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# personal from the president

## Salvation Is Education

The second graduation of Foundation Institute (FI) will take place on Saturday night, May 18. As with so many things, you have to ask, “Where has the time gone?”

The importance of biblical education cannot be minimized. True knowledge of God’s Word and His purpose for human life comprise the “pearl of great price.” We are all familiar with the parable in Matthew 13:45-46 where Christ spoke about that pearl. This parable can picture a number of things, but we see this pearl as representing the knowledge of God’s way of life. What are we willing to give up in order to acquire that knowledge? And how committed are we to sharing that knowledge with others?

In 1946 Herbert Armstrong had a vision that became Ambassador College in the fall of 1947. When he wrote to the brethren and coworkers at that time, he emphasized the value of true education as compared to what the world had to offer.

At the time, Church membership was very small, with less than 50 people in attendance at the 1946 Feast of Tabernacles. Mr. Armstrong relied heavily on coworkers, people who supported his radio ministry financially but were not members.

In a coworker letter dated Nov. 29, 1946, Mr. Armstrong wrote about the importance of true education. In this letter he made the statement, “Salvation is education.” Here is the full quote, “In other words, real conversion and salvation is EDUCATION—not the kind of purely mental, purely materialistic, and mostly faulty and erroneous education of this world—but REAL education.”

I have thought about that statement over the years. There is no way to place a value on true biblical education. Each year we offer that education to young and old alike at Foundation Institute here in Allen, Texas. So far for the 2014-2015 year we have 12 applicants, with room for another six to eight students. If you have the opportunity to take nine months off from work or school, I would encourage you to apply for the next school year.



You’ll learn more than you could ever imagine about the Bible and how to apply that knowledge to your daily life!

We are planning more opportunities for online education. We have plans for more Wednesday night FI Online classes. But none of these efforts can replace the program that we offer for those who are able to attend full-time. Last year we provided housing in an apartment complex only five minutes from the office., which was a major improvement to the FI program. Our students no longer have to worry about where they will live for the nine months.

Ambassador College was a unique experience but we do not have plans (or the ability) to recreate it. To establish a four-year college with the proper campus setting is beyond our reach at the present time, but that will not prevent us from offering a biblical education to those who are able to come to the Dallas area for nine months. Getting an education, even a biblical one, will not guarantee salvation. We know that salvation is a process, but without true knowledge of God’s Word that process cannot even begin.

If you are able, I suggest you consider applying for FI next year. If you aren’t able to, then I suggest you check out our online program. Either way, gaining biblical knowledge is a critical component in the plan of salvation.

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

JIM FRANKS  
President of the Church of God, a Worldwide Association  
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# FOI Holds Annual Board Meeting

Members of the Foundation Outreach International board met Feb. 23 and 24 to discuss plans for 2014.

by RHONDA WADDLE



Foundation Outreach International held a board meeting on Feb. 23 and 24 in Dallas, Texas. Even though FOI has been in existence for about a year, this meeting was the first face-to-face meeting of the entire board.

First, the board reviewed the past year's programs, and Nate Berg conducted a financial review. The board discussed the approved 2014 projects of Jordan, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Two new projects were presented to the board and were approved to move forward. More information should be coming soon.

The rest of the meeting included a discussion of the vision and purpose of FOI. The board recognizes that the two important aspects of the organization are the projects that we sponsor and the volunteers chosen for the projects.

We seek projects that will be of maximum benefit to the beneficiaries of the project. The board evaluates the projects at the conclusion of each one to determine what improvements can be made for the next year. We also take on new projects as funds and volunteers will allow.

The board seeks the highest level of candidates to represent FOI around the world in our projects. We also desire for the volunteers to learn and grow from their experience and service. The board seeks to improve the volunteers experience and plans to implement an advisory committee for the Jordan project.

Of course, underlying all of our plans lies the funding for the projects. Many churches have held fund-raisers, and people have donated as well. Corporate matching programs have also played a crucial role. The board is very grateful for the tremendous support!

We look forward to 2014 with a sense of excitement! @@@

Learn more about FOI and volunteering for a project at [foundationoutreachintl.org](http://foundationoutreachintl.org)



## Clockwise from the top

The FOI Board of Directors meet at the Church headquarters' office in Allen, Texas; Rhonda Waddle; Cory Erickson; Doug Horschak talks to students at Foundation Institute about current FOI projects

# New Church Treasurer Introduced

The corporate office welcomes new treasurer  
Britton Taylor.

by JIM FRANKS

**O**n Friday, March 21, I announced to all Church employees the following personnel change:

Jason Lovelady has served as the treasurer and operation manager for finances for the Church of God, a Worldwide Association, since the fall of 2011. During this period Mr. Lovelady worked part-time for the Church, for which he received a partial salary. We've always intended the treasurer to be a full-time position, but we did allow Mr. Lovelady to continue working for a company in Las Vegas, splitting his time between the two jobs.

