

A photograph of three children in a classroom setting. In the foreground, a young boy with brown hair, wearing a blue and white plaid shirt, is holding a string with a small green and orange fish attached to a clothespin. He has a wide, joyful expression with his mouth open. Behind him, a girl with dark hair and a green headband is holding a wooden stick, also focused on the string. In the background, another boy in a light blue shirt is looking on. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting an indoor activity.

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"Unless the Lord Builds the House"

On March 1, 2019, we moved into our new office building in McKinney, Texas! This was indeed a milestone for the Church of God, a Worldwide Association. We were in our leased office space in Allen, Texas, almost seven years—from March 6, 2012, to March 1, 2019. We outgrew the leased space about four years ago, back in 2015. At that time we identified three options for the future:

- Find a larger space to lease.
- Purchase our own building and renovate it to meet our needs.
- Purchase land and build our own structure.

After a year of looking and keeping all options open, we decided that the most economical decision was to purchase land and build our own office. It took almost three years from that point, but now we have our own building!

On Sunday, April 7, we held an open house for the Dallas, Fort Worth and Sherman congregations. We estimate that more than 250 people were present for this occasion, approximately 50 percent of the members attending in the area.

We have scheduled a formal dedication of the building for Sunday, May 19. With the ministerial conference beginning the next day, May 20, we anticipate that as many as 300 ministers and wives and local brethren will be present for the dedication.

When we purchased the land back in 2017, we were committed to keeping an adequate cash reserve (between eight and 10 weeks of income). We were able to purchase the land with cash, and then, with the land as collateral, we secured a construction loan from Legacy Bank here in Texas. We were given very favorable interest rates, which means that our monthly payments will be very similar to the amount we were spending on the lease in Allen.

Of course, there are other costs that come along with owning our own building—utilities, lawn care and a monthly water bill. In Allen, because we were leasing, we paid one rent check and one additional check for our share of the electricity used in our

building. We have budgeted for these additional costs, but only time will tell how accurate our numbers really are.

This year for our biennial ministerial conference, we have chosen Psalm 127:1 as the theme: "Unless the Lord Builds the House." As we worked our way through the building process—from the day we purchased the land in McKinney on March 17, 2017, until we moved into the new building on March 1, 2019—we knew that we must rely on God to see us through this project.

In his *Notes on the Whole Bible*, Albert Barnes wrote this about Psalm 127:1: "The word 'house' may refer either to an ordinary dwelling; to the temple, as a place of worship; or to a family, with reference to its success and prosperity, as the word house is often used now. The statement is universal, and is designed to indicate a universal dependence on God in human undertakings, though it is not improbable that there may have been an allusion, when the psalm was composed, to some building which was contemplated or commenced."

He goes on to speculate that this may have been a direct reference to the temple that was built by Solomon.

We all want God involved in our endeavors, and we should pray each day for God's will in our lives. We never want to take His gifts for granted.

We truly believe the new office is a gift, one that will serve as a valuable tool for fulfilling the mission of the Church!



Jim Franks

President

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Branson Presidents' Day Family Weekend

“Be Strong and of Good Courage”

By Mike Blackwell



Over 325 brethren braved cold, stormy weather—including ice and snow—to get to Branson for the annual Presidents' Day Family Weekend, Feb. 15-18. Warm fellowship and plenty of visiting, education and fun greeted them when they arrived. Seminars and Sabbath services centered around the theme for this year's weekend: "Be Strong and of Good Courage."

The weekend started with an evening of fellowship at the reception on Friday evening. Sabbath featured eight seminars; Sabbath services, with the sermon given by Joel Meeker; and a family barbecue meal. This was followed Saturday evening by a kids' carnival that delighted young and old alike and a family dance with music for all ages.

Sunday featured a repeat of the Sabbath seminars and afternoon activities that included Fritz's Adventure, Branson's Wild World and a general seminar. Mr. Meeker gave the seminar, titled "Meet Your Brethren From Around the World," in which he introduced many brethren from other countries and shared the challenges they face as Christians in their part of the world. The day was topped off with a pizza party and game night for the approximately 80 who stayed over until Monday.

