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First Class of Foundation Institute Graduates

*Personal Contact: Is
One Elder Enough
for Anointing?*

*Foundation Outreach
International: Doing
a World of Good*

from the president

bringing many sons to glory

f For the second year in a row, the month of June is the time for our ministerial conference. Last year the conference focused on preaching the gospel with the highlight being the launch of our new proclamation website LifeHopeandTruth.com. This year our focus is on the second aspect of our mission—caring for the brethren. The theme for the conference was taken from Hebrews 2:10: “For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the author of their salvation perfect through sufferings.”

We chose “Preaching the Gospel, Running the Race, Keeping the Faith” as the subtheme for the conference. Each presentation includes one or more of these elements as part of its focus. Our goal during the two-day conference is to provide education, encouragement and inspiration for the ministry worldwide. We desire to improve the quality of Church services, upgrade biblical education and provide a spiritual home for those who have been and are being called.

As an organization, we now have 200 ordained elders serving approximately 10,000 members around the world. Each elder is admonished to care for the people of God. Peter wrote about the need for an elder to be a shepherd, caring for the flock: “The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed; shepherd the flock of



God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away” (1 Peter 5:1-4).

Our desire for this conference is to concentrate on the purpose of the Church and those called to be the firstfruits. We are hopeful that the conference and follow-up discussions will assist the ministry in becoming better shepherds and servants. We plan to push ahead with preaching the gospel, while not neglecting the spiritual development of each and every person. Peter clearly tells us that God has no desire that anyone should perish (2 Peter 3:9), but that everyone should be brought to repentance.

Over the next few weeks I hope you will appreciate the messages brought home from the conference. Bringing many sons to glory isn’t just a theme or a nice saying; it describes the end result of our spiritual journey—to become a son or daughter brought to glory in the Kingdom of God!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Franks". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Left Ralph Levy teaches
Below Doug Horchak gives the graduation address; Amanda Henderson proudly holds up her Foundation Institute certificate of completion

Foundation Institute, Center for Biblical Education, began its first year in August of 2012, welcoming 21 students to the program. Over the course of the next nine months, 18 students were able to successfully complete this demanding program of biblical and Christian living instruction.

Graduation weekend began on Friday evening, May 3, 2013, with the students hosting a dessert reception for their families at the Foundation Institute classroom. The following day, the Dallas, Texas, congregation hosted a lovely reception prior to services in honor of the graduates. Jim Franks, president of the Church of God, a Worldwide Association, gave a special baccalaureate sermon focusing on the Church's role in education. That evening the graduates were joined by family and friends at a special meal and ceremony and became the first graduates to receive their completion certificates.

The first year of any program is always challenging, but challenges help us better understand what we can do to improve the program for those who attend in future years. The pioneer class of students cooperated well with the faculty and administration in addressing the challenges and in making this first year successful.

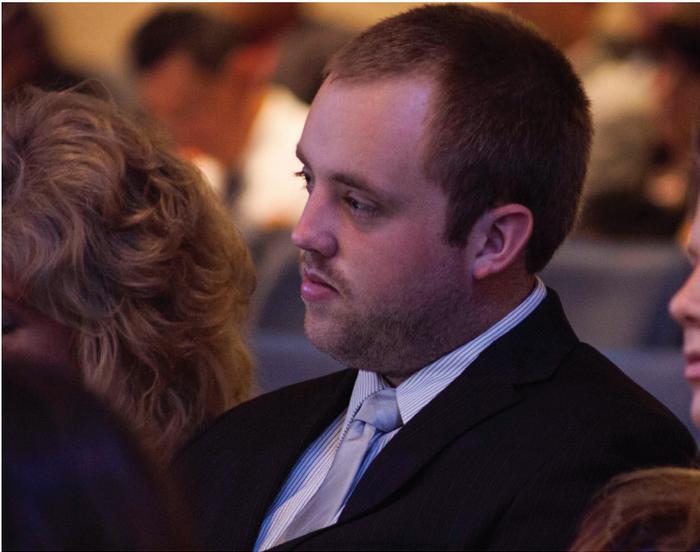
Most of this year's graduates are returning to their home church areas, excited about seeing friends and family and eager to participate and serve more effectively as God opens opportunities for each of them.



The faculty and administration have held multiple meetings to begin making adjustments to improve the program next year. Several of the headquarters office personnel are planning to take more active roles in teaching and interacting with next year's students.

