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Personal from...

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God grants us joy, hope and peace through Jesus Christ

I thank God for the joy, hope and peace he grants us through his Son as we reflect on the meaning of the Passover and the Days of Unleavened Bread that we have just celebrated!

The Passover is an annual reminder of the awe-inspiring things that God, in his indescribable love, has done for us through his Son, Jesus Christ. As we take it each year, we show the Lord's death till he comes (1 Corinthians 11:26).

Just as Jesus gave thanks for the bread he broke, saying, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me" (verse 24), so let us continually give thanks to God for him, both in grateful prayer and in a life dedicated to his service.

Called together

We should examine ourselves, as Paul wrote, to be sure we understand the meaning and value of Jesus' sacrifice (verses 28 and 29). If we do understand it, we will not be like some of the Corinthians, who were treating other members of the Body of Christ with disrespect. If we truly believe and understand that God has called us together into the Body of Christ, we cannot act in a superior or arrogant manner toward other brothers and sisters.

Some, mistakenly, have found the Passover period a frustrating time because they thought Paul was instructing us to examine ourselves to see whether we are even worthy to be a part of the service. But that is not Paul's point at all. We are *all* unworthy to stand before God. *That is the very reason we need the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ.*

The self-examination Paul is describing in these verses is not a command to determine whether we are worthy to receive mercy and forgiveness through the sacrifice of Jesus. It is a command to make sure we are treating one another with the love and respect that befits disci-

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International editors meet in Pasadena for conference

By Norman L. Shoaf

Editorial Services conducted the 1993 international editors conference in Pasadena March 16-24 for 16 regional editors and staff members.

The biannual conference brings together international editors, Editorial Services and Media Operations personnel, Personal Correspondence Department writers and members of

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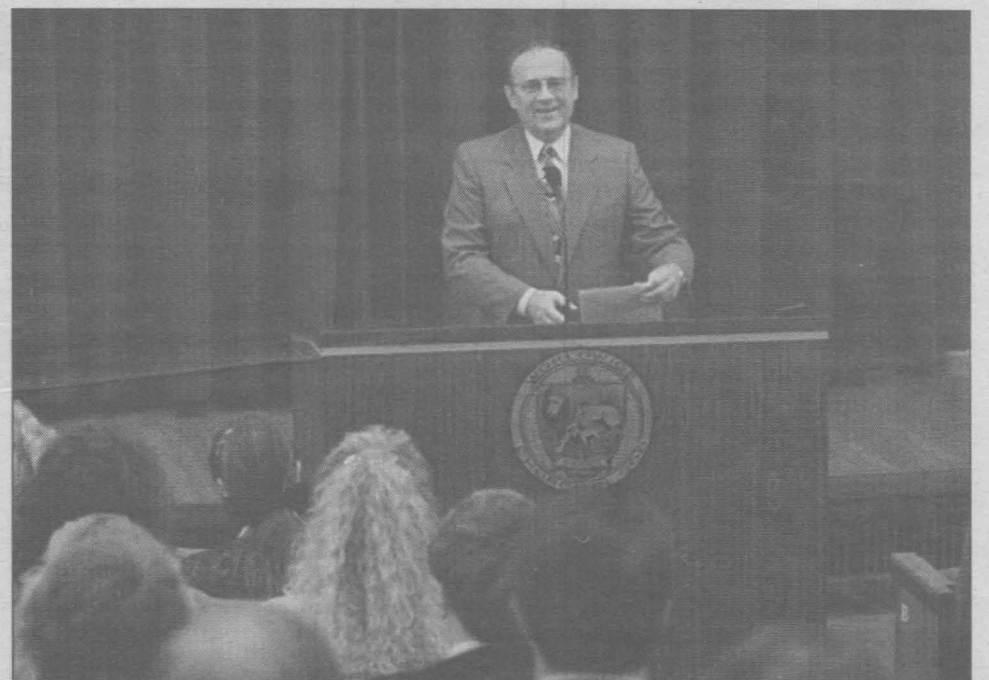
Topics were editorial content of the Church's publications, international promotional policies, and production procedures.

Mr. Tkach, in his opening message, stressed the need for unity in the Church and for the Church's efforts to be truly effective and not just efficient.

Other presentations during the conference included:

- "Correctly Handling the Word of Truth," by Michael Feazell, Mr. Tkach's executive assistant.

- "Publishing the Gospel in All See Editors Meet, page 3



Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach, editor in chief of the Church's publications, sets the tone of the international editors conference March 16. Mr. Tkach said that the Church's efforts must be truly effective, not just efficient. [Photo by Charles Feldbush]

New design and color increases paper's readability

By Jeff Zhorne, Managing editor

Notice something different? This is our first redesigned issue.

Splashes of blue separate articles, promote readability, direct you to each article and help articles continue on other pages more easily.

Tests show that color boosts readership by 41 percent and increases retention of what you've read by 18 percent.

Greg S. Smith in Big Sandy redesigned the paper. Through the years Mr. Smith was art director for the *Plain Truth* and *Good News* magazines.

He has won several national design awards and now directs Design & Publishing Services at Ambassador

College and the *Envoy*, the yearbook.

The importance of graphics is illustrated by the words of Arthur Plotnik, author of *The Elements of Editing*, "If it ever was, graphics is no longer the frosting on the editorial cake."

Mr. Smith's overall approach was to "take *The Worldwide News* a little bit out of the traditional newspaper design and give it a different feel.

"The design is more modular, which makes for easier reading and separation of articles," he said. "Wider columns and larger type sizes facilitate that."

Punched-up point sizes

We increased the size of virtually all the body text, including "An- See New Design, page 5

Worldwide News: different look, same purpose

By Thomas C. Hanson, Editor
As we mark the 20th anniversary of *The Worldwide News* let's take a look at where we have been and where we are going.

The first *WN* was published April 1, 1973. It was written, typeset and laid out at Ambassador College in Big Sandy in what is now the Business Services Building.

The purpose of the paper, then and now, is to get information to brethren quickly, effectively and regularly. Apologies to those in areas with slow mail service.

John Robinson, who launched *The Worldwide News*, was the first managing editor. Mr. Robinson is a local church elder in the Fort

Wayne, Indiana, church and is the chief executive officer for a company that publishes 23 magazines.

Other early staff members included Dixon Cartwright, now faculty adviser for the Big Sandy *Portfolio*, the college newspaper; Clyde Kilough, pastor of the Akron, Ohio, church; Dave Havir, Big Sandy A.M. pastor; Ken Treybig, pastor of the Picayune, Mississippi, and Hammond, Louisiana, churches; and Dave Molnar, a local church elder in the Columbus, Ohio, P.M. church.

Sheila Graham, who has been with the *WN* from the beginning, is senior editor of the paper and

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"Vive la difference!"

BEVERLY, England—*Vive la difference!* This French saying, which has found its way into the English language, means "long live the difference!" It is usually applied to the traditional French appreciation of women, young and old.

France is filled with differences. From Pas de Calais in the north to the Pyrenees Mountains in the south, France and the French are nothing if not varied. The tip of Brittany, Finistere ("end of the land") has Celtic origins, and its rugged headlands are often compared to Wales. Together with Normandy, it is known for its creamy dairy produce and crepes.

Gironde in the south forms a marked contrast. Its soil and predictable sunshine combine to create an almost perfect setting for vineyards, which produce the characteristic Bordeaux wines. In Alsace, on the border with Germany, Strasbourg is a focal point for the new Europe.

At the heart of France is one of my own favorite great cities, Paris. Like London, Paris is a city of parks, with regions called *quartiers*, each with its own flavor. There are wealthy suburbs and poor, noisy student quarters. Museums and centers of the arts abound. Its cafe society bordering the

This article is by Ruth Arnold, copy editor for the British Plain Truth.



River Seine is a magnet drawing artistic people from all over Europe.

The people of France are as varied as its produce. French President Gen. Charles de Gaulle (1958-69) once complained to Winston Churchill about the impossibility of uniting a nation that has 265 different cheeses!

Variety—for better ... or worse

Such a variety of climates, peoples and resources should be a wonderful resource. France suffers from the same tensions gripping all human societies, however. Differences do not always lead to mutual respect. Tensions are beginning to crack through the surface of French *bonhomie* (congeniality).