The feelings of many who attended were expressed with comments like "This is a wonderful mid-winter pick-me up," and "It's almost like a mini Feast of Tabernacles!" Plans are already underway for next year's event Feb. 14-17, 2020. ©A



Richard and Onnie Thompson



A thought-provoking way of getting to know another Christian is to hear about his calling. How God draws a person and subsequently

works in an individual's life is fascinating. In a recent phone interview, Dick Thompson shared his story of coming into the truth and how that led him to teaching and the ministry.

Mr. Thompson began with the year 1963. "Events were very tense between Russia and the U.S., the Cold War, the Bay of Pigs. We were all concerned about what was going to happen. One of my friends at Mississippi State University was listening to *The World Tomorrow* program. Garner Ted Armstrong was going through Daniel and Revelation; it got our attention and seemed to be the answer to what we'd been searching for."

Dick Thompson and his friends sent for pamphlets, booklets and *The Plain Truth* magazine. This new understanding led them into long discussions. "I read everything, underlined it, looked up the scriptures, checked it out in the Bible, every single scripture." What he learned challenged his religious beliefs and his direction in life.

Challenge and change

As he studied the truth, Mr. Thompson realized that "everything Methodist was up for grabs! What I had been taught was not biblical. That was very upsetting!" The booklet *Why Were You Born?* called into question his purpose in life. He had been accepted to medical school but withdrew his application to rethink the future.

He graduated from Mississippi State and did a short stint of

teaching eighth-grade mathematics. Then, in 1965, he enrolled as a student at Ambassador College in Big Sandy, Texas.

In 1967 he and Onnie Guarnieri were married, and after graduation they moved to Los Angeles, California, where he served as a ministerial trainee. Mr. Thompson was ordained an elder in 1969 and given a choice of staying in Southern California as an associate pastor or moving back to Big Sandy.

Texas again

The Thompsons returned to Big Sandy for four years. Mr. Thompson was a supervisor in the business office and taught classes in finance.

Then they were sent out to pastor in Louisiana and Ohio for the next 10 years. After Ohio, it was back to Big Sandy, where Mr. Thompson served as dean of students and, later, as dean of Student Affairs, in addition to teaching.

The Thompsons found that "working with students and student leaders at AC was a very rewarding experience for us. How to reach an individual is always a challenge. We had the opportunity to know many students at the college and get to know them in a more personal way."

Mr. Thompson enjoyed working in administration and found that "being given the opportunity to teach God's truth was very rewarding. When asked to teach [classes on the] Old Testament, it really struck me that I had 'better get this right.' Thankfully I had some very complete notes from those who taught it previously.

"I had learned from others that you need to build a relationship with students and show a genuine interest in them no matter what subject you teach. Students need to see that you care about them."

Commenting about the similarities between working at Big Sandy and pastoring in a local church environment, Mr. Thompson said a key is to determine the level of

understanding “whether in college or the local congregation. Younger minds tend to learn more quickly, but Church members, if they have been in the Church very long, have a good understanding of the basics.” He found that longtime Church members appreciated hearing the basics again.

Caring

Mr. Thompson especially values the care and concern shown by God’s people when he and his wife lost their newborn son. “It was the worst time in my life until Onnie died in 2006. Onnie had a fetal death in 1967, my senior year, and then she was pregnant again when we were in Los Angeles, and our second son died after living 36 hours. We had brethren with us who understood what we were going through. ... We found God’s people and good friends to be the finest, and they will always be there for you.”

Later, the Thompsons were blessed with two more sons. “Once we had Scot and Brett, we were deeply grateful.”

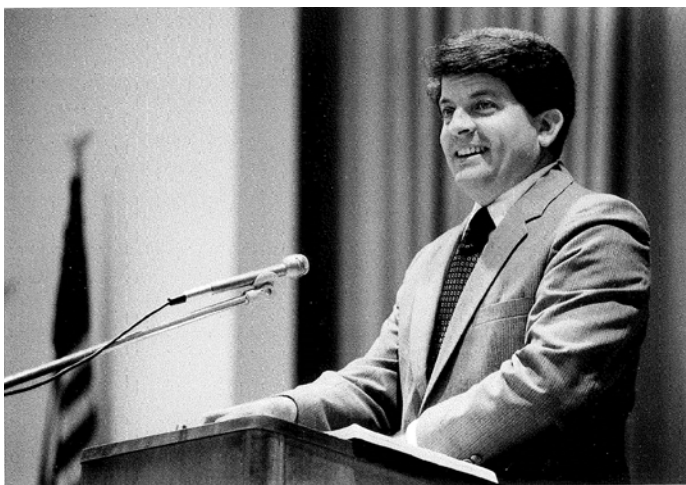
For the Thompson family of four, traveling and keeping the Feasts together were special joys.

