivities.

Don & Marj Overmyer, reception committee.

Back then the names of amount of giving was published as an encouragement. That perhaps can no longer be accomplished. Some of those names are still contributing today.

Contributors to the General Conference: April, 1976

Wayne Ewald	5.00	Mr & Mrs Russell Johns	100.00	Fremont Church	5.00	Mr & Mrs Harold Doan	80.00
Margene Rager	50.00	E G Carpenter	1.00	Mr & Mrs L Appleby	100.00	Eternal Hope Church	106.51
Cool Spring Church	52.50	Columbus Hope Chapel	5.00	Macomb Miss Soc	20.00	Flagg Center Church	41.20
Golden Rule SS	3.73	Blanchard Miss Soc	75.00	Hedrick Church	79.60	Mr & Mrs Louis Poliez	(in memory of Josephine Swihart) 25.00
Blanchard Church	246.04	North Hills Church	222.95	Mr & Mrs George Haberer	20.00	Arlington Church	5.00
Fred Hickox	10.00	Brush Creek Miss Dept	60.00	David Rector	15.00	Mr & Mrs Wilfred Cambre	30.00
Litchfield Church	36.81	Omaha SS	46.71	Hilliard Bible Church	50.00	Blood River Willing Workers	15.52
Raker Union SS	27.50	Conger St Church	40.00	Lawrenceville Miss Soc	100.00	Anonymous	107.00
Oregon Church	550.25	Mr & Mrs Delbert Jones	75.00	Cool Spring SS	68.20	Cecil Smead	25.00
St Louis Church	38.46	Mr & Mrs C E Lapp	40.00	North Salem Church	26.30	Mr & Mrs Lee McQuinn	35.00
Mr & Mrs Edgar Harvey	50.00	Mr & Mrs Stephen Bolhaus	80.00	Ektozodo Church	92.80	Dale & Josie Koontz	26.00
Mrs B Balatti	1.00	Elaine Shute	20.00	Brush Creek SS	38.54	Mr & Mrs Richard Hess	10.00
Pomona Ch of Open Bible	92.22	Mr & Mrs Douglas Elliott	7.00	Oregon BYF	39.66	Southlawn Church	539.28
Brush Creek Church	272.50	Dorothy Napper	10.00	Shella Sheeley	20.00	Anonymous	11.00
Keith Baird	50.00	Mr & Mrs Ross Anger	10.00	Mary Hale	15.00	Anonymous	80.00
Mich Conf	94.51	Fonthill Church	144.27	Mrs Joe D Shelly	20.00	Janet Tate	12.00
Dorothy Siple	25.00	Mrs Charlotte Strauser	5.00	Mrs Clinton Cox	(in memory of Laura Hood) 5.00	Mary Krogh	70.00
Macomb SS	15.22	Mr Myron Krienke	5.00	Mr & Mrs Mike Hall	40.00	Mr & Mrs John Lewis	150.00
Mr & Mrs Cecil Patrick	100.00	Miss Almeda Long	2.00	Anonymous	10.00	Mr & Mrs Ivan Mills	500.00
Kathy Cooper	25.00	Elaine Magaw	17.50	Jan Cheek	1.00	Gulf Coast Church	20.35
Frances Wood	100.00	S Bend Hope Chapel Bereans	15.00	Leland Freeburg	3.00	Macomb Miss Soc	50.00
Mr & Mrs Topsy Manuel	5.00	Mrs Gladys Valentine	25.00	Mr & Mrs Howard Cramer	10.00	Anonymous	62.00
George Procter	10.00	Mr & Mrs C L McCorkle	200.00	Truth Seekers SS	18.34	Mr & Mrs Leland Wendroth	5.00
Blessed Hope Church	124.59	Maurertown Church	21.87	Mr & Mrs Robert Ennis	5.00	Mrs Waldron Stewart	26.00
Mr & Mrs D Cheatwood	10.62	Kyle Faison	10.00	Mr & Mrs Ronald Alban	15.00	S P Dismukes	50.00
Royal Village	78.55	Anonymous	75.00	Ellen Tierney	12.00	Eden Valley Ladies Aid	5.00
San Gabriel Church	20.90	J Anon	50.00	Morse Mill Berean Group	37.00	Yvonne Reigelsperger	123.00
Troy View BYF	20.00	Icel Stedman	5.00	Tempe Dorcas	15.00	Mr & Mrs Ed Werneke	30.00
LA Contributors	55.00	Elsie Massey	2.00	Russell Blomker	10.00	Mr & Mrs Lynn Slocum	3.00
Beth Tackett	10.00	MN State Miss Soc	200.00	Macomb Church	158.88	Wendy Payne	12.00
Katherine Tackett	176.60	Pleasant Hill Church	205.59	Mr & Mrs Bert Decker	20.00	Dixon Church	96.93
Morning Star Church	11.34	Mr & Mrs Gordon Landry	10.00	Hattie Vander Molen	5.00	Ben Carpenter	25.00
May White	24.12	New Hope Church	50.00	Mr & Mrs Burton Smith	25.00	Bedford Church	132.95
San Jose Church	35.57	Hope Chapel Miss Soc	65.00	Garden Park Church	165.16	Lombard Church	43.87
Mr & Mrs W Fisk (in memory of Mary J Van Antwerp)	400.00	Mr John Colaw	4.00	Mr & Mrs J O Pack	30.00	Mr & Mrs N H LaMunton	120.00
IN Conference	266.00	Blood River Church	136.88	Mr & Mrs Harold Tjossen	25.00	Pennellwood Church	133.62
Young Lures, Inc	213.20	Forest Hills Church	48.26	Mr & Mrs Wendell Weaver	100.00	Lawrenceville Church	527.14
Mr & Mrs L Hollenback	100.00	Doug Supinger	12.00	Mr & Mrs Dale Ramsey	60.00	Phoenix Bible Church	3,681.63
Geneva Adkins	3.00	Kris Fischer	10.00	Mr & Mrs S O Ross	60.00	Lakeshore Bible Church	439.50
Mr & Mrs Larry Shaw	10.00	Mr & Mrs William Poland	30.00	Connie Ross	25.00	Jay St Church	103.98
Milo Magaw	143.75	David Lewis	3.00	In memory of Beatrice Appleby:		Anonymous	4.69
Mr & Mrs Ken Howe	5.00	Mr & Mrs Harold Simpson	10.00	Mr & Mrs Orville Legued		Mr & Mrs David Krogh	40.00
Mrs Althea Rice	50.00	Everett Rogers	38.00	& Family	10.00	Mr & Mrs Bobby Thomason	20.00
Mr & Mrs Gerald Miller	10.00	Mrs Nan Barney	7.00	Mrs Agnes Kellar & Family	18.00	Raker Union SS	19.50
National Clothing House	5.00	Koszta Church	72.00	Mr & Mrs Gifford Brown	2.00	Mr & Mrs Lester Capron	25.00
Lester Klinedinst	2.00	Mr & Mrs Lee Tidwell	130.00	Mr & Mrs LeRoy Brown	5.00	Maurertown Dorcas	20.00
Mr & Mrs G C Guiles	10.00	Raymore Church	25.00	Mr & Mrs Heidemann		Troy View	81.00
SE Conf	81.60	Digby Miss Soc	11.74	& Family	12.00	Mrs Ellis Tuell	5.00
Happy Woods Church	88.62	Mrs J F Paustian	20.00	Mrs Mae Christianson	5.00	Mr & Mrs George Sheeley	100.00
IL Conference	125.00	Happy Woods Dorcas	15.00	Mr & Mrs G Christianson	5.00	Brush Creek Church	284.28
Raymond Wittaker	2.00	Alta Thrush	20.00	Mabel & Clara Osland	10.00	Kathy Hammer	12.00
Anna Mae West	5.00	Jeanette Jett	5.00	Mr & Mrs John Osland	3.00	Pomona Open Bible Ch	163.66
Sue Andrew	12.00	Columbia Church	644.60	Mrs & Mrs J Christianson	5.00	Mr & Mrs David Johnson	40.00
Mr & Mrs Paul Titchenell	42.00	LA State Conf	25.05	Mrs Emma Christianson	5.00	Burr Oak Ladies Aid	100.00
Pennellwood Miss Dept	150.00	Oregon SS	9.25	Mr & Mrs Dean Peterson	7.50	Shilah Richmond	134.00
Ripley Miss Soc	50.00	Litchfield SS	17.16	Mr & Mrs Charles Forest	7.50	Brush Creek Gospel Gleaners	20.00
Mrs Annie Welch	17.64	Mr & Mrs A E Karnett	20.00	Mr & Mrs Harry Olson	5.00	Mrs William Hanson	200.00
Mr & Mrs Charles Jones	40.00	Mrs Lois Goetz	5.00	Fonthill Miss Soc	313.58	Hope Chapel-S Bend	237.90
Alice Bassett	40.00	SW Conf	166.00	Mr & Mrs Russell Johns		Mr & Mrs Paul Overholser	100.00
Valley Church	115.22	Holbrook Church	206.32	(in memory of Josephine Swihart)	10.00	NE Conference	650.00
Mrs Lillie Martindale	10.00	Mr & Mrs D Dovenbarger	100.00	E Peoria Church	82.00	Deaver Church	269.21
Mr & Mrs Wilfred Baggarty	1.00	Robert Clark	2.00	Hope Schwier	20.00	Mr & Mrs W Lawrence	2,000.00
Mrs Essie Little	2.00	Inez Gordon	10.00	Dayton Glad Tidings Chapel	200.00	Jan Tierney	12.00
Mr & Mrs Durward York	5.00	Laura Brown	15.00				
Mr & Mrs Hollis Partlowe	50.00	Fonthill SS	14.49				
Leota Hanson	10.00	Fremont SS	22.85				