President Francois Mitterrand called the mood of restless frustration in France its "psychological crisis." Broad sources of discontent include rising unemployment (common throughout Europe), immigrants and the future of France within Europe,

particularly about the European Community's exchange rate mechanism that relies largely on the goodwill of German bankers.

Unemployment is about one tenth of the working population. Over the past two years, angry farmers have blocked major roads, burned contents of trucks carrying imported meat and hurled manure at authorities. They feel their way of life is threatened.

City dwellers are also restless. The recession troubling Europe is troubling France. Surveys show that France has, generally, the unhappiest workers in Western Europe.

Another poll indicates that a third of the population subscribe to the racist leanings of National Front leader John-Marie Le Pen, if not the man himself. Tensions between immigrant communities and French nationals cause occasional violence.

Such unrest is strongest in the picturesque farming regions. Posters supporting Mr. Le Pen's anti-immi-

grant views can be seen in areas hundreds of miles away from the cities.

A seed for the kingdom

Like France, God's Church teems with variety. Its people form a resource of contrasting cultural backgrounds. Each adds his or her own special flavor.

The difference is in what happens with such a variety. Because of the Holy Spirit, what could and—in other circumstances—would cause frustration is now a force for good.

As the apostle Paul told the Galatians: "There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (3:28).

Within the Church, we can build a harmony that France, the European Community and even the United Nations cannot.

Those who were not a people become a people. The Spirit makes all the difference. Whether French, British, American, Nigerian, Chinese or Ukrainian, we can gladly celebrate *la difference!*

Members help stranded travelers

LONDON, Kentucky—Members donated food to the Red Cross, which gave shelter to 1,500 travelers stranded on the Interstate 75 freeway after 22 inches of snow, with drifts up to eight feet, fell in eastern Kentucky March 12 and 13.

While listening to the radio Ed Caldwell heard the Red Cross appeal for help for the stranded travelers.

Mr. Caldwell called Roger West, pastor of the London and Somerset, Kentucky, churches, to see what could be done. Both churches were selling grapefruit as a fundraiser.

"Mr. Caldwell then called Paul Cummins who, along with his son, Joe, delivered 10 boxes of grapefruit to the Red Cross in the Mount Vernon area," said Mr. West.

"When the Cumminses found out the Red Cross also needed diapers and milk, they purchased the needed items and donated them as well.

"The Red Cross gratefully accepted 30 boxes of grapefruit in the London area," Mr. West continued. "Ray Cowan borrowed a four-wheel drive vehicle and, with the help of Leonard Mullins, delivered the fruit."

The Silver Ambassadors from the Columbia, South Carolina, church who were on a weekend trip to Myrtle Beach, experienced winds at a steady 78 miles an hour with gusts up to 90 miles an hour, March 13, according to pastor George Elkins.

Electrical power was lost shortly after Sabbath services and we lost our source of heat, said Mr. Elkins.

"The temperature dropped rapidly toward freezing," he said. "Fortunately there was a restaurant nearby that still had power and was open. So we were able to get food and much needed warmth." The rest of the trip went without incident.

Other pastors report cancellation of some Sabbath services, and, while some members suffered minor damage to property, no members were hurt.

Letters to the Editor

Letters for this section should be addressed to "Letters to the Editor." The editor reserves the right to use letters so addressed in whole or in part, and to include your name and edit the letter for clarity or space. We welcome your comments.

YOU newsletter on target

After reading the first issue of "Arrows" there is only one conclusion. It is a positive step toward improving the relationship with the young people in the Church.

I hope all young members receive the same enlightenment that I have received. I graduated from high school last year and I'm no longer in the YOU program. I know that those who are in YOU will greatly appreciate all that you're doing to strengthen the Church's relationship with its young people.

Osee Edwards
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Letting our lights shine

When I first attended services, my non-member husband watched cautiously from a distance. He expected sooner or later that he would be preached to and

pressured about religion.

His first few visits with now dear friends proved to be happy occasions where he was made to feel welcome and comfortable.

Now years later, he is at ease and relaxed at church activities and enjoys visiting with various brethren at their homes and ours. My husband has developed a great deal of respect for God's Church and what a wonderful blessing it is for myself and our children.

Canada

Tapes for the disabled

In the early months of my husband's stroke, when we first started listening to the tapes, I was waiting on my husband hand and foot. He couldn't do anything for himself. He couldn't read and I didn't have time. We could listen to the tapes while I was taking care of his needs.

Your voice reading to us was my sanity. When I would think I couldn't take any more, I would turn on a tape and hear God's words. And what I needed to hear would come out strong and clear.

Bowling Green, Kentucky

"Into All the World..."

Your involvement in the Work produces fruit. In this column prospective members, co-workers, subscribers to the Work's publications and viewers of the *World Tomorrow* telecast express their views and opinions.

New look for Plain Truth

I am writing to you in regards to the new look of *The Plain Truth*. I have been a subscriber before but I lost interest in God. I have now come back to him. I wish to thank God first then you second for this ministry. It has been a great help to me and my wife.

God has truly brought my wife and me a long way. He has put people in our paths to help us. God has put material such as *The Plain Truth* in our midst to help us. It deals with issues that the Christian church

should deal with in this time and age.

A.W.
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Thought-provoking telecast

Today I watched your telecast on racism and hatred. The message was very thought-provoking and meaningful and also brought to mind many memories from my childhood. My mother was a very avid reader of your magazine.

My siblings and I always thought of the magazine as being too far out from the mainstream thinking. After viewing your broadcast, I realize that this "too far out thinking" does not sound so foolish after all.

D.P.
Chesapeake, Virginia

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Personal: Jesus' sacrifice

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ples of Jesus Christ.

Some of the Corinthians were humiliating other members of the Church by flaunting their abundance of food and drink in front of them, and they were doing it right at the Passover service. By their actions, they were despising the body and blood of Christ, which were given for every member of his Body, the Church.

That is precisely why each of us should work toward reconciliation with one another, not carrying grudges, hard feelings, resentments, bitterness or superior attitudes right into the Passover service.

Some have tended to misunderstand this passage to mean that we must somehow put away all sin before the Passover, and if we don't, we would be taking it in an unworthy manner. Yet, we know from Scripture and from experience that not one of us is perfect. If we were to wait until we had no more sin to partake of the Passover, we would be waiting forever.

We should approach the Passover each year in a repentant manner, thankful for God's mercy and forgiveness in Jesus Christ, and *reconciled*—to the extent we are able—with our brothers and sisters for whom Christ also died. But it is frustrating and fruitless to try to approach the Passover somehow "worthy" or "deserving" of God's mercy.

Time to rejoice

We should never forget that we are hopelessly lost in our sins without Jesus Christ. We should honestly and frankly face our sins in humility and repent (a lifelong process, not something reserved only for Passover).

The Passover, while a sobering experience, is also a time of deep rejoicing, thanksgiving and peace in God's love and mercy toward us!

How great God is, and how inexpressible his love! The Passover brings home to us the reality of Peter's statement, "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you" (1 Peter 5:7). Its observance symbolizes the wonderful reconciliation God has given us through his Son.

The Passover is not a time to wallow in our sins or to feel we must "work up" an attitude of self-loathing. We all sin. If we are truly Christians, we face that fact deeply and sincerely. That is precisely why God sent his only Son. That is precisely why we need Jesus Christ.

Paul wrote, "Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will never count against him" (Romans 4:8). As we abide in Jesus Christ, confessing our sins before him in faith and setting our minds "on what the Spirit desires" (Romans 8:5), God removes our sins as far as the east is from the west. Jesus Christ is not only our Savior, he is also Lord and Master, and our lives are devoted to serving and obeying him.

Confident assurance

Let's renew ourselves to God in confident assurance and faith, knowing that our Redeemer, who gave himself for us, *lives*, and that our inheritance is safely reserved in heaven for us (1 Peter 1:4).

And as the Days of Unleavened Bread teach us, let's rejoice in the sure knowledge that our sins have indeed been removed, that we have indeed been forgiven and washed in the blood of our Savior, and that we now live by faith, through the Holy Spirit, in the righteousness of God.

Pray for one another, brethren, because Satan would love to devour any who become weak. We must keep our vision fixed on the calling God has given us in Christ to proclaim his gospel—but if we are to do that, we must remain unspotted from the world, as this recent festival season teaches us through the symbol of unleavened bread!