Earlier in March Mr. Lovelady informed me of his desire to resign from his job as Church treasurer, citing personal reasons. I accepted his resignation and began the process of selecting a new treasurer. In conformity with our governance processes I proposed to the Ministerial Board of Directors that Britton Taylor replace Mr. Lovelady, and the board unanimously approved Mr. Taylor as the new Church treasurer and operation manager for finances, effective March 19.

Our finances are in excellent shape, and I sincerely want to thank Mr. Lovelady for his work in this area over the past two-plus years. I believe Mr. Taylor will make an excellent treasurer and will continue the good stewardship that we have seen thus far. I believe he is well qualified for his new job. He obtained his CFP (certified financial planner) in 1997; and even though he was pastoring our congregation in Fort Worth, Texas, he acquired enough continuing education credits to maintain this certification since that time.

As a CFP, Mr. Taylor managed retirement plans for family members and a few others. He



Britton and Donna Taylor have served in the Fort Worth area for 21 years

is a registered investment adviser with the state of Texas and holds a Texas life, accident, health and HMO insurance license. Nate Berg, Steve McNeely and Melton McNeely will work with Mr. Taylor in his role as treasurer.

Two years ago this month, we asked Mr. Taylor to serve as risk, insurance and benefits manager for the Church. He has done an outstanding job with that, potentially saving the Church several hundreds of thousands of dollars per year. Since he is already working two to three days a week here in the office, we expect the transition will be smooth and there will be no need to provide additional office space, which is currently at a premium.

Because of these new responsibilities, Mr. Taylor will be replaced as pastor of the Fort Worth congregation where he has served for the past 21 years. Ministerial Services will announce the new pastor for Fort Worth in the near future. ©A

## Getting to Know Mr. Taylor

### How long have you been a pastor?

I have been in the field ministry 42 years. I have been a pastor for 41 years.

### What congregations have you pastored?

Hagerstown, Maryland; Binghamton/Corning, New York; Roanoke, Virginia; and Fort Worth, Texas.

### What other job titles have you held?

Feast of Tabernacles coordinator, Y.O.U. regional coordinator, risk, insurance, and benefits manager.

### Where did you grow up?

I lived in St. Louis and Kansas City, Missouri, before I moved to Texas to attend Ambassador College.

### Where did you go to college?

Ambassador College in Big Sandy, Texas, 1968-1972; College for Financial Planning, 1995-1997.

### How many children and grandchildren do you have?

We have three children and three grandchildren, with a new arrival expected in July.

### What book are you currently reading?

In addition to the Bible, I'm reading *Killing Jesus* by Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard.

### What was your favorite Feast of Tabernacles?

Cape Cod, Massachusetts, in 1981 and South Africa in 2007.

### What person, living or dead, would you most like to meet?

Jacob's son, Joseph, and Abraham Lincoln.

### What are your hobbies?

I enjoy studying American history and doing home remodeling projects.



# Look at Me!

What do your clothes say about you when  
you walk into a room?

by TANYA HORCHAK

In a speech at an education conference, leading education commentator Dr. Helen Wright said the cover of *Zoo* magazine (which featured the scantily clad TV star Kim Kardashian) represented “almost everything that is wrong with western society.” She further commented that Kardashian’s success is rated by many in society by looks and not personal achievement. “The pupils in our schools really are soaking up a diet of empty celebrity and superficiality. They are under a huge amount of pressure, buffeted by these images and messages” (TheGuardian.com, June 23, 2012).

All too often in our media-drenched society, the focus on “self” has far more to do with looks and clothing than anything else. The air-brushed celebrity culture’s emphasis is on “me,” and advertising new fashions, makeup and immodest behavior has become the norm for our Western culture. The focus is on an obsession with dress, public display and self-absorption, rather than character, honesty and accomplishment. Issues of *modesty*—appropriate dress and femininity—are often ignored and replaced with selling sexuality.

## More than just skirt length

Modesty is a foundational principle that is valued and taught in the Bible. It involves much more than a discussion about how many inches a skirt should be above the knee or if a particular dress’s spaghetti straps should get a thumbs-up or thumbs-down.

As reflected in Scripture, *modesty has a deeper meaning and ideal*. Properly understood, it also includes *how* a woman thinks and views herself rather than simply dressing in a way that will keep men from staring and thinking sexually. That being said, there is no doubt that the length of a dress, the tightness of a garment and how much skin is showing are all details that need to be considered when purchasing and wearing clothing. This is the topic that Paul comments on in 1 Timothy 2:9-10:

“In like manner also, that the women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with propriety and moderation, not with braided hair or gold or pearls or costly clothing, but, which is proper for women professing godliness, with good works.”

Paul’s point is that we should not be fixated on material things and what we look like. There is a more important character to pursue than one identified by the jewelry, cutting-edge fashion and expensive garments we wear. It is a character identified by the *wholesome and good things we do and think about*, while learning to live with God as the center of attention, not ourselves.