Back then we established both a Home and Foreign Missions Board. Sadly, the Home Missions Board is not longer extant, though Lord's Harvest International now continues to represent the foreign works. The Home work needs again help in strengthening it. Note the tasks each was too accomplish. Also of interest is the discontinuation of the support for the work in Mexico, though it has recommenced.

pared and be mindful of the words of Paul, "Unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation" (Heb. 9:28b).

Recommendations for 1976-77

I. We recommend that the Missions Board of the Church of God General Conference be reconstructed as follows:

- a. That there be a Foreign Missions Board of three members elected by the General Conference delegates. That one be elected each year, for a term of three years. That immediately after the election each year, the Board elect one of its number to act as Foreign Missions Board Chairman.
- b. That there be a Home Missions Board of three members elected by the General Conference delegates. That one be elected each year for a term of three years. That immediately after the election each year, the Board elect one of its number to act as Home Missions Board Chairman.
- c. That a Superintendent of Missions be appointed by the Board of Directors of the Church of God General Conference, either on a part-time or full-time basis as the need requires.
- d. That both the Foreign Missions Board and the Home Missions Board serve, together with the Superintendent of Missions, as the Missions Board of the Church of God General Conference. That the Superintendent of Missions be the chairman of that full Board.

Explanations: The delegates at the 1975 General Conference passed the following motion: "That the present Missions Board be divided into a Foreign Missions Board and a Home Missions Board: implementation to be handled by the Board of Directors, in conjunction with the present Missions Board, and be presented at the 1976 General Conference." Upon consultation with the Missions Board, the Board of Directors makes the foregoing recommendation.

In practice, the Home Missions Board could meet alone or with the Superintendent of Missions. The Foreign Missions Board could meet alone or with the Superintendent of Missions. On some occasions, the two Boards would meet together, under the chairmanship of the Superintendent of Missions, to discuss like problems, and to keep a continuity in the mission work of the General Conference.

To institute the new Missions Boards, to preserve the term of office of the present Missions Board members, and to set up the continuity of henceforth electing the Board members for three-year terms, the following procedure for the 1976 General Conference is proposed:

Home Missions Board:

1. M. A. Patrick to serve out his unexpired one-year term.
2. Elect a Home Missions Board member for a two-year term.
3. R. Warren Sorenson to serve out his unexpired three-year term.

Foreign Missions Board:

1. Elect a Foreign Missions Board member for a one-year term.
2. Paul Overholser to serve out his unexpired two-year term.
3. Elect a Foreign Missions Board member for a three-year term.

The fourth member of the present Missions Board is Mardy Lawrence, whose term of office expires this year. She may be reelected.

Duties and Guidelines of Home Missions Board: Study, evalu-

ate, and make recommendations in the following areas:

1. Pastoral Aid
2. Special Church Aid
3. Mission Builders requests
4. Ways to stimulate local church growth
5. Ways to start new Sunday schools and churches in areas where there is now no Church of God witness
6. Ways to make greater use of literature and personal witness
7. Solicit workers in new and small churches
8. Stimulate the membership to propagate the gospel and make disciples for Christ

Duties and Guidelines of Foreign Missions Board: Study, evaluate, and make recommendations in the following areas:

1. Present mission field operations and their needs
 2. Present national workers
 3. Christian and business principles to be used in mission fields
 4. Amount of support in each field
 5. Building and equipment recommendations in present mission fields
 6. New fields of mission operation
 7. Missionary personnel prospects
 8. Stimulate the membership to greater mission concerns
- These guidelines are very general. A more specific job description will be prepared later, in cooperation with each elected Missions Board.

II. We recommend that we discontinue financial support to the Mexico mission work at the present time (September 1, 1976) due to a lack of interest on the field there.

Explanation: Due to the cultural attitudes in Mexico, it is extremely difficult for a woman to build a mission work with any measure of success. Further consideration of mission work in Mexico may be given when conditions merit.