We must walk in obedience and faithfulness before God. *Not one of us* can afford to let down spiritually and get involved in the sinful traps of the ways of this world.

Again, *pray for one another*, and make it your goal to draw closer to God, to walk with him, to conduct yourself as a faithful son or daughter of God at all times, to worship God daily in prayer, to make time for *personal* Bible study and to remember the value of fasting.

Let's stand united and unshaken before God in the grace he has given us in Christ as we proclaim his Word in this ungodly generation!

Ryan Stuart hits for 20 points in college tournament

MONROE, Louisiana—Ryan Stuart led Northeast Louisiana University with 20 points as the team was defeated by Iowa 82-69 Friday afternoon, March 19, in the first round of the National Collegiate Athletic Association basketball tournament.

Ryan attends the Monroe church with his wife, Lakeysa, and daughter, Brittany.

For the second year in a row Ryan was chosen as player of the year for the Southland Conference. NLU won the conference and the conference tournament, and received an automatic invitation to the NCAA tournament.

The university asked the tournament committee for a Friday afternoon game so Ryan could play before the Sabbath.

Editors meet in Pasadena

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Nations," by Greg Albrecht, *Plain Truth* editor.

● "Philosophy of the Church's Literature," by Ronald Kelly, Editorial Department director.

"Response has been very positive," said Bernard W. Schnippert, director of Media Operations. "The primary benefit of the conference is that it gave the international staff members a clearer vision of the direction Church publications are headed."

"There is always a benefit in getting to know your co-workers on a more personal level," noted Neil Earle, newly named *Plain Truth* international editor. "Many commented to me how much they appreciated the frankness that characterized many of the discussions."

Mr. Earle will assume his new duties this summer, when he moves to Pasadena from the Church's Canadian Office.

"The conference also benefited Pasadena employees in at least two ways," added Mr. Schnippert. "First,

working face-to-face with the editors and staff members from our regional offices gave us the opportunity to renew personal bonds with them.

"And second, the meetings made it possible for all of us to gain a better understanding of the problems and concerns of each international area."

Regional editors and staff members attending the conference were Aub Warren and Naomi Finch, Australia; Ruth Arnold, David Gunn, John R. Schroeder and Julie Wilson, Britain; Neil Earle, Canada; Dibar Apartian and Bernard Hongerlout, French-speaking areas; Wolfgang and Linda Thomsen, Germany; Elsa Labounty, Italy; Graham Davies, Portuguese areas; Peter Hawkins, South Africa; Roy Oestensen, Scandinavia; and Don Walls, Spanish areas.

Also attending were Dennis Robertson and Danny DeJarnette of the Ambassador College communications faculty, and Ralph Orr, pastor of the Federal Way, Washington, church. Mr. Orr will move to Pasadena this summer to join the Editorial Services staff as a writer and researcher.

Festival Updates

Closed sites

The Festival Office announced that the Feast sites in Bonndorf, Germany, and Naro Moru, Kenya, have reached capacity and no further transfer requests can be accepted.

Talavera de la Reina, Spain

The Feast site in Spain will again be Talavera de la Reina. Housing and services will be in the Hotel Beatriz. Temperatures are expected to range from 65 to 80 degrees Fahrenheit (18 to 26 degrees Celsius). A day trip to the historic city of Toledo is planned.

Housing at the Hotel Beatriz includes breakfast and lunch. The cost of housing for each person is: single occupancy, \$75 a day, double occupancy, \$58 a day, triple occupancy, \$55 a day, children younger than 6, \$30 a day.

Translation of the services from Spanish to English will be provided.

Ste. Marthe, Guadeloupe

The Guadeloupe site is still open to transfers. Please disregard the information in the 1993 Festival Planner. The following is the most current information about the site.

Services will be in French with English translations. Most transferees will stay in the Plantation, a new four-star luxury hotel one mile from the coast. The Plantation has a 900 square meter pool and free shuttles to the

beaches and golf course.

Guadeloupe is an ideal location for leisure activities such as surfing, snorkeling and scuba diving. Language and culture are a mixture of French and creole.

Services will be conducted at the Plantation. A rental car is not needed.

Approximate prices in U.S. dollars for nine days, including two meals a day are: single, \$981; double, \$630 per person sharing a double room; and \$433 per child aged 3 to 12.

The site is administered by the French & Italian Department in Big Sandy.

Quetzaltenango, Guatemala

The Feast site in Guatemala will again be Quetzaltenango. The city, about 200 kilometers from Guatemala City, has a population of almost 250,000. We expect an attendance of 300 people, including a few visitors from abroad.

Feast housing and services will be at the Hotel Campo. Costs for the hotel rooms, per night, are: single \$10, double \$14, triple \$16. Food costs are about \$3 for breakfast and \$5 and up for lunch and dinner. Services will not be translated into English, so transfers must be fluent in Spanish.

Those wishing to transfer to these sites should obtain an international Festival application form from their pastor.



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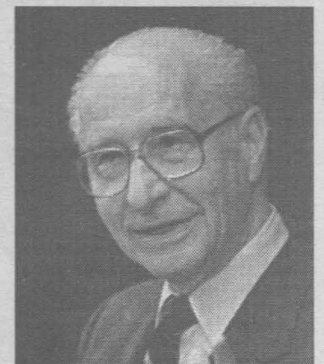
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FROM SAVED

Salvation is everything to us: our past, present and future

By Ted Johnston

To us salvation means everything. All people need to be saved: "For the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23). "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23).

We all face the terrible consequences of sin. But the Bible tells us how we can be rescued from this fate. It is called "being saved."

But when and how does this salvation occur? We often think about the moment of the resurrection. Indeed, the resurrection at Christ's return is the definitive and culminating moment in the salvation of God's people. But is that all there is to salvation?

Notice 2 Timothy 1:9: God "has saved us and called us to a holy life."

Notice God "has saved us"—past tense. Here and in other places the Bible speaks of Christians as being saved already. Is there a contradiction? Which is it: We are saved—or we will be saved?

God's saving acts

Understand an important principle: We must believe all that the Bible has to say about any subject. And when it comes to salvation there is much said and much to be believed.

The Bible presents salvation as the sum total of God's saving acts in our lives: which is what he has already done for us, what he is doing and what he will do.

Salvation can be described as a rescue operation by which God, in Christ, rescues us—delivers us from being condemned to being fully saved.

The Bible contrasts these two positions in different ways, using various analogies (see boxes).

Understanding these concepts helps us appreciate the fullness of what the Bible means when it speaks of salvation.

We begin this journey of salvation

upon our conversion, and on that road we see God saving us, in the past, present and future.

1. Salvation in the past

One way the Bible speaks of salvation is to tell us about the beginning of the journey. Paul says in Ephesians 2:4-8 that we have "been saved."

When we receive Christ's sacrifice, we are saved from the guilt and penalty of sin. Salvation starts with our repentance and baptism and the

Salvation can be described as a rescue operation by which God, in Christ, rescues us—delivers us from being condemned to being fully saved

receipt of the Holy Spirit:

"He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit" (Titus 3:5).

2. Salvation in the present

Peter compared our growth in salvation to drinking pure spiritual milk. "Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation" (1 Peter 2:2).

As we continue on the road of salvation, God continues to save us from death and enslavement to sin: "God chose you to be saved through the sanctifying work of the Spirit" (2 Thessalonians 2:13). This work of the Holy Spirit is called sanctification.

To many people today salvation is

an alien concept. You might even say that most people think of it as foolishness. The apostle Paul put it this way: "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God" (1 Corinthians 1:18).

We are not simply saved from something, we are saved for something: "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" (Ephesians 2:10).

3. Salvation in the future

Through Christ, we have been born into a new life and given a new, spiritual nature capable of faith, love and obedience to God. If we remain faithful, we receive salvation in its full sense at the end of our spiritual journey:

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade—kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time" (1 Peter 1:3-5).

"Therefore he [Christ our High Priest] is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them" (Hebrews 7:25).

What a wonderful picture is painted by this one word—*salvation*. Yes, we are saved, we are being saved and we will be saved.

Thank God for the wonderful journey of salvation. And be confident that we will receive the fullness of what we now possess, and are working with, if we endure.

