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Retirement

In the early days of my ministerial career, retirement was a negative word. A minister was encouraged to work until he couldn't work anymore. The example we had was Herbert Armstrong, who worked right up until his death in 1986 at the age of 93. One term that we heard often in those early years was "the gun lap," which conveyed the idea of a runner coming to the final lap of a race when a gun would be fired to let everyone know that this was indeed the last lap. While we must all live our lives as though Christ will return today, the concept of the gun lap was to inspire us to do more work because the end was coming soon.

I don't write the above to criticize our past, but simply to acknowledge that maturity and experience have taught us something different. We still must give our best effort, and we must order our lives as though the end will come soon. But the idea of retirement is no longer a negative concept. For those who have given their lives serving God's people, it is a statement of honor.

In this issue of *One Accord* we are honoring Larry and Judy Salyer, who completed 50 years in the full-time ministry last year (2018), and are retiring this year (2019). In addition to the Salyers, we have Jim and Judy Servidio and Larry and Bonnie Greider also retiring during the 2019 calendar year. I have known all three couples for more than 50 years, an amazing half century!

The history of the modern Church is rich with similar long-standing relationships. I count it a privilege to have known so many, and I truly appreciate having the opportunity to show them the honor they are due. Scripture tells us that there was a "retirement" age for the Levites in the Old Testament. They served at the tabernacle between the ages of 30 and 50 (Numbers 4:3). I don't believe they stopped living at age 50, but they "retired" from serving in the tabernacle.

In the New Testament we are admonished to show honor to whom honor is due (Romans 13:7), and we are told that an elder who serves well is worthy of double honor (1 Timothy 5:17). Paul specifically wrote to the church in Thessalonica, "And we urge

you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake. Be at peace among yourselves" (1 Thessalonians 5:12-13).

We are admonished to "esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake." We have not always been good in the Church at recognizing those who have served us tirelessly for many decades. These are couples who have moved dozens of times, sometimes to a different country, leaving family behind to serve a new congregation.

In my position as president, one of my goals is to make sure that all the men retiring from the full-time ministry, along with their wives, will know how much they are appreciated. Each one has been instrumental in his or her own way in bringing peace to the Church of God while promoting spiritual growth.

Retirement is not a negative word, but rather a term of honor. I offer my profound appreciation to the Salyers, the Servidios, the Greiders and all those who have gone before and who will follow. It is my pleasure to have served with all of you for the better part of 50 years. I believe I speak for the entire Church when I say to you: May God grant you good health and fulfillment in your retirement years. Thank you for all you have done! It hasn't gone unnoticed. And we look forward to your continued contributions to God's Church.

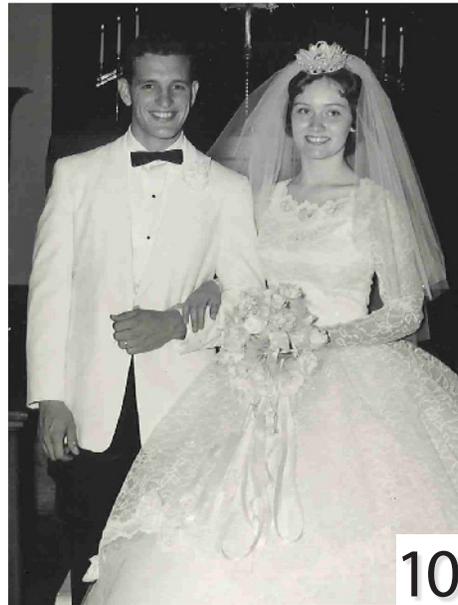


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That’s 90 more staff than last year and includes those serving at an additional preteen camp that we didn’t have last year, Camp Lebanon. That camp was essentially a “family style” camp, which partly accounts for the larger number of staff. Cory Erickson was excited to be able to find a nice facility with lots of activities that was available for that area of the country, and it was well attended with a total of 82.

The Texas region teen camp also moved to a new location—a camp just outside of Athens, Texas, which is about an hour’s drive southeast of Dallas and very close to Tyler. Being able to cook our own food and having nicer housing options for married staff were great pluses for the camp. But one of the most valuable was having the camp entirely to ourselves. We are grateful for the blessing of finding this new facility.