So far, six students have been accepted for the 2013-2014 academic year, which begins on Aug. 19; and additional applications are being reviewed. Applications are available online at FoundationInstitute.org. Applications submitted after the deadline will be considered on a space-available basis, so those interested need to submit their applications as soon as possible.

Foundation Institute wishes to give special thanks to the Dallas congregation for their support and help throughout this year and special thanks to all the brethren worldwide for their prayers and support in making this program a success.
—David Johnson



Clockwise from top left Allen Holl listens intently to the sermon; Robbie Hansen and Gay and Charlie Oren help prepare the catered meal for the graduation dinner; instructor Dave Johnson speaks at the graduation ceremony; Rosalynn Villaescusa, Erik Jones and Jennifer Cox; Eva and Joshua Messerly; graduates and their guests fellowship at the reception held by the Dallas congregation

Jordan

This year FOI has a special opportunity to support two different educational projects in the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, which is a bastion of development in the troubled Middle East.

Beginning in August, five volunteers will serve by invitation of Her Royal Highness Princess Sarvath El Hassan at the Amman Baccalaureate School (ABS) and the Young Muslim Women's Association (YMWA) Centre for Special Education.

The volunteers who will serve at the Amman Baccalaureate School will assist in teaching students aged 3 to 18 in an academically rigorous program, enriched by extensive curricular activities. The ABS aims to provide an education that, while remaining firmly rooted in the Arab heritage and culture, aspires to meet the highest international standards.

Those serving at the Young Muslim Women's Association (YMWA) Centre for Special Education will work with mentally challenged students aged 3 to 18. One of the challenges of this program will be the fact that the students primarily, if not exclusively, speak Arabic, so our volunteers will need to be able to adapt and learn to communicate in basic Arabic throughout the school year. From its humble beginnings in 1974, the Centre for Special Education has developed into a center of excellence, both nationally and regionally, serving over 170 students in its preschool, school and prevocational sections.

Travel, room and board, and educational expenses for the volunteers will be sponsored by Foundation Outreach International, the Amman Baccalaureate School (ABS) and the YMWA School for Special Education.

Starting in August, be on the lookout for new blogs on the FOI website, written by the volunteers as they chronicle their adventures. The entries will be very exciting to read!

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Doing a World of Good



Kristine Taylor, who volunteered to teach English in Zambia in 2008, stands with students Vister (far left) and Maybin Hamuchindu and their children. Maybin now serves in the Lusaka congregation as a translator

Zambia

Lusaka, Zambia, is one of the fastest growing cities in central Africa, but over 60 percent of its 2 million citizens face unemployment. FOI is sponsoring scholarships for two student teachers to instruct basic computer and English classes this summer.

Participants will conduct a series of basic classes to help local Zambians from both Lusaka and rural areas become conversant with using a computer, email and the Internet. In addition, classes will also be conducted in basic conversational English for adults and youths in Lusaka.

Volunteering in the developing world presents special rewards and challenges. It offers the chance to make a positive difference in people's lives in a dramatic way, as well as the chance for great personal growth in meeting these challenges. But it also takes a special volunteer who will be prepared to adapt to minimal living conditions.

Lodging and meals will be provided during the project. Lodging may be in local citizens' homes or in tents on the facility property.

This will be a volunteer experience of a lifetime!

Philippines

FOI is pleased to support scholarships for students in a nation that has not traditionally had compulsory education. Our goal is to fund ten \$500 scholarships, each of which funds a student's entire secondary education.

Secondary education has often been unobtainable for many Filipinos. While a new compulsory program has recently been implemented, its focus is currently on the primary school years, leaving many needy children without a valuable secondary education.

Secondary school in the Philippines (*paaralang sekundaya or mataas na paaralan*) consists of four levels largely based on the American schooling system. The Philippine high school system has not moved much from where it was when the Philippines achieved independence in 1946. It still consists of only four levels, with each level partially compartmentalized, focusing on a particular theme or content.

FOI board members have over two decades of experience selecting candidates for scholarships of this nature. Candidates are currently vetted by David Baker, a longtime counselor and youth camp director working in the Philippines.