III. We recommend that a qualified General Conference representative be sent to each of our mission fields to remain as long as feasible for the purpose of administration, teaching, and preaching.

Explanation: Recognizing the need for more supervision in our mission fields, and recognizing the value of having an American representative in the field, the foregoing recommendation is proposed. It is suggested that money be raised by special appeal each time such a trip is made.

IV. We recommend an amendment to the Constitution.

Article II (delegates) Section 3 now reads: "The officers of the Church of God General Conference, together with the licensed ministers of the Conference and one delegate from each state or district conference, shall be considered as delegates at large and have the same powers as the delegates from the churches."

We recommend that Section 3 read as follows: "The officers of the Church of God General Conference, together with licensed and/or ordained ministers of the Conference who are pastors of a church, co-pastors of a church, serving on the Conference staff, retired pastors, or associate pastors, and one delegate from each state or district conference, shall be considered as delegates at large, and shall have the same powers as the delegates from the churches."

Explanation: This amendment would give General Conference delegate status only to those licensed and ordained ministers who are in a ministerial capacity. Any other licensed or ordained minister could be a delegate if so appointed as a regular delegate of a church or district conference.

Reaching Forth to Seventy-Five (Phil. 3:13, 14)

Department	By September, 1972	By September, 1975
FOREIGN MISSIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) An experienced pastor or missionary representative to visit a foreign field and spend six months to a year in a training program for the missionaries in that field. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Two new Mission Fields 2) Five more Missionaries in the field
HOME MISSIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Thorough follow-up of the witnessing programs 2) Two new churches in the General Conference 3) 1,000 Mission Builders 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Pastoral Aid increased to \$150 per month 2) Ten new churches in the General Conference 3) 1,500 Mission Builders
SUNDAY SCHOOL	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Two new Sunday Schools in each District of the General Conference 2) Each Sunday School increase attendance by at least 20% 3) Each Sunday School continue to conduct systematic teacher training program 4) Each Sunday School use General Conference quarterlies in every class 5) Each district of the General Conference conduct an annual Sunday School Superintendents' Seminar 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Five new Sunday Schools in each District of the General Conference 2) Each Sunday School increase attendance by at least 50%
BEREAN YOUTH FELLOWSHIP	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 10% increase in membership--approximately 150. 2) Definite plans for the publishing of a Diamond Jubilee Anniversary Album; 1898 - 1973 3) District Post-High Youth Retreats 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 20% increase in membership 2) Monthly publication of <u>Challenge</u>, including a page for Youth leaders, pastors 3) Full Time Youth Director
PUBLISHING	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Revise and improve Vacation Bible School materials so that every Church of God school will use it. 2) Every Church of God family receive <u>The Restitution Herald</u>. 3) Develop a new line of tracts that includes evangelistic and study-type tracts. 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Develop the outreach of <u>The Restitution Herald</u>, sending to friends, prospects, and all who request it, with a goal of 10,000 per issue.
OREGON BIBLE COLLEGE	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Total new graduates- 15 2) Student Body Size - 60 3) Volumes in Library - 7,500 4) Recognition by State of Illinois achieved 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Total New Graduates-45 2) Student Body Size - 75 3) Volumes in Library - 10,000

The goals for each area, or department were all so forward looking with expectations of good success. It might be interesting to evaluate how well they were achieved.

The Stones Will Cry Out

By Bruce Reye

I want to take a look at the time when Jesus rode into Jerusalem just before his death, burial and triumphant resurrection.



It was a day full of festivities; a day of celebration.

The Jewish people were getting ready to celebrate their Passover. Spirits were high and there was a “buzz” around town that the long awaited Messiah just might have arrived.

In Luke 19:29-35 the physician records ²⁹ When He approached Bethphage and Bethany, near the mount that is called Olivet, He sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, “Go into the village ahead of *you*; there, as you enter, you will find a colt tied on which no one yet has ever sat; untie it and bring it *here*. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say, ‘The Lord has need of it.’” ³² So those who were sent went away and found it just as He had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴ They said, “The Lord has need of it.” ³⁵ They brought it to Jesus, and they threw their coats on the colt and put Jesus *on it*.

Jesus is getting prepared for his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. He has instructed two of his disciples to go on ahead and get the colt and bring it to him.

You might ask yourself what is the significance of the colt or donkey that is tethered or tied up.

In Genesis 49:10-11 we read; ¹⁰ “The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor the ruler’s staff from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes, And to him *shall be* the obedience of the peoples. ¹¹ “He ties *his* foal to the vine, And his donkey’s colt to the choice vine; He washes his garments in wine, And his robes in the blood of grapes.

At this point in time Jacob was an old man and he was dying. He gathered his sons around him and prophesied about each one and their descendants. Of particular interest is his prophecy about Judah. King David came from the line of Judah, and later Old Testament prophecy made it clear that the Messiah would also come from Judah in the line of David.

This prophecy of Jacob did not even begin to be fulfilled until the time of King David.

For the Jewish person praying for a Messiah, the tethered or tied up colt would remind them of this prophecy in Genesis and further their association of Jesus as being the long awaited Messiah.

As we go back to the book of Luke I want to look at Luke 19:36-40 ³⁶ As He was going, they were spreading their coats on the road. ³⁷ As soon as He was approaching, near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole crowd of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the miracles which they had seen, ³⁸ shouting: “BLESSED IS THE KING WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD; Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹ Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.” ⁴⁰ But Jesus answered, “I tell you, if these become silent, the stones will cry out!”

As Jesus approaches Jerusalem the excitement is building and the people are letting their joy and happiness be made known to all those around them; especially, to the Pharisees and why not? They believe that Jesus is the coming Messiah so not even the religious leaders can harm them now.

As you might expect the Pharisees are not a bit happy about this at all. So what happens? The Pharisees told Jesus to quiet the crowd. In other words; shut those people up.

I really appreciate the response of Jesus here. Jesus said to the Pharisees that if these people were quiet **“the stones would cry out”**.

You might find it interesting here to note that the word used for the English phrase “cry out” is the Greek word *krazo*. The Greek word *krazo* here means; **to scream or cry out**. Jesus is telling the Pharisees that if my people are silent the rocks will start screaming.

How much attention do you think that might bring to Jesus if the people were silent and the rocks were crying out or screaming his name? If you think about it the Pharisees should have been happy it was the followers of Jesus and not the rocks.

The apostle Paul talked about the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus in 1 Corinthians 15:1-8 where he wrote, ¹ Now I make known to you, brethren, the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received, in which also you stand, ² by which also you are saved, if you hold fast the word which I preached to you, unless you believed in vain. ³ For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, ⁴ and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, ⁵ and that He appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶ After that He appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, most of whom remain until now, but some have fallen asleep; ⁷ then He appeared to James, then to all the apostles; ⁸ and last of all, as to one untimely born, He appeared to me also.