This year’s theme—“Discernment: Training Your Heart”—was very well received by campers of all ages and presented a lot of options for Compass Checks and Christian Living classes. In fact, several of the ministerial staff found the topic to be one they also wanted to explore in messages for their local congregations, as it’s applicable to God’s people of all ages. Discerning between right and wrong is a task for all Christians, and it requires exercise to be able to do it correctly on a consistent basis.

The prayers and support of the membership are deeply appreciated by all of us involved in the camp program. ☺☺

2019 CYC Overview

By Ken Treybig

All of our camps in the United States were greatly blessed this summer. We had 258 teen campers and 306 preteen campers this year (30 more than last year) served by 557 staff members—201 at teen camps and 356 at preteen camps.

Camp Arrowhead



Camp Chattahoochee



Camp Cherokee



Camp Fort Bluff



Camp Heritage



Camp Lebanon



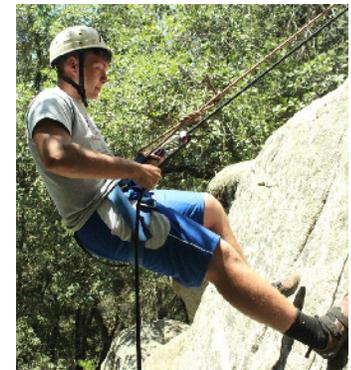
Camp Lone Star



Camp Sequoia (Preteen)



Camp Sequoia (Teen)



Camp Sequoia (Extended)



Texas Teen Camp



Larry and Judy Salyer



On May 20, 2019, Larry and Judy Salyer were recognized at the International Ministerial Conference for 50 years of service in the ministry of Jesus Christ.

Joining this group of servants is a milestone. Each couple has the same calling and goals, but an individual record of service. For the Salyers this record has proved to be full and varied.

Laying the foundation

In many cases ministerial couples met while attending Ambassador College, but not always. Larry and Judy attended high school together, were engaged in 1962 and married in 1963.

The timing of their calling was unusual. They were married in their hometown's Methodist church on Saturday night, and a week later they made a two-hour trip to attend their first Sabbath service with the Radio Church of God. Four months later they were baptized together by George Meeker.

In 1965 Larry Salyer entered Ambassador College in Big Sandy, Texas, as one of only three married students. By this time the Salyers had a 15-month-old daughter, Lisa (now the wife of Andy Burnett, COGWA pastor in Dallas, Texas). Jeff, Julie and Randal would complete their family in due time. Mr. Salyer graduated in three years and was ordained an elder on June 8, 1968.

Adapting is key

His first assignment was as the associate pastor for the Houston, Texas, congregation. The pastor was away on Mr. Salyer's first Sabbath in Houston, and the expected speaker didn't arrive. Mr. Salyer was told during the sermonette that he would have to give an impromptu sermon—his first sermon



ever—to 500 people. He soon discovered that the pastor, Paul Flatt, believed in delegation and on-the-job training, immersing him in every aspect of the ministry.

In January 1969 the Salyers began their first pastorate in Abilene and Odessa, Texas. They remembered passing through that area sometime earlier and saying, “I hope we never have to live in an area like this.” Of course, they soon learned that it was the local brethren, not geography, that made life enjoyable.

“With God’s help, good counsel and Judy’s unfailing attention, we worked hard at including our children in our ministry and explaining to them the truth and the importance of God’s way to their personal future. Judy sometimes traveled and visited with me, but I usually had a trainee, and she was able to be a stay-at-home mom. Today we are overwhelmingly blessed to have our entire family of four children, five grandchildren and all their mates active in God’s Church.”

Teaching moments

Mr. Salyer shared a conversation he overheard during his first pastorate.

A: “Here, these are your keys.”

B: “But I don’t have a car here.”

A: “You do now.”

B: “I don’t understand.”

Neither did Mr. Salyer. He later learned the backdrop of this puzzling exchange.