Serving

Mr. Thompson has thoroughly enjoyed administration, teaching, pastoring and encouraging others as the brethren and ministry have encouraged him.

As a retired minister, he serves in the Orlando, Florida, congregation by giving sermons every few months and helping out as requested by the pastor. He enjoys time with his sons and reading—especially history, travel, sports and archaeology.

He appreciates having the time now to reflect on his life. “I have had some very good supervisors and friends through the years that are deeply appreciated. Also, I didn’t always give God the credit He deserves for holding my life together through His truth and His Spirit. Thankfully, for all of us, Christ will finish the work He has begun.” @ @



On the Road Again

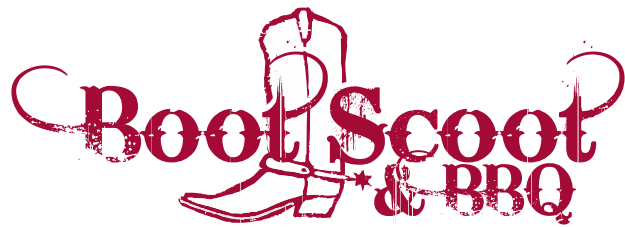
The following are the positions of service held by Richard Thompson from 1968 to the present:

1968-69	Ministerial trainee, Los Angeles, California	1983-1986	Theology instructor, AC, Big Sandy, Texas
1969	Ordained an elder, Los Angeles, California	1986-1992	Theology instructor, dean of students; later dean of Student Affairs, AC, Big Sandy
1969-1973	Financial Affairs, instructor of business and finance, AC, Big Sandy, Texas	1992-2002	Athens and Buford, Georgia; Asheville, North Carolina; Atlanta and Jefferson, Georgia
1973-1976	Baton Rouge, Alexandria and Lafayette, Louisiana	2002-2015	Jacksonville, Ocala, Tallahassee and Orlando, Florida
1976-1983	Dayton, Ohio		

Mr. Thompson also coordinated (over a period of 12 years) various Feast of Tabernacles sites, including Penticton, British Columbia; St. Petersburg, Florida; Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri; Hampton, Virginia; Norfolk, Virginia; Biloxi, Mississippi; and Dayton, Ohio.

He taught at Ambassador Bible Center and Foundation Institute.

He served on the Ministerial Services team, the Council of Elders, and presently serves on the COGWA Ministerial Board of Directors.



2019 Boot Scoot Sets Records

By Kelli Hogg

The 2019 Boot Scoot Barbecue, benefiting the COGWA Youth Camp Scholarship and Activity Fund, was held on Feb. 9, in Grapevine, Texas. This was our largest Boot Scoot ever, with nearly 450 guests! Everyone dined on beef ribs and homemade desserts before kicking off an evening of fun with dancing, a bake sale, a raffle, a silent auction and a photo booth.

Boot Scoot is an annual event coordinated by the Hogg family of East Texas and executed with the help of volunteers from various congregations throughout Texas. Volunteers solicited items for the raffle and silent auction and also helped with the setup and decorations. Live music was provided by the Union House Branch Band. A unique aspect to this year's event was the donation of gift baskets for the silent auction by COGWA congregations around the United States.

"We are so thankful for everyone who volunteered and helped serve

with the event. Our family loves to work with all of the congregations to raise money for a fund that we believe makes a tremendous impact on the youth in God's Church," said Boot Scoot cochair Brenda Hogg.

Not only did we break an attendance record this year, but we also raised more money than ever before, with a profit of \$17,500 for the camp program. These funds will allow us to do even more for the camp program!

Andy Burnett, camp director of the Texas Teen Camp, said, "Boot Scoot helped us introduce a brand-new activity this summer: *pickleball*! The start-up costs for the activity would have made it impossible to do so otherwise. But, with help from the Boot Scoot, we're all set for years to come! Thanks, Boot Scoot!"