Modesty involves more than just your body and what you put on it, as Paul wrote. It involves the entire identity of a woman, the “presentation” of oneself and developing the mind of Jesus Christ. When we live our lives with God foremost in mind, our choices will be made as an outflow of that influence and perspective. As a result, it will affect everything we do—how we think, how we act and how we dress. Admittedly, this approach is going to involve change for all of us!

## The consequences of a sexualized society

Sex and sensuality prevail in our Western culture. This post-modern worldview and influence is exploited 24/7 on television programs, commercials, music videos, magazines, billboards and nearly every media outlet. Its influence bombards girls at the youngest of ages and exerts a social pressure that can convince them that its way of thinking, dressing and acting will bring them love, rewards, popularity and happiness. Yet these shallow values carry with them a list of disastrous consequences.

One interesting study conducted in 1998 noted that teenage girls from Fiji had a very healthy body image and high self-esteem; however, when these young ladies were exposed to Western television programming, they became substantively preoccupied with weight and body shape, purging behavior (induced vomiting) and body disparagement. Prior to the exposure to Western television and the fashion and body image values they

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project, the Fijian culture emphasized a robust body shape and based identity not on body but on family, community and relationships. The transition from a healthy self-image to a confusion of self-image *took only three years* (Tanjare’ McKay, “Female Self-Objectification: Causes, Consequences and Prevention,” *McNair Scholars Research Journal*, Sept. 30, 2013).

One effect of our “sexualized” society is an increase in women questioning their worth, with some carrying a personal burden of self-doubt and inadequacy. These feelings of worthlessness and the inability to “measure up” to a false image are debilitating and destructive. Instead of developing as capable and emotionally stable women with healthy personalities, women are tempted to take the bait of the world’s definition of beauty that is dangling in front of them and allow themselves to be influenced by a wrong measurement of worth. In addition, some wives think they may be in competition to keep their husbands’ attention! Unfortunately, women—and men—can look for positive reinforcement in all the wrong places. This includes the motive for the way we dress.

Yes, modesty is about how we cover and adorn ourselves, but it is about more! It’s about raising the spiritual bar in our lives for both women and men. In a culture that is continually redefining “normal,” the apostle Paul’s encouragement and gentle reminder to raise the spiritual bar in our lives—not only in our dress, but in how we think and act—is something to take to heart. ©A

# What's Your Treasure?

We want to say that our treasure is the Word of God and the hope of the Kingdom of God. But is it really?

by JEREMY LALLIER

## I LOOK BACK FONDLY ON MY TIME AS A PIRATE.

It was a long time ago when I took up the life of a fearsome buccaneer. I was 7 years old, I think, and my time of employment in the profession only lasted a couple of hours, but I still remember it with warm memories. I didn't do as much swash-buckling as I'd hoped, but I was able to spend a good deal of time attacking unsuspecting golf balls with an unwieldy metal club in the hope that this time, *just maybe*, I could coerce the ball toward the general direction of the hole for which it was intended. Blackbeard was the scourge of the seven seas; I was the scourge of 18 hapless par-3 mini-golf holes.

One of my fondest memories of that time—aside from the overpriced pirate hat my parents purchased for me that I wear, I mean *wore*, incessantly—was the acquisition of my gold doubloon. It was a token, I was told, that could be traded in at my pirate-y venue for a free round of golf. I never used it, of course, because what 7-year-old in his right mind trades in a piece of *actual pirate treasure* for one round of putt-putt?

No, that was my treasure, and for several years I kept it in a well-guarded shoebox under my bed. To the world, it was a useless piece of plastic with little value, but to me, it was a priceless artifact. I loved to take it out and look at it, pretending it was just one doubloon of a vast secret cache I had buried elsewhere for safekeeping. My days as Swashbuckler of the Open Fairway may have ended, but my love of shiny treasure certainly hadn't.

## One man's trash ...

Treasure is one of those words that can mean entirely different things to entirely different people. You've probably heard the old adage "one man's trash is another man's treasure," and it couldn't be more true. Something one person would be willing to toss in the garbage might mean the world to another. And treasure isn't even limited to physical possessions—we can treasure memories, we can treasure people, we can treasure accomplishments. Anything we deeply value, tangible or not, becomes our treasure.

So we ought to take notice, then, when Christ warns the disciples, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6:21). Much as our 7-year-old selves might have wished for it once upon a time, we don't all have chests stashed away, overflowing with pieces of eight and priceless gems. But we *do* all have treasures.

What's yours?

## Heart of the problem

I think we all instinctively want to say that it's the Word of God ... but is it really? Christ gave us a powerful litmus test: We find our treasure where we find our hearts. We're going to seek it at every opportunity. After basic survival needs, our treasure is whatever we make the most time for.

Sometimes I'm ashamed of what my treasure becomes. All too often it becomes a new TV show, or a game, or personal project that soaks up hours of my week while I struggle to find a few minutes for focused Bible study. There's nothing wrong with having hobbies and interests, and there are a lot of great things to be involved in.

The problem is when those same hobbies and interests become more alluring treasures than our calling. The problem is when our heart takes up residence with a treasure that starts to mean more to us than the invitation to join the family of God.