Goals for Participants

FOI has designed these programs to help motivated student teachers connect with the citizens and youth through service of the host countries. This dimension of leadership and service will be awakened and directed toward our vision of "doing a world of good." To that end, all participants should understand that their involvement in this project should lead them to:

1. Understand the vision of and need for good works for humanity.
2. Experience and live the vision of serving others in need.
3. Identify with and participate in the FOI mission to provide assistance, support and volunteers for humanitarian and educational projects around the world.
4. Understand that, by such participation, they will have become a part of something bigger than themselves and contributed to the greater good of humanity.

Wondering how you can help?

Volunteer as a program participant

The key factor for the projects are the volunteers! The commitment to serving on one of these projects, particularly Jordan, requires a lot of advanced preparation, and it is not too early to start planning!

Volunteer your specialized skills

FOI could use volunteers who have experience in graphic design, grant writing and editing. This is a way to use your skills to assist FOI projects from your home!

Corporate matching

Many corporations have a matching funds program in which its employees can participate. If you have any questions or need help setting up matching funds, please contact us at the FOI website, and a board member will work with your company to add FOI to its list of approved charities.

Donate

Your financial support funds our unique educational and philanthropic projects all around the world. Foundation Outreach International is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) organization. Contributions are deductible in the United States under IRC section 170. Contributions will be gratefully acknowledged by an annual receipt. You can donate to the general fund or designate a particular project. FOI accepts PayPal on its website.

Raise funds

Consider leading a fund-raising activity in your local area. This can be a great way to not only raise funds, but create an opportunity for a social event!

If you have any questions, contact us at
info@foundationoutreachintl.org

Question: God instructs us when we are sick and in need of healing: “Let him call for the elders” (James 5:14). Does this mean that more than one elder should participate when anointing the sick?

Answer: The original word for “elders” is plural. Spiros Zodhiates wrote that the word meant “the elders of Christian churches, presbyters, to whom was committed the direction and government of individual churches” (*Complete Word Study Dictionaries*, 2003).

But the plural word does not mean that two or more elders *have* to be called or participate in every anointing. The point is simply that we are to call *elders* for anointing, in contrast to calling any other category of Church people, such as deacons, leading members, etc. It may surprise some of you to learn that the Church has encountered some who take it upon themselves to anoint friends or family members. Some have even anointed themselves! Those who do so are clearly disobeying the instruction God gave.

This verse is not only instruction for members, but also it tells elders part of their responsibilities. It informs elders that anointing the sick is a duty God expects elders to perform in caring for God’s family. A minister sees anointing the sick as a special service opportunity to show God’s love, as well as the love of the congregation for the member—or the child of a member. The anointing of a child by one of God’s minis-

ters can be a special event in the development of that young person’s relationship with God.

Even adults realize that the process itself is inspiring. The kneeling together, hearing the specially tailored prayer and being anointed through the gentle touch of the minister’s hands combine to create a moving event. And being healed—when God chooses to do so immediately—is supremely inspiring!

When we follow this instruction as members, we are exercising our faith in God’s promise to heal us. The elder who responds also exercises *his* faith. While it might seem like a small thing to call for anointing, God clearly sees it as important, for He inspired this verse to be recorded to guide His Church through the ages.

There are at least three examples of anointing being done by only one elder: Acts 9:11-18 (only one elder—and this by Christ’s personal command!); Acts 19:11-12 (the indication is that Paul anointed the cloths himself); Acts 28:8 (Paul alone anointed the father of Publius).

By the way, Acts 19:11-12 shows that an elder might anoint and send a cloth instead of going to the sick in person. Typically, the elder and the person asking for anointing discuss which method accommodates everyone involved in the best manner. When the sick receives the anointed cloth, instructions about its use are included in a personalized letter from the elder.

Lastly, our Church experience over decades shows that God heals people who have been anointed by a single elder, which indicates that we have understood the verse correctly. Sometimes, more than one elder might participate in the anointing, but having more than one elder is not scripturally mandated. ©A



Ox Roast &
Canoe Trip
Weekend

Parkersburg, West Virginia
June 22-23, 2013
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Come join your fellow brethren in Parkersburg, West Virginia, for our annual Ox Roast and Canoe Trip Weekend!

The weekend starts on June 22 at the Harper farm, where Sabbath services will feature our guest speaker, Ministerial Board of Directors chairman Joel Meeker. Following Sabbath services, we will open the food lines for the ox roast meal. The cost for the meal will be \$5 per person or \$20 per family.