Ted Johnston pastors the Grand Junction and Craig, Colorado, churches.

CONDEMNED

Under the penalty of the law

For the wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23).

Cursed

Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death (James 1:15).

Dead (as good as dead)

You were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature (Colossians 2:13).

Slaves to sin

For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin (Romans 6:6).

Captive of Satan

Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will (2 Timothy 2:25-26).

Mortal

We ourselves, who have the first-fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies (Romans 8:23).

SAVED

Under grace

For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace (Romans 6:14).

Forgiven

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, by becoming a curse for us (Galatians 3:13).

Alive (as good as alive forever)

We were ... buried with him through baptism into death in order that ... we too may live a new life (Romans 6:4).

Alive with Christ

God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins (Colossians 2:13).

Free gift

The gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 6:23).

Guilty until acquitted by God

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will never count against him (Romans 4:7-8).

Slaves to God

But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves to God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life (Romans 6:22).

Justified (declared righteous)

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished (Romans 3:23-25).

Citizens of the kingdom of God

But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ (Philippians 3:20).

He has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves (Colossians 1:13).

Immortality at the resurrection

Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.... We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed (1 Corinthians 15:50-51).



Worldwide News staff members (from left) Ron Grove, Paul Monteith, Jeff Zhorne, Peter Moore, Becky Sweat and Tom Hanson. [Photo by G.A. Belluche Jr.]

New Design

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nouncements," to oblige our older readers who have asked for larger letters. Mr. Smith chose the New Aster typeface to give a fresh look to both headlines and body copy.

Ron Grove, art director, is making the redesign work on Macintosh equipment and QuarkXPress desktop publishing software. Mr. Grove likes the airiness of the redesign. There's more white space and more leading or vertical spacing between lines.

"This makes the paper more appealing to read, from a graphic standpoint, because the elements are not as tight or crowded as before," Mr. Grove said. "And the altered column widths on some of the pages offer variety."

Ideally, we would like to make the paper 12 pages, as the larger type size requires more space. But, for now, because of budget constraints, we remain at eight pages.

That means we will be cutting articles down to their gem-best. It means making "Iron Sharpens Iron" articles shorter yet substantive and readable. Assistant editor Peter Moore is a master at whittling.

Into our 21st year

As we celebrate 20 years of publication, we remain committed to reporting the breadth and diversity of the Church, Ambassador Foundation, Ambassador College and related activities.

Our mission is to keep you up to date about happenings in the worldwide Work. We also want to build

bonds with you—our spiritual family and fellow laborers—so we come to know one another as genuine, caring people doing the collective work of a loving, active God.

Keeping a handle on this at the grass-roots level are our two primary writers, Paul Monteith and Becky Sweat. Mrs. Sweat put together a set of guidelines for writers that you may request if you have an article idea.

Thank you for allowing our team of writers, editors, artists and ministers into your homes to inform you, inspire you, entertain you. We feel privileged to serve you in this way.

I hope you enjoy the redesign. Let us know if you have any problems with it, and feel free to suggest ways we can improve our service to you.

Worldwide News history

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managing editor of *The Plain Truth*.

The *WN* moved from the Big Sandy campus to Pasadena in 1977.

Dexter Faulkner was named managing editor in May 1978. Ron Kelly was named editorial director in 1990, when Mr. Faulkner became *Plain Truth* European bureau chief.

The *WN* exists to serve you—our readers—a talented group of people who often do newsworthy things as you strive to let your lights shine in your communities.

Unfortunately, even if the paper were twice its size, we wouldn't be

able to publish all of the articles sent to us. Please don't be discouraged if we aren't able to publish yours.

One of our most popular pages is the announcements page. Since the Church is one family, I consider that page our most important. However, for each issue there seems to be twice as many announcements submitted as can fit on the page.

Our goal is to print as many announcements each issue as possible. To do so, they usually have to be edited down. So please don't be surprised if certain details of your announcement have been omitted and only basic information printed.

Big Sandy to mark 40th anniversary

June 12 marks the 40th anniversary of the Big Sandy church, and all are invited to attend.

Plans call for a kaffeeklatsch, and services with guest speaker Dean Blackwell.

The Sabbath ends with a dinner dance. Cost for the evening is \$20 per person. For more information or to purchase tickets (check or money orders only) write to 40th Anniversary Celebration, Box 866, Big Sandy, Texas, 75755.



Dateline: Ambassador

AN UPDATE OF AMBASSADOR COLLEGE

Honored donation

Ambassador received an award from the Stewart Regional Blood Center in Tyler, Texas. AC's 1,150 students donated 376 pints of blood last year.

Todd Lestage, community services coordinator for Stewart Center, said: "Ambassador is a good role model for other colleges and universities. The college has come through for us when we were really low on blood."

Sherri Ellis, the college's Health Center nursing supervisor, accepted a plaque on behalf of the college at Stewart Center's appreciation luncheon March 2.

Outreach is COOL

Outreach President Chad Bullock attended the Campus Outreach Opportunity League (COOL) conference on student community service in Champaign, Illinois, March 24 to 28 and gained many ideas for enhancing the Outreach program from some of the 1,300 other student leaders in attendance.

Chad shared information on organizing service pro-

grams with other participants.

Dawn Hutchison, regional coordinator for COOL's "Into the Streets" program, told Chad: "Your program is almost the ideal organization that COOL is trying to help other colleges create."

International show

AC's international students provided colorful entertainment for 300 elementary students from Big Sandy and Hawkins March 26 in the field house auditorium.

The variety show included ethnic songs, dances and skits from Australia, Canada, Germany, Grenada, Italy, Mexico, Philippines, South Africa and Thailand.

Faculty update

Russell Duke, Theology Department chair, completed the requirements for his doctorate in practical theology and had his final project accepted March 3 by The Union Institute, Cincinnati, Ohio. Dr. Duke is the college's only faculty member with a doctorate in theology. *Reading Horizons*, a maga-

zine written by and for professionals who teach reading skills, accepted an article on children's literature written by Kathleen Mohr, adjunct instructor in English. Mrs. Mohr researched the topic for a master's thesis.

David Goethals was named men's basketball coach, replacing Michael Carter. Andy Burnett was named coach of the Lady Royals, replacing Roger Chaney, who will concentrate on his position as tennis coach and intercollegiate coordinator under Gil Norman, athletics director.

Chefs win medals

Steve Sparks, director of Food Services, won a gold medal and best-of-show award in a culinary salon March 3 in Austin, Texas, sanctioned by the American Culinary Federation. Food Services employee Doug Benner won a silver medal in the show. Department employee Mark Geiser assisted Mr. Sparks, and chef Joe Puckett worked with Mr. Benner.

In culinary competitions conducted since 1991, Mr. Sparks has the highest cumulative score in Texas and AC chef Tony Contos has the third-highest score.

Sports update

Senior Todd Herridge of Dunlap, Illinois, was named to the NAIA men's Academic All-District 8 team for the second consecutive year, having maintained a 3.77 cumulative grade point average.

Senior Sarah (Parman) Gjesvold of Olympia,

Washington, was named to the women's All-District team with a 3.65 cumulative GPA. The honor recognizes basketball players who have excelled in the classroom.

The Royals finished second in District 8 rankings.

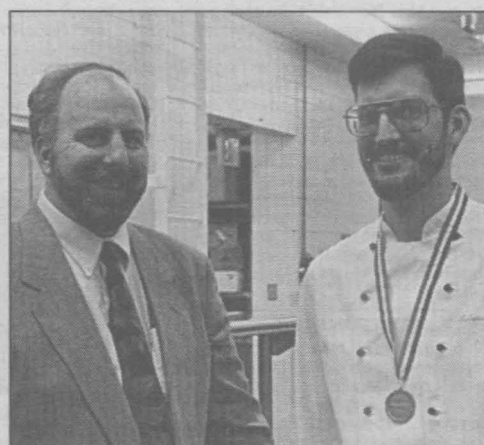
In men's golf the Royals placed 16th out of 18 teams in the Abilene Invitational March 1 and 2. The Royals pulled out a 322-340 victory over Austin College at home March 10. Peter Nomm, a junior from Elma, New York, placed 17th out of 91 participants in the Abilene Invitational and led the Royals against Austin College with a round of 78.

