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Those Who Have Gone Before

The study of Church history has been a fascination of mine since I was a freshman at Ambassador College. In the second semester of that year we studied the book of Acts along with a very short study of Church history from the end of the New Testament to the modern day.

I found it encouraging and inspiring to study the history of the Sabbath-keepers who had gone before. It was like reading an addition to Hebrews 11, with the names of the faithful over the past almost 2,000 years.

It is rare today for anyone to lose a job for keeping the Sabbath or attending the holy days—at least that is true in the United States. But that is not the way it has been down through the centuries. Over the past 1,900 years, the names of those who were killed for observing the Sabbath would fill a large book.

Because things are so different today, I am concerned that many in the Church have no real understanding of those who have gone before and what they had to endure to remain faithful to God's way. We read in Acts 2 that the Church of God was founded on the Day of Pentecost in A.D. 31. That was 1,988 years ago. A lot has happened during that period of time! The world has changed dramatically in every facet of life, but especially when it comes to transportation and communication.

There is a very important prophecy about the Church, found in Matthew 16:18, that provides us with a major clue when it comes to our search for those who have gone before. "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it." The rock Christ was referencing was Himself. When it comes to the words of Christ, we are left with just that—words. We can't see facial expressions or gestures.

Imagine Jesus, standing before His disciples and pointing first to Peter, as He says, "You are Peter." Peter was called Cephas, which means a stone (John 1:42). Christ then points to Himself and says, "And on this rock [Christ] I will build My church." Then He proceeds to give a prophecy: "And the gates of Hades [the grave] shall not prevail against it." Christ declared that the Church—the true Church—would never die.

I am sure the apostles could not fully grasp what He was saying. It is clear from the Scriptures that they had a poor understanding of the time element. They thought Christ would return soon and set up the Kingdom during their lifetimes.

Even though Christ prophesied that the Church would never die, He did not promise that it would be large (Luke 12:32). There were times in history when it was very small. From the New Testament we learn about the basic teachings of that Church, and from the Old Testament we learn that the Sabbath is "a sign" between God and His people (Exodus 31:13; Hebrews 4:9). It isn't the only sign. Clearly, not all Sabbath-keepers are part of the true Church. One may keep the Sabbath but embrace Protestant beliefs about heaven, hell, the Trinity, etc. These are not the teachings of the true Church of God.

I believe it is important that we know the names and the history of those who have gone before us. Just as Paul wrote in Hebrews 11 about the faithful who had gone before the New Testament Church, so we should consider those who have gone before the modern Church. It is fascinating to study the lives of these individuals. I hope to speak on this subject in the next quarterly sermon from the headquarters office.



Jim Franks

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Winter Family Weekend 2018

Grounded and Steadfast

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By Jason Hyde

In late December, about 1,200 brethren from various countries and across the United States journeyed to Louisville, Kentucky, for the annual Winter Family Weekend. This activity drew repeat visitors as well as many new attendees.

Anchoring this year’s event was the theme “Grounded and Steadfast,” taken from Paul’s encouragement in Colossians 1:23. Bible studies, Sabbath services, children’s classes and seminars expounded on these integral components, which are necessary for Christian growth and the prospect of eternal life.

New this year was an additional component focused on young adult leadership development. The weekend included seminars that targeted topics germane to young adults—both single and married.

The weekend opened with a general Bible study by Media operation manager Clyde Kilough, who examined Matthew 7:24-27 and lessons from building on rock or sand. At the same time, Ministerial Services operation manager Doug Horchak presented a YALW Bible study exploring the admonition to hang on to the original teaching of Jesus Christ and the early apostles.

On Sabbath morning, seminars for teens and adults kept attendees grounded in the WFW theme. Sabbath school classes conveyed the important concepts to young ones. In the afternoon services began with excellent special music, and then Church treasurer Britton Taylor delivered a sermon reinforcing the need to be grounded and steadfast. In addition to those in the room, there were 572 web connections active for



the service. A good number of those were congregations from around the country joining in.