“Actually, the brawny farmer had bought a used car for a struggling young father who was in school to become an accountant and was delivering the car at church, a hundred miles from home. It was the kind of attitude Judy and I were to experience several times during our ministry.

“One of the most consistent traits of God’s people has been their generosity, both to one another and to God’s Church. I later learned that this farmer’s wife had preceded him into



the Church. He hated it and kept a shotgun over the door to scare off any minister that might come to visit her. Yet, after he was converted, he welcomed brethren and ministers into their home. This was another good lesson; the Holy Spirit can really change people dramatically. I have shared this example with several congregations,” Mr. Salyer reflected.

“The ministry was not without its own bright lights,” he continued. “I later followed a pastor who had told a member with a smoking problem to call him anytime he was losing the battle to quit. Any time, day or night. The member did so and was able to overcome the habit with constant hand-holding by a devoted pastor. Frankly, I was glad he wasn’t still calling at all hours! But it was helpful to me as a young man to see such dedication.”

Summing up

“There have been a few terribly painful times in our ministerial experience, but life has been mostly joyous among happy, converted brethren who have taught us by example what true Christianity is—while we thought we were teaching them.”

Over 51 years, the Salyers served 24 congregations and changed homes frequently. (The Salyers are living in their 35th home since marriage and are hoping they will occupy only one more after retirement.)

Mr. Salyer held several administrative offices, some requiring his wife’s direct participation, such as dean of students at Big Sandy; director of Ministerial Services in Pasadena, California; and similar roles in two other organizations. He served as an operation manager in Cincinnati, Ohio. The Salyers spent 15 years in these various office jobs, often coupled with pastoral duties. Overseeing the international work for six years required world travel for conferences, Feasts and business meetings. Mr. Salyer’s experience may be unique in that he served on the Council of Elders in Worldwide Church of God, Global Church of God and United Church of God, as well as the Ministerial Board of Directors in COGWA.

Mr. Salyer mused, “The first pastor I followed was Ed Smith. I will hand over the Houston congregation to Zach Smith and note that our ministry has come full circle.” ©[®]

On the Road Again

The following are the positions of service held by the Salyers since 1968:

1968	Ordained at graduation from Ambassador College (June 8)	1996-98	GCG director of Media Services, San Diego, California
1968	Associate pastor, Houston, Texas	1999-2001	CGCF [Church of God, a Christian Fellowship] pastor, Fort Worth, Texas
1969-71	Pastor, Abilene and Odessa, Texas	2001-02	UCG associate pastor, Dallas and Sherman, Texas
1971-74	Pastor, Houston (North and South)	2002-07	UCG pastor, Salt Lake City, Utah; Twin Falls, Idaho; and Grand Junction, Colorado
1974	Pastor, Big Sandy (AM), Texas	2007-10	UCG director of Media Services, Cincinnati, Ohio
1974-80	Pastor, Washington, D.C., and Hagerstown, Maryland	2010-12	Pastor, Ruston, Louisiana, and Texarkana, Texas
1980-82	Pastor, Pasadena (AM), California	2012-19	Pastor, Houston (South) Regional pastor Central U.S.
1982	Pastor, San Francisco, California		
1982-86	Dean of students, Ambassador College Big Sandy		
1986-88	Director of Ministerial Services, Pasadena		
1988-92	Director of Ministerial Services International, Pasadena		
1992-94	Pastor, St. Louis (North) and Wentzville, Missouri Regional pastor, Central U.S.		
1994-96	GCG [Global Church of God] pastor, St. Louis, Wentzville and Columbia, Missouri GCG regional pastor, Central U.S.		

Additional duties: During his 51-year career, Mr. Salyer served in many additional jobs, some repeatedly. These include Feast coordinator (for Norfolk, Hampton, Pasadena, Lake of the Ozarks, Des Moines); YOU regional coordinator; summer camp director; superintendent of Imperial Schools; AC faculty (Pasadena and Big Sandy); Ministerial Refresher faculty; Doctrine Committee chair (WCG); Council of Elders (WCG, GCG, UCG); Board of Directors (GCG, CGCF, COGWA); and regional pastor (WCG, GCG, COGWA).