The apostle Paul is confirming here what was written in the gospels and he is also confirming the words of Jesus himself.

We serve a risen savior and it is because he conquered death that we can have life.

I want to tell you though that there will come another day when “the stones will cry out” here on this earth.

I am not referring to a literal audible voice like Jesus was in Luke 19:40.

I am however talking about a time when grave stones may be turned over, where granite rock may be shattered like glass. I am talking about a day when the only thing a grave stone might be marking is a big hole in the ground. I am referring to a time when graves will be opened and all those that remain here on this earth will see row after row of empty graves and holes all around.

The disciples in a private meeting asked Jesus to tell them what the signs would be for his return.

In Matthew 24:4-28 Jesus is answering their question and he is telling them and us about the signs and wonders of the tribulation.

In Matthew 24:29-31 Jesus continues by saying; ²⁹ “But immediately after the tribulation of those days THE SUN WILL BE DARKENED, AND THE MOON WILL NOT GIVE ITS LIGHT, AND THE STARS WILL FALL from the sky, and the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ³⁰ And then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in the sky, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the SON OF MAN COMING ON THE CLOUDS OF THE SKY with power and great glory. ³¹ And He will send forth His angels with A GREAT TRUMPET and THEY WILL GATHER TOGETHER His elect from the four winds, from one end of the sky to the other.

Jesus tells us that after the tribulation he will return to this earth. As a sign of due respect for a conquering King the angels will blow the GREAT TRUMPET and the elect will be gathered together from all over the world. What a glorious meeting that will be! What a glorious day that will be!

Paul also talks about this in 1 Corinthians 15:51-57 ⁵¹ Behold, I tell you a mystery; we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, ⁵² in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. ⁵³ For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ But when this perishable will have put on the imperishable, and this mortal will have put on immortality, then will come about the saying that is written, “DEATH IS SWALLOWED UP in victory. ⁵⁵ O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR VICTORY? O DEATH, WHERE IS YOUR STING?” ⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law; ⁵⁷ but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Easter Sunday is not just about the resurrection of Jesus Christ; it is about our resurrection as well. It is because of the resurrection of Jesus Christ that we too can live forever. Because Jesus was resurrected to immortality we can too. We can live forever in a glorious Kingdom that Jesus our Christ will bring to this renewed earth. Resurrection Sunday is a day of hope and a day of comfort.

In 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 we read ¹³ But we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. ¹⁴ For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. ¹⁵ For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. ¹⁶ For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of *the* archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. ¹⁷ Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. ¹⁸ Therefore comfort one another with these words.

Can you just imagine all the up-ended tomb stones? Think about all the empty graves.

Yes, brothers and sisters someday soon the stones will cry out, only this time they will cry out to a sinful world; a world that will be looking around not only in amazement but I am sure in fear and doubt as well. After

all, what would you do or how would you feel if you could see were rows of empty graves all opened up? As we celebrate the coming of Spring we also celebrate the promise of new life.

As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus we once again celebrate the promise of new life.

It may be closer than you might think; however, there will come a day when the grave stones here on this earth will just be an empty marker to a full life that had been lived following the commands of Father God and His Son Jesus Christ.

Should the Lord tarry there will come a time when someone will look down at your grave and mine. All they will see is a big piece of granite and an empty hole.

Resurrection Sunday is an awesome reminder of God's power, His promise and His love for us all.

In Revelation 21:1-7 we read, ¹ Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth passed away, and there is no longer *any* sea. ² And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne, saying, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, ⁴ and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be *any* death; there will no longer be *any* mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away." ⁵ And He who sits on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." And He *said, "Write, for these words are faithful and true." ⁶ Then He said to me, "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give to the one who thirsts from the spring of the water of life without cost. ⁷ He who overcomes will inherit these things, and I will be his God and he will be My son.

This is our promise of hope; the promise of our inheritance.

What will we inherit; where will we be?

Revelation 22:1-5 reads, ¹ Then he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb, ² in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve *kinds of* fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. ³ There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him; ⁴ they will see His face, and His name *will be* on their foreheads. ⁵ And there will no longer be *any* night; and they will not have need of the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illumine them; and they will reign forever and ever.

This is a brief description of the Holy City New Jerusalem. This brothers and sisters is what we have to look forward to. Should we die before the Lord returns we will sleep in the grave and await the sound of the trumpet.

This is what Resurrection Sunday is really all about. It's about the day when the graves on this earth will be opened. A day when our rest is over, a day when it is time to get up and start living, working in and enjoying the Kingdom of God. I don't know about you, but I can't wait until the stones cry out here on this earth.

Book Review



Janet Turner Stilson,
*Biographical Encyclopedia:
Chronicling the History of the
Church of God Abrahamic
Faith 19th and 20th Centuries*
(Stillman Valley: Word Edge,
1011), pp. VI + 612. \$ 39.00.




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The Church of God Abrahamic Faith was formally organized into one denomination in 1921. It was produced by uniting several congregations and movements such as Christian Connexion (organized by Elias Smith at the beginning of the nineteenth century), the Adventist Movement with William Miller, Stone Campbell movement known also as the Restoration Movement and others. After failure of Miller's predictions Joseph Marsh, who dissociated himself from this movement, became the advocate of the Second Advent of Christ theology and Unitarianism which found appeal in many congregations. The efforts were made eventually to unite them into one organization during several conferences. They succeeded finally at the general conference in 1921 (mostly influenced by Benjamin Wilson) in Oregon, Illinois, to organize the Church of God Abrahamic Faith General Conference which still survived with the main abode in McDonough, Georgia. The main distinguishing teaching of this group is the soul-sleep doctrine and the antiritarianism.

The church's traditions go back to Joseph Priestley (1733 – 1804), an English theologian, chemist, and educator. He is mainly credited with the discovery of oxygen (independently with Carl Wilhelm Scheele and Antoine Lavoisier) having isolated it in the gaseous state, however in the United States he is better known for his theological doctrines. He is one of the founders of the Unitarian movement in England. After arrival to the United States in 1794 he helped to found the First Unitarian Church of Pennsylvania. In 1803 he published *General History of the Christian Church*, which he dedicated to President Jefferson, writing that "it is now only that I can say I see nothing to fear from the hand of power, the



government under which I live being for the first time truly favorable to me.” In 1786 he published *An History of Early Opinions concerning Jesus Christ, compiled from Original Writers, proving that the Christian Church was at first Unitarian*. This book had great influence of Thomas Jefferson’s own theological views. Historically speaking, however, the roots of the church’s doctrines go back to the antitrinitarian doctrine of Michael Servetus and Socinians in the sixteenth century.

The project of writing the encyclopedia of biographies of pastors of the Church of God was initially suggested by Kent Ross in 2005, but it was extended to laymen and evangelists, men and women, who contributed to the establishment of congregations during its history. Subsequently History Committee was organized with Kent Ross, Arlen Rankin, Greg Demmitt and Jennifer Winner. It was headed by the librarian of the Church Janet Turner Stilson who became the principal writer of the project. The book is divided into two parts, the nineteenth century for the entry of those leaders who died before 1950, and the twentieth century for those who died after 1950 or are still living.