The event continues on Sunday, June 23, as we launch our canoes and kayaks into the lake at North Bend State Park. Visit our website for payment information and more details about the weekend.

This is quite the event! You don’t want to miss out!

Christians Are Like Pillars

by Arnold Hampton

IN ANCIENT GREECE THE ACROPOLIS was a high plateau located in the famous city of Athens. The Acropolis was known for its many public buildings—some of the finest examples of ancient Greek architecture. The most famous of them was the Parthenon, a temple dedicated to the Greek goddess Athena, for whom the city was named.

The Parthenon served as a place of worship for 2,000 years, first as a temple to Athena; then as a church; and finally, after Greece fell to the Ottoman Empire in the 15th century, as a mosque. Many people do not realize that it was only 326 years ago in a relatively minor war that the Parthenon, which was being used as a gunpowder magazine by the Ottomans, was blown up. Today, the only parts of the building left standing are the outer rows of pillars.

When we look at ancient Greek or Roman buildings, what do we primarily see? The pillars. In most cases, the buildings were destroyed or ruined, but the pillars are still standing. Why is that? And what insight can we as Christians glean from studying pillars?

A pillar must be secured in a solid foundation

In order to ensure structural integrity, builders painstakingly clear deep holes and carefully secure support beams to a solid foundation.

We, too, must be rooted in a solid foundation. Ours is threefold: a deep and abiding faith in God, a practical knowledge of the Bible and a strong belief that we are in the Church of God.

“As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving” (Colossians 2:6-7).



Photo by Elizabeth Cannon Glasgow

A pillar transmits the weight it supports down to the foundation

Pillars are designed to support a great deal of weight, but they are only able to do so by transmitting the weight they support down to their firm foundation. Without the foundation, the pillars would topple and break under the weight of a heavy structure. Like pillars, we, too, are designed to support weight—but not by ourselves. Whereas pillars support a physical structure, the weight we must support is the trials we go through in life. That is why we must be firmly grounded.

We, too, must transmit the weight of our trials down to our foundation. And the more weight that is placed upon us, the more we should transmit that weight to our foundation.

“Cast your burden on the LORD, and He shall sustain you; He shall never permit the righteous to be moved” (Psalm 55:22).

We will never experience too much weight. Paul told the Church in Corinth: “No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man; but God is faithful, who will not allow

you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it” (1 Corinthians 10:13).

If necessary, a pillar can stand alone

Remember the Parthenon? The only parts left standing are the pillars. Together, they were used to support a superstructure, but after the explosion in the 17th century, only the pillars were left standing.

As we experience even more severe trials, can we stand alone? What would happen if we only had the knowledge of the truth and the Bible? Could we work out our own salvation and endure to the end? We should. And if we are rooted in a solid foundation, we will.

In Revelation 3:12 the reward to be given to the church in Philadelphia is to be pillars in the temple of God in the future. As we take on the characteristics of a pillar, we can more readily personify those permanent fixtures and supports in that structure of the future—the Kingdom of God. ©

Deacons and Deaconesses Ordained in the British Isles



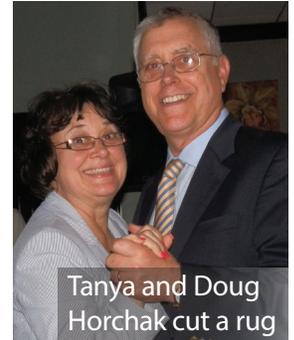
Rebecca and Seth Agyemang, Eddie Johnson, Peter Hawkins, and Gary and Jenny Monks

We are very pleased to announce the ordination of two new deacons and two new deaconesses in the United Kingdom. Gary and Jenny Monks of the London, England, congregation and Seth and Rebecca Agyemang of the Tonbridge, England, congregation were ordained on April 1, 2013. Peter Hawkins, pastor for the British Isles, and Eddie Johnson, our elder in Tonbridge, laid hands on the two couples during the afternoon combined service on the last day of Unleavened Bread.

Peter Hawkins

North Carolina Brethren Come Together for Dinner-Dance

On Saturday evening, March 30, 2013, during the Days of Unleavened Bread, the Greensboro, North Carolina, congregation hosted a semiformal dinner-dance. The atmosphere was teeming with excitement and anticipation as brethren from Greensboro and surrounding locations searched for seats so the festivities could begin.



Tanya and Doug Horchak cut a rug

Our meal consisted of succulent filet mignon medallions, chicken piccata and all the trimmings. Everyone's appetite was surely satisfied.