Foundation Institute Class of 2019-2020 Arrives

By David Johnson

Foundation Institute welcomed the class of 2019-2020 on Wednesday, Aug. 21. Though several members of the administration were in London for the International Leadership Program, orientation went forward as normal for the incoming students. Faculty and administration members covered many of the basics to help the new students get adjusted quickly to the area and what to expect as they go through the FI program. After lunch there was a meeting to cover housing questions, and then the students toured the headquarters office, meeting many of the employees.

Regular classes began at 9 a.m. the next day as instructors gave introductions for the classes to follow. The following

Monday morning, Dave Myers, pastor of the Akron-Canton and Youngstown, Ohio, congregations, began his three-week module covering the first half of the Harmony of the Gospels class. (Mr. and Mrs. Myers will return in January for three more weeks to complete his classes.)

The normal schedule for FI includes classes beginning at 8:30 or 9 each morning and ending at 4:30 each weekday, with an early dismissal on Fridays. Over the course of the year, students receive over 650 hours of Bible classes, as well as Comparative Religion, Practical Christianity, and Service in the Church.

In addition, there are field trips to local sites of interest, monthly “First Friday” young adult Bible studies, and social activities like karaoke nights and the annual Etiquette Dinner.



Students are also encouraged to participate and serve in local church activities, including athletic events, Sabbath school, choir and Christian Leadership Club.

This year's class includes 21 students—12 male and nine female—from 12 states. Six have bachelor's degrees, while most of the others are at various stages of their college educations. Experience has shown that it is best for students to have some college experience before coming to Foundation Institute.

This is our eighth class and the first to spend their entire time here in the new classroom facility. New desks were installed over the summer, and several upgrades were made to the technology in the classroom.

We are also beginning to record classes for possible future use on FI Online, beginning early next year with Ken Giese covering

Joshua and Judges. We are excited about this improvement and hope it will add a great deal to the appeal of the FI Online program.

Many of the FI students work outside jobs to help cover their expenses while attending classes. Since the Dallas area is rapidly growing in population and business, the area offers quite a variety of part-time jobs, especially in retail and food service. In addition, this year three or four students will be working in the office—two on the custodial crew and one or two as interns in the Media department.

If you would like to know more about the education available at Foundation Institute, go to our website (foundationinstitute.org) and select "Courses" from the menu. You will be able to read course descriptions and watch brief videos by the instructors describing their courses. ©©



CHURCH POTLUCK

What's cooking in your congregation?

"TIME TO SAY GOOD-BYE" TO JACKSONS

David Jackson, pastor of the Bedford and York, Pennsylvania, and Clarksville and Salisbury, Maryland, congregations, has transferred to serve the West Palm Beach and Miami, Florida, congregations.

Having previously served as a deacon and elder for many years, David was hired as a part-time assistant pastor in April of 2017. When he retired from Toyota after 34 years in July of 2018, he became full-time pastor for the four congregations in Pennsylvania and Maryland.

During the last four weeks in June, Mr. Jackson gave a personal, heart-to-heart message to each congregation, and every Sabbath was filled with emotion and tearful good-byes.

The York brethren set in motion the first of the four Sabbaths. Mr. Jackson encouraged us to love others as Christ loves us. The next Sabbath the Salisbury brethren said good-bye. Gloria Carey summarized Mr. Jackson's sermon as "rejoicing in Salisbury's zeal, and the love and support we have for one another."

The Bedford brethren were next. Pam Kessinger related that their farewell sermon was on perseverance, and that Mr. Jackson recognized many of the brethren who were experiencing trials, but holding strong.

On the last Sabbath in June, the Clarksville brethren finished what the York congregation had started four weeks earlier. Debbie Bulgher wrote, "With much love Mr. Jackson encouraged us to never give up on God's way of life, remembering that it is through the challenges and valleys in our life that we grow."

Each congregation shared a potluck with the Jacksons after services and showered them with gifts in thanks for their loving service. Brethren lingered long afterward, postponing the good-byes for as long as possible. We will miss their hugs and smiles.