It sounds impossible when it's put that way. How could anything possibly mean more to us than that? How could a five-hour Netflix binge on some newly discovered TV show become more important than exploring the Holy Scriptures preserved for us by the Creator of the universe? How could a single attraction of this world become a higher priority than developing the godly character we need in order to find a place in the eternal Kingdom of God?

## The most incredible gift

I don't know if there's a simple solution to all this—if there is, I sure haven't found it yet. All I know is that in my life, it's something I need to constantly reevaluate. There are a million and one different potential treasures in this life, and not all of them are *bad* things—they're just things that we can't allow to take the place of God.

You have been given the most incredible gift in the entire universe. The God who shaped the entirety of space and time wants you in His family. He wants to guide you down the path to eternal life, and He sent His Son as a sacrifice just to make that journey possible.

Enjoy the good things of this life, but remember that our hearts belong with only one treasure—and we must constantly endeavor to make certain they remain there. ☺

*This article was originally published on the author's blog, [www.SabbathThoughts.com](http://www.SabbathThoughts.com). Jeremy Lallier is a member of the Church of God, a Worldwide Association, living in Virginia.*

**Question:** I know we don't believe that we must get the 1,001st person to pray in order for God to finally hear and answer our prayers. So why does the Church ask sometimes thousands of people to pray for someone or something? It would seem that asking many people to pray is more for those people praying than the one in the trial. Does God tell us the purpose for asking people and congregations, sometimes around the world, to pray for something special?

Praying for others benefits the one in need, the ones praying and the entire Church. It requires thought, time and effort—a personal sacrifice.

**Answer:** The fact that God instructs us to ask for prayer implies that we should be alert for and responsive to requests from fellow members. The biblical instruction also implies that God is responsive to the prayers of believers on behalf of others in need. That is why we announce prayer requests for some people or issues.

We are to “confess to one another therefore your faults (your slips, your false steps, your offenses, your sins) and pray [also] for one another, that you may be healed and restored [to a spiritual tone of mind and heart]. The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working]” (James 5:16, Amplified Bible).

It is true that God does not delay answering a prayer until He hears from a minimum number of Christians! He does not say what we must confide in others nor does He tell us the number of people in whom we should confide. These are matters of individual choice.

The Internet makes it possible for individuals to make many people aware of a need in a short time, but there have also been matters put before the entire Church for prayer. Issues involving the entire organization obviously should be presented to all the Church members. Regarding requests from individuals, we have no set policy for sending them to all congregations. We respect and cooperate with each individual's decision. Some want as many as possible to know about their needs. Others prefer to mention their needs only to a select few. Clearly, there are many more trials going on within our membership than those announced by Ministerial Services.

You are probably right about the “why” of God's approach. Praying for others benefits the one in need, the ones praying and the entire Church. It requires thought, time and effort—a personal sacrifice. Done with deep thought and sincerity, it reminds us about Christ's suffering, God's promises to heal and the virtues of faith and patience. Praying for others is an expression of godly love. For Christians with physical limitations that prevent them from serving in other ways, praying is the greatest service that they can give to the Church. And it is a *valuable* contribution.

Regarding the effect of prayer on the one in need, the most obvious benefit is that God meets the need. Moreover, just knowing that others are praying is encouraging to those who ask for prayers. As you intimated, praying for each other helps increase our mutual bond in the Body of Christ.

“Members should have the same care for one another. And if one member suffers, all the members suffer” (1 Corinthians 12:25-26). Christ inspired Paul to repeat the analogy, writing that “the whole body [is] joined and knit together *by what every joint supplies*, according to the effective working *by which every part does its share*, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love” (Ephesians 4:16, emphasis added). ©A





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## GO CLIMB A MOUNTAIN

How about a trip to the mountains of Wyoming—to be challenged physically, mentally and spiritually? Our next program will start with rock climbing in the rocky outcrops of Vedauwoo, Wyoming, where you will learn navigation, wilderness first aid and team-building skills. The adventure will continue with hiking and exploration in the Snowy Range mountains. Both married and single young adults (from high school grads through age 39) are encouraged to take part in this life-changing experience.

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Lois Dashiell

# 90—and Counting

After a lifetime of hard knocks, one member turns 90 years old and reflects on the true blessings of her life.

by R. NORROD

**L**ois Dashiell just celebrated her 90th birthday! Born Feb. 20, 1924, in Gastonia, North Carolina, Lois was one of three children who grew up in a divided home. At the age of 5, she lost her mother; and at the age of 8, her 9-year-old sister died. Since her father had long ago moved to New York, her grandparents raised her and her brother in West Virginia.

By the time she was 15, her grandparents had chosen to keep her older brother for manual labor on the property and sent her to New York City. By that time her father had remarried, and young Lois was sent to live with her “adopted” sister (the daughter of her father’s second wife from an earlier marriage). It wasn’t until her 20s that she formally met her father, but he was always a stranger.