The Ambassador golfers placed fifth out of eight teams in the Trinity University Invitational in San Antonio, March 21 to 23. Rick McCrady had the low score for the Royals at 251 for three rounds.

In other sports: as of March 31, the men's tennis record was 3-5, and the men's volleyball record was 22-10.

The track team began its season March 4 at Southern Arkansas University. Among the eight teams, the women's team placed first, and the men's team placed fifth.

Ambassador men and women defeated Southwestern Christian College, Wiley College and Jarvis Christian College in a home meet March 24.



Award-winning chefs Steve Sparks (left) and Doug Benner

Announcements

BIRTHS, ENGAGEMENTS, WEDDINGS, ANNIVERSARIES AND OBITUARIES

hart) of Fort Collins, Colorado, boy, Kyle Stephen, Feb. 1, 6:31 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 3 boys.

HUSSAK, Dennis and Debbie (Pope) of Buffalo, New York, boy, Trevor Dennis, Feb. 22, 7:48 p.m., 7 pounds 3/2 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

INGRAM, Jerry and Lucindy (Duncan) of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, boy, Jesse Ross Lynn, Jan. 30, 11:02 a.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

JACKSON, Vernon K. and Portia of Macon, Georgia, boy, Vernon Akil Robert, Feb. 1, 5:41 p.m., 8 pounds 8 ounces, now 1 boy, 3 girls.

KEVILL, Richard and Sandra (Inger) of Canberra, Australia, girl, Danielle Cherie, Feb. 15, 12:29 p.m., 7 pounds 6 ounces, now 2 boys, 2 girls.

KLOTZ, George and Anna (Castagna) of Perth, Australia, girl, Adeline Rachelle, Feb. 17, 3:17 kilograms, first child.

LEHMAN, Robert and Melanie (Hendershot) of Phoenix, Arizona, girl, Bethany Ellen, March 3, 10:50 a.m., 6 pounds 7 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

LESSARD, Steven and Kathy (Aro) of Peekskill, New York, girl, Linda Marie, Jan. 9, 4:46 a.m., 6 pounds 8 1/2 ounces, first child.

McLAUGHLIN, Charles and Faith (Etzel) of Boone, North Carolina, boy, Charles Daniel, Feb. 13, 12:59 a.m., 6 pounds 2 1/2 ounces, first child.

MEISNER, Tim and Antje (Burnett) of Waterville, Minnesota, boy, Colter Joshua, Feb. 10, 12:18 p.m., 8 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

MITCHELL, Glenn and Connie (O'Bryan) of Pasadena, girl, Chelsea Lynn, Feb. 27, 2 p.m., 6 pounds 1 ounce, first child.

MPOFU, Jonas and Beatrice (Moyo) of Harare, Zimbabwe, boy, Richard Bhekinkosi, Feb. 5, 2.9 kilograms, first child.

MUSSER, Mark and Cynthia (Roeder) of Appleton, Wisconsin, boy, Brandon Michael, March 4, 7:43 a.m., 7 pounds 8 ounces, now 3 boys.

POTTER, Edward and Debra (Spicer) of Tupelo, Mississippi, boy, Adrian Lamar, Dec. 29, 5:24 p.m., 6 pounds 3 ounces, first child.

REDDING, Rick and Adrienne (Penksa) of Michigan City, Michigan, boy, Richard Allen, Nov. 7, 2 a.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

ROGERS, Franklin and Lesley (Smith) of Pikeville, Kentucky, boy, Matthew Alexander, Nov. 14, 5:31 a.m., 7 pounds 14 1/2 ounces, first child.

VANDERHORST, Gerald and Charlene (Krutish) of Kelowna, British Columbia, girl, Danielle Lindsay, Nov. 18, 7 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

WILSON, Steve and Sherrie (Shaw) of Norfolk, Virginia, girl, Sarah Elizabeth Rose, Dec. 10, 7:23 p.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, first child.

WIRTZ, Robert and Sharon (Bogart) of Medford, Oregon, girl, Samantha Marie, Jan. 1, 12:13 p.m., 7 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

Engagements

Mr. and Mrs. Albert D. Talison of Indianapolis, Indiana, are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Michele Dawn to Joel Andrew Moseley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Timothy Moseley of Bronx, New York. A June 5 wedding is planned.

Alan and Alisa Dettwiler of Caloundra, Australia, are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Cecily Darice to Steven John Rose, eldest son of Dennis and Joyce Rose of Bedford, England. A September pre-Feast of Tabernacles wedding in England is planned.

Deborah Dacey and Mark Burley are pleased to announce their engagement. A Sept. 26 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Bion Baker of Lansing, Michigan, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Sharon to David Fitch, son of Reginald and Brenda Fitch of Richmond, Virginia. A Sept. 26 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack A. Zvorak of Kansas City, Missouri, are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Denise Ranae to Neal Hogberg, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene H. Hogberg of Pasadena. A June 6 wedding in Kansas City is planned.

Albert and Sheila Yeager of Toledo, Ohio, are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Loraine "Lori" Margaret to Christopher Rossi, son of Eugene and Carolyn Rossi of Wappingers Falls, New York. A June 27 wedding in Pasadena is planned.

Verna Patterson and Mark Ehlen are

pleased to announce their engagement. A September wedding in St. Louis, Missouri, is planned.

Chris Karlik and Lori Ross of Minneapolis, Minnesota, are happy to announce their engagement. An early July wedding in Minneapolis is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Dunlap of Downey, California, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Debra Denise to Robin Michael Gridley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barry Gridley of Pasadena. A July 11 wedding in Pasadena is planned.

Sharon Kay Hough and Paul Franklin Flamand of Frederick, Maryland, are pleased to announce their engagement. A Sept. 5 wedding in Hagerstown, Maryland, is planned.

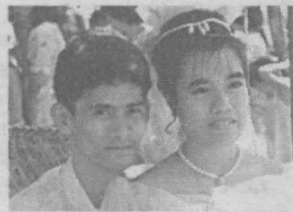
Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Dickson Jr. of Amarillo, Texas, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Leah Denice to Larry William Tippin of Waterford, Michigan. A May 23 wedding in Big Sandy is planned.

Weddings



TIM & KATRINA MCHYDE

Katrina Adams of Steamboat Springs, Colorado, and Tim Mohyde of Shelton, Connecticut, were united in marriage Nov. 21. The ceremony was performed by Dennis Johnson, Hartford, Connecticut, pastor. They have restored the family name to McHyde. The couple live in Shelton.



Mr. and Mrs. Romualdo Galit of Goldenhills, Philippines, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Ruth to Emmanuel Ornejas, son of Mr. and Mrs. Marcial Ornejas. The ceremony was performed Nov. 29 by Ruel Guerrero, Manila, Philippines, South assistant pastor. Joy Concepcion was maid of honor, and Benjie Pascua was best man. The couple live in Oriental, Philippines.

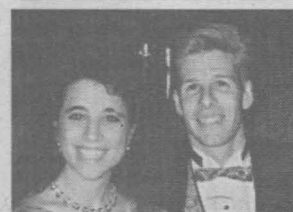


KEVIN & JOANNA KING

Joanna Elizabeth Barr, daughter of Alan and Edna Barr of Plantation, Florida, and Kevin Loy King, son of Rodney and Margaret King of Albuquerque, New Mexico, were united in marriage Oct. 4. The ceremony was performed by the bride's father, Miami and Hollywood, Florida, pastor. Susanna and Leeanna Barr, sisters of the bride, and Marie King, sister of the groom, were bridesmaids, and Patrick Martinez was best man. The couple live in Albuquerque.



Anushka Cates, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cates of Phoenix, Arizona, and Robert Posegay, son of Carole Grice and Bob Posegay, were united in marriage Oct. 3. The ceremony was performed by Cecil Maranville, Phoenix North pastor. Kecia Dunlap was maid of honor, and Joey Brand was best man. The couple live in Charlotte, North Carolina.



Michelle Gardner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Gardner of Sturbridge, Massachusetts, and Craig Backhus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Backhus

of Wyckoff, New Jersey, were united in marriage Sept. 13. The ceremony was performed by the groom's father, a local church elder in the Montvale, New Jersey, church. Lisa Arsenault and Kimberly Schurter, sister of the groom, attended the bride, and Leron Canup and David Schurter, brother-in-law of the groom, attended the groom. The couple live in Butler, New Jersey.