Rosie Seltzer



SALT LAKE CITY BARBECUE

Local elder Neil Hart and his wife, Beth, graciously hosted a barbecue for the Salt Lake City, Utah, congregation at their home the evening of Saturday, Aug. 3. Though the weather threatened to storm, the skies cleared just in time, and the festivities were able to move forward.

Fifty-three people—including several extended family members and three visitors from the Grand Junction, Colorado, congregation—gathered everywhere, from the Harts' kitchen and dining room to the patio, yard and beautiful koi pond. Children played on swings, and hamburgers and hot dogs continuously flowed from the grill.

The opportunity to spend time getting to know each other better was taken advantage of and greatly appreciated by all.

Brigitte Werts



RUSTON HONORS MOTHERS AND FATHERS

In honor of both Mother's Day and Father's Day, the COGWA congregation in Ruston, Louisiana, presented mothers with corsages and fathers with boutonnieres on the Sabbath of May 11.

The ladies seated are (from left) Gladys Harkins, Betty Brooks, Idell Waller and Vivian Odom. Ladies standing are Wanda Callender, Vicky Morton, Amy Waller Baggett and Johna Barnette.

The men are Steve Barnette, Larry Solomon, Johnny Callender and Don Ballo.

Johna Barnette

WEST PALM BEACH GIVES FAREWELL AND WELCOME

On June 22 the West Palm Beach, Florida, congregation bid farewell to Jim and Lois Haeffele, who pastored the West Palm Beach congregation for the past seven years. We learned so much from the Haeffeles, and though they are only across the peninsula over on the west coast of Florida, we will miss them dearly.

Mr. and Mrs. Haeffele will continue pastoring Fort Myers, Florida, and also take on the responsibility of the St. Petersburg, Florida, congregation.

We bid farewell to the Haeffeles during a celebration after services, with parting gifts of a crystal Da Vinci arch clock, a gift card and a cake with the Da Vinci arch clock pictured in the icing.

On Aug. 10 we officially welcomed our new pastor, David Jackson and his wife, Lisa, with a potluck meal and a "welcome" cake.



Mr. and Mrs. Jackson will now pastor the Miami and West Palm Beach congregations. Although we formally welcomed the Jacksons on Aug. 10, Mr. Jackson officially became our pastor on July 13.

We look forward to learning more about God's Word and purpose in the months and years to come.

Jim Cannon





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.

Anniversaries



Sharon and Lairl Westfall

Longtime members Lairl and Sharon Westfall, who have been devotedly serving the Church for many years, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 10, 2019.

The Wheeling, West Virginia, congregation surprised the Westfalls with an anniversary celebration, allowing everyone to enjoy some special treats together. On that day Lairl spoke of his appreciation for the love and support of their Church family. Lairl said that a highlight of their years together was coming into the Church.

Christa Miller

Births



Liam Victor Hess

Jeremy and Melody Hess of the Cincinnati-Dayton, Ohio, congregation are thrilled to announce the birth of their second child, Liam Victor Hess. Liam was born on Aug. 2, 2019, weighing 8 pounds 4 ounces and measuring 20 1/4 inches long.

Liam is also welcomed by big sister Calise, who is very doting and affectionate, as well as grandparents Jim and Linda Morgan, Larry Hess, and Randy and Darlene Schmidt.

Jennifer Foster

Baptisms



Cecilia Gomez

Cecilia Gomez of the Dallas, Texas, congregation was baptized Dec. 5, 2018, by her pastor, Andy Burnett. John Lusk, an elder of the Dallas congregation, assisted with the laying on of hands.

Close friends and family attended the baptism. Cecilia is the third generation in her family to be baptized into God's family and has served at many U.S. and international youth camps.

Kelli Hogg



Jackson Hunter Benton

Jackson Hunter Benton was baptized by Ken Treybig Sept. 12, 2019, at the family farm. His grandparents, Gordon and Cindy McCarty, and his parents, Mark and Erin Benton, were on hand to witness the event. Congratulations, Jackson!

Erin Benton

Ordinations



Joel Waterhouse and Tony Taibl

During the Days of Unleavened Bread, two members of the Tallahassee, Florida, congregation were ordained to serve the Church in new roles.