Saturday evening there were dances for adults and teens, a euchre tournament, cornhole, movie screenings for preteens, and the ever-popular children's clothing boutique.

Beginning Sunday, attendees could participate in basketball, volleyball, preteen games and an assortment of continuing education seminars. Young adults were invited to a breakfast buffet and a presentation by COGWA president Jim Franks on the importance of a Christian's belief and conduct.

In the evenings, karaoke, cornhole and fellowship kept the hallways alive with laughter and conversation. On Sunday, the *Encourage, Equip & Inspire* "Make It, Take It, Teach It" workshop provided parents and children the opportunity to

make several crafts to enhance biblical education at home. Additionally, the novelty Olympics kept participants engaged and the audience in high spirits. Monday evening included free pizza, the Family Fun Fair and a jam session for musicians. Tuesday wrapped up with a bowling and arcade outing for families and the capstone family dance in the evening.

Once again, the WFW was a great success. Attendees returned home uplifted and motivated to remain spiritually grounded and steadfast in the years to come. We thank WFW coordinator Mark Winner and the many, many volunteers who staffed the various activities.

We encourage you to mark your calendars for the 2019 WFW, which will begin Tuesday evening, Dec. 24, and continue through Saturday evening, Dec. 28. ©A



2019 MINISTERIAL TRANSFERS

As is often the case, summer is when most transfer moves take place for the U.S. field ministry. The upcoming summer of 2019 is no exception! All told, we have three men retiring this year and six different field ministers moving. It will be a busy summer.

Here are the transfers scheduled for the spring and summer of 2019:

Field Minister	Previous Assignment	New Assignment
Larry Salyer	Pastor—Houston South, Texas	Retirement from full-time ministry
Zach Smith	Assistant pastor—Akron/Canton and Youngstown, Ohio	Associate pastor—Houston South, Texas
Larry Greider	Pastor—St. Petersburg, Florida	Retirement from full-time ministry
Jim Haeffele	Pastor—Fort Myers, Miami and West Palm Beach, Florida	Pastor—Fort Myers and St. Petersburg, Florida
David Jackson	Pastor—Clarksville and Salisbury, Maryland; York and Bedford, Pennsylvania	Pastor—West Palm Beach and Miami, Florida
Scott Lord	Pastor—Central New York and Buffalo, New York; Toronto and North Bay, Ontario	Pastor—Clarksville and Salisbury, Maryland; York and Bedford, Pennsylvania
Chad Messerly	Associate pastor—Cincinnati/Dayton and Columbus/Cambridge, Ohio; and Indianapolis, Indiana	Pastor—Central New York and Buffalo, New York; Toronto and North Bay, Ontario
Jim Servidio	Pastor—Houston North, Texas	Retirement from full-time ministry
Gary Black	Pastor—Twin Cities and St. Cloud, Minnesota; Eau Claire, Wisconsin; and Fargo, North Dakota	Pastor—Houston North and South, Texas
Larry Solomon	Assistant pastor—East Texas; and Ruston, Louisiana	Pastor—Twin Cities and St. Cloud, Minnesota; Eau Claire, Wisconsin; and Fargo, North Dakota

Your prayers are requested for each of these couples—both for those who are retiring from the full-time field ministry and for those who are moving to help shepherd God’s people in a new church area. We would also ask for your prayers for each of the congregations involved, during this transition period. It remains our steadfast goal to effectively shepherd the brethren the best we can, and we appreciate the willingness of our men to relocate to help serve God’s people in the future.



COGWA Youth Camps South Africa 2018

By Neville Smith

On Wednesday, Dec. 19, 46 campers and staff arrived at the Goodland Fountain campsite on the Goodland Estate, east of the city of Pretoria. This was the fourth COGWA camp to be held in South Africa and the first time that the Goodland Estate facility was used.