Save the date for next year—we invite everyone to join us in Texas on Feb. 8, 2020, for another great evening of fellowship and fun, benefiting the youth of the Church! @@@



Photos submitted by Erinn Webber and Hannah Bynum

CHURCH POTLUCK

What's cooking in your congregation?

AUSTIN ENJOYS GILBERT AND SULLIVAN

A few pint-sized pirates were among the children of the Austin, Texas, congregation who joined in song with the Wand'ring Minstrels Saturday evening, Jan. 12. The Wand'ring Minstrels are the "educational and community outreach arm of Gilbert & Sullivan Austin," according to the organization's website.

Prior to the performance, the congregation shared a sit-down meal of organic chicken piccata, Italian chop salad and artisan cheese cauliflower prepared by volunteers from the congregation and served by the congregation's teenagers.

After the meal, members gathered in the main hall for the entertainment, which included the lively music of W.S. Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan, as well as a handful of scenes from their comic operas, including *H.M.S. Pinafore*, *The Pirates of Penzance* and the *The Mikado*.

During the performance, members of the ensemble wandered around the hall, at times singing their songs directly to one individual, and then another, amusing the audience with their antics.

"I love the energy in small group shows," Sarah Slaughter said. "We get to see the talent and craftsmanship live performers develop."

The performers themselves expressed appreciation for our group, particularly the children who were so willing to participate in the fun.

Bill Palmer, photos by Rachel Venish



DONNA AND PATRICK QUINTANA CELEBRATE 50 YEARS



Patrick and Donna Quintana first met on Jan. 1, 1968, while Patrick was stationed at Fort McPherson, Georgia, and Donna was attending a business college in Atlanta. This was the Vietnam War era, and Patrick soon found himself in Fürth, Germany, for 22 months. They married on Dec. 6, 1968, when Patrick was on leave. Donna remained in the U.S. at her job with the CDC. In September 1969 they were able to enjoy one month together touring seven European countries.

Once Patrick was home, they lived in Atlanta for a few years, then built a home on family land, where they have lived for the past 42 years. Baptized in the early 1970s, they have served as deacon and deaconess for many of these years.

They were blessed with two children: Kristi and Mark. The Quintana family has since grown to include 11 grandchildren and four step-grandchildren. Their son, Mark, and his wife, along with their four children and nine extended family members attend the Jefferson, Georgia, congregation.

Patrick retired from General Motors in 2006. Donna has enjoyed her years as wife, mother and grandmother.

On the Sabbath of Dec. 1, 2018, the Jefferson congregation honored the Quintanas with a 50th anniversary reception after services. Then on Sunday, Dec. 2, the family held a reception for family, friends and brethren. It was a beautiful day! The Quintanas are grateful to have lived most of their 50 married years in God's Church and have enjoyed close friendships with the brethren.

Jennifer Demarest



THE JOY OF FAMILY DAY

On Sunday, Jan. 27, we had a family day here in El Salvador. The activity took place at the foot of a mountain in a botanical garden full of tall, old trees, green leaves, water, flowers of various colors, and fish ponds.

The fish there die of old age because nobody catches them. Fishing is prohibited for workers and visitors. We also saw agoutis, turtles and iguanas.

There were 42 adults and five children in attendance. Two interesting talks were given to the group. The first was given by Paola Flores de Marroquín, and the second was by her husband, Mynor Marroquín, who had traveled from Guatemala.

The environment was one of peace and security, everyone truly enjoyed it. We thank God for this special day that we spent together in harmony as one family. As Cristina Cazares commented, "We are very grateful to God. It was a pleasant day, filled with nature, laughter, fellowship and food."