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, April 20, 2019, Joel Waterhouse was ordained as an elder during a combined service with the Tallahassee and DeFuniak Springs, Florida, congregations. On the last day of Unleavened Bread, April 26, Tony Taibl was ordained as a deacon during a service in Tallahassee.

Mr. Waterhouse and his wife, Patricia, and Mr. Taibl and his wife, Monica, have enthusiastically served the Tallahassee congregation in countless ways for many years.

Lindsey Lawton

Obituaries



Rebecca Miklas

Rebecca “Becky” Miklas of Martins Ferry, Ohio, died Feb. 23, 2019, at the age of 70. Becky was a devoted member of the Wheeling, West Virginia, congregation for many years.

Becky was known for her faithfulness, kindness and loving nature. Becky always greeted everyone with a smile and a hug. Throughout her last several years, she struggled with many complications related to diabetes.

Despite all her health trials, Becky’s faith never wavered. She also kept her sense of humor through all her struggles. She had such a memorable laugh. Becky is sorely missed by all who knew her.

Christa Miller



Mary Ann Gable

The Wheeling, West Virginia, congregation lost another gem with the passing of Mary Ann Gable. Mary Ann died on April 30, 2019, at the age of 89.

Mary Ann was a member of the Church for many decades along with her husband, Art, who survives her. She and Art were married for 68 years and had

a special relationship that served as an example to many others.

Mary Ann brought a special joy to everyone around her. She was a devoted choir member who served for 50 years! Mary Ann was faithful and always determined to make it to church services, even when it became increasingly difficult for her.

Christa Miller



Barbara K. McClellan

Barbara K. McClellan, 79, of De Soto, Kansas, died on April 26, 2019, in her home surrounded by family.

Barbara was born Dec. 28, 1939, in Muncie, Kansas, to J.D. Garner and Hazel Funk Schafer. She graduated in 1957 from Turner High School, where she met Jerry McClellan. They were married on Dec. 26, 1956, in Muncie, Kansas. Jerry was in the Navy, and they lived in various places on the East Coast. After military service, they moved to the De Soto area to raise their family.

In 1967 Jerry and Barb began listening to *The World Tomorrow* broadcast. Eventually, they located the address to church services and without any visit showed up at church. Both were baptized Oct. 6, 1981. Jerry and Barb have faithfully served as deacon and deaconess for many years.

Barbara was a loving wife, mother, grandma, great-grandma and great-great-grandma. Her favorite pastime was laughing, singing and playing games with her family.

Barbara leaves behind a very close, loving family: her husband, Jerry; two daughters, Cameron and Karen; two sons, Mitchell and Patrick; nine grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; and five siblings. She was preceded in death by their son Tim.

Marian Sargent



Norma Audrey van Rooyen

Norma Audrey van Rooyen (born Naylor) died on Aug. 5, 2019, in Kraaifontein, Cape Town, South Africa. She was born in Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, on July 26, 1932.

She was baptized in 1987 in Cape Town. She had picked up the last copy of *The Plain Truth*, which she found on a stand in the Cape Town train station. She knew this was the truth, and after being baptized, she stuck to the truth till the end.

Norma was married twice, but never had children. She considered those in the Church to be her family. Various health issues plagued her in her later years. Then she suffered a broken hip and died following an operation to repair it. She had no living close relatives at the time of her death.

Rob and Mariette Scott



Barbara Lee

Barbara Lee, born March 15, 1965, passed away in her home in Richfield, Minnesota, Monday morning, Aug. 12, 2019, after suffering a brain hemorrhage. She is survived by her mother, Heinke Lee; sister, Linda (Bruce) Hansen; brother, Andrew (Karen) Lee; and five nieces and nephews, in addition to a larger extended family. She was preceded in death by her father, Calvin.

Barbara was a 1983 graduate of Richfield High School and a 1986 graduate of Ambassador College in Pasadena, California. After living several years in Germany, she returned to Richfield, where she most recently worked in U.S. Bank's IT department.

