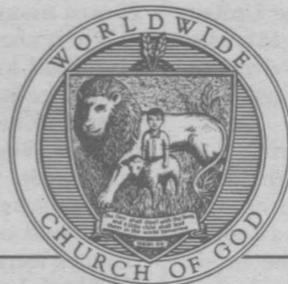


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## When you have trouble getting to church on time

By Paul Krautmann

LETHEM, Guyana—Have you ever found it hard to get to Sabbath services on time? Have you made excuses for not attending services or for showing up late? Maybe after you've read this article about some brethren in Guyana, you won't find it hard to get to services on time anymore.

About 300 miles from Guyana's capital city of Georgetown, in the Amerindian village of Awarewaunau, close to the Brazilian border, live 10 members and their families.

For much of this year they have lived on the verge of starvation because of the destruction of their crops, first by floods and then by drought. Many diets consisted of mango for breakfast, mango for lunch and mango for dinner.

Earlier this year the Church sent in some supplies, but little could be sent. There are no regular flights, and chartering aircraft is extremely expensive.

Joseph Charley, the leader of our group in Awarewaunau, suggested that if I took a Guyana Airways flight

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**THE FIVE WALKERS**—From left, Donny Charley, Gerald Rudolph, Joseph Charley, Kevin Adams and Theo Griffith. [Photo by Paul Krautmann]

to the town of Lethem, more than 100 miles from Awarewaunau, he and some others could make their way overland to meet me.

Unknown to him and other members in Awarewaunau, we had collected cash, used clothing and two chain saws from members in Ohio, the Caribbean island of St. Vincent

and Holland. We had no way to fly them directly into the village, so we booked a flight to Lethem. We sent a radio message to the village to inform brethren I would be there June 7 at around 8 a.m.

Shortly after attending Pentecost services on Sunday, June 4, with the other brethren in their village, four men, Kevin Adams, Gerald Rudolph, Theo Griffith and Joseph Charley, and Mr. Charley's 14-year-old son, Donny, set out on their marathon journey to Lethem.

### Walking the walk

As no transportation was available, they had to walk the entire 100 miles to reach Lethem by Wednesday morning. The five trudged mile after mile along the sandy trail, sometimes in brilliant hot sunshine, other times in pouring rain, hour after hour after hour.

In places, creeks and rivers swollen by the increasing rain that signaled the onset of the rainy season flooded their banks. There they had to swim or wade across or find a way around. When night came, they continued walking, snatching just two or three hours of sleep by the side of the trail.

All Sunday evening and night, all day Monday and all day Tuesday they walked, determined to reach Lethem by 8 a.m., Wednesday. Finally, late Tuesday night, about 55 hours after leaving Awarewaunau, three of them reached their destination.

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## Pastor general gaining strength, undergoing chemotherapy

By Joseph Tkach Jr.

I want to give you a further update, as of July 13, on how my dad is progressing as a result of his two surgeries. The incisions from surgery are almost completely healed, and he began chemotherapy early this week.

He has been experiencing a good deal of pain in the past several days, and I want to ask that you pray for him in this regard. It is difficult for the doctors to know specifically what is causing the pain, other than the obvious fact that two major surgeries do result in a great deal of pain.

Last week he returned to the hospital for two days, during which he had more tests completed. The most important one was a CAT scan, which is used as a baseline indicator for the chemotherapy treatment.

My dad is having to adjust to living with less energy than he is used to, as well as with these sporadic bouts with pain. In my opinion, he needs to rest more than he has been doing.

While he has not returned to the office, he has been conducting quite a bit of business and has convened several meetings at his house. And he

has had more visitors than he should be receiving. He does not like to offend people by turning them away, of course, and his staff tries to do a good job of screening those who call or visit.

As might be expected, he has some good days and some more difficult days. It seems that his pain is worse when he overexerts himself or when he has not been able to sleep well.

My family and I are coping reasonably well. It is difficult for all of us to see my dad in this condition, but we remain positive and optimistic, knowing Christ will see us through.

We try to ignore rumors that we are not leveling with people about my dad's condition. The fact is, I have passed on to you everything my dad's doctors have told me. It is a difficult balance to keep some privacy in our lives and yet answer everyone's questions about his health.

We are appreciative of the many cards and letters of encouragement and support we have received. Most especially, we are grateful for the heartfelt prayers, many with fasting.

Several people have suggested that I ask the whole church to fast for my dad. See Pastor General, page 6



## Personal from...

JOSEPH W. TKACH

### Human weakness drives us to rely on God's strength

Thank you all for your prayers and loving encouragement and support! "I have learned," Paul said, "to be content whatever the circumstances. I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. I can do everything through him who gives me strength" (Philippians 4:11-13).

Paul was thanking the Philippian brethren for the financial support they had given him. At the time he wrote, he had enough, but he also knew what it was like to be in need. Even if he didn't have enough—even if he was in need—he was content. Why? Because he had learned the secret of being content.

What was that secret? It was Jesus Christ, who gave him strength. Paul did not do his work by his own strength—it was done by God's power, not his own. The passage above is about having enough financial support, but it could just as easily have been about Paul's own health.

We learn elsewhere that Paul did have some sort of health problem. He had pleaded with Christ three times to remove the problem, See Personal, page 6

# Hiroshima: a survivor's testimony touches lives

By Neil Earle

SANTA BARBARA, California—"I apologize to you all that Japan fought in the war against the United States." The speaker was Miyoko Matsubara, a *hibakusha* (survivor) of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima, Japan.

Her gentle low-key sincerity won her a standing ovation from more than 200 people at a May 13 conference here on the significance of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The Interdisciplinary Humanities Center of the University of California, Santa Barbara, combined with the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation as hosts to a group of scholars and historians for the event. But Miyoko's testimony was the emotional high point.