José Eleodoro Avila

KNOXVILLE'S FIRST SOCIAL OF 2019

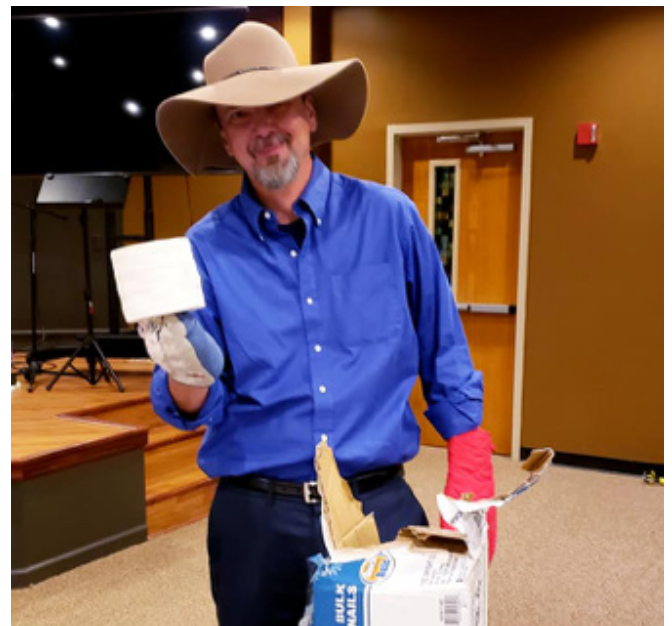
Saturday evening, Jan. 26, our Knoxville congregation enjoyed our first social of the year. After a delicious "pot-blessing" meal, members enjoyed games for all ages with so much laughter and excitement we all hated to see it end.

Our pastor and his wife looked like "muscle mania" in one of the contests between men and women. The ladies were the winning team, successfully stuffing all of their balloons into Mrs. Evans' garments!

Other games involved trying to open tightly wrapped boxes with oven mitts, passing balloons under the chin (the men won), and holding balloons between chest and back to make a train (the women won). Thanks go to Kim Schultz for organizing the games. Prizes were great as well (yours truly won the door prize)!

Before the social began, our congregation donated baskets full of different items to Jeanie Stinnett, a sweet lady who recently underwent an amputation of her right toe, and her daughter Tiffany, who helps her mother deal with her health issues.

Judy Swanson



JEFFERSON HAS "MINUTE TO WIN IT"

On the beautiful Sabbath afternoon of Feb. 2, the Jefferson, Georgia, congregation enjoyed a great sermon by Jon Pinelli, who was visiting our pastor and his wife, Mark and Colleen Winner.

This was followed by a delicious covered-dish meal and a "Minute to Win It" social. Mr. and Mrs. Winner hosted the evening. Mr. Winner was the master of ceremonies and had the teams playing hilarious games, such as the classic "Junk in the Trunk" and "Penny Hose Retrieve."

All ages participated, and the spectators laughed and cheered the teams on. There were four teams, with team No. 1 victorious. Pictured is the winning team along with Mr. and Mrs. Winner.

Donna Quintana

WEST PALM BEACH LADIES ENJOY TEA

On Sunday, Jan. 20, ladies of the West Palm Beach, Florida, congregation enjoyed a lovely ladies' tea in the home of our hostess, Leslie Brice. Fellowship was relaxed and outstanding in a beautiful waterfront setting. We enjoyed a fabulous assortment of finger sandwiches, scones and desserts.

It was a pleasure to spend such quality time together.

Kathy Cochrane



NEW ORLEANS WELCOMES PRESIDENT

On the Sabbath of Jan. 26, Jim and Sharron Franks visited the New Orleans, Louisiana, congregation at the Clarion Inn and Suites in Covington, Louisiana. Mr. Franks was invited by pastor Phillip Sandilands to give a live presentation, rather than a studio-recorded video, on Church of God history.

After giving the latest news of the International Leadership Training Program, their trip to Ghana, upcoming travel planned, and an update on the church building progress, Mr. Franks launched into the main topic of his sermon—tracking the history of Sabbath-keeping and how it came from Europe to America.

His emphasis was on the first Sabbath-keepers settling in the New England area, especially in Rhode Island. His personal experiences and the slides he showed related to the time he pastored that area.

After services, attendees were invited to enjoy further fellowship, food and pictures at the home of Pat and Kerrie Sinon in nearby Madisonville, Louisiana.

Buford Louque

MIAMI WINTER PICNIC

On Feb. 3 the Miami, Florida, congregation held its annual picnic in 80-degree weather. The theme was Western, and the picnic was held at the home of Nancy Seay and family in Southwest Ranches. Since their property has horses and chickens, it was a natural setting for our theme.

There was karaoke, country music and a “stump the horse” game where six contestants tried to answer questions that only the horse knew for sure.

There were Western games and prizes, and something for everyone—young and old alike! Delicious grilled burgers, chicken, hot dogs and all the fixings kept us all happy and looking forward to next year's picnic!