NATHANIEL & LISA SELTZER

Lisa Faye Sass, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Sass of Superior, Wisconsin, and Nathaniel Paul Seltzer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Seltzer of Richfield, Minnesota, were united in marriage May 24. The ceremony was performed by the groom's father, a minister in the Minneapolis, Minnesota, South church. Sarah Sass, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Richard Briggs was best man. The couple live in Big Sandy.



CLIFFORD & ELIZABETH BRADSHAW

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. McKay of Aberdeen, Scotland, are delighted to announce the marriage of their elder daughter Elizabeth Anne to Clifford William Bradshaw of Dagenham, England. The ceremony was performed Aug. 30 by Russell Couston, London North and Basilston, England, associate pastor. Jane Hurford-Dawson was bridesmaid, and Stephen Paul Bradshaw and Richard Ian Bradshaw were groomsmen.



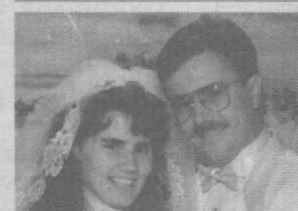
MICHAEL & PAT-DONNA CAMPBELL

Easlyn McIntyre of Grand Anse, Grenada, is pleased to announce the marriage of her daughter Pat-Donna Nichole to Michael Henry Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Campbell of Moliniene, Grenada. The ceremony was performed Jan. 10 by Paul Krautmann, St. George's, Grenada, pastor. Julie Jones was maid of honor, and Byron Campbell, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Tortola, British Virgin Islands.



SCOTT & MANDY JENNINGS

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Eckman of Palmer, Alaska, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Mandy Kay to Scott Jennings, son of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Jennings of Brisbane, Australia. The ceremony was performed Feb. 28 by Bruce Tyler, Canberra, Australia, pastor. Wendy Jewell, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Chris Tanner was best man. The couple live in Mermaid Beach, Australia.



RAY & DENISE LUECHTEFELD

Denise Triplett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Triplett of Holmen, Wisconsin, and Ray Luechtefeld, son of Marilyn Luechtefeld of Vienna, Missouri, and the late Norbert Luechtefeld, were united in marriage July 5. The ceremony was performed by Mitchell Knapp, La Crosse and Eau Claire, Wisconsin, pastor. Deb Albers, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, and Nathan Olson, brother-in-law of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Cannon Falls, Minnesota.



ANTHONY & KAYRE DRIVER

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel A. Shavallier of Smyrna, Tennessee, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Kayre Lisa Ann to Anthony Glendon Driver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glendon Driver of Gordo, Alabama. The ceremony was performed Jan. 2 by Richard Weber, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, pastor. Carla Shavallier, mother of the bride, was matron of honor, and Terry Spicer was best man. The couple live in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.



DANIEL & JULIA DEJARNETTE

Bob and Fay Blakeman are delighted to announce the marriage of their first daughter, Julia Renae, to William Daniel DeJarnette, son of Lewis and Jackie DeJarnette of Gladys, Virginia. The ceremony was performed July 5 by Roger West, Somerset, Kentucky, pastor. Jill Blakeman, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and Cory Erickson was best man. The couple live in Gladewater, Texas.



BRUCE & IRMA LONG

Irma Rodriguez and Bruce Long were united in marriage March 8, 1992. The ceremony was performed by Warren Zehrung, Little Rock and Pine Bluff, Arkansas, associate pastor. Kari Egipciaco was matron of honor, and Mark Hulliar was best man. The couple live in East Chicago, Indiana.

Anniversaries

Hubert and Margaret Dooley of Coeburn, Virginia, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary Feb. 24. They have one daughter, Vickey Bouldin; one son, Michael; one son-in-law, Tray Bouldin; and one daughter-in-law, Angie.

Sterling and Charlotte Stearns of Weiser, Idaho, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Dec. 31. They have one son, three daughters, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild.



MARSHALL & ELIZABETH BARNES

Marshall and Elizabeth Barnes of Columbus, Ohio, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary March 23. They have two sons, Marshall III and Mitchell; one daughter-in-law, Katherine Cory; and one granddaughter, Katherine Elizabeth. Mr. Barnes is a deacon in the Columbus church.



DOUGLAS & ARDIS GANNON

Douglas and Ardis Gannon of Dayton, Ohio, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Feb. 4. They have two daughters, Jennifer and Michele; one son, Geoffrey; and one son-in-law, Joseph Friddle. Mr. and Mrs. Gannon serve as deacon and deaconess in the Dayton church.



WILLIAM & BARBARA OSIA

William and Barbara Osia of St. Louis, Missouri, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Feb. 12. They have two sons, Tim and Jim; one daughter-in-law, Cindy; and one granddaughter, Teresa Monique.



TERRY & MADONNA VINE

Terry and Madonna Vine of Flint, Michigan, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Feb. 23. They have two sons, Robert and David; one daughter, Rebecca; one daughter-in-law, Kathryn; and one future son-in-law, Heath.



MERLE & SYLVIA DANIEL

Merle and Sylvia Daniel of Midland, Texas, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Feb. 10. They have five children, Lisa Burk, Tiana, Neal, Nick and Alicia; one son-in-law, Richard Burk; and one grandchild, Jason Burk.



FRANKLIN & LOUISE CARMON

Franklin and M. Louise Carmon of Flint, Michigan, celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary Jan. 23. They have one son, Alvin; one daughter-in-law, and one granddaughter.



BERTRAM & EUNICE LOVERIDGE

Bertram and Eunice Loveridge of Dorking, England, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary Feb. 14. They have two daughters, Judith and Paula.



RONALD & HELENA CRUMBLISS

Ronald and Helena Crumbliss of Elk Grove Village, Illinois, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary March 3. They have three children, Kirsten, Justin and Janine. Mr. and Mrs. Crumbliss serve as deacon and deaconess in the Chicago, Illinois, Northwest church.



CHARLES & MAUREEN LEIBLE

Charles and Maureen Leible of Columbus, Ohio, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Sept. 2. They have two children, Holly and Kevin; one son-in-law, Brian; and two grandchildren, Jared and Amber.

Weddings Made of Gold

Clayton and Theresa From of Orley, South Dakota, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 6. They

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have three sons, Randall, Leland and Dennis; one daughter, Cheryl Becker; three daughters-in-law, Sigrid, Lillie and Janet; one son-in-law, Bill Becker; and 11 grandchildren.



CHARLES & BETTY GRIMM

Charles and Betty Grimm of Clarksburg, West Virginia, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Jan. 21. Clarksburg brethren honored them with a reception Jan. 16. They have one daughter, Linda Spahr; one son, Steve; one daughter-in-law, Rose Marie; one son-in-law, Tim Spahr; and five grandchildren. Mr. Grimm is a local church elder in the Clarksburg church.

Obituaries

JEFFRIES, Jay Skyler, infant son of Jewel and Nancy Jeffries of Ladoga, Indiana, died at birth Feb. 4. Besides his parents he is survived by three brothers, Andrew, Nick and Daniel; his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Jeffries and Mr. and Mrs. Alex McMillan; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

WHITE, Althea C. Geiger, 72, of Howell, New Jersey, died Nov. 5 of sepsis. She is survived by her husband, Richard; three children, Gail Geiger, Martha Taylor and John Geiger; four grandchildren; and one

sister, Almira Davies.

GEARY, Verna A., 87, of Largo, Florida, died Feb. 8. She is survived by two stepsons, Dwayne and Ronald.



JANICE MITCHELL

MITCHELL, Janice O., 69, of Sebastopol, Mississippi, died Jan. 18. She is survived by her husband, Charles R. "Butch"; one daughter, Keeffe Blackmon; two stepchildren, Butch and Bonnie; three grandchildren, Ross, Victor and Sandy; one sister, Anita Anthony; and three nephews, Tony, Eric and Ralph Anthony.



HAZEL MOON

MOON, Mary Hazel, 69, of White Salmon, Washington, died Jan. 3 of complications of diabetes and heart failure. She is survived by her husband of 55 years, Jess; one son, Louis; one daughter-in-law, Janet;

three grandsons, James, Kelly and Terry; three granddaughters, Shannon, Christene and Merry Melody; nine great-grandchildren; and four brothers, Carl, Harley, Connie and Earl.