Aug. 6, 1945, Miyoko Matsubara was a 12-year-old seventh grader at a girls junior high school. That morning her best friend, Takiko Funaoka, said, "I hear the sound of a B-29." This was not possible, thought Miyoko, for Hiroshima had not been heavily bombed before and most air-raid alarms had been false. But there, high in the sky off to the northwest, was an American B-29, its white vapor trail clearly visible.

"I thought I saw some luminous body drop from the tail of the plane," she said. She dropped instantly to the ground. That action probably saved her life for she was less than a mile from ground zero.

"Takiko had simply disappeared

from my sight," Miyoko recalled. "I heard an indescribable deafening roar. My first thought was that the plane had aimed at me."

## Blown away

When she awoke she realized the blast had knocked her 15 feet. She could see none of her friends. Perhaps they have been blown away, she thought. She stood in her dirty white underwear, with only the upper part of her jacket around her chest. The waistband of her trousers and a few patches were all that remained.

"Then I realized that my face, hands and legs had been burned, and were swollen with the skin peeled off and hanging down in shreds," she said. "I was bleeding and some areas had turned yellow. I started running. I saw a lot of people. All of them were almost naked and looked like characters out of horror movies with their skin and flesh horribly burned and blistered."

Miyoko wandered to the river where people sat in the water dying and crying and asking for help—still in their polite Japanese way.

"Will you help me, please?" she met a friend Michiko, who called her name, "Miyoko, aren't you Miyoko?" The blast had burned Michiko's eyes, mouth and chin to a pulp. Together the girls climbed up the river bank away from the city center.

Michiko stopped exhausted by a bridge. "I cannot run any further," she said. They had to separate. "Michiko pleaded with me with her eyes to take her with me. I could not even give her a drop of water. She was dead when her parents found her three days later. I always thought she might have lived. My heart still aches."

## Help arrives

Only 50 of 255 students in Miyoko's school survived. She finally received medical help, though vomiting, diarrhea and fever continued for four days.

"I was shocked and filled with sorrow when I looked at my face in the

mirror for the first time after eight months. It was disfigured beyond all recognition. My mother would weep and say, 'I should have been burned instead of you, for I am much older than you and will not live long.' Seeing mother in her deep sorrow, I made up my mind never to grieve over my fate in her presence."

The pain continued, emotional and physical. In the early postwar years neither the Japanese government nor the U.S. occupation authorities wanted to hear much about the plight of the *hibakusha*. "The horrible keloids on my face kept me from finding



Neil Earle with Miyoko Matsubara. [Photo by Susan Earle]

work after graduation," said Miyoko. "No one wanted to marry me for fear of having an abnormal baby."

It was only when she began attending a church in Nargrekawa—Miyoko is a Christian—that she found peace. She faithfully attended Monday evening services for atomic bomb survivors. Some of them eventually went to the United States for treatment. But Miyoko was afraid of Americans: "I just didn't feel right about traveling to the U.S., the country that had dropped the atomic bomb. I was left behind alone."

In Osaka in 1953, at age 20, she underwent more than 10 operations for dysfunctional eyelids and crooked limbs. It was also in Osaka that she began meeting Americans at the Methodist church.

"My one pleasure each week was attending Sunday morning services.

The Americans I met there did not fit the image I had formed of them. They were extremely kind and deeply regretted their country's atomic bombings."

One of her mentors was a Quaker, Barbara Reynolds, who founded the World Friendship Center (WFC) in Hiroshima. "Her hatred of the bombings was so strong and her caring for the victims so real, I often wondered how she could possibly be from the same country as the men who had bombed Hiroshima," Miyoko recounted.

"Gradually coming to like and trust Americans, I realized that had the Japanese possessed the atomic bomb, we, too, would have used it. The real enemy is not America. It is war and nuclear weapons."

Miyoko went to America for medical treatment. It would not be her last visit. In 1962 she was presented to the secretary general of the United Nations. On the way she visited 144 countries, telling her gripping story in that gentle, frail yet compelling treble voice.

## Miyoko carries on

The pain continues. In 1988 she had to take five months's sick leave from her work with the WFC to have breast surgery. Her elder brother and his wife died from the aftereffects of the bombing in 1962. Her father died of stomach cancer.

But Miyoko carries on. She has been a special delegate at disarmament conferences and other related events. As a *hibakusha* and a Christian, she has a clear sense of mission:

"When I get depressed and worry about the future, I try to remember my friends who were killed by the bomb when they were young. I'm sure they each had their own dreams. I feel sorry for them when I think of how much they wanted to live.

"But at the same time, I can hear them saying to me that I was very fortunate to have lived. My mission is to continue telling my experience, talking about the folly of war and the preciousness of life, to as many people as possible.

"That surely will console their souls."

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### Depend on Christ for everything

I would like to thank all of the writers and staff of *The Worldwide News* for their hard work and dedication to Christ, in bringing us such superb articles in regards to God's new covenant.

I am extremely excited about this revelation of deeper understanding of the new covenant. I feel like I'm reading and studying God's Word for the first time, especially as I read the epistles of Paul. God's new covenant is so clear to me now. It's like blinders have been lifted from my eyes.

Paul's words relate to me now and to the Church. Letting go of old covenant laws and replacing them with Jesus Christ has been awesome. I already feel a more humble attitude within me, as I realize more and more that I must depend on our Savior Jesus Christ for everything.

I've come to realize that my efforts of keeping laws to please God are incomplete. Living solely by the new covenant and Jesus Christ can only produce true faith, humility,

eternal growth and pure unconditional love for God and for neighbor. This is exciting.

I believe the Church has entered true Christianity and the possibilities of growth are endless. I rejoice and thank God, Mr. Tkach, my pastor and elders, and all the staff at headquarters who stayed loyal and dedicated in order to bring us this great revelation.

Anilda Bostian  
Cottondale, Florida

### We are blessed beyond measure

When called into the Church, some gave up husbands and wives because of the Church's understanding on divorce and remarriage. Others lost jobs because work was not allowed on the Sabbath. If someone dropped by unexpected on the Sabbath, we did not know if we should entertain them with a game of cards or a barbecue.