Dennis and Diane Garland





"MOM MOORE" REACHES 90

Florence Angelin Hamilton Moore celebrated her 90th birthday in January 2019. Born in Tennessee, the second eldest of nine children, she attended Franklin Training School and was president of her senior class. She has been a member of God's Church for over 52 years.

In 1947 she met the love of her life, and they were married in 1949. They had eight children, six of whom are still living, including Church members Ann Hampton (wife of pastor and Caribbean regional director Arnold Hampton) and Joyce Moore. Florence has nine grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren, including a great-granddaughter due in May.

A role model both inside and outside the Church, Florence was nicknamed "Mom Moore" by those with whom she shared her home, help, wisdom and motherly counsel. She set an example as a Christian and good neighbor. "Give, help, serve and share" are the defining terms she has lived by throughout her life.

Florence was a creative and innovative home economist. She was known for her rolls, peach and apple cobbler, and unleavened bread. She made the best food from a small budget. Her children never knew the budget was tight, because metaphorically she made lemonade with *no* lemons! She canned or froze any produce she could, from vegetables gleaned from various gardens to ketchup, grape juice and even pickles.

A celebration to honor her was held in March by family and friends. It included an exceptional video, created by her great-granddaughter, about this virtuous woman.

Joyce Moore

NORMAN AND LYNETTE WOODING

On Jan. 24 Norman and Lynette Wooding celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. Both were baptized back in 1964 and are the longest-standing members of the Church in New Zealand. They attend services in Auckland with their son David.

Throughout the years Mr. and Mrs. Wooding have been steadfast and faithful in enduring trials, difficulties and living God's way. They are an encouragement and an excellent Christian example to their home congregation.

Congratulations Mr. and Mrs. Wooding. The New Zealand brethren love you!

Andrei Siopan



COLUMBIA PLAYS GAMES

On Feb. 9 the Columbia, Missouri, brethren enjoyed a potluck followed by an evening of board games.

There was something for all age groups. Jenga drew a large group of rotating players who had nerves of steel. A group that loved to "give" to others with just the right card played the newer version of Uno. And one group heard the call of *all aboard* as they stationed themselves to play train all evening.

There was a variety of games that night, but the one thing all these games produced was a shared smile with great laughter! The evening was a success. Love abounded, and all went home physically full and emotionally uplifted with new memories acquired and new stories to tell!

Penny Harris



We encourage members to send announcements to be featured in *One Accord*. We feature events in members' lives, including baptisms, births, engagements, weddings, significant anniversaries (25, 40, 50, 60, etc.), and obituaries. Typically they run between 50 and 100 words; however, we ask that all submissions stay under 250 words. Please submit a high-resolution color photo along with the written copy to your congregation's reporter.

Baptisms



Haven Swanson

Haven A. Swanson was baptized in a ceremony that took place Thursday, Nov. 15, 2018, at the home of her parents, Will and Sharon Swanson.

The baptism, followed by the laying on of hands, was conducted by Ron Kelley, pastor of the Hickory, North Carolina, congregation.

Friends and family were in attendance to help celebrate the happy occasion.

Ron Kelley



Everett Martin

A family celebration marked the occasion of the baptism of Everett Martin on Jan. 13, performed by Don Henson, pastor of the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, congregation.

Three generations of Church of God family members shared this most special event, including Everett's parents, Donald Jr. and Heather; his grandmother on his mother's side, Karen Edwards; his grandfather on his father's side, Donald Martin, Sr.; and three brothers, Nathaniel (and his wife, Jennifer), Christopher and Caleb. Several close friends were also present.

After the baptism, all shared a delicious turkey dinner. It seemed the perfect occasion for an extra "Thanksgiving" feast.

Don Henson

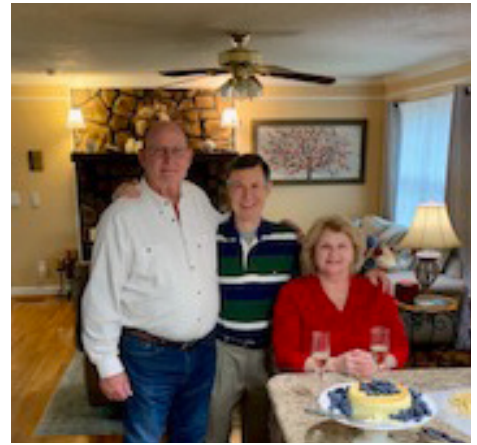


Eric Brown

Eric Brown, of the Sacramento, California, congregation was baptized on Feb. 2. Pictured with Eric are Bob Mitchell (left), an elder in Sacramento, and David Register (right), the Sacramento pastor.