We were honored to have Doug and Tanya Horchak as our guests. With a little gentle coaxing, they joined couples young and young at heart on the dance floor. We did the electric slide, as well as the fox-trot and cha-cha.

Everyone had a grand time; and as usual, time passed too quickly. The Days of Unleavened Bread dinner-dance 2013 is now one of our fond memories.

Bev McKnight

Durban Congregation Picnics in Peaceful Nature Reserve

The weather in Durban, South Africa, during the months of May and June is usually perfect for outdoor activities. This is the beginning of autumn so the weather during the day is normally warm with very little wind.

With the first of May being a public holiday in South Africa, the Durban congregation took the opportunity to gather for a picnic at the Kenneth Stainbank Nature Reserve. The turnout of 31 was excellent, considering that the average Sabbath attendance is 33.

It was a very relaxing morning of fellowship. Some of the more energetic managed an hour-long hike within the nature reserve, which was followed by the traditional *braai* (barbecue).

It seems that whenever we picnic at the Stainbank Nature Reserve we are visited by a pair of tame zebra, and this time was no exception. Fortunately, we were spared a visit from the usual troop of monkeys, as they can be quite a nuisance if any food is left unattended.

It was an enjoyable outing for both young and old alike.

Neville Smith



Grill masters prepare lunch



A group of hikers explore the nature reserve

Brethren in Guyana Welcome Visit From a Beloved Elder

Once again, it was a rainy day in Georgetown, Guyana, as we awaited the arrival of our beloved elder Osmonde Douglas from Barbados. We all looked forward to seeing him again, since we had enjoyed a wonderful time together during his last visit.

Rain poured on Georgetown Friday night, but the sun came out on the Sabbath day. Gary Atkinson said that as soon as Mr. Douglas stepped out of the taxi the sun came out. Before services, we all enjoyed a delicious lunch at a nearby restaurant. Back at the inn, we tuned into the service being broadcast from Trinidad. The service included lovely hymns as well as an inspiring sermon from our regional director, Arnold Hampton, titled "Fasting in the New Testament." After the service, we were once again treated to one of Mr. Douglas' inspiring Bible studies, illustrated by a PowerPoint presentation that focused on the impact of the three young men of Daniel 3.

At the conclusion of the visit we took a group photo showing off the new computer speakers that Mr. Douglas had



Osmonde Douglas admires the new computer speakers with Claudine, Angelique and Gary Atkinson

brought. Then it was time for us to say good-bye to our beloved visitor who was leaving very early the following morning. We wished him well with many words of appreciation. We expressed our thanks and our eagerness to have him come visit us again.

Jad Atkinson

Canadians Welcome Walkers on their Cross-Country Journey



Graemme and Lynn Marshall with Reba and Leon Walker

The members of the Toronto, Ontario, Canada, congregation prolonged their visit with Leon and Reba Walker as long as possible on Dec. 15, 2012. Following special music and a sermon on willpower by Mr. Walker, the group of 18 brethren fellowshiped over a light lunch provided by the hotel until they had to leave, well after the Sabbath was over. The Walkers attended Sabbath services in Toronto during their trip across Canada to meet the brethren following Mr. Walker's appointment as international liaison. The visit was an encouraging beginning to the Canadian winter when it is difficult for some of the brethren to attend every week because of the long distances and unpredictable weather.

Jennifer Bowman

Teens in East Texas Spend Day Helping Local Food Bank



Teens help sort rice and beans for the East Texas Food Bank

On March 14, 2013, a group of eight teens from the East Texas congregation participated in a teen service project at the East Texas Food Bank under the guidance of Joanne Gonzalez and Nanette Ditto. The group was awarded a certificate detailing the value of their donated time and services. The certificate thanked them for "helping to sort over 2,200 pounds of rice and beans equating to 1,718 meals and worth \$843 in donated labor to the Food Bank!"

This was a wonderful community service project and fun too! We very much thank the team for the energy contributed to this project.