We felt guilty about doing many things before sundown. When someone invited us over for a meal, we declined because we did not know what they would serve.

Now we have been blessed with understanding God's new covenant and what he wants for each of us. We have freedom to work on the Sabbath if need be. We are free to entertain guests that drop by with-

out feeling guilty. Food is no longer a barrier.

Yes, God loves and cares for his people. We have been blessed beyond measure. We support headquarters all the way.

Mr. & Mrs. G.R. Shumkwiler  
Nora Springs, Idaho

### With love and patience, be unified

What a time of rejoicing this should be. Jesus Christ has led us to see that our worship of him should be continual and in a spirit of sincerity and truth.

We should humbly come before God, recognizing that Jesus is our high priest, our mediator, our salvation and our hope. By him we have redemption, wisdom and understanding. He is the source of all righteousness and only through him have we been given life eternal.

Unfortunately, as in the time of the first-century church, some have chosen to cling to the vestiges of bondage, believing it is the law that is important rather than the worship of the Lawgiver. However, they forget that the "mystery" Paul spoke of was Jesus, not the Ten Commandments.

I pray that we will be unified in our belief in Jesus as our Savior and in recognition that salvation comes through him and that through his shed blood we have forgiveness from sins and the hope of eternal life.

Let us with patience and love for one another strive to be a body fitly joined together in Christ.

Jonathan D. Whitaker

# Meet eight members of the AU board of regents

With Joseph W. Tkach as chairman, these eight people are on the board of regents for Ambassador University.

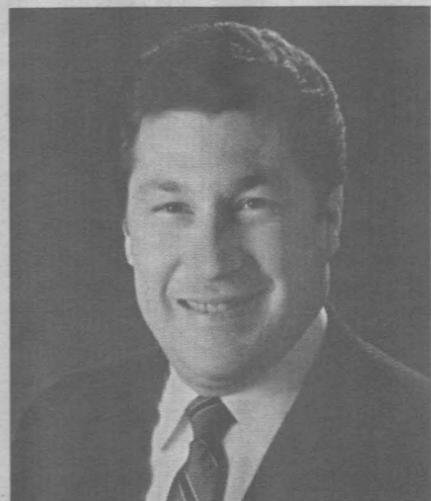
## Joseph Locke

"When Mr. Tkach first approached me about serving on the board of regents, I was surprised and honored that he would ask me to serve in this way," said Mr. Locke. "Being an AC grad, this is special to me. And it's nice to help in formulating the future direction of the university."

A native of Florida, Mr. Locke graduated from Haines City High School in 1965, the same year he requested *The Plain Truth*. A minister visited him two years later, and he was baptized in Lakeland, Florida.

In high school Mr. Locke contributed to the school newspaper and learned about distributive education. Vocational tests said his strong suits would be teaching and working at a funeral home, which he did for three years, and "I've kept up with the funeral business since then."

After attending a junior college, he was accepted to Ambassador College in Pasadena. He later taught at Imperial Schools until it closed in 1974 and also taught in Yuma, Arizona. "Eight of us former Imperial instruc-



Joseph Locke

tors were teaching in Yuma until 1980, when I was asked to come back as principal of Imperial."

Mr. Locke is now superintendent of the school as well as vice president of Ambassador Foundation.

He has master's degrees in special education and business, and was appointed by Herbert W. Armstrong to start the Church's Jordan project for mentally retarded and learning disabled children, and also to inaugurate the Waterfield Institute in Sri Lanka in 1986.

"Working on these projects has been so rewarding," he commented. "Because of my interests and my education, I was prepared when the opportunities arose."

Mr. Locke enjoys reading books by Louis L'Amour. "I have 129 books and have read some three or four times," he said. "I took six with me on vacation!"

## Don Ditto

Don Ditto and his wife, Peggy, live just a few miles from the grounds of Ambassador University in Winnsboro, Texas. He began attending church in 1964 and is a member of the Big Sandy congregation.

Mr. Ditto has been serving on the board of regents since 1993 after receiving a telephone call from Mr. Tkach. "I'm thankful to Mr. Tkach for asking me to assist the university in this capacity," Mr. Ditto said. "It's a great responsibility. I do my best and do what I can."

Although retired, Mr. Ditto still

drops by the office of the manufacturing business he established. The factory, which produces decorative accessories for the home, is now run by his six sons: Don Jr., Terry, Preston, James, Clint and Jason, five of whom graduated from Ambassador.

Mr. Ditto is also a collector. "I col-



Don Ditto

lect special interest autos like the Excalibur, the Clenet and Porches," he said. "I have been collecting cars for about 15 years and I have 10, my favorite being the Clenet."

Mr. Ditto has spent just as many years collecting black opals and has traveled to the opal fields of Australia.

Reflecting upon his involvement with the Church, he said: "I'm really pleased with the direction the Church and university are going, and I am more comfortable and confident than ever that God is in charge, that he has his eyes on us and will give us the will to carry out his program."

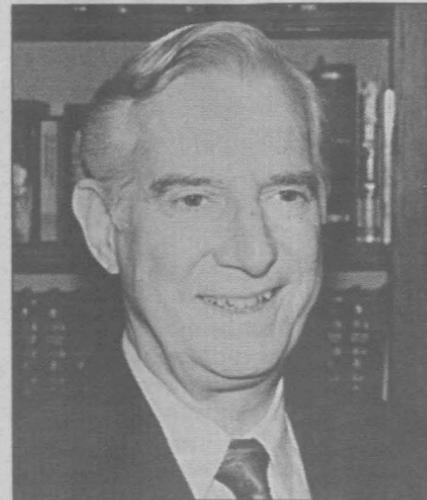
## Thomas H. Grede

Thomas H. Grede grew up in Wauwatosa, the westernmost suburb of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1949 with a degree in industrial engineering. He served in the Naval Air Corps in World War II and married Nancy Kenney July 2, 1949.