As in past years, this was a combined camp and consisted of six preteens, 15 teens and 13 young adults. Kitchen staff, activity leaders, camp coordinators and ministers made up the balance of those attending. Apart from the majority of campers, who were from South Africa, there were also four from Zambia, three from Zimbabwe and one from the United States.

This year's camp venue was by far the best, with ample accommodation and sporting facilities. The pleasant environment within the Goodland Estate game park proved to be an extra blessing.

The theme for this year's camp was "By This Shall All Men Know" (John 13:35) and focused on the importance of personal example at camp and in everyday life, learning to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

The campers were divided into four groups—two boy groups and two girl groups—for learning teamwork, especially

with the different ages of the campers in mind.

Each day began with half an hour of quiet time (for personal or group Bible study) followed by breakfast and a formal 30-minute camp Bible study.

Daily activities included volleyball, group team building, softball, "Amazing Race," touch rugby, soccer, arts and crafts, a morning hike through the game park, and various indoor activities.

Three DVD lectures on faith were given for the young adult campers and staff. These were lectures given in the United States during the 2016 Young Adult Leadership Weekend. The titles of the lectures were "Will Experiences Shape Your Faith?" "The Way, the Truth and the Life" and "Strength of Faith in a Troubled World."

Sabbath evening began with a fine meal, and everyone dressed in their Sabbath attire. Sabbath services were the usual format with a sermonette by Neil Becker and a DVD sermon by Joel Meeker titled "An Interesting Christmas Story."

All too soon it was Wednesday, Dec. 26, and time to say farewell and journey to our various homes. So ended a wonderfully enjoyable and profitable CYC South Africa, 2018. ©[®]



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I constantly feel lonely, alone and fearful that I can't survive in this world. Can you help me?

Through this column, we want to provide you with a window on the work of the Personal Correspondence Department. Because we interact mostly with people new to God's truth, some topics might not seem directly applicable to you. But think how you would answer the question if someone asked it of you! And many answers will contain spiritual principles that you can apply in your life, even if the question isn't one you would ask.

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PERSONAL CONTACT

with CECIL MARANVILLE

Yes, we can. Your feelings are increasingly common in our modern culture. In fact, if you could know the secret thoughts of even people who seem to have it all together, going about their shopping, their work, their social lives, you would discover they are concerned about *the same issues* that are weighing upon your mind.

People are *more connected* to each other than ever before—by technology and social media—but frequently more *disconnected* from a sense of hope and purpose. Why is this happening? Some have never bonded in a serious relationship and grieve what they haven't had. Many in our Western population are struggling with the challenges that come with aging. Others deal with challenges that a chronic disability presents.

Regardless of the situation, God has a purpose for each of us and is committed to helping us realize it. Life, Hope & Truth exists to aid people in finding that purpose and the confidence that they can succeed at it. Here are two examples of the support that we offer:

This first excerpt is from "[Disconnection: 21st-Century Curse](#)":

"We can see disconnection all around us: Patrons at coffee shops and restaurants who plug into their phones rather than talk with each other. Cashiers who wear earbuds or headphones while they wait on customers. Nursing home residents sitting by themselves day after day, aching for their kids and grandkids to come by. Customers waiting in line at the supermarket, not making eye contact with anyone else. Homeowners who neither know the names of the people next door nor wave to them when they're outside."

The article then discusses three pillars of connection, showing how they are being impacted by societal changes and why they

are important for our physical, mental and spiritual health.

This second excerpt is from "[Hope for the Hopeless](#)":

"People who see no hope can feel frustrated, discouraged, heartsick, anxious, stressed and angry. As a person is beaten down further and hope ebbs away, this may turn into giving up, listlessness, lifelessness—just going through the motions, more like an automaton than a human being with free will, self-determination and great potential."

The article relates the true story of a person who fell into the trap of hopelessness as a teen. He sank low, taking the potentially fatal route of drug addiction. With the help of others, he recovered physically. But we are *spiritually oriented* beings. There is a spirit in our brains that sets us apart from animals. We need more than physical success to find meaning and purpose for our lives. We need a spiritual connection, or we can feel lonely and hopeless, *even when we are succeeding physically*.