RAUSCH, Robert, 82, of Rogue River, Oregon, died Sept. 17.

BOCK, Kenneth Edward, 75, of Seneca, Kansas, died March 12, 1992 of heart failure. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Ruth; his father, Edward; one brother; two sons; four daughters; and seven grandchildren.



MERLE ANDERSON

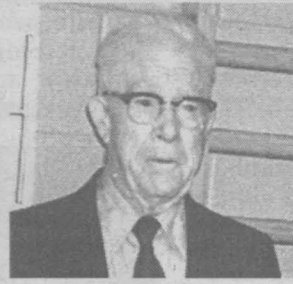
ANDERSON, Merle E., 76, of Talent, Oregon, died Jan. 16. She is survived by one brother, Dwight Colthorp; and three sisters, Katherine Rooney, Aileen Willtrout and Elaine Newcomer. Her husband, Leonard, died in 1990. One sister and one brother also preceded her in death.

PALMER, Gladys Adrienne, 81, of Westminster, South Carolina, died Feb. 16. She is survived by her husband of 61 years, LeRoy; two sons; three grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

LAMPTON, Eunice Isabell Allen, 94, of Magnolia, Mississippi, died Feb. 14. She is survived by one daughter, two sons, one daughter-in-law, one

brother, one sister, 12 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and three stepchildren. One grandchild preceded her in death.

REDFORD, George Carlton Jr., 66, of Rocky Mount, North Carolina, died Feb. 8 after a long illness. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Elizabeth; two daughters, Trilby Brown and Neela; two sons, Van and Joel; one son-in-law, Harlan Brown; and two grandchildren.



ALBERT PATTEMORE

PATTEMORE, Albert, 93, of Athens, Ontario, died Feb. 4. He is survived by six children, 23 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.



FRANK RICHTIK

RICHTIK, Frank W., 64, of Calgary, Alberta, died Jan. 22 of a massive

heart attack. He is survived by his wife, Rose; one daughter; two sons; three stepdaughters; two stepsons; one grandchild; three sisters; and two brothers.

McPHERSON, Emma Mae, 93, of Chicago, Illinois, died Feb. 26. She is survived by one daughter, one son and several nieces and nephews.

BENHAM, Myrtle, 82, of Orange Park, Florida, died Sept. 25. She is survived by her husband, Robert.



PANFILO SISON

SISON, Panfilo G., 83, of Dagupan, Philippines, died Dec. 29 of lung cancer. He is survived by his wife, Pelagia; three sisters, Felicitas Palarca, Purita Boayes and Flora Espejo; one brother, Perfecto; one son, Romulo; one daughter-in-law, Rosita Trivino; one brother-in-law, Guillermo Boayes; and nine grandchildren.

SNEDDON, Linda Lee, 86, of Baker, Oregon, died Feb. 4. She is survived by two daughters, Betty Smith and Iris Blevins; and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

QUICK, Gladys B., 86, of Tarrant City, Alabama, died Feb. 27. She is survived by two sons, two daughters, 13 grandchildren, 19 great-grandchildren and three

great-great-grandchildren.

BOWERS, Irma Lee, 72, of Fresno, California, died Feb. 9 of lung cancer. She is survived by one sister, one son and three grandchildren.

BRAGG, Nettie Jennings, 80, of Midland, Texas, died Feb. 5. She is survived by one daughter, Jan Donaldson; and two grandsons.

ADAIR, Robin, 82, of Las Vegas, Nevada, died March 10 after a long illness. He is survived by his wife, Margie.

READER, Michael, 61, of Norwich, England, died Feb. 19 of cancer.



VERA SCHMIDT

SCHMIDT, Vera Mae, 80, of Cincinnati, Ohio, died Nov. 12 of cancer. She is survived by her brother, William Chase; one son, John Michael McMullen; and one sister, Joyce Ivy.

MILES, Mattie, 83, of Calera, Alabama, died Feb. 18. She is survived by one daughter, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

SCOE, Albert L. "Jim," 87, of Mesa, Arizona, died Dec. 13 of a stroke. He is survived by his wife, Hazel; two sisters, Nancy Schmidt and Dora Jones; and several nieces and nephews.

U.S. Ministerial Transfers

Craig Bacheller	Hollywood and Miami, Florida	Clyde Kilough	Akron, Ohio
Al Barr	Atlanta West and Carrollton, Georgia	Judd Kirk	Glendora, California
Rick Baumgartner	Medford and Klamath Falls, Oregon	Mike Kuykendall	Springfield and Rolla, Missouri (associate)
Rick Beam	Huntsville and Florence, Alabama	Harold Lester	Orlando and Port Orange, Florida (associate)
Jeff Broadnax	Manhattan and Westchester, New York (associate)	Otto Lochner	Columbia, South Carolina, and Augusta, Georgia
Charles Bryce	Charleston, South Carolina, and Savannah, Georgia	Ron Lohr	Tulsa, Oklahoma, North
Allen Bullock	Little Rock and Pine Bluff, Arkansas	Ken Martin	Macon and Dublin, Georgia
Todd Carey	Indianapolis North and South, Terre Haute and Columbus, Indiana (assistant)	Terry Mattson	Tulsa, Oklahoma, South
Jim Chapman	Chico and Redding, California	Jeff McGowan	Peoria and Macomb, Illinois
Tom Clark	Big Sandy A.M. (associate)	Tom Melear	Albuquerque & Santa Fe, New Mexico, and Durango, Colorado
Arnold Clauson	Sherman and Paris, Texas	Ron Miller	Retire
Randy D'Alessandro	Marietta and Athens, Ohio	William Miller	Bellevue and Everett, Washington
Gary Demarest	Wilkes-Barre and Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania	Rand Millich	Hattiesburg and Biloxi, Mississippi
Roy Demarest	Orlando and Port Orange, Florida	David Mills	Charleston and Logan, West Virginia
Art Docken	Palm Springs, California	Ralph Orr	Pasadena (Editorial)
Art Dyer	Columbia, Kirksville and Jefferson City, Missouri (associate)	Richard Parker	Long Beach, California
Al Ebeling	Brooklyn, New York, North and South (associate)	Carlos Perkins	Vineland, New Jersey
George Elkins	London and Somerset, Kentucky	Bob Persky	Bowling Green, Kentucky, and Clarksville, Tennessee
John Elliott	Cincinnati, Ohio, Central	Harold Rhodes	Pensacola, Florida
Rob Elliott	Big Sandy P.M. (associate)	Earl Roemer	Honolulu, Hawaii
Steve Elliott	Queens and New York City (Spanish), New York	Leslie Schmedes	Pasadena West P.M.
Ed Faulk	Cleveland, Ohio, East (associate)	Jim Servidio	Minneapolis, Minnesota, North
Ron Felling	Baltimore, Maryland, East and West (associate)	Ken Sparks	Beckley and Summersville, West Virginia
Bob Flores	Appleton and Green Bay, Wisconsin	David Stone	Roanoke, Virginia
Ross Flynn	Detroit, Michigan, East	Norm Strayer	Kalispell and Missoula, Montana
Bill Ford	Boston and Worcester, Massachusetts (associate)	Paul Suckling	Norfolk, Virginia
Shorty Fuessel	Amarillo, Texas, and Liberal, Kansas	Guy Swenson	Pasadena (Church Administration)
Lloyd Garrett	Washington, D.C., North	Ken Swisher	Tyler, Texas
Mike Grovak	Lafayette, Indiana	Vince Szymkowiak	Fort Worth, Texas, West
Arnold Hampton	Baltimore, Maryland, East and West	Britton Taylor	Fort Worth, Texas, East
Felix Heimberg	Dallas, Texas, East	Raymond Taylor	Wilmington and Seaford, Delaware
Willard High	Chicago, Illinois, South	Tom Tullis	Seattle and Federal Way, Washington (associate)
Bob Jones	Jacksonville, Florida	Don Waterhouse	Tampa, Florida
John Kennedy	Portland and Bangor, Maine	Roger West	Cape Girardeau, Missouri, and Paducah, Kentucky
Al Kersha	Columbia, Kirksville and Jefferson City, Missouri	Dennis Wheatcroft	Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Murphy, North Carolina

All positions pastor unless otherwise noted

Update

NEWS OF PEOPLE, PLACES AND EVENTS

Minister, employees get 25-year awards

Fred Davis, Boise, Idaho, and Ontario and Baker, Oregon, pastor, and his wife, Beverly, received plaques and watches at the Northwest regional ministerial conference in Portland, Oregon, March 17.