The book begins with a Foreword by Greg Demmitt who describes the pre-Church of God literature to indicate the commonalities and divergences with other mainstream churches. As main features common with other churches he lists: 1. Scripture is the only authentic source of truth; 2. Man is wholly mortal and there is no immortal soul; 3. The restitution of the earth with the Kingdom located here on earth when Jesus return; 4. A non-trinitarian Christology; 5. Return of Christ; 6. Restoration of Israel.

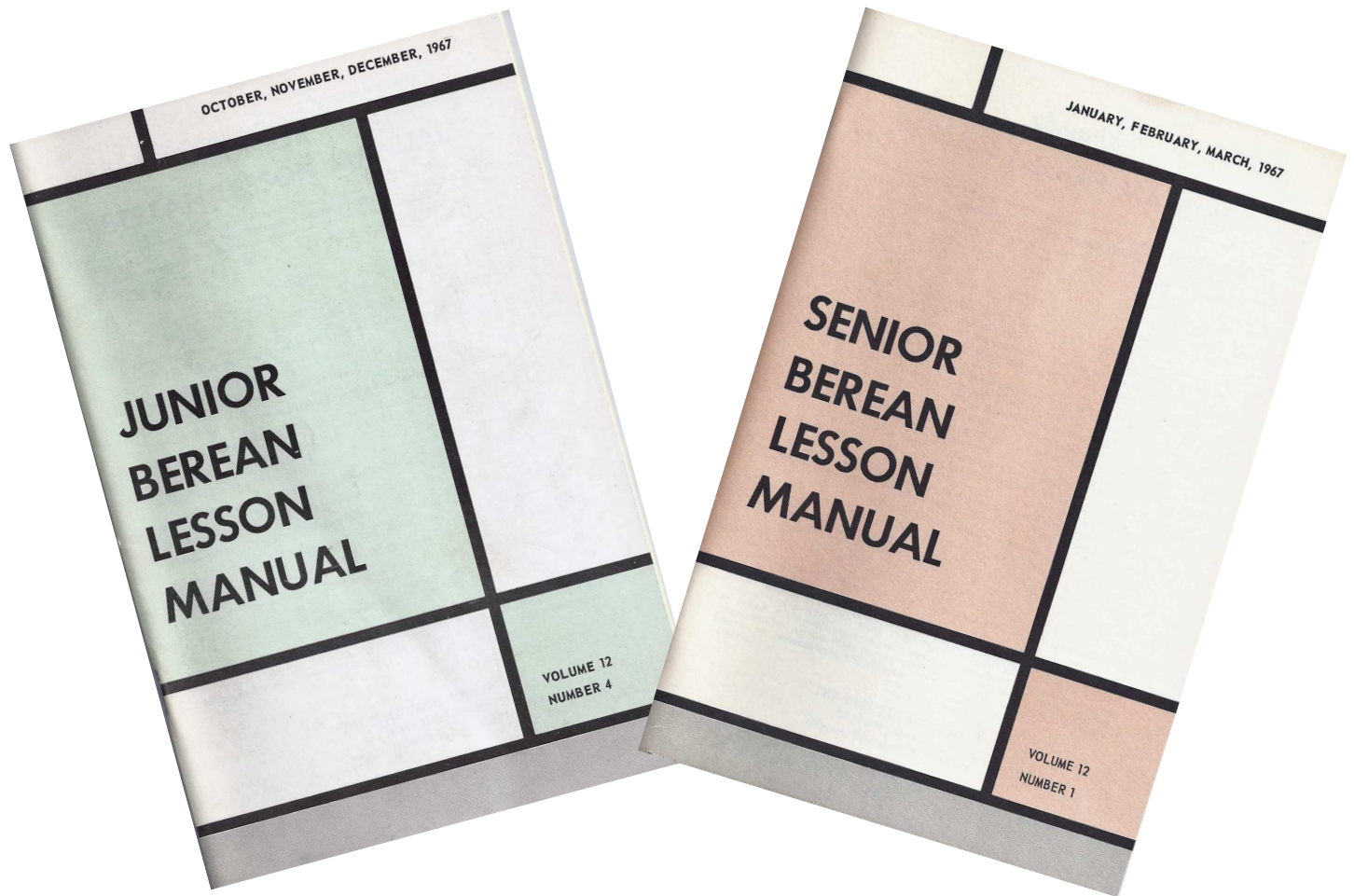
The book contains a huge number of biographies of people who left an imprint on the development of the Church. We learn for example that one of the first conferences was organized by Alemus Adams in 1910 at Waterloo which approved the basic “Articles of Faith.” A year alter *The Restitution Herald* was founded in Oregon, Illinois, which is still being published.

The book ends with 13 appendices to the nineteenth century and equal number of appendices to twentieth century. They discuss a variety of topic, from the doctrinal issue of faith such as the Holy Spirit, Atonement, Kingdom of God, Resurrection, to the issue rented to the practice of the faith, baptism, Christian education, missions etc.

This publication represents a badly needed historical record of the Church as a document for posterity preserving the memory of the past contributors. The Historical Committee and especially Mrs. Janet Turner Stilson are to be congratulated for their dedication, efforts and enormous amount of work put into the fruition of this project.