To aid people to make that necessary spiritual connection, we offer a series of articles that list scriptures on comfort (21 verses), help (23 verses), love (21 verses), hope (30 verses), peace (36 verses), God's protection (22 verses) and His strength (37 verses). See "[Encouraging Bible Verses](#)." Whether you just read these promises, write them out or pray to God about them, these scriptures will help you flourish!

Related articles that approach these challenges from different perspectives include: "[How to Make Friends](#)," "[I'm Single, and I Don't Like It](#)" and "[Why Am I Suffering?](#)" After you have the opportunity to read and consider this information, please let us know if we can offer further encouragement. @ @

CHURCH POTLUCK

What's cooking in your congregation?

AUSTIN HOSTS REGIONAL WEEKEND

On Nov. 10 and 11, 2018, the Austin, Texas, congregation hosted an annual regional weekend. There were 312 in attendance for Sabbath services. Jim Franks gave a wonderful sermon on serving.

After sundown, the adults played volleyball games, and the teens participated in a digital scavenger race. The teens competed in teams by following a phone app with clues. Each member of the winning team received a backpack full of goodies.

After the scavenger race, the teens were challenged to “King of the Court” volleyball games. The evening ended with a nacho bar and fellowship.

Sunday was full of volleyball games for teens and adults. It was a wonderful weekend—everyone enjoyed being together and having fun.

Kristie Rocheleau



NASHVILLE SAYS BON VOYAGE WITH CHILI

The Nashville, Tennessee, congregation hosted its annual chili cook-off competition on Dec. 2, 2018. Several cooks placed crockpots of chili on the foldout tables in hopes of being crowned the Nashville Chili Champion. Lee Fitts prevailed this year with his traditional red chili.

Since three Church members were soon to move from the area, this year's chili night was themed “Bon Voyage.” The congregation decorated the church hall with a nautical theme to surprise Zach and Sydney Evans and Mariah Souder. There were cards and a cake, and members wrote Mariah, Zach and Sydney messages that were put in bottles and sent home with them as parting gifts.

Zach and Sydney will be moving to Atlanta, Georgia, in a few weeks, and Mariah will move back to her original home in Colorado. The Nashville congregation is sad to see these three young people leave, but know that other areas will benefit from their positive attitudes and willingness to serve.

Amy Duncan

BEHIND THE SCENES

On Nov. 17, 2018, the Twin Cities and St. Cloud, Minnesota, congregations had a unique opportunity to hear from three members who either worked at the headquarters of the Worldwide Church of God or were involved in some of the Church's special projects.

Our first presenter was Dan Creed, who began working for the Church in 1972 as a steward in Flight Operations. He shared stories of how God gave Herbert Armstrong favor to meet with a number of world dignitaries. For a time Dan and his wife, Jan, also served at Mr. Armstrong's home.

Our second presenter, David Witt, worked for Ambassador Foundation as a college student and for several years after graduation. Initially working with several China projects, he spent much of his time as the concert and business manager for Ambassador Performing Arts. He focused on the Ambassador Auditorium and the concert series, emphasizing how it opened doors for Mr. Armstrong to preach the gospel, and also related interesting stories of the variety of performers he interacted with.

Next was Cory Erickson, who was a project director for Ambassador Foundation and is currently directing the Jordan Project through Foundation Outreach International (FOI). Cory described the history of the Jordan Project, emphasizing that we are building current projects on those past foundations. Jordan is an oasis in a tough neighborhood, and we see the legacy and impact of the Church through our respectful and loving interaction with the Jordanian people.

We appreciated the opportunity to hear some very interesting stories of Mr. Armstrong and behind-the-scenes history of that time of God's Church.