Craving the family she never had, Lois soon married and had six children. Sadly, her husband was one in name only, and Lois worked to support them all by taking in domestic work and then landing a job with a New York State facility for the mentally handicapped. She worked the night shift for 20 years, leaving the younger kids in the care of her eldest daughter. Regrettably, she never found the loving closeness

she had hoped for and had hit rock bottom. Then one day, as she listened to the radio, she heard the gospel preached on the Radio Church of God broadcast. In 1959 she began attending church with all the kids in tow. In 1960 she was baptized.

One of the great highlights of her life was going to the Feast in Pasadena in 1985. “It was just so beautiful; I had never seen anything like it,” she remembers. “Every day it was beautiful!”

As the years went by, all of her children left and went their own way. And sadly, one of her sons died on Passover this year. Now, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren later, Lois tenderly recalls how she finally found her family and brotherly love in the household of her faith.

Looking back over the years of her lifetime, she offers this advice: “Children, have respect and listen to your parents. As for me, I know that God takes care of the homeless, the motherless, the helpless—as I was. Because I loved my family, He has granted me long life. And I am so blessed! I have my independence, my health (except these old bones ache). I am here. Psalm 103 is my favorite, and He does take care of me.” ③④

## Foundation Institute Continuing Education Seminars



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Taking nine months to attend Foundation Institute may be more than most people are able to do, but that doesn’t mean you cannot enjoy a sample of the Foundation Institute experience.

We are once again offering summer Continuing Education seminars for interested members eager to learn more about God’s Word and the Christian way of life.

Because the level of interest in biblical education continues to grow, we will, for the first time, provide two identical one-week seminars taught by Foundation Institute instructors and guest speakers from the headquarters office in Allen, Texas.

The seminars are open to all adults who attend the Church of God, a Worldwide Association. Tuition for each seminar will be the same as last year—\$75 for the first person in each family and \$50 for each additional person. This will cover all classroom expenses, including lunch and refreshments.

Register today! There are still a couple of openings for the first session and a few more for the second. The special housing arrangements we previously announced have been filled, so participants will need to make their own housing and meal arrangements.

### Class Schedule

- James: Practical Christianity 101
- Obadiah: Prophet to an Embittered Nation
- Jonah: Prophet to an Enemy Nation
- Micah: Prophet to God’s Nations
- Doctrine of Three Days and Three Nights
  - Repentance
  - Baptism
- Breaking the 5-S Cycle
  - Post-Modernism, Moral Relativism and the Christian
- Former Prophets: Tackling the Tough Issues



## Greensboro, North Carolina

### Annual Super Social

Once again, the annual Super Social in Greensboro, North Carolina, has come and gone much too quickly!

We greeted Todd and Gloria Carey and our brethren from the Virginia area on Friday evening, Feb. 28, with delectable food and joyous fellowship. Sabbath morning, March 1, was filled with a most interesting interactive “tag” Bible study conducted by Mr. Carey and Ron Kelley. After breaking for lunch, we returned for Sabbath services with 211 in attendance. The theme of the weekend was “Peace.” Services were followed by a delicious spaghetti dinner; and the remainder of the evening was filled with volleyball, basketball, card games and many challenging games for the children.

Following a good night’s sleep, some of the brethren gathered around the indoor pool as the children delighted in splashing each other and thoroughly enjoying the water. Finally, a small group of us went bowling and then ate lunch at a restaurant.

**Ron Kelley**



#### Enriching Events

Gary McConnaughey leads a discussion on the five love languages at the marriage enrichment weekend in southwest Michigan; a full crowd sings hymns on the Sabbath at the super social in Greensboro, North Carolina

## Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids, Michigan

### Marriage Enrichment Weekend

On March 15 and 16, the Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids, Michigan, congregations took part in a very fulfilling marriage enrichment weekend!

On Saturday night, the men met at the home of Aaron and Angela Leimbeck for pub fare and fun, and the ladies convened at Gary and Jane McConnaughey’s home for Asian cuisine and a wine, cheese and chocolate trio tasting. Both groups participated in various discussions pertaining to the books *The Five Love Languages* by Gary Chapman and *Love and Respect* by Emerson Eggerichs. Both groups took the

love language test to discover which of the five fit us best.

The next morning, both groups enjoyed breakfast with topics and presentations from both books. Then, the men joined the ladies at the McConnaugheys for lunch, and Mr. McConnaughey led a combined dialogue on the love languages where each individual guessed his or her mate’s language. Everyone deduced his or her spouse’s language accurately! Mr. McConnaughey also highlighted the main aspects of both books and further discussed godly principles pertaining to husband and wife roles in Ephesians 5 and the marriage covenant God instituted in Genesis 2.

The group came away refreshed, knowing one another better through fellowship as a congregation and admonished to love one another as husband and wife and as a strong, godly marital team.

**Rebekah Leyden**

## Quakertown, Pennsylvania

### Members Travel Across the Region to See *Moses*

On Saturday, March 8, a group of 85 traveled to the Pennsylvania Dutch Country to attend the sold-out live musical performance of *Moses* at the Sight & Sound Millennium Theatre in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. Participants were from Queens, New York; Central New Jersey; Quakertown and Bedford, Pennsylvania; Clarksville, Maryland; and Williamsburg, Virginia.