Nancy Diraison

Fort Worth Teen Sabbath Fosters Spirit of Unity and Service



Jacob Golden gives the sermonette

The Fort Worth, Texas, teens had an opportunity to serve in many roles at Sabbath services on the Teen Service Weekend, March 23, 2013. The teens assisted by greeting, setting up and taking down the stage, teaching the preteen Sabbath school, setting up and conducting the sound and video systems, accompanying hymns, song leading, giving the sermonette and even writing this article. This opportunity gave each teen the chance to follow Christ's commandment and example (Matthew 20:28) and to appreciate the weekly service given every Sabbath by the adults. The teens were also able to bond with one another and with the adults through pursuing a common

goal for the good of the Church.

When asked about the importance of such a weekend, Danai Brice, a local teen who assisted in stage setup, mentioned, "Serving on the Sabbath is a way to celebrate the Sabbath and to keep it holy." The apostle Paul explained where one's heart and mind should be when serving the brethren in unity: "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others" (Philippians 2:3-4). By working together through Christ and for Him on the Sabbath day, the teenagers fostered a unified serving body, focused on fulfilling the needs of others.

It is often voiced among young people in the Church that some do not yet feel a connection to the Church that they may see older generations possessing. Mrs. Flavin who is usually in charge of stage decorations stated, "Teens yearn for the opportunity to feel as if they are truly a part of the Church. They can feel at times, as if they are not connected to the Church because they may have yet to experience their part in services. Teenagers have so much more

energy that they are able to easily do the tasks that are sometimes laborious in setting up for Sabbath services. They are very helpful and enjoyable to work with."

An opportunity for weekly service in teenagers' local congregations is important for them not only to connect with fellow brethren but also to feel needed and relevant in their congregations. Jacob Golden, who gave the sermonette, stated, "Giving a message to the congregation makes me realize the future need for leaders in the Church. More young people need to understand what it's like to serve in their local congregations because service is what keeps everything going—especially in a time where there is a need for young men to speak in place of retirees."

Teen service weekends, such as this weekend in Fort Worth, are great opportunities for serving one another and the Church at a younger age, while opening the door for a young Christian to develop into a permanent servant in Christ. These actions of service can be carried from the Sabbath to one's daily life in order to glorify God (Matthew 5:16).

Victoria Stolley

Pittsburgh Young Adults and Teens Host Family Fun Show

Following the Sabbath service on March 2, 2013, members of the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Wheeling and Morgantown, West Virginia, congregations enjoyed a Bali Hai-style dinner followed by a family fun show. The Sabbath service featured a sermon by Bill Jahns, pastor of the Morgantown congregation, titled "Growing in Wisdom." Song leading and opening and closing prayers were provided by young adults. Special music was a vocal solo performed by Jodie Ball. The social was hosted by the regional teen speech club and young adult volunteers from all three congregations, who prepared and served snacks, served the dinner, and starred in and hosted the fun show. The entire night was a great success, and the Pittsburgh congregation hopes to make it an annual event.

Ashley Holl



Teens and young adults serve the Bali Hai dinner

Announcements **Baptisms | Births**



Shawn Kifer

The Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, congregation has had the opportunity to welcome four new baptized members over the past year and a half.

On Sept. 28, 2011, Jodie Ball and Shawn Kifer were baptized as the sun set at the beginning of the Feast of Trumpets. On the following March 14, 2012, Allen Holl was baptized, surrounded by both friends and family. A mere six months later, on Sept. 23, 2012, his sister, Ashley Holl, was also baptized.

Members of the Pittsburgh congrega-



Ashley and Allen Holl



Jodie Ball

tion are certainly excited to have these new additions to their family.

Ashley Holl



Stella Ranew

Jason and Amy Ranew of the Orlando, Florida, congregation are very happy to announce the birth of Stella Elisabeth Ranew. She was born on May 29, 2012, weighing in at 6 pounds 11 ounces and measuring 20¼ inches long. The happy grandparents are Pamela Ranew from Tallahassee, Florida, and David and Connie Zevchak from Lansing, Michigan. Big sister Eva (3 years old) is excited to teach her new sister everything she knows!

Amy Ranew

Announcements **Weddings | Anniversaries**



Theunis and Leonora Van der Merwe

Theunis and Leonora Van der Merwe of the Durban, South Africa, congregation were united in marriage after the Sabbath service on the evening of April 20, 2013.

The ceremony was witnessed by family and friends, after which a delightful three-course meal was served.