Mr. Grede is grateful for his upbringing. "Dad often stated in conversation and in prayer that the abundance we enjoyed was through no merit or worthiness of our own, but came as a gift and trust from God. He and Mother gave proportionally of their time, talent and treasury."

One of Mr. Grede's happiest days was when his wife and eight children were inducted into the Lutheran church in 1967. "We all rejoiced that we were all in the same religion," he said. Unknown to him was that his wife had been listening to the *World Tomorrow* program. "We were baptized Aug. 2, 1968."

Nancy left the Church in 1970 and



Thomas H. Grede

ended the marriage in 1974.

Mr. Grede married Donna Schmidt in 1976. Their blended families numbered 23 at that time—52 today, with a grandchild and great-grandchild due in August.

Mr. and Mrs. Grede were ordained deacon and deaconess in 1980, and Mr. Grede was ordained a local church elder the next year. During the receivership in 1979, Mr. Grede assisted Church attorney Ralph Helge in defending the Church.

"Our first real victory was preventing the sale of the Big Sandy property, the proceeds of which would have gone to the receiver," Mr. Grede said. "God obviously had other plans for the campus."

Mr. Grede regards as privileges the opportunities to have served on a number of boards: Ambassador College, Ambassador Foundation, Milwaukee Electric Tool, Siebert Foundation, YMCA and now Ambassador University Board of Regents. "What a blessing."

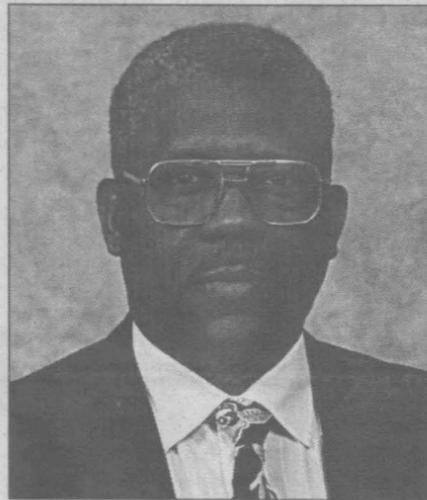
## Franklin Guice

Franklin Guice, a local church elder, and his wife, Cora, live in Monrovia, California, and attend the Pasadena A.M. congregation. They have two children, Stephanie and Steven.

Mr. Guice works for the Internal Revenue Service in Glendale, California, as a group manager over 15 revenue agents.

He graduated from high school in 1956 and entered the Navy, where he served as radioman until 1959. Upon leaving the service he went to work for the postal service.

"I had been out of high school 10 years when I thought I should find out what abilities I had," Mr. Guice said. "It was around this same time



Franklin Guice

that I was listening to Herbert W. Armstrong on the radio."

When he began attending Church it was suggested he apply to Ambassador College. Mr. Guice graduated from the Pasadena campus in 1975. He was named to the board of regents in 1987.

"When I was asked to become a regent I was in total disbelief. There were hundreds of other people I believed who could do a better job."

He has found his almost 10 years on the board to be a rewarding experience. "It's an ongoing responsibility to ensure the university fulfills its mission, and that the young people the university turns out are beneficial to society. There is also the newer function of finding alternative sources to fund the university."

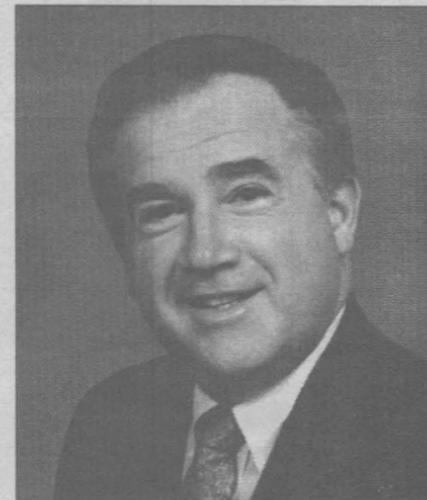
It is comforting to know, Mr. Guice commented, that even during times of disquiet for the Church, God ensures that what he wants done is accomplished and that he provides for the care of his institutions.

In his spare time Mr. Guice spends as much time as he can reading. "I'm also faithful to my Sunday morning basketball get-together with Church members here in Monrovia," he added. "I can still run with the kids."

Other young men from the neighborhood have joined the Church group on the court. "They bring in certain habits that they've formed over the years," Mr. Guice said, "but we try to set an example and incorporate them into the game."

## Michael P. Harkins

Before forming his own company in 1975, Michael P. Harkins held sales and management training positions with companies such as RCA, Fidelity Mutual Life Insurance and



Michael P. Harkins

the Management Consulting firm of Cole, Warren & Long of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

After founding Associated Business Consultants in 1975, Mr. Harkins directed his company toward executive search and assessment. The majority of his work has been with high-technology health care clients such as Johnson & Johnson, Smith-Kline and Eastman Kodak. He continues to design sales, sales promotions and marketing programs and seminars for client companies.

Mr. Harkins considers his strengths to be face-to-face analysis of companies' interpersonal climates and expectations, and matching them to the internal motivation, personality and expectations of qualified candidates.

He first heard *The World Tomorrow* while working under his car in Philadelphia. "I used to listen to a country and western show and afterward would turn it off. But one time I was working under my car and instead of turning the show off, I just let it run and heard the program. That was back in 1966," he said.

Mr. Harkins was baptized in 1967, ordained a deacon in 1970 and a local church elder in 1992 in Vineland, New Jersey. He and his wife, Louise, have one daughter, Lisa, who is married to David Deming (members in Prescott, Arizona), and one grandson, Aaron.

## Herman L. Hoeh

Evangelist Herman L. Hoeh and his wife, Isabell, live in Tujunga, California, and attend the Pasadena A.M. congregation. They have four children and seven grandchildren.

Dr. Hoeh is one of Ambassador College's four pioneer students.