Prior to the show, most attended services in Quakertown and then enjoyed a potluck meal afterwards. It was a very special get-together—even our most senior

brethren in these parts were able to attend: Joe Wein, 93; Lois Dashiell, 90; and Peg Bromfield, 90.

As for *Moses*, the story followed Scripture with a few admitted dramatic deviations. Touchingly, upon the realization that he could be used despite his shortcomings, Moses finally found his purpose in the beautiful solo tribute "Something Greater Than Me," which carried the themes of liberty, freedom and redemption.

According to reviewer Elliot Lanes, "All totaled, it took 600 people and five years of work to bring *Moses* to the stage." The production was lush with four-story background props, 50 live animals and a powerful score recorded by orchestras in Macedonia and Los Angeles. Special effects were most impressive when the massive, stone-carved gods surrounding Pharaoh at his court individually crumbled to dust as each successive plague obliterated them.

Special thanks go to the Quakertown and York congregations for their gracious hospitality in welcoming all the visitors to their services and providing such delicious food! Heartfelt thanks go to all who arranged the outing, provided transportation and helped make the event such a success. And, lastly, we thank those in our home congregations who didn't get to make the trip but willingly took on the responsibilities at services of those who did.

**R. Norrod**

## Orlando, Florida

### Olympic-Sized Fun at Annual Children's Carnival

The annual children's carnival in Orlando has become a much-anticipated event for children and adults alike. This year's event on Saturday evening, Feb. 15, kicked off with a delicious potluck, featuring many international favorites and a large assortment of yummy desserts! As in years past, the festivities began with a costume parade. Since the theme this year was the "Winter Olympics," we had the "March of the Athletes." The march was full of hockey players, figure skaters, snowboarders and many Team USA supporters!

Participants and spectators enjoyed watching all of the kids play the many winter sports games throughout the night. Even the adults were able to get in on the



#### Kids and Cookies

Children participating in Orlando's Winter Olympics hop their way to victory; ladies in Akron-Canton, Ohio, display an abundance of unleavened cookies

action in a *Family Feud*-style game and an extra-challenging (and entertaining) blind-folded spelling game. At the end of all the games, medals and prizes were awarded to the participants. This year's carnival was certainly a gold medal event!

**Jennifer Demarest**

## Akron-Canton, Ohio

### Annual Cookie Exchange

As a part of kicking off preparations for the Days of Unleavened Bread, the Akron-Canton, Ohio, congregation held its annual Unleavened Cookie Exchange on March 15, 2014.

This project is a favorite of the Learn, Grow, Connect ladies group that meets monthly. Audry Bauer led 19 women through the exchange where each participant brings 12 bags containing six cookies

each to exchange, plus a dozen cookies to sample. After the cookies are beautifully arranged, each person chooses one selection per trip around the table until all the cookies are distributed. Through the exchange our families receive a wide variety of wonderful cookies without having to make them themselves.

In addition to the cookie exchange, gifts were gathered to place in spring holy day gift bags to be given to our shut-ins to enhance their spring holy days. Ladies helped Ashley Troyer fill 12 colorful bags with soothing teas, spring napkins and dishtowels, music CDs, pens, notebooks, unleavened bread, crackers, fruit jam, unleavened brownie mix, coasters, homemade fudge, a potted primrose and cookies from the exchange. Through these traditions, our ladies learn how to better love and nurture their Church family, grow beautiful and godly fruit, and connect with each other in unity and harmony.

**Judy Troyer**





### Church Socializing

*Clockwise from the top left* Hilda Redd, Murleen Hill and Ella Mae Tyrkalo wait for their meal at the Houston seniors' brunch; pancake chef Chris Rochelle; servers Nadia Soto and Christen Brouillette speak with Judy Salyer; Marlene Dallas and Delvin Mellerup try to retrieve a penny in a pair of pantyhose during Columbia's Minute-to-Win-It social; Skyla Mellerup tries to flip a cup onto a bottle

## Houston, Texas Seniors' Brunch

On a cloudy, warm Sabbath on Feb. 1, 2014, in Houston, Texas, about 20 seniors gathered for a delicious brunch prior to services. Colorful bowls of fresh fruit garnished every beautifully decorated table. Egg casserole, sausage and pancakes were the main course accompanied by yogurt, peaches, warm syrup, butter, coffee, tea, juice and more.

Younger members of the Houston South congregation volunteered to escort seniors to their tables and also served the delicious food.

After the meal, seniors matched names with baby pictures, which created quite a buzz.

The volunteers were given descriptions with little-known facts about the seniors. They had to guess which senior was represented and ask the senior if they were correct. Each received a treat for participating in the activity.

It was very relaxing and lots of fun. We thank Ann Bailey for her organization and all those who helped with decorating, cooking, serving and cleanup for this wonderful, annual event.