Barbara Lee



AUCKLAND CHURCH BARBECUE

On Dec. 26, 2018, members of the Auckland, New Zealand, congregation had their year-end social at pastor André van Belkum's residence in Kaukapakapa. The brethren enjoyed a wonderful time of fellowship, with a good meal and a beautiful farm setting.

The children enjoyed playing with the horses, ponies, hens and chicks that the Van Belkums' daughter and family look after. All in all, it was a lovely time together for God's family in this area.

Andrei Siopan





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.

Weddings



Claudio and Helena Ugarte

Claudio Ugarte (from Santiago, Chile) and Helena Marcon (from Porto Alegre, Brazil) are very happy to announce their marriage. They were married on July 15, 2018, in the church hall in Santiago, sharing their joy with family, friends and brethren in the faith.

Claudio and Helena are from different countries, but God allowed their love to bloom in a very special and surprising way during His Feast of Tabernacles. They did their part to increase and care for that love, and in a short time they realized that they had a God-given opportunity to improve their spiritual, emotional and physical lives.

They had to make important, separate decisions and then began to make plans to commit themselves to each other in marriage, with God as witness. Thanks to God's blessings, both spiritual and material, it did not take

long to plan a wedding that included every detail they had dreamed of.

Claudio and Helena Ugarte

Births



Keren Calderón Cerezo

Edgar Calderón and Inés Cerezo, from the Navojoa, Sonora, Mexico, congregation, are happy to announce the birth of Keren Lizeth Calderón Cerezo on Dec. 7, 2018. Her arrival has filled the family, their friends and the members of their congregation with joy.

It is worth mentioning that on the Sabbath, Dec. 29, their minister, Adán Langarica, traveled to Navojoa along with his daughter, Elena Langarica Jurado, to visit the congregation and meet baby Keren. During Sabbath services the little one was blessed, as part of the Blessing of the Little Children ceremony.

The Navojoa, Sonora, congregation is made up of just over 15 people, including children, young people and adults. Throughout the year, they receive

about three ministerial visits from Mr. Langarica or Alberto Gonzalez, another minister who lives in Tepic, Nayarit. The rest of the year they meet every Sabbath and connect to services via webcast.

Congratulations to Edgar Calderón and Inés Cerezo on the arrival of their second daughter!

Jorge Iván Garduño

Obituaries



Wayne Kester

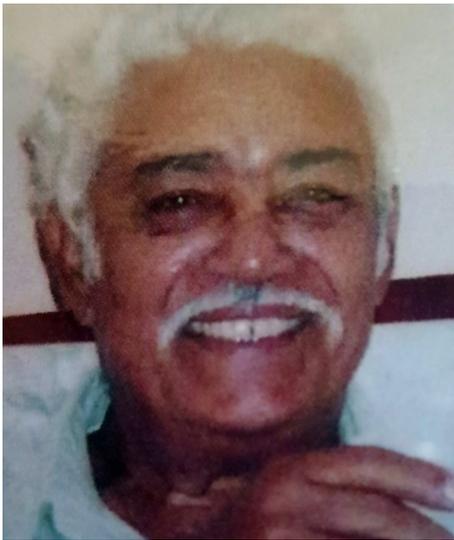
Wayne D. Kester, of Springville, New York, died Thursday, Oct. 25, 2018, at the age of 75.

He was born July 26, 1943, in Springville, a son of the late Alvin and Grace (née Laufer) Kester. He was a graduate of Springville Griffith Institute, and he was a member of the Buffalo congregation of the Church of God, a Worldwide Association, where he served faithfully as a deacon.

Mr. Kester was a dairy farmer, owning and operating his own dairy farm in Springville for many years. He was a member of Dairylea and several other dairy and farm organizations. He served on the Springville Village Board in the late 1990s and early 2000s. He enjoyed snowmobiling and gardening, but his passion was his farm.