In 1944, as a high school junior, he heard the *World Tomorrow* radio program. In 1946, he received his first co-worker letter, which mentioned plans for Ambassador College. In February 1947, the *Plain Truth* maga-

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# IRON SHARPENS IRON

so one man sharpens another.

Proverbs 27:17—As iron sharpens iron,



## Hurting close to home

What can young people do when their parents decide to leave our fellowship?

By Neil Earle

**I**n the past few months, hundreds of Church youths have lived through the trauma of seeing one parent—or perhaps both parents—leave the fellowship of the Worldwide Church of God. What are these young people supposed to do? How should they think and react?

For one thing, there are few easy answers. But some of us ministers were deeply inspired by young people in just that situation last summer at the Summer Educational Program (SEP) in Orr, Minnesota.

Here is some advice we compiled from teens for teens who may be shouldering a cross they never thought they would have to bear. But some are carrying it, and—with the help of God and Jesus Christ—are carrying it quite well.

If you're hurting close to home, if religious divisions have reared up unexpectedly to upset your secure family life (or if you know some incidents of this happening), ponder this advice based on interviews with some pretty courageous people—our teens.

**1. You must always respect parental authority.** The Fifth Commandment still has much to teach us. It hasn't changed, even though some big things have in your life (Deuteronomy 5:16; Ephesians 6:1-3).

If you are under 18, you will still need your parents' support for some time. You can show them honor and respect for what they do provide for you. If you do, God promises to make things a little easier—"a way out so you can stand up under it" (1 Corinthians 10:13).

**2. Establish for yourself more than ever where God is working.**

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"So do not throw away your confidence," Hebrews 10:35 tells us, "it will be richly rewarded."

Perhaps some teens haven't done much personal studying and searching to see where God is working. Now is the time. God is for us if we are for him (2 Chronicles 15:2). Trust him. He will show you what is right if you seek him diligently (Proverbs 2:1-11).

And this is a good time to think deeply about the good times and great friendships you have built through your years in the Worldwide Church of God.

Paul wrote in Romans 5:5 about how "God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us." That is what you really saw reflected in many of the youth activities, the trips, the basketball and volleyball games, and SEP.

The Worldwide Church of God did all this and gladly because it cares about young people. That caring concern was motivated by the love of God shed abroad in the hearts, minds, smiles and attitudes of the adults you met in the Church. That hasn't changed; it never will.

This should be a big factor in your plans to come back to the Church even if because of legal matters or other reasons you have to attend somewhere else. Don't worry, there'll always be a place for you in our church.

**3. Realize you are not alone.** In any testing situation there are always others who have been through the same thing or are going through it right now (1 Peter 4:12).

Try to find a friend you can talk or write to. Preferably someone in your local church. Or a good friend you met at camp. Your pastor might be able to put you in touch with people who have been through exactly what you are going through. "A trouble shared is often a trouble halved."

**4. Realize things can change—sometimes quite suddenly.** Situations of intense pressure in our lives are like Texas twisters or Caribbean hurricanes—they can do damage, but sometimes they blow out almost as quickly as they blow in.

So, while you experience trials and

tests as young Christians, you are preparing to "endure hardship" (2 Timothy 2:3) with the rest of God's people. We might stagger at first under the weight of the cross placed upon us, but after a while—with God's help—we can carry it (Mark 8:34).

You might even find your painful trial is what helps you do what we all have to learn to do: grow into mature, competent Christians.

Everyone feels the pressure in these times. Sometimes it's hard to be positive. It gets hard to believe all things are going to work out for the best. Many of you know that.

Your brothers and sisters, your mom and dad, perhaps even ministers you once knew and loved—their situations may have changed. We all feel the strain. We really do. But here we are, in the middle of those times in life when things appear bleak, black and negative. All the props seem to be knocked out from under us; the comfortable world we were living in seems turned upside down.

But Daniel went through that. He and his peer group—Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego—had had their hometown burnt to the ground (2 Chronicles 36:17-19). They were forced exiles in a new city, Babylon (Daniel 1:1-4). New city. New neighbors. New food. A new religion—to either resist or embrace (verses 5-8).

But when the pressure got to them, Daniel and his three friends prayed (2:14-19). God answered their prayers and gave them a strategy (verses 20-23). God can do the same for you.

"If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him" (James 1:5).

That is quite a promise and God really means it. He extends it to you and to me. After all, Josiah was 16 years old when he began to really seek God (2 Chronicles 34:1-3). And the young girl Jesus raised from the dead found out in a dramatic way that Jesus Christ had a lot of time for 12-year-olds (Mark 5:35-43).

Remember, God is always there, no matter what. The hurting is always worse when it happens close to home. But with God's help we can all get through it ... together.

## What your tonsils tell you

You can have a positive effect on the whole Body of Christ

By Robert Scott

Do you still have your tonsils?

Your answer may reveal your age, because years ago doctors removed them frequently because they were deemed expendable.

Evolutionists once claimed tonsils were vestigial, evolution's leftovers. Long ago, they claimed, we needed them, but now ...

Yet doctors are doing an about-face on tonsils. One medical journal cites them as "an initial trapping mechanism" for germs, a buffer against upper respiratory disease, the eyes of the human immune system, the gatekeepers of the body.

The doctors should have known it

all along: God does not create useless organs. It is the same in the Church, the Body of Christ. Remember 1 Corinthians 12? It's a whole chapter telling us we all matter to God. Every one of us.

"The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I don't need you!' And the head cannot say to the feet, 'I don't need you!' On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unrepresentable are treated with special modesty" (1 Corinthians 12:21-23).

### No vestigial organs

Whatever your age, sex, education, physical or mental functioning, you are called to be a useful member of Christ's Body. There are no vestigial organs in that Body.

I once knew a woman, a Parisienne, who lived to be almost 90 years old. Her dilapidated shack south of Paris was not the abode of a typical VIP. But I never once heard her com-

plain. Since she was almost blind, she couldn't even see that her beloved cats were stealing her food.