**Susan Scott Smith**

## Columbia, Missouri Minute-to-Win-It Social

Following afternoon Sabbath services on Feb. 22, the congregation in Columbia, Missouri, enjoyed more fellowship at a self-catered dinner. Afterwards, the real fun began with the debut of their version of the game show *Minute to Win It*.

This social evening offered fun and games for young and young at heart! Just as the name implies, the object of the game is to complete challenges within a minute. Each of the various games the contestants encountered was a challenge of skill and a race with the clock.

There were six teams, each having five or six players of mixed ages competing against each other in a variety of games that had been prearranged and organized by the hosts for the evening, Brent and Brittany Martin. Team scores were calculated at the end of each round, and a running total was kept to determine the overall winning team, which received a six-pack of IBC root beer!

The laughter and the fun involved were equally shared by both the contestants and the audience as the night progressed. Some of the games were pencil flipping, balloon juggling, red cup flipping, dice stacking/balancing, penny search, pasta pickup, leaning paper towers and the elephant march, just to name a few.

The games all seemed simple; yet when attempted, they were not nearly as easy to accomplish as they first appeared. Although it really couldn't be determined at night's end if the participants or the audience had the most fun, the evening of fun and fellowship was a big hit with all ages!

**Lois Martin**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## BIRTHS



Abraham Patton

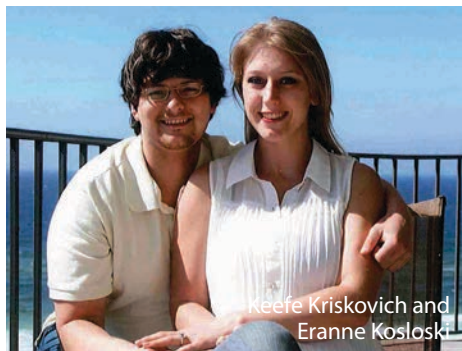
Mark, Larissa (Sass) and Victoria Patton are happy to announce the new addition to their family. Abraham David Frederick was born Feb. 13, 2014, weighing 6 pounds 8 ounces. The Patton family attends the Sherman, Texas, congregation.



Jacen Girard

Jerry and Catherine Girard of the Dallas, Texas, congregation would like to announce the birth of their second child, Jacen Sidney Girard. He was born on Oct. 19, 2013, at 8:06 a.m., weighing 7 pounds 9 ounces and was 20 inches long. Big sister Elika is also enjoying the new addition to the family.

## BAPTISMS



Keefe Kriskovich and Eranne Kosloski

On April 5, 2014, the Memphis, Tennessee, congregation saw two new members baptized.

Keefe Rubin William Kriskovich, son of Kevin and Shelly Kriskovich of Heart Butte, Montana, and Eranne Nicole Kosloski, daughter of Joey and Cindy Kosloski, of the Memphis, Tennessee, congregation were baptized at the Kosloskis' home in Moscow, Tennessee, by local pastor Steve Moody.

The family celebrated with a lunch at the Kosloskis' house attended by Joey's parents, Mike and Karol Kosloski; Cindy's parents, John and Sarah Wilburn of the Memphis congregation; pastor Steve Moody and his wife, Vivian; and proud parents, Joey and Cindy Kosloski.

**Joey Kosloski**



Jennifer Brunner

Jennifer Brunner was baptized March 30, 2014, by Richard Thompson. She attends the Ocala, Florida, congregation along with her parents, Ben and Susan Brunner.

**Richard Thompson**



Natasha and Nicolla Benenga

On March 11, 2014, the number of baptized members in Harare, Zimbabwe, increased by two. Natasha and Nicolla Benenga, daughters of long-standing members of God's Church were baptized in Lake Chivero.

Mrs. Benenga, whose parents were among the early pioneers of the Church in Zimbabwe, was present to witness the baptism of her two daughters, which was a joyous occasion with smiles and hugs of congratulation. The memorable event was concluded with snacks for all present at the Lakeside Hotel.

**Harris Hlazo**



Tonya Newsom, Lisa and Sean Jackson and Tammy Robertson

On Sabbath evening, April 12, 2014, a baptism ceremony was held in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, at the residence of Chris and Renee Jones.

Ron Kelley, pastor of the Hickory, Greensboro and Raleigh, North Carolina, congregations, conducted the baptisms with the assistance of elders Larry Lambert and Arnold Burns.

Those baptized were Tonya Newsom and Tammy Robertson of the Greensboro congregation and Sean and Lisa Jackson of Raleigh.

**Ron Kelley**

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.), graduations 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.



## ANNIVERSARIES



Cindy and Joey  
Kosloski

On March 23, 2014, Joey and Cindy Kosloski of the Memphis, Tennessee, congregation celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

The couple celebrated with their family in Panama City Beach, Florida, with a weeklong vacation. The couple was married at a friend's house in Memphis, Tennessee, on March 23, 1989. They have two daughters, Ashley and Eranne, who are both baptized members in God's Church.