Melven Allen of Safety & Security in Big Sandy received his watch March 10. Siegfried Pietralla of the German Office, received his watch March 17.

Reg Wright, Media and Mail Processing manager in Australia, and his wife, Joan, were honored in December for 25 years of service.

Auxiliary security officers honored

Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach presented plaques to four auxiliary security offi-

cers March 14 in recognition of their 25 years of voluntary security service at headquarters.

The officers are Wayne Pyle, Milan Zima, Ross McKown and Jim Hughes. Mr. Tkach made the presentation at the annual auxiliary security ball.

About 300 volunteers, wives and guests attended this year's security ball. The purpose of the annual event is to honor Church member volunteers serving on auxiliary patrol and Sabbath dispatch throughout the year.

'Unsung Heroes' spotlighted at concert

The Imperial High School Choraliers presented their annual concert in the Ambassador Auditorium March 10 with a new twist. Those attending were asked to make a donation, with contributions going to four Pasadena charity groups.

The concert raised just over \$3,000. Because the Ambassador Foundation had agreed to increase the night's collection to the next highest thousand dollars, the Choraliers were able to present each of the four organizations with a check for \$1,000.

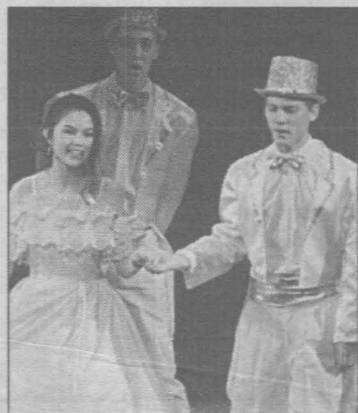
Titled "Songs for the Unsung Hero," the concert honored organizations dedicated to serving and reaching out to the city's underprivileged youths.

Throughout the show, each group was introduced to the audience by a Choralier representative who had researched the organization and interviewed its leaders.

Among the four groups were P.R.I.D.E., a "big-broth-

er" type of program that attempts to discourage youths from joining gangs, and the Alkebu-Lan Afro-American Culture Center, designed to culturally, academically and musically enrich the education of the young people in the community.

While previous concerts have attempted to convey valuable messages, this year's program took it a step



Imperial Choraliers

further, said Dennis Pelley, Choraliers director. "Instead of talking about doing something worthwhile, we wanted to actually do something." Amie Yetka.

Lyons named employee of month

WICHITA, Kansas—Member Ernestine Lyons was named St. Joseph Medical Center's employee of the month in September. She worked as a nurse for the hospital for 34 years, retiring March 9.

"One of the questions returning patients ask most on 5-West [a cardiac floor] is 'Does Ernestine still work here?'" said nominator Phyllis Roe, a 5-West staff nurse.

"They enjoy having her around. The reason is simple.

"If you take a very large measure of humor, mix it with a lot of compassion, cheerfulness and an excellent work ethic, you have Ernestine—the perfect candidate for employee of the month."

Lansing singles hosts for weekend

LANSING, Michigan—Singles here invite other singles to a weekend of fun and fellowship, May 8 and 9.

Saturday activities are Sabbath services, Bible study and a formal dinner dance at Lansing's Harley Hotel.

The theme of the dance is "Enchantment Under the Sea," and will feature a buffet dinner, music provided by a disc jockey and games based on the movies "Back to the Future" and "The Little Mermaid." Cost for the dinner and dance is \$20 a person, \$12 for the dance alone.

A breakfast buffet is planned for Sunday at the Harley Hotel, at a cost of \$5 a person.

Rooms have been reserved at the Harley Hotel for \$59 a night, for one to four people in a room. Housing with area brethren is also available.

For further information call Laurie Joseph at 1-517-623-6743, or write her at 1293 S. Clark Rd., Dansville, Michigan, 48819.

Philippine ministers attend conference

TAGAYTAY, Philippines—Ministers and wives from the

Philippines met for a conference here Feb. 15 to 17.

Speakers were Joseph Tkach Jr., director of Church Administration; Randal Dick, an assistant director of Church Administration; and Paul Kieffer, Philippines regional director. Andre Zick, a planning coordinator for Church Administration, also attended.

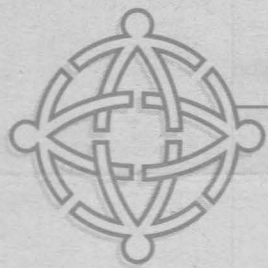
In addition, the group watched videos from Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach; Michael Fezell, executive assistant to Mr. Tkach; Greg Albrecht, editor of *The Plain Truth*; and Bernard Schnipert, director of Media Operations.

Bluegrass Festival set for Canton

CANTON, Ohio—The church here will sponsor its second Bluegrass Music Festival July 1 to 5, featuring bluegrass musicians and fans from across the Midwest. Jam sessions will take place during the weekend, with a grand-finale show Sunday, July 4.

Guests can stay at one of several motels in the area, and primitive camping is available at the music festival site. Sabbath services will be conducted on location July 3.

To make reservations for your bluegrass group (acoustic bluegrass instruments only, please) to participate or just to come and enjoy the music, contact pastor Don Henson (1-216-966-9351) or John Dewell (1-216-945-7075). Donations will be collected during the weekend to cover expenses.



FROM OUR

Brethren Worldwide

Bombay members safe after bomb blasts

HYDERABAD, India—More than 300 people died and 1,100 were injured when 13 bombs exploded in Bombay March 12, but no members were hurt, reports Daniel Zachariah, Hyderabad pastor.

"I was in Bombay that morning, in a building behind the Bombay Stock Exchange," he said. "But, having finished my work, I left the city for the airport around 2 p.m." An hour later a series of bombs exploded throughout the city.

"The most powerful bomb exploded in the stock exchange, where casualties were highest. Another bomb in a car parked in the underground car park of the Air India office left a crater measuring 100 square meters and exposing

two basement levels."

Mr. Zachariah described the situation in Bombay as tense, with people expecting reprisals.

"Some people feel this bombing was in retaliation for the demolition of a mosque in Ayodhya, a town in northern India," he said. Hindu zealots demolished the Muslim mosque Dec. 6, which led to riots throughout India, pitting Hindus against Muslims. Nationwide, more than 1,900 people died, including 600 in Bombay.

"Others feel the bombing is to sabotage the new liberalized economic measures the government of India has taken." Bombay is regarded as the commercial capital of India.

"One difficulty brethren in Bombay face is commuting by train. This method of transport is almost a must

on a daily basis in the city. In the past bombs have been put on trains and that creates fear for those traveling by train."

UK members miss services because of bomb blast

WARRINGTON, England—Two children were killed and more than 40 people injured when two bombs exploded in a crowded shopping center March 20. No members were hurt, reports Jonathan Buck, pastor of the Liverpool, Manchester and Stoke-on-Trent, England, and Llandudno, Wales, churches.

"We had a special service in Warrington for two churches in this area and had invited members from other churches for a football tournament that night," said Mr. Buck.

"Several visiting members

missed services because, after the bomb blast, areas of Warrington were cordoned off and they spent the afternoon wandering around the city looking for a way to the hall.

"This is the second blast in the city in the last few weeks. Although the Irish Republican Army [IRA] officially apologized for the deaths, there is a hardened section of the IRA who will stop at nothing to inflict injury, including phone calls to police warning of an impending explosion at a certain location, in an effort to direct people toward another bomb placed along the obvious escape route.

"This amounts to actually forcing people toward the bomb, not away from it."

Families moved from volcano zone

LEGAZPI, Philippines—After an eruption of Mt. Mayon Feb. 2 two Church families were evacuated from a 10-kilometer danger zone surrounding the volcano.

Pastor George Escara reports that members donated relief supplies to a radio station and helped with

relief work Feb. 7 and 8. Most of their fellow volunteers were familiar with *The Plain Truth* and *Youth 93*. Some asked if they could attend services.

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