Destitute or not, she lives in my memory for her exemplary, uncomplaining attitude. Her last name meant "the rock," and I always thought it was so fitting. She was one of the living stones of 1 Peter 2:5.

There are no small jobs, no unimportant organs in the Body of Christ. Even if we feel we only have a small role to play, it's what we do with those small jobs that counts.

Want a prestigious job? You'll have a stricter judgment (James 3:1). Perhaps being a tonsil isn't so bad after all.

For 20 years I was part of the preaching ministry. For 11 years I served prominently in front of the congregation as the mouthpiece for a group of 250 or more people.

Afterward, I served as an associate pastor for 700, but was still a mouthpiece. Then I was told I would have to be sidelined because of a disability.

In 10 short seconds I went from

being a mouthpiece to a tonsil. It's not always easy being a tonsil. But I am inspired by the Christian sentiment in the statement, "We can do no great things; only small things with great love."

Do you feel you are a spiritual tonsil, thinking you are not useful or have outlived your usefulness? Wrong. Don't forget that the smallest tonsils are so useful.

### You've been discovered!

Even if you haven't been discovered yet, God discovered your usefulness a long time ago. If you stick with it and submit to God, he will multiply your usefulness in this life.

Never be bitter; always be thankful. At the least, you can resolve to be a one-person goodwill ambassador of God's way of life. Be cheerful. Radiate a happy spirit. Warm up people's day with a big smile.

You can have a positive effect on the whole body. God gave us tonsils to prevent the body from becoming negatively afflicted. Warm, positive, humble Christians do just that.

# President pro tem writes to AU students

The following is the text of Russell Duke's June 20 letter to new and returning Ambassador students

A warm hello from Big Sandy! I hope your summer has been profitable and you are excited about returning to campus in the fall. Administration and faculty are busy preparing for the new school year. Many students and parents have called to ask about the next school year and the future of Ambassador University. Time grows short, so I want to inform you of changes on campus.

As you have probably heard, Dr. Donald Ward has resigned as president, citing health and personal considerations. We appreciate his involvement over the years in Ambassador University, especially his work over the last seven and a half years as president, leading the university to accreditation. We continue to pray for the health of Dr. Ward and his wife, Wanda.

The board of regents plans to select our next university president before the beginning of the new school year. In the interim, I have been appointed as president pro tem to begin preparation for the coming year.

Mr. Joseph W. Tkach and the board of regents are very enthusiastic about the future of Ambassador. Ambassador has experienced many of the same growth pangs as the Worldwide Church of God. I believe we can become a stronger institution with your dedication.

Be assured that Ambassador remains steadfast in its commitment to rely on the Word of God as the foundation of knowledge. The 1994 student handbook began with these words: "Ambassador University is, first and foremost, a Christian univer-

sity." We believe the values of Jesus Christ must guide all of us, not in a legalistic, hypercritical manner, but so that God's love and Christian joy dominate our lives and relationships.

Ambassador is an institution of higher learning principally supported by the tuition of students and the sponsorship of the members of the Worldwide Church of God. We will continue to emphasize academics to ensure the best education we can provide, with majors in business administration, English, family studies, liberal studies, management information systems and psychology.

Theology classes will present knowledge about the Bible and Christian values to deepen your relationship with God and Jesus Christ, to strengthen your personal life, and to establish your relationship with others.

In the classroom doctrinal issues will be addressed in a positive, supportive manner based on the essence of spiritual truth as understood by the Worldwide Church of God. Obviously, one's personal belief system becomes formulated through education and experience, and no two people understand at the same rate nor agree on all points of all issues. We will endeavor to help students understand the present doctrinal position of the Church.

Preliminary plans are being made for chapel, a collegiate term typically used for worship services, to replace forum on Tuesday. Students will participate in song leading, dramatic readings, Christian music, and even occasional sermonettes. Attendance will be required.

The Thursday assembly time will be reserved for meetings such as student council, class gatherings and occasional special guest lectures. Often it will be free time.

We will continue to gather to worship on the weekly Sabbath (Sat-

day). Students will be assigned to the morning church service where they will be expected to attend except when they travel out of town for the weekend.

No required university activities will be scheduled on Friday night or Saturday during the day, so that students may use the day in a personally profitable way. Outdoor activities will be allowed on campus except during Saturday morning chapel service.

Residence halls will maintain quiet hours on the Sabbath for those who desire more time for rest, Bible study and worship. The university will continue to join the regular services of the Big Sandy church on the annual festivals to celebrate salvation in Jesus Christ. There will be no chapel service on those days. Students may not attend churches that we deem to be dissident to the Worldwide Church of God and remain a student of the university.

Most church-supported colleges and universities provide chapel services to teach and stress Christian values. A church pastor, typically called "chaplain" in universities, will be available for students to seek counseling if they wish. We respect the beliefs of every student, but cannot establish policy based on the desires of those who wish to impose personally held standards on others, or who judge others as non-Christian for not agreeing with them (Romans 14:3).

The food served in the dining hall will meet the same standards that have been maintained throughout the history of Ambassador University. What one eats elsewhere is not our concern, for the food one eats is not a spiritual matter (Romans 14:3, 14, 17, 20).

Intercollegiate and intramural sports, musical groups and other extracurricular programs and student activities will continue to be available to enhance your growth and provide social opportunities, yet we will seek the balance so that academics remain primary.

As a young adult, we expect you to conduct yourself in an adult manner. We will teach principles for making sound judgments, and expect you to make the most of your Ambassador opportunities without our legislating too many of your daily decisions.

This is not a trend toward "lawlessness," but rather it is to provide you with a certain amount of freedom to grow intellectually and to live Christian values. Of course, the university will not compromise on Christ's high standard of moral values.

With a new administration will come some changes, most of them minor in the overall scheme of life in the university. Surely many of you still have questions about changes in the Church and university. I encourage you to return to school in the fall to examine those questions and be a part of the exciting future of Ambassador University.