He is survived by his wife, Penney (née Gerstner) Kester, whom he married May 23, 1971; and his children, Erik Kester of Springville; Kirk (Bibi) Kester of Painted Post, New York; Rorik Kester of Springville; Lanrik (Carrie) Kester of Savona, New York; and Briere (Noah) Delaney of Springville. He is also survived by a sister, Joyce (Richard) Frankel of Chicago, Illinois; eight grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

We all look forward to seeing him again.
Stephan Koenig



George Edward Grant

George Edward Grant, 83, died on Oct. 20, 2018, in Barbados. He was an electrical engineer. He was also keenly involved in technology, which led to his substantial contributions to the development of the industry in Barbados.

Mr. Grant was baptized in 2010. He was not able to attend services regularly due to his failing health, but he logged on to the Caribbean webcast every Sabbath.

Mr. Grant never sought the limelight.

Nevertheless, he passionately and avidly read, researched and proved God's Word like the Bereans. He stayed true to his calling and continuously set a tremendous example as a faithful soldier for the Eternal, as he rightly divided God's Word of truth.

His treasured conversations about God's way of living were refreshing. Those who engaged in discussions with him felt and knew his profound love and righteous zeal for God.

Mr. Grant trusted God even in difficult times and always put God first in his life. He knew he was in God's hands and bravely confronted his trials with courage and integrity.

He will be greatly missed for his profound love for God, his upbeat understanding and faith, and the value he attached to God's teachings. He was a humble, admirable pillar. Contemplating what is to come after death inspired him all the more. He eagerly looked forward to the resurrection and the reunion with all those whom he dearly loved, his brethren.

He was interred at the Westbury Cemetery on Oct. 30, 2018.

Osmonde Douglas



Doris R. Harrar

Doris R. Harrar, 85, died peacefully in her home in Rockton, Illinois, Dec. 1, 2018. She is survived by her husband of 58 years, Richard; her children, Joyce (Mike) Iiams, Ruth (Ken) Kinney, Amy (Rex) Pieper, and Bruce (Cami)

Harrar; 10 grandchildren, Joshua, Ethan (Nichole), Alex, and Mariah Kinney, Sean, Patricia, and Jennifer Iiams, Mia and Max Pieper, and Logan Harrar; and three great-grandchildren, Eliana, Caleb, and Kira Kinney. The memorial service for Doris was conducted by her son-in-law, Mike Iiams.

Doris was an active and vibrant member of the Beloit, Wisconsin, congregation. She and her husband were baptized in 1963, and in April 1989 Doris and Richard were ordained a deaconess and deacon.

Doris was well-known for her gardening skills and gift of hospitality, and many brethren and friends had the pleasure of sharing a meal at her table over the years. She was a talented seamstress, and in her later years she turned from making clothing items to making quilts. Family and friends were blessed with her blankets. She also began making lap quilts, which she donated to several organizations in the Illinois-Wisconsin area.

Her loving presence will be greatly missed by her family and her congregation.

Michael Hanisko



Betty Jean (Kramer) Evans

Elizabeth Jean (Kramer) Evans, age 91, died peacefully in her sleep on Aug. 3, 2018, at her home in Allen, Texas. She was born on July 26, 1927, in Wilson Borough, Pennsylvania, to Walter and Grace (Gardner) Kramer.

In 1946 Betty married John Jones, Jr., and together they had four sons. Her husband died in 1956, and her son Kevin died of leukemia in early 1957.

After her husband died, George began driving Betty to the hospital to visit Kevin. As time progressed, they both began seeking baptism, and their relationship developed. They were baptized in June 1957 and married in August. They had three children together, and George adopted Betty's three sons.

Betty loved to travel, and she and George visited many international Feast sites and traveled through most of the United States. And because of George's work, the family moved many times over the years. Betty always enjoyed learning about different areas and the people living there.

Betty was known as a caring, loving and service-oriented lady. Though she had children to tend to, she often hosted dinners, helped members and coordinated church activities and service projects.