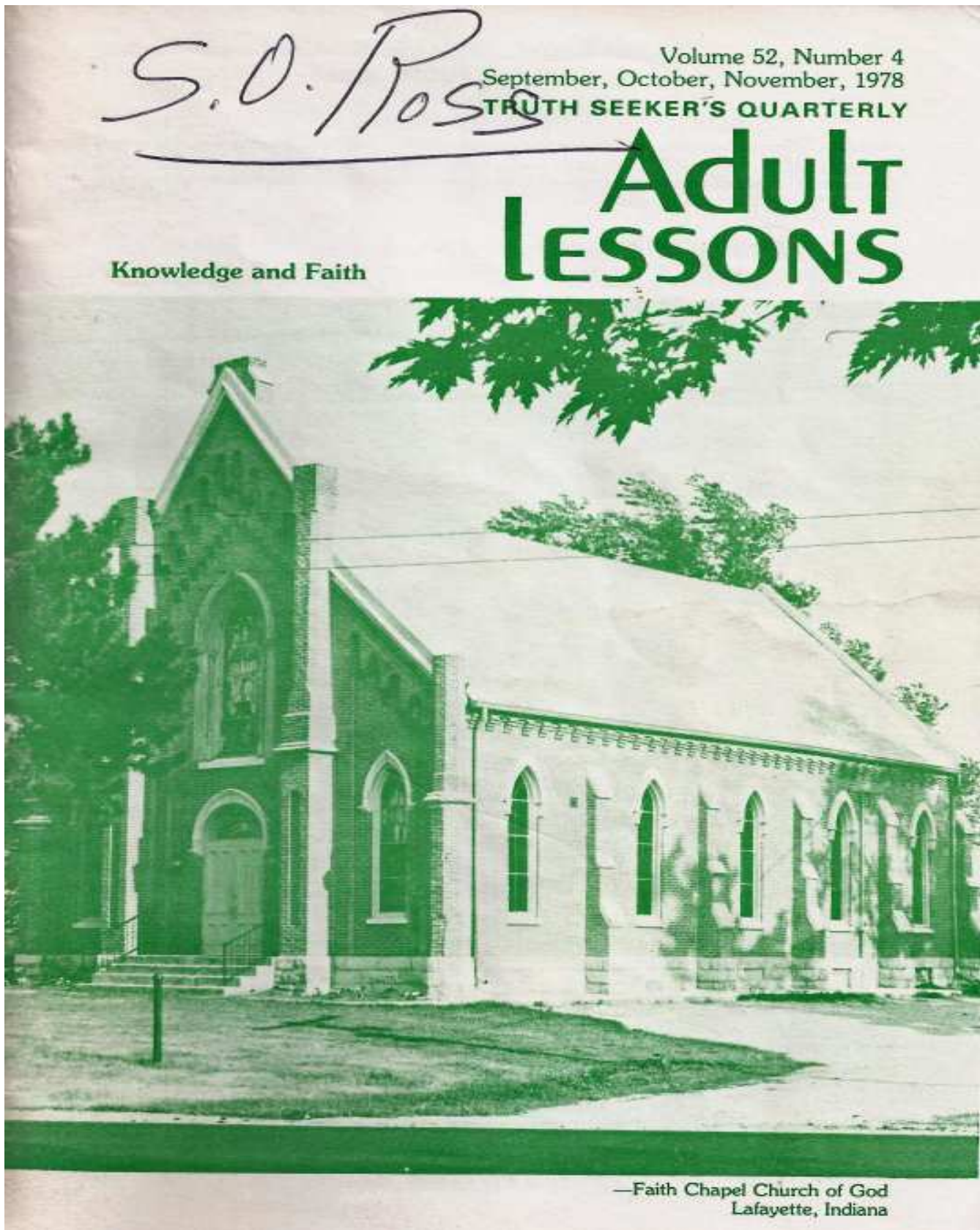
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These are but two of the presentations at the Heritage Conf. held at the North Hills Church, near Springfield, Ohio. There are two Missions Banquets planned – one with food of the Philippines, and one with food from Malawi. The work of the Blair, Nebraska church will be presented and the work of the Krogh family there. A fascinating presentation of the work that connects the Church of God to England will be done by Jan Stilson, one of the Church of God History Committee. Larry Rankin will be telling us of his travels and ministry in the Philippines. And there is more. Two full days of remembering our Heritage and casting vision for the future. There is no charge, but free-will offering cover expenses. For more details on how to register, contact Kent Ross at kenthross@gmail.com

This publication, the Adult Quarterly is still being produced and is a special study for classes throughout the nation. This issue came from my Father's archives. Note the authors then, and some who are still writing. If you don't use them in your church, you might want to consider getting one for your own study.



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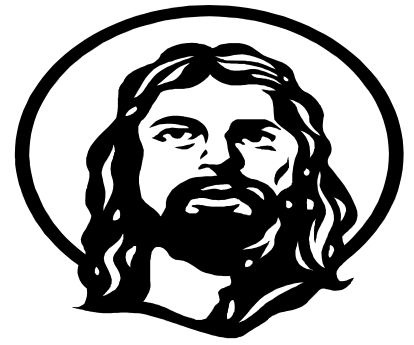


By Scott Deane

Memorial Day

Though it may not be our intention, Memorial Day is often regarded as just a chance for a three day weekend. Memorial Day has its origin in the days after the American Civil War. In both the North and the South, the day was used to decorate the graves of fallen soldiers and sailors. It was a day to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country and for the freedoms that we all enjoy. Eventually, the observation of Memorial Day was extended to include all US servicemen who had died in war for the defense of our freedoms. As Americans, we have reason to be thankful for the country in which we live. We enjoy an unparalleled level of freedom in this country. In many ways, our freedoms have led to the prosperity and bounty that we all take for granted. Yet, men and women have died in order to protect our precious freedoms. One of the most cherished of these freedoms is the freedom of religion. Each person has the God-given right to worship God according to their conscience. Freedom of religion was the original reason that many immigrants came to this country (the Pilgrims for example). The freedom of religion has such value for Americans that it was enshrined in the Constitution itself. The Constitution reads in part, "...Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof..." The exercise of religion and our conscience is off limits to governmental control or interference. This is a treasured freedom that many have died to uphold and protect. Recently, Catholic bishops in the United States filed a suit against the Federal Government. The new health care mandate requires that the Catholic Church provide contraceptive coverage for its employees. Though we are not Roman Catholics, we must understand that the sincerely held beliefs of the Roman Catholic Church do not allow for the use of contraceptives. This new law would require them to violate not only their conscience, but the doctrines and morals of their church. This is a dangerous precedent as the Federal government interferes with the free exercise of a legitimate religious belief. In essence the Federal government is attempting dictate church practice and to interfere with the free practice of religion. The issue of contraceptives is not as important as the principle at stake. "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or the free exercise thereof..." Once this precious freedom is compromised where will it stop? Memorial Day reminds us that the freedoms that we enjoy were bought at a dear price and that they cannot be sacrificed to the urgency of any politician's agenda.

What Would Jesus Say?



I have a bracelet that with the letters “WWJD” inscribed upon it. The popular acronym stands for “What Would Jesus Do?” It is a helpful reminder for all Christians. However, let me ask another question: “What would Jesus say?” Have you ever been in the position to try to comfort a friend or a family member at a funeral? It is hard to find the right words to say. You want to comfort and to give hope, but your words seem inadequate for the circumstances. What would Jesus say...at a funeral? Fortunately, we don’t have to guess because the words are recorded for us in the 11th chapter of John’s Gospel. In this passage, Jesus arrived in the little town of Bethany. Lazarus, His good friend, had died after a brief illness. By the time that Jesus arrived, Lazarus had been dead and buried for 4 days. Martha, Lazarus’ sister and also a close friend of the Lord, rushed out to meet Jesus. When Martha met Jesus she confessed, “If you had been here, my brother would not have died.” Jesus responded, “Your brother will rise again.” Martha responded in kind, “I know he will rise again on the last day.” This exchange represents a Biblically grounded faith in the coming resurrection. Jesus, however, takes it one step further. He said to Martha, “I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will never die.” God had endowed Jesus, as the Christ, with the power of life and resurrection. The power of the future resurrection resided in Jesus Himself at that moment. According to John 11, Jesus proved this power of resurrection a short time later by raising Lazarus from the dead. However, my point is that Jesus’ words of comfort, “Your brother will rise again,” centers around the hope of resurrection. Why didn’t Jesus say to Martha, “He has gone to a better place” or “Your brother is smiling down upon us right now?” That wasn’t the reality in Jesus’ mind. Instead, Jesus firmly places the hope of salvation in the future day of resurrection. Earlier in John chapter 11, Jesus, after knowing that Lazarus had died, told His disciples, “Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep...I go that I may awaken him out of sleep...now Jesus spoke of his death, but they thought He was speaking of literal sleep.” In the Bible death is described as a “sleep” or being “asleep.” Resurrection is being “awakened” to life. In John 5:25, 28-29, Jesus spoke about the coming resurrection in this fashion:

“...an hour is coming and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live.....Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming, in which all who are in the tombs will hear His voice, and will come forth, those who did the good deeds to a resurrection of life, those who committed evil deeds to a resurrection of judgment”

Jesus’ words here echo the famous words of Daniel 12:2. Daniel reads,

“...many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt...”

Salvation, eternal life, the last judgment and the ultimate hope of the faithful is tied closely to the coming day of resurrection. Paul the Apostle learned well from the example of Jesus. When the church at Thessalonica was troubled by the deaths of their fellow believers, Paul comforted them with hope in the return of Christ and in the coming resurrection in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18:

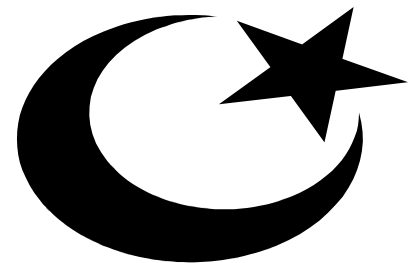
“...we do not want you to be uninformed, brethren, about those who are asleep (**dead**), so that you will not grieve as the rest who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep (**have died**) in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.”

Notice Paul's words in the above quotation. He says, “I don't want you to be uninformed about those who are asleep (referring to those who had died) and I don't want you to grieve like those who have no hope.” Paul then proceeds to inform them of the truth and give them hope. How? He tells them about resurrection and the return of Jesus. Why would Paul use these particular words to comfort the grieving Thessalonians? Why didn't he use other words or give another hope? It is because the true hope of the church is the coming resurrection at the return of Jesus. No other possibility even occurred to Paul. There is no other hope than the one that has been given to us by God.

The Persecuted Church

“...an hour is coming for everyone who kills you to think that he is offering service to God.” John 16:2

It may be politically incorrect to say it, but Islam is at war with Christianity. Many Christians in this country are unaware of it, but many Christians around the world know this terrible truth firsthand. Ultimately, it is not in the nature of Islam to tolerate the existence of any other faiths. For example, the Middle East is now almost exclusively Muslim. Historically, this was not the case. Even in modern times, there were still large populations of Christians in Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Palestine, Iraq and Turkey. Over the years, Christian communities in the Middle East were



subject to harassment and punitive measures by Muslim dominated governments. Christians were systematically driven out, converted by force, or even killed. Even while US forces occupied Iraq, a renewed round of persecution was unleashed upon Iraqi Christians to the point that many just left the country. With the recent change of governments in Egypt, the remaining Christian populations in that country are in ever greater danger from attacks. In the present unrest in Syria, nearly all the Christian residents (60,000) of one town were compelled to flee for their lives. In the southern Sudan, the Islamic government has been conducting a war of extermination on the largely Christian population of that region for several years now.. If you remember, two of our brethren in Pakistan were falsely accused of blasphemy against Islam and killed while in police custody. These are not just isolated examples. This type of persecution is endemic in countries controlled by an Islamic majority. While we dwell in comparative safety, the church, in other parts of the world, is enduring real persecution. First, we need to pray for our brothers and sisters in Christ. Pray that the Lord would give them strength to endure. Second, we need to pray for the Muslim world. Pray that the message of the gospel would penetrate hard hearts. Third, we, as disciples of Christ, must show God's love to both the Muslim and to the whole world. In the end, only Christ's example of love will win the world. There is plenty of hate in the world. God forbid that we should add to it.



Big Wedding or a Good Marriage?

Last August, reality star Kim Khardashian (one of those people who are famous for being famous) wed NBA star Chris Humphries at a lavish wedding. The event was intensively covered in the media. The guest list included many “A-list” celebrities. The bride and the groom were the stars of their own spectacular “show” for a day. Truly, it was the ultimate fantasy fairytale wedding. No expense was spared. The wedding reportedly cost around 10 million dollars. You heard me right. It was 10 millions dollars! Then, a mere 72 days later, the “happy couple” filed for divorce! (If the cost of their wedding were spread out over the length of their marriage, it would be nearly \$14,000 per day!). A big wedding does not guarantee a good marriage. A big wedding does not guarantee a lifetime together. Though this is an extreme example from the weird world of celebrities, it is symptomatic of a serious issue in our society. A big wedding is often chosen over laying a foundation for a good marriage. Now, don’t get me wrong. I am not opposed to big weddings. I am not opposed to a day of celebration. A beginning of a marriage should be celebrated. However, I would rather that priority would be given to the making a good marriage. A wedding, for all its preparations, lasts only a day while a marriage is to last a lifetime. Truly, which is more romantic? Is it one day living a fairytale or is it a love that lasts a lifetime? Compared to generations past there are very high expectations for weddings these days. This is reflected in the popularity of many reality TV shows on the subject: “Whose Wedding Is It Anyway?,” “Bridezillas,” and “Say Yes to the Dress.” Bridal Magazines of all kinds are hot sellers within certain demographics. The wedding “industry” is big business. Some have even delayed marriage for months or even years for the sake of a big wedding day. Again, I am not against big weddings. However, laying a foundation for a good marriage is much more important. Marriage is not a human invention. It was established by God to define the most important of human relationships. Marriage was built into the very fabric of creation. Genesis 1:27 says, “God created man in His own image...male and female He created them...” The first “wedding” was a simple affair. There were only three present: God, Adam and Eve. It was simply a husband and wife standing before God. Together, they experienced God’s blessings. Together, they would suffer the consequences of their bad decisions. Yet, in this primitive example of marriage, we find the very essence of marriage. It is a man and a woman standing before God. It is a husband and a wife bound together in the journey of life. If we want to lay a foundation for a good marriage, we have to understand that a good marriage begins with God at the center. Before being committed to each other, husband and wife must first be committed to live in obedience to the LORD. If your prospective spouse is not living in obedience to the Lord now, why would they do so after you are married? If, as a couple, you are living outside the will of God, God cannot bless you or your marriage unless you repent. **A foundation for a good marriage begins with our relationship with God.** Like Adam and Eve, we stand before God as husband and wife and make a life time commitment. Adam said of Eve, “...this is bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh...” Adam’s words are not mere poetry. It is the substance of real marriage. The nitty gritty of married life is lived out day to day and year to year. It is discovered in the good times and in the bad. It is found when we are angry with each other and when we make up. It is revealed as we age together and truly become “one flesh.” Marriage is hard enough in this world without the Lord giving us strength and guidance. A foundation for a good marriage is found in our relationship with God and in our desire to fulfill God’s design for our marriage. In elevating the wedding day, have we devalued marriage?