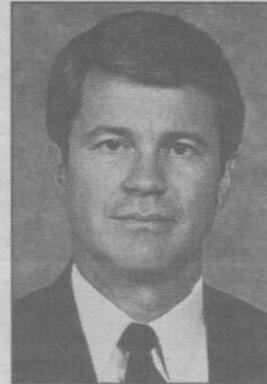
Our goal is to continue to meet the needs of our students as we prepare for the twenty-first century. Your involvement is needed. We welcome

comments from your perspective so we can better serve you, and look forward to seeing you in the fall.

Thank you for your commitment to making Ambassador the finest Christian university it can be!

In Christ's service,

Russell K. Duke,  
President Pro Tem



## How Ambassador University can offer financial aid to students

In July 1993 the Department of Education approved Ambassador University for participation in Title IV financial aid programs. By taking advantage of these programs, students should have more options in funding their education at Ambassador. The federal programs include grants and loans available to qualified U.S. citizens based upon demonstrated financial need.

### Cost of attendance

The method for determining if a student qualifies for federal funds is established by Congress. Several factors must be determined, one of which is the annual cost of attendance. For the academic year 1995-96 the cost of room, board, tuition, fees, books, personal expenses and transportation for the average student is \$8,350.

### Expected family contribution

U.S. students who wish to apply for federal financial aid need to fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). A new FAFSA needs to be filled out every award year.

The FAFSA will ask for financial information from the previous year's tax return. Information is required from both the parents' and student's tax return unless he or she is recognized as independent according to the instructions on the FAFSA. Mar-

ried students may also apply for this aid.

Information collected on the FAFSA will include income levels, other dependents in college, number of dependents at home and other asset information. All of these items are analyzed by congressional methodology that determines the expected family contribution.

FAFSA information is fed to a central processor (not associated with Ambassador) for calculation. The central processor then calculates the Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The EFC is the amount of money that Congress has determined the family should be able to contribute to the student's college expenses.

### Need

The difference between the cost of attendance (COA) and the expected family contribution (EFC) determines a student's financial need. To qualify for a Pell grant a student must have an EFC of less than 2101.

### Grants

A source of federal financial aid for needy U.S. students will be the Pell program. The amount of Pell grant varies from year to year based upon the amount that the U.S. government allocates for the Pell program. The maximum award for the current year is \$2,340, but the amount actually

awarded to a student will depend on the level of calculated need. The Pell grant is only available to those students who are working on their first bachelor's degree.

### Loans

In addition to the Pell program, some needy students may qualify for low interest student loans guaranteed by the government. A variety of loans are available to needy students, but elaborating on the technicalities of each of these is outside the scope of this article. Interested students and parents may write to Ambassador's Financial Aid Office for additional information.

### Student employment

Ambassador University has traditionally been able to provide students with a comprehensive financial aid package that covered virtually all room, board and tuition expenses through an institutional work-study program. This program will no longer be available to students.

With the fall 1995 semester, Ambassador will introduce a traditional approach to the payment of educational expenses. The traditional approach is simply that a student will be responsible for payment of charges at the beginning of each semester—in the fall, at check-in; in the spring, as they register for spring classes.

The only costs that will be deferred will be the amounts that a student is receiving in pre-approved grants, scholarships or loans, and only if notification of those awards is given before the check-in process.

Student employment will be available to eligible students (based upon demonstrated financial need), however, the earnings from such employment will be paid in cash rather than being applied to the student's account. The student will no longer be given an estimated credit for these wages in advance at check-in or registration.

In 1991 the college adopted a needs-based financial aid program. A student had to establish a financial need to be considered for financial aid. This will continue to be the case. Most international students will continue to qualify for a generous financial aid package, but should not expect to be able to work their way through college. Most international students will not work more than 17 hours per week.

### Outside scholarships

Since Ambassador is accredited, many outside scholarships are available to students. Many local businesses and institutions offer scholarships to local residents. Often the only criteria for these scholarships is that the

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# Guyana: Lessons from hardy Amerindian brethren

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tion. The other two reached Lethem at 4 a.m., Wednesday, four hours before me.

When we met at the airstrip, it was smiles all around, despite their exhaustion. We spent two days together, talking and walking in the sprawling town of Lethem. With some of the cash I brought, they bought two bicycles so they could more easily collect mail from the nearest post office, 25 miles from their village.

They also bought nails and paint for a church building they plan to build before the Feast, and they bought food for their families. With the chain saws from the Tipp City, Ohio, church, brethren in Guyana can earn money to obtain food and other necessities. What we had not thought much about was, How would we get all of this back to Awarewaunau?

Theo Griffith, whom I baptized on this trip, met someone with a jeep who was preparing to go to Awarewaunau. If they could find gas, which was in short supply in Lethem, he would give them a ride home. We found someone who could supply us with gas Friday afternoon, so it was arranged for them to travel back on Sunday.

## In police custody

After a sad farewell, I left at just after 8 a.m., Friday. And that was the end of the story, or so I thought. Soon after I arrived back in Grenada, I received a fax from Theo Griffith, excerpts of which are printed here:

"Since your departure we were led to Lethem police station by two plainclothes policemen for questioning.



**DESTINATION LETHEM**—Members walked 100 miles to the airport "terminal" at Lethem to meet Paul Krautmann.

"The police told us that we will be charged for selling a company cow during our departure (from Awarewaunau). I was sure the accusation was false. The two bicycles you bought for us, the police claim that we bought them with the money for the cow that we sold when we left Awarewaunau.

"We were told that we will be in police custody, awaiting an investigation at Aishalton police station as well as from Awarewaunau. The information was delayed, and we were told to spend the night in jail.

"My wife and our two daughters and some friends came with some food, as they were sad. We were introduced to our cell just before 6 o'clock, and we said a deliverance prayer, and slept on the floor. As Saturday morning approached, we recognized this as a Sabbath morning, and we again offered a prayer.