Following the baptism, several in the congregation welcomed Eric into the Body of Christ with a champagne toast and a poolside barbecue meal.

David Register



Eddie and Kitty Travis

The Birmingham, Alabama, congregation is pleased to announce the addition of two new family members. Eddie and Kitty Travis were baptized Feb. 17 by Tom Kirkpatrick (center in picture), pastor of the Birmingham congregation and the Trenton, Georgia, congregation.

Words cannot express our joy in having Mr. and Mrs. Travis join our spiritual fellowship.

Jerry Johnsey



Kaila Fleischman

The Williamsburg, Virginia, congregation is very happy to have a new sister in God's spiritual family. On Saturday, Jan. 19, during our annual Virginia Beach Weekend, we all gathered at an indoor swimming pool where Kaila Fleischman was baptized by her pastor, Larry Lambert. Ken Giese and Dempsey Bruton assisted with the laying on of hands ceremony.

Kaila's grandfather, Matthew Diehl from the Quakertown, Pennsylvania, congregation, was able to join us for this joyous occasion. The Williamsburg congregation and visitors joined together for a special Sabbath dinner that evening.

Larry Lambert



Nazarene Uy

We are happy to report that we have a new baptized member in Singapore. Nazarene Uy was baptized on Sunday, Feb. 24, at Changi Point in Singapore. Leon Walker and David Baker performed the baptism. Also present were Reba Walker; Nazarene's husband, David; and their young son Daniel.

On the previous day David Uy gave his first sermonette during our Sabbath service in Singapore

David Baker



Michaela Danielle McMillin

Michaela Danielle McMillin was baptized after services on Sept. 8, 2018, in Austin, Texas, by her pastor, David Treybig.

Besides family members and friends, her grandmother, Neva McMillin (who was baptized into God's Church in 1968), was able to witness this event. Afterward, several ladies (long considered to be her aunts) from the Living Church of God hosted a reception for her to welcome her into the Body of Christ.

Genna McMillin

Ordinations



Jana and Dustin Ellison

During the Families Glorifying God Weekend Sabbath service on March 16, the combined Twin Cities and St. Cloud, Minnesota, congregations—

along with our in-person and online guests—witnessed the ordination of Dustin Ellison as an elder.

He and his wife, Jana, were ordained as deacon and deaconess in September 2014. And in 2018 they were a part of the Church's Focused Mentoring Program. Dustin gives sermons and sermonettes and serves as a songleader, Festival adviser and in many other capacities.

Dustin is a third-generation member of God's Church, having grown up in the St. Paul, Minnesota, area. He and Jana own their own business creating online learning for clients in the Twin Cities area. Many young people will know them from their years teaching dance at Winter Camp.

The ordination was performed by our pastor, Gary Black. Guest speaker Mike Hanisko, along with the other elders present, took part in the ceremony.

Barbara Lee

Obituaries



Carson Fultz

Carson Fultz (75) died peacefully on Dec. 25, 2018, in Springdale, Arkansas. He had been fighting heart issues for 30 years, but never fully recovered after a car accident in late November.

Carson was born in Carroll County, Arkansas, but his parents moved their family of eight children to Greenfield, California, in 1956. It was there he met Rachel, the love of his life. They married in 1962 and raised five children. Carson and his family moved back to Arkansas in 1996.

Carson's great-grandparents listened to Herbert Armstrong in the 1940s, and

he grew up listening with his parents and siblings. Carson was a lifelong Sabbath-keeper and was baptized with his wife Rachel in 1966.

He was a truck driver by trade but loved to spend his time gardening, beekeeping, fishing and working on building projects. Carson's kids and grandkids were his pride and joy. He spent countless hours with them telling stories from family history, exploring the outdoors and talking about God's magnificent plan.