Barbara was a fitness enthusiast, an avid musician who enjoyed performing on her flute and piccolo with the St. Louis Park Community Band, and an active member of her church congregation.

Barbara served in many capacities in her local congregation as well as at Feast sites. She was an excellent pianist and flutist. She accompanied hymns and performed special music both locally and at the Feast every year. She served as the local news reporter for One Accord and provided cards to shut-ins and people suffering health problems.

Barbara is remembered as a serving, giving and caring person by the brethren in our congregation. She will be very greatly missed.

Andy Lee



Nola Muriel Crankshaw

Nola Muriel Crankshaw, aged 84, a member of the Cape Town, South Africa, congregation, died on Sunday, June 9, 2019, after a short battle with various medical conditions.

Nola Demont was born in February 1935 in Harding, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa. She married Alan Crankshaw on March 28, 1959. They celebrated 60 years of marriage this year.

Nola was a primary school teacher until she started a family and was then a full-time mother and homemaker. As her children grew up, she did some relief teaching, and later she taught English to foreign students. She homeschooled her granddaughter for a few years after they moved to Ladismith.

Nola had three children: Glen, Faye and Brett. She was blessed with seven grandchildren: Aimee, Tiffani, Jesse, Claire, Chloe, Chelsea and Kylie.

Nola was baptized into the family of God in April 1971 in Durban. She remained a faithful member of the Church of God through all the years.

Rob and Mariette Scott



Jan Adele Olsen



Barbara Lillian Cox

In the past 12 months the Brisbane, Australia, congregation has said good-bye to two wonderful and deeply converted women.

Jan Adele Olsen died in August 2018, and Barbara Lillian Cox in June 2019. Both ladies loved God and left behind a legacy of letting their lights shine and being uncompromising in living God's way of life. Over their lifetimes, they served in many capacities, providing us with beautiful flower arrangements, many cards and mountains of baked goods for us to enjoy after services with a cup of tea.

Barbara would cook up a storm for the Days of Unleavened Bread, spoiling us with her once-a-year apricot slice, among other things. She loved flower arranging for services and the Feast. Jan sent many cards to the sick, arranged flowers for services and loved talking with the

youth. Both ladies had a wonderful and willing heart of service.

Jan came into the Church in the 1960s, and Barbara in the 1970s. They went through some challenging trials over their lifetimes, but stuck close to God's way of life through them all. We are strengthened as we reflect on their examples.

Our good-byes are only temporary, and we look forward to seeing them both again at the return of Christ.

Jodie Maczek



Glenda Mitchell

Glenda Mitchell of Palm Coast, Florida, died on Sept. 5, 2019, at the age of 79. Glenda was born on Sept. 22, 1939, in Houston, Texas, to Glen and Dorothy Thompson.

In February 1958 she married William (Bill) Machin, and they had five children. Bill and Glenda were baptized on June 16, 1963. Glenda was widowed in 1971 at the age of 32. She raised her five children on her own until she married Alexander (Alex) Mitchell in April 1975. Together, they raised their eight children. Glenda had a passion for gardening and travel.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Bill Machin; her parents; her second husband, Alex Mitchell; granddaughter Meredith Machin; and stepson Trey Mitchell. She is survived by her children and their spouses, Michelle Machin, Michael and Deborah (McNeely) Machin, Melody and Chris Appleton, Martin and Amy (Burnes) Machin, and Mia and Joel Powell; her stepchildren, Todd Mitchell and Sheryl and Gary Borski; 27 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

Glenda will be remembered for her strength, grace and commitment to God. She will be deeply missed. The family will have a private memorial in Palm Coast, Florida.

Mike Machin

DECEMBER 24-28, 2019

LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY

Wouldn't it be great if our families could get together over the winter break this year? Well, you can! Come join nearly 1,000 of your fellow family members at the 2019 Winter Family Weekend.

There will be seminars, sports, dances, special seminars on leadership for our young adults, the ever popular family fun fair with inflatables and carnival games, and more!

The excitement begins Tuesday evening, Dec. 24, and ends Saturday evening, Dec. 28. There will be plenty of fun, fellowship and opportunities for spiritual growth for those of all ages.



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