## OBITUARIES

The East Texas congregation was saddened in February to lose Loren Weinbrenner on Feb. 11, 2014, and then his wife Jeanette Ellen Weinbrenner on April 9.

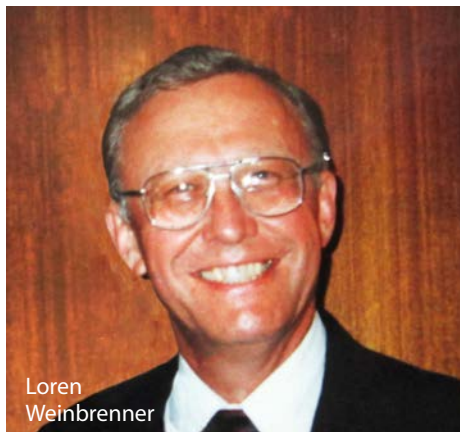
Mr. Weinbrenner, 72, died suddenly at Trinity Mother Frances Hospital in Tyler, Texas, from a sepsis condition that had set in to his right leg. He had undergone open heart surgery in June of 2013 and had struggled with his condition since that time. Jeanette, age 74, died suddenly at Legend Oaks Rehab Center in Gladewater where she had been residing for some time, suffering from long-term health problems.

Loren was born on Oct. 6, 1941, in Goessel, Kansas. He was a pioneer student at Ambassador College in Big Sandy from 1964 to 1967 and worked in the agriculture program until the early 1970s. For the next decade he helped with the Festival site in Wisconsin Dells and later worked as a professional painter.

Jeanette was born on Jan. 26, 1940, in Momence, Illinois, and attended Ambassador College in Pasadena.

Loren and Jan were the first students married on the Ambassador College Big Sandy campus. The marriage was performed by Leroy Neff in the lower gardens near the old Redwood Building.

Loren was a born optimist with tremendous enthusiasm for service. He loved music, participated in choir and often performed for special music. He set an excellent example for everyone. Jan devoted herself to her children and her favorite pastime was tending her flower garden.



Loren  
Weinbrenner



Jan  
Weinbrenner

The couple are survived by two daughters, Lori (Terry) Shipman of Big Sandy, Texas, and Melissa Weinbrenner, of Mt. Pleasant, Texas; one son, Jared (Angela) Weinbrenner of Fort Worth, Texas; and six grandchildren. Loren is also survived by three sisters, while Jan is survived by one brother and three sisters.

We will very much miss this long-serving couple in God's Church.

**Nancy Diraison**

Harvie Catoe, 89, from Camden, South Carolina, died on the snowy morning of Wednesday, Jan. 29, 2014. Mr. Catoe worked at Hermitage Mill of Camden in his early adulthood, served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, graduated from the Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina, and retired as a civil engineer for Tennessee Valley Authority. He was a longtime

member of the Church of God since his baptism on April 20, 1967, and attended the congregation of the Church of God, a Worldwide Association, in Columbia, South Carolina. His lifelong hobby was gardening, and he enjoyed sharing his harvest with family and friends.

Harvie Catoe was born Oct. 15, 1924, in Cassatt, South Carolina, the son of the late Ola Fanny Hicks Catoe and Hollis Lewis Catoe. He is survived by his daughter, Sonja Catoe of Portland, Oregon; son, Alan Russell Catoe of Santa Cruz, California; granddaughter, Jasmin Catoe-Ganahl of Portland, Oregon; great-granddaughters, Josephine and Henrietta; sisters, Janet Catoe Rogers and Emmaleen Catoe Lucas, both of Camden; and numerous nieces and nephews. Mr. Catoe, a widower, was predeceased by his wife of 28 years, Barbara D. Catoe, in 2003, and by his first wife of 26 years, Alverta Rogers Catoe, in 1974.

Mr. Catoe was highly respected and deeply loved by all his Church family, especially the children. Every week, he brought gifts and candy to them. He helped fund the preteen summer camps, enabling some to go who would otherwise not have been



Harvie Catoe

able. He never missed church activities except for circumstances due to weather, driving himself to each activity even at the age of 89. He was the first to arrive and among the last to leave.

Besides being a very generous person, he was always eager to help whenever he could; whether it was a friend or a stranger, it didn't matter. Even if it was bringing in a shopping cart from the grocery store parking lot or holding the door open for someone, his acts of kindness were always present. His example of love and humility will shine on. Mr. Catoe will be greatly missed by all his immediate family and his Church family.

**Nancy Lochner**

# Graduating High School Seniors: We Need Your Bios

Congratulations, seniors! We would like to feature all of our 2014 high school graduates in the *July One Accord*. Please take a few minutes to answer these questions and send a high-resolution photograph (no cell phone pictures, please!) by June 1.

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

Also include your phone number or email address (we may use it to confirm spellings, etc.). Please give the bio and a recent photo (conforming with biblical standards of dress and hair length) of the graduate to **your congregation's reporter**.

We do reserve the right to edit for clarity and a 200-word maximum length. Thank you!