Carson is survived by his wife, Rachel; his children, Julie Rowland, Shelly Couston, Kenneth Fultz, Dennis Fultz and Nathan Fultz; his siblings, Daniel Fultz, Mary Jernigan, Patty Cunha, Margaret Zemak and Gayle Gardner; seven grandchildren, Krista Johnson, Kelsey Reed, Jennifer Couston, Jocelyn Fultz, Jessica Fultz, Jayne Fultz and Carson Fultz; four great-grandchildren, Colton Reed, Kellen Reed, Evelyn Reed and Carson Johnson. He was blessed to have 17 family members attending COGWA and had four Carsons named after him.

Lyndi Fultz



Jean Russell

Jean Russell, 88, was a loyal member in the St. Louis, Missouri, congregation and had been in the Church since her baptism in 1977.

For the last number of years she was in a nursing home, yet still kept up with the Church and always asked about the members.

She died in November 2018, just a few months after celebrating 70 years of marriage. She is survived by her husband, Alfred, and is also survived by seven sons and one daughter. Jean was looking forward to being in the Kingdom and living eternally.

John Foster



Patricia Holdsworth

On Feb. 5 the Buffalo, New York, congregation mourned the loss of one of its longtime members, Patricia Holdsworth, who died at the age of 83.

Patricia, or Pat as she was known, was born on Sept. 17, 1935. She was the wife of Cyril (Cy) Holdsworth, who died in

2017. Both were baptized into the Church in 1958 at the Feast of Tabernacles.

Both of them served the Church in many ways—coordinating events or supporting the same. They could be found at most gatherings, even well into the recent times. The Church was always one of their biggest loves. Both were eager to learn God's way and live it in their everyday lives.

Pat was well-known for her generosity and great cooking, which she often brought for various church events over the years. Most of the talent she had in the kitchen came from her years of working at and owning various restaurants.

Pat is survived by five adult children, Phillip, Roy, Garner, Keith and Ken, who were also part of the Church over the years. She will be missed, and we all look forward to seeing her and Cy in God's Kingdom

Stephan Koenig



Mildred Aileen Soule

At 2:12 p.m. on Feb. 19, Mildred Aileen Soule completed her race. She was 93 and is survived by her son, Richard (Joan) Soule, and her daughter, Jeanine Ashcraft; three grandchildren, Sean, Elyse and Paul (Joscelyn); and two great-grandchildren, Faraday and Carter.

She had been associated with God's Church since the early 1960s and was baptized just before Passover in 1962. She was a faithful member of the Corpus Christi, Texas, congregation.

She was married to Carrol Galen Soule for 44 years and was a devoted wife and mother. Her husband preceded her in death in 1997.

"Mrs. Soule," as she was affectionately called, was a pillar in the congregation and will be remembered for her service to the Church and her great example.

Arnold Mendez



David Livingstone Hall

It is with great sadness that we announce the loss of David Hall, 72, of Providence, Rhode Island. David died on Feb. 21 after a long battle with multiple myeloma.

Born in Barbados to the late George Dimmott and Miriam Hall, David was the beloved husband of the late Nina Hall for 34 years.

David was a devoted member of God's Church in the New England area for over 40 years. During this time he and his wife raised a family in keeping with their faith. David was known to be a deeply principled man, who will be remembered always for the example he set for others through his love of God's way, as well as his love for family, the brethren and for people in general.

David always had a welcoming smile on his face and seemed to have a special gift for making friends wherever he went. Cynthia Waithe, a close friend of David's who began attending church with him later in his life, commented, "David showed me by the way he lived what it meant to be a real Christian."

David was a dedicated father and will be greatly missed by his sons, Ricardo and Courtney Hall, his daughter, Emily Hall-Hampton, and his son-in-law, Mark Hampton. In addition, David leaves behind his older brother, Richard Hall, and a large extended family.

Lorraine Daudelin

Graduating High School Seniors

WE NEED YOUR BIOS

Attention class of 2019! We would like to feature all of our high school graduates in the July *One Accord*. Please provide the following information for your bio plus a quality, high-resolution photo by June 1.

1. Graduate's name.
2. Parents' or guardians' names.
3. Congregation and pastor's name.
4. High school accomplishments.
5. Church activities/hobbies/interests.
6. Plans after graduation.

Also include a phone number and email address we may use to confirm spellings, etc. Please give your bio and photo (conforming to biblical standards of dress and hair length) to your congregation's reporter. We do reserve the right to edit for clarity and a 200-word maximum length.

Thank you!