Neville Smith



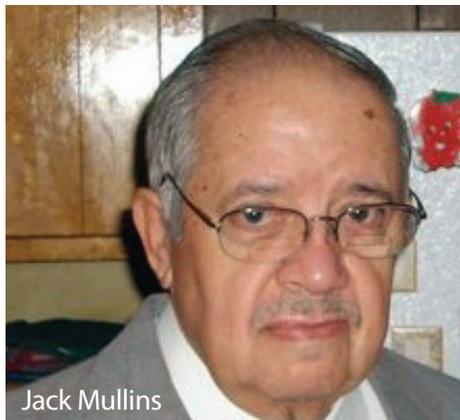
Faye and Fred Williams

On Dec. 15, 2012, the Atlanta, Georgia, congregation celebrated the 55th wedding anniversary of Fred and Faye Williams. Their actual anniversary was Dec. 22; and as Winter Family Weekend approached, it was decided to celebrate it a week in advance so

that everyone could participate. After services, an anniversary announcement was made, and the Williams were presented with special gifts and a beautiful three-tiered cake from the congregation.

Chant'a Collier

Announcements **Obituaries**



Jack Mullins

Jack Mullins, 79, died in a local hospital Wednesday, April 10, 2013. Mr. Mullins was born in Pikeville, Kentucky, the son of Willard and Mae Madden Mullins. He was a member of the Church of God, a Worldwide Association. He was baptized Sept. 8, 1970. He was a welder, pipe fitter, certified locksmith and certified in small engine repair. He spent 13 years as a maintenance foreman in Franklin County, Ohio, MRDD (Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities). He enjoyed working with the handicapped very much. The Florence, South Carolina, congregation benefited from his skills and will miss

Jeraline "Jerry" Irene Schuler died on Saturday, Feb. 2, 2013, at the age of 94. She was living at the home of her daughter, Judy Chapman, in Pasadena, California.

Jeraline was born Oct. 7, 1918, in Three Oaks, Michigan. She married William J. Schuler in Phoenix, Illinois, on July 1, 1938. They had three children, William S., Judy and Susan. Jeraline learned about the Church through her son in the late 1950s. She was baptized in October 1961 and attended in Chicago, Illinois.

In 1976 she and her husband moved to Colton, California, to be near her sister, Beverly. Her husband died in 1985. Shortly after, she was diagnosed with leukemia. She remained in Colton until 1995 then moved to Pasadena to be closer to her daughter Judy. In January

his unselfish willingness to humbly serve in any way he could.

Funeral arrangements in South Carolina were directed by Layton-Anderson Funeral Home of Florence, South Carolina, on April 13, 2013, at 3 p.m. The chapel service was conducted by Don Waterhouse, pastor of the Augusta, Columbia and Florence congregations. Following the service, food was provided by Charles and Rhonda McLellan at their home in Florence. Mr. Mullins was flown to Columbus, Ohio, for burial. A graveside service at Franklin Memorial Gardens was conducted Monday, April 15, 2013, by Lyle Welty, pastor of the Cincinnati/Dayton and Columbus/Cambridge, Ohio, congregations.

Surviving are his wife Mary Elizabeth Everetts Mullins; three sons, Ben (Lindsey) Mullins, John Mullins and Mitchell Mullins; one daughter, Wanda Wood; five grandchildren, Rebecca Gunn, Mitchell Mullins II, Emily Mullins, Sebastian Mullins and Jasmine Wood; and many nieces and nephews.

Faye Campbell

2001 she moved in with Judy and her husband, Gerald. Her leukemia grew worse and she also suffered with melanoma her last two years.

Jeraline is survived by two children, William S. Schuler and Judy (Gerald) Chapman; eight grandchildren, Ben Chapman, Susan (Ben) Brunner, Michelle (Jim) Misner, Robin (Tom) Less, William J. Schuler, Lynda (Tim) White, Lysa Schuler and Mike Schuler; and four great-grandchildren, Jennifer and Kristen Brunner and Lauren and Leah Misner. She was preceded in death by her husband; her two brothers and a sister; her daughter, Susan Clement, who died in 2010 in Chicago; and her great-grandson, Brian Brunner.

Jeraline wanted to be remembered as someone who tried to do her best for

Mary J. Fuller of Muskogee, Oklahoma, died on Saturday, May 18, 2013, after a brief illness. Mrs. Fuller was born Oct. 16, 1939, in Casper, Wyoming. She started attending God's Church in 1963.