Betty was preceded in death by her sisters Virginia Kramer and Lorraine (Alan) Kunkel; her first husband, John Jones; her sons Kevin and Gregory; and her husband, George. She is survived by her children, Robert, John, Nancy (Ed) Budda, Valerie (Dennis) Gelbaum, and David (Marguerite); nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; her sisters, Nancy Kramer, a member of the Quakertown, Pennsylvania, congregation, and Helena (Bob) Briglia; and many nieces and nephews.

David Evans

Tribute



George Harmon Evans

George Harmon Evans, age 85, died peacefully in his sleep on Thursday, Dec. 14, 2017, at his home in Allen, Texas. He was born on March 31, 1932, in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, the only child of George and Catherine (Price) Evans.

His plans were to study architecture, but after tests showed his gifts aligned more with engineering, he pursued and earned a bachelor of arts degree in architectural engineering from Penn State University. Graduating in 1954, he served in the Air Force for two years, then began his career as a professional engineer and architect. He designed many hospitals, banks, and office buildings and was noted for many projects, especially the project to restore

the Statue of Liberty in the 1980s. He was a well-respected member of his profession and sought after for project work well into his 70s.

In 1955 he began listening to *The World Tomorrow* broadcast at about the same time that Betty Jones began listening to it. Betty was the wife of his cousin, John Jones. Afflicted with a congenital heart problem, John died in 1956, leaving Betty and four sons (one of whom died of leukemia shortly afterward).

George and Betty were evidently being called into the Church at the same time. They were baptized in June of 1957 and then married in August.

At that time, the closest congregation to their home in northeast Pennsylvania was in Chicago, Illinois! In 1958 a congregation began in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and then in November 1959 one was established in New York City. When a congregation began in Philadelphia three years later, George and Betty moved there with their six children and became active servants.

George was ordained a deacon on Pentecost in 1965 and then as a local elder at the Feast of Tabernacles in Jekyll Island, Georgia, in 1966.

Being an architectural engineer, George was asked by the Church to assist with coordinating and ultimately

designing the tabernacle building and property in the Poconos in 1966 (while working another full-time job). He was then hired by the Church to design Festival sites in Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri; Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin; and Big Sandy, Texas.

George served on the Board of Regents for Ambassador University, the Interim Board of Directors for the Church of God, a Worldwide Association, and in several other posts through the years.

He was survived by his wife of 60 years, Elizabeth; their children, Robert, John, Nancy (Ed) Budda, Valerie (Dennis) Gelbaum, and David (Marguerite); nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. George was preceded in death by their son Gregory.

George was well-respected and loved by those he dealt with professionally and socially. He will always be remembered for his humor; love of music (especially jazz); completing *New York Times* crossword puzzles in ink; playing horseshoes; enjoying cream sherry; attention to detail; incredible experiences (which he was delighted to share); and desire to serve, learn and teach.

His remains were buried in the family plot in Northampton Memorial Shrine, in Easton, Pennsylvania.

David Evans

“Under the Stars”

SE Regional Teen Prom Weekend

March 8-10, 2019

Columbia, Tennessee

The Nashville congregation invites teens and their families to a weekend of fun March 8-10, 2019! We will kick off with a casual Friday evening welcome reception (Agathos Classical School, 1201 Mapleash Ave., Columbia, TN) featuring a coffee bar, dessert, fellowship and hymn singing.

Following afternoon Sabbath services (Memorial Building, 308 W. 7th St., Columbia, TN), teens will change into formal attire to enjoy a special evening of dinner, dancing, honoring graduating seniors and taking lots of photos—all with the theme “Under the Stars.” (Younger siblings will be able to enjoy a party at a separate location.)

Then the entire family is welcome to go bowling and play indoor laser tag (Tenn Pin Alley, 730 Mooresville Pike, Columbia, TN) on Sunday morning.

Register now to join us and mail your payment by Feb. 15 for a discount! Feb. 28 is the registration deadline. More details and links for registration, volunteering and hotel reservations are available on Facebook at [SERegionalProm](#). Questions? Contact Sharon Babcock (sharontb@gmail.com or 763-486-7877).