Who is Listening?

“..there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do...”
Hebrews 4:13 (NASB)

God sees everything we do. God hears everything we speak. God know everything we think. You probably learned these truths from your parents or in Sunday School. We have probably gotten used to the fact that nothing is hidden from God. God is God. He is just and merciful and He can be trusted with this sort of knowledge. However, are you prepared for our government to have this same godlike omniscience?



Recently, the widely respected technology news site “Wired” revealed the existence of a massive government project. In the Utah desert near Salt Lake City, the NSA (National Security Agency) is constructing the nation’s largest and most expensive cyber security project with a \$2 billion price tag. The name of the facility is very bland: “Utah Data Center.” Yet, the name belies its incredible capabilities. It is scheduled to be completed in September 2013. The facility’s security system is impressive. It is surrounded by a fence able to stop a 15,000 pound truck moving at 50 miles per hour. What will be inside that needs to be protected? According to Wired,

“... the facility will consist of four 25,000 square foot halls filled with servers, complete with raised floor space for cables and storage. In addition, there will be more than 900,000 square feet for technical support and administration. The entire site will be self-sustaining with fuel tanks large enough to power the backup generators for three days in an emergency, water storage with the capability of pumping 1.7 million gallons of liquid per day, as well as a sewage system and massive air conditioning to keep all those servers cool. Electricity will come from the center’s own substation built by Rock Mountain Power to satisfy the 65 megawatt power demand. Such a mammoth amount of energy comes with a mammoth price tag- about 40 million a year....”

What is the purpose of this facility? Again, according to Wired,

“...Flowing through its servers and routers and stored in near bottomless databases will be all forms of communication, including the complete content of private emails, cell phone calls, and Google searches, as well as all sorts of personal data trails- parking receipts, travel itineraries, bookstore purchases, and other digital pocket litter....”

One official involved with the project was quoted: “Everybody’s a target. Everybody with communication is a target.” It is chilling to know that the government, in the name of battling terrorism, will be able to collect and store our emails and even cell phone calls. Someone will always be looking over your shoulder. Someone will always be listening. This is a massive amount of power to have over our lives. We may be safe as long as our government is benevolent, but it could be used as a terrible weapon and a method of control in the hands of a tyrant. The Bible talks about an “antichrist” that will appear at the end of this age. This individual will have great power and control

over the nations of this earth. I always wondered how this could be. These awesome new capabilities brought by our ever advancing technology may be the means by which the population of the earth is controlled by one man. Our freedoms are slowly eroding away.

Movie Review



"Seven Days in Utopia" was released fall 2011 and is now available on DVD and is also playing on Netflix. It is rated G and very family friendly. It is a story about golf, but you don't have to play golf or even know anything about golf for this movie to be appealing. My wife, 12 year old daughter, and I watched it together and we all enjoyed it. It is the story about a young professional golfer who totally and publicly embarrasses himself at his first pro tournament. In frustration, he drives away into the Texas countryside and after a minor accident finds himself stranded in small town Utopia, Texas. He encounters a retired golf pro (played by Robert Duvall) who takes him under his wing and gives him a week long golf seminar. However, the young

man is not really learning about golf, but he is learning about life. He discovers that in order to be a great golfer, he must first understand that golf is not the most important thing in life. Watch and let me know what you think.....

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Wednesday – July 11

3:00 – Conference Registration

3:30 - OBC/ABC Chorale Rehearsal

5:00 – Cookout

7:00 – Evening Worship Service — Pastor Scott Millard, speaker

8:30 – Chairman’s Reception

Thursday – July 12

Breakfast on your own

9:00 – Morning Worship — Pastor Rufus Meyers

10:15 – Workshops

1. What To Do When You Don’t Know What To Say — Michael Hoffman

2. Doing Evangelism with Grace and Truth — Mark Tschaenn

3. Open Forum with Board of Directors

4. An Introduction to Natural Church Development — Gary Burnham (this same workshop will also be offered on Friday morning at 11:15)

11:00 – Break

11:15 – Workshops

1. How to Overcome Offense — Andy Cisneros|

2. OBC/ABC Chorale/Choir Reunion practice in preparation for music to be presented at evenings services — Dale Ramsey

3. Ministers Association Meeting — Richard Alcumbrack, Moderator

4. Discovering Your Path to Spiritual Leadership — Michele Millard

12:15 – Lunch

1:30 – Chapel – Hymn Sing

2:15 – Workshops

1. Ministerial Association Meeting — Richard Alcumbrack, Moderator

2. Priscilla Meeting — Susan Cain

3. Bible Study — Filling Up on His Fullness — Growing into a deeper relationship with the one who is full of grace and truth — Rebecca Dauksas

4. OBC/ABC Chorale/Choir Practice

3:00 – Break

3:15 – Business Session (ends at 5:15)

5:30 – Dinner

7:00 – Evening Worship – Pastor Michael Cisler, speaker

8:45 – Alumni Association Meeting — Amanda Jacinto, President

Friday – July 13

Breakfast on your own

9:00 – Morning Worship — Ministerial Recognition Board and Ministers Association Leadership Team
— Recognitions

10:15 – Workshops:

1. Open Forum with Board of Directors
2. Introduction to Financial Peace University — Dan Cain
3. Attitudes that Elevate — Scott Ross
4. An Overview of Digital Technologies and Resources for Biblical Teaching and Preaching — John Guthrie
5. Ministry to Youth - Gary and Jill Hedges

11:00 – Break

11:15 – Workshops:

1. OBC/ABC Chorale/Choir Practice
2. The Ministry of Influence — Joe Myers
3. Ministers Association Meeting — Richard Alcumbrack, Moderator
4. An Introduction to Natural Church Development — Gary Burnham (this same workshop will also be offered on Thursday morning at 10:15)

12:15 – Lunch

1:30 – Chapel – Steve An, speaker and communion leader

2:15 – Workshops

1. Ministerial Association Meeting – Richard Alcumbrack, Moderator
2. Priscilla Meeting — Susan Cain
3. Bible Study — Bob Morrison
4. Kyle Casey (topic to be announced later)

3:00 – Break

3:15 – Business Session (ends at 4:15)

4:30 – Board of Directors' meeting

5:30 – Dinner (Development Foundation Board meets over dinner in a separate room)

7:00 – Evening Worship — Pastor Alan Cain, speaker; Installation of Board of Directors

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