Mrs. Fuller knew no boundaries when serving others. She was known to many as a loving and generous person. During the 1970s and 1980s, she and her husband put together a food bank. She and her husband were among the first in the nation to develop and coordinate disaster preparedness exercises. She retired from the Muskogee City Civil Defense Department as director.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 51 years, Jerry Lee Fuller, as well as her parents, a sister and a brother. She is survived by four children, five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, one sister, a son-in-law and a daughter-in-law.

A graveside service for Mrs. Fuller was held on May 23, 2013, at the Fort Gibson Military Cemetery in Fort Gibson, Oklahoma. The service was officiated by Mark Welch.

Mrs. Fuller was truly a light to the world and will be missed.

Aurora Gossett



Jeraline Schuler

others and her family. She always had a positive attitude and looked forward to the resurrection when she will be raised without the infirmities of a physical body. She will be greatly missed by those who knew and loved her.

Susan Brunner

On May 12, 2013, over 90 people attended the memorial service for Ethel McMullen.

At age 102, she had lived a long and fulfilling life. Over the course of her life, Mrs. McMullen lived through two World Wars and the Great Depression, in addition to all of the other smaller wars and human tragedies in life.

God called her into His Church in 1961, and she was baptized in the ocean. For over 50 years, she remained faithful to her calling and commitment right to the end.

Mrs. McMullen was always a very encouraging lady to be around and generous to all who knew her. She willingly shared her maple syrup that, until only recently, she tapped, boiled down and placed in jars by herself. It was great!

She had her driver's license renewed for

a further four years when she was 100 years old, but shortly afterwards she had to give up driving. Mrs. McMullen read her Bible faithfully, reading it in its entirety at least nine times (possibly 10) until her eyesight began to fail.

Sadly, she recently fell and broke her hip. After surgery, she went to a rehabilitation facility where she had a difficult time and contracted pneumonia. Her daughter Heather and several family members were with her when she died in the nursing home on May 4.

At her memorial several family and Church members spoke of her example, and Paul Suckling gave a summary of the hope for the future—the resurrection and return of Christ—that she looked forward to.

Mrs. McMullen was a mother, friend and wonderful example to all who knew her. As one friend of many



Ethel McMullen

years, Mary Sweatt, said, “I will always remember Ethel as a longtime, warm, loving, soft-spoken friend. A wonderful example to everyone. God must have loved her very much.”

If there was one hallmark of her life that stood out above everything else, it was that she was always thankful.

Paul Suckling



Herbert Mende

Herbert G. Mende, 90, formerly of Tonawanda, New York, died March 23, 2013, at Elderwood Health Care at Crestwood in Wheatfield, New York. He was a member of God's Church for decades and served as a deacon for many years. He was the husband of Ruth (née Koepsel) Mende, who died in 2003; father of David H. Mende, Eric W. (Debra) Mende, Carl R. (Debra) Mende and Barbara R. Krick; grandfather of eight grandchildren; brother

of James Mende and the late Wilbur Nugent. Herbert was a 1940 graduate of Tonawanda High School and was a U.S. Army veteran who served during World War II. He received his bachelor of science degree from Wayne State University in Detroit, Michigan, and his master's degree from the University of Buffalo. He will be greatly missed by the congregation he served in Buffalo, New York.

Stephan M. Koenig

Doreen Rinehart was born in Stapleford, Nottinghamshire, England, on June 24, 1935. Doreen was a talented woman who enjoyed knitting, crocheting and sewing. She also enjoyed gardening and reading. She met her husband, Leonard, a member of the U.S. Air Force, while he was stationed in England. They were married and then moved to the United States in 1959. They settled in Cambridge, Ohio.

Doreen was ordained a deaconess on May 26, 1985, and served faithfully in the Church. Many will remember her for her kind words of advice, wisdom and care for others. Even with her health declining, she would ask about

others, rather than focus on herself. It left her friends with a memory of her unchanging character traits.

She finished her fight on Feb. 19, 2013. She was survived by her loving husband, a daughter, a son, a granddaughter, two grandsons, two great-grandchildren and three step-great-grandchildren, as well as many cousins, nieces and nephews. A service was held Feb. 25, officiated by her pastor, Lyle Welty. She will be missed by her Church family, and we look forward to seeing her again in God's Kingdom!

Sarah Henderson



Doreen Rinehart

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One of the best ways we learn is by sharing our growing understanding of God's Word with one another, be it spiritual lessons, Bible study insights or perspectives on the world around us.

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