At about 8:50 a.m., we had a visit from the regional chairman, Eustace Rodrigues (a former member of the Church), and we were out from the cell then. He also offered us a short prayer. We were still at the police compound, in custody.

finest regards, I pray to the Good Lord for protection and guidance in Jesus' name, from Theo Griffith."

## Correcting the record

A letter from Joseph Charley was also received by Patrick Findlay, a member in Georgetown:

"We were questioned according to a letter written about us from Awarewaunau, stating how we killed a company cow belonging to Dadanawa ranch, and sold the beef and got the money to buy the two cycles which Mr. Krautmann bought for us.

"Then our statement was taken. My statement was true and correct, because I know what time I left from home, what I do on the way until I meet Lethem. My statement was true and correct because I did not, or we did not do any such evil things, such as killing a company cow.

"I know people in Awarewaunau are against us. That is why they are trying to put us into trouble, or to find a case that we will end up in jail.



**MAIL RUN**—The five plus Hilda Griffith with their new bicycles. The bicycles will be used to collect their mail from the nearest post office, which is 25 miles from their village. [Photo by Paul Krautmann]

## Personal: Look to Christ for strength

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but Christ did not (2 Corinthians 12:7-8). Why not? Because Christ wanted his power to be "made perfect in weakness" (verse 9). Because of Paul's weakness, it was evident that his power came not from himself but from Jesus Christ.

Just as the wisdom was not his own, and the message was not conveyed with special eloquence of speech (1 Corinthians 2:1), it was a demonstration that Christ was giving him strength. In all of Paul's physical weaknesses—in all his beatings and hunger and cold—it was evident that Jesus Christ was living in him.

"Christ lives in me," he said in Galatians 2:20. "The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." That was the motive and the strength. Since Jesus had given himself for Paul, Paul was willing to give his all for Jesus.

The point I want to make is this: When we are weak, we are forced to rely on God. Right now, I am physically weak, and the Church's finances are weak. But we are confident in Christ. We do not have a guarantee that these physical things will necessarily get better, although we have reason to believe that they will, but we have a guarantee that Christ will complete his work in us. He will not forsake us or leave us.

There is much work to do—sowing the seed of the gospel, watering the

seeds and harvesting the results. There is much work to do, but it is always God who grants the growth. Because of his generosity, the fields are white for harvest. There is work to do. We look to Christ to strengthen us to do his will.

Although our numbers are down, our reliance on Christ is up! We need to pray, brethren, and have faith in God. He who did not spare his own Son—for our benefit—can be counted on to give us the help we need to go forward.

Thank you for your support, my friends. Thank you for the cards and letters, the tithes and offerings, the donations of time and prayer. I appreciate them all, and am slowly regaining my strength.

As we reported in the July 4 issue, Donald Ward has resigned as president of Ambassador University, and Russell K. Duke has been appointed by the University's Board of Regents as president pro tem.

We want to thank Dr. Ward for his many years of hard work for the university. He helped consolidate the campuses and achieve the accreditation that gives our graduates many benefits. We know he will work hard no matter what he chooses to do, and we pray for God to guide and bless him in his work.

We also pray for Dr. Duke in his new leadership role at Ambassador. We have high hopes for the university, and it remains one of the major priorities of the Church. Please pray for Christ's leadership and guidance in everything that is done.

"The police told us that the investigation was still on until about 2 p.m. I prayed in silence during this time, and suddenly Joseph Charley found a torn page of Psalm 3 to 6.

"As I was reading these passages, a policeman told us we are free. This news was not a surprise to me, for I knew since we left home we were innocent, and have avoided any trouble.

"At this moment, Monday, 12th June, we are waiting for our transportation. I pray it will be soon. My

"We were in prison for 32 hours: we were arrested at 8 a.m. Friday morning and released at 4:17 p.m. Saturday afternoon. I thank our Heavenly Father for helping us."

We hope that by now they are all safely back in Awarewaunau. So next time you find yourself making excuses for not going to Sabbath services, or not getting there on time, remember the example of these hardy and dedicated Amerindian brethren, and be thankful!

## Pastor general grateful for prayers

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dad's condition. I appreciate the love and concern that prompts such a suggestion.

I am always deeply grateful for the fasting and prayers of God's people, but my dad and I have felt that it would be a selfish request to make of the whole Church, because there are so many others for whom the Church is not asked to fast. As you can understand, if we all were to fast every time one of our members were to become seriously ill or have surgery, then we would all

weigh a lot less than we do.

I know that our members are praying earnestly for my dad, and many are fasting as well. Some congregations, as well as small groups of members, have held special prayer meetings to pray specifically for my dad.

As I say, these prayers are deeply appreciated and I cannot adequately express my gratefulness for them. I feel this is the best way for us to respond as a Church to my dad's illness, because, I believe, it is more personal and heartfelt than a headquarters mandated day of prayer.

# Announcements

BIRTHS, ENGAGEMENTS, WEDDINGS, ANNIVERSARIES AND OBITUARIES

ulaitis) of Montreal, Quebec, girl, Sabrina Anna, May 31, first child.

**LENGWIN**, Mark and Jennifer (Fenchel) of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, boy, Lukas Theodore, June 8, first child.

**MARSHALL**, Glenn and Jo-Anne (Marshall) of Perth, Australia, girl, Melissa Ruth Sandra, March 10, first child.

**MOY**, James and Faybein (Brown) of Honolulu, Hawaii, girl, Jade Adia, April 2, now 2 girls.

**NOYCE**, Thomas and Kim (Code) of Caboolture, Australia, boy, Matthew James Lee, April 4, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**PERLITZ**, Robert and Lynne (Reeves) of Union, New Jersey, boy, Peter James, March 28, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

**POWELL**, Rexford and Valerie (Myers) of Detroit, Michigan, boy, Kelsey Scott, June 14, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**POWERS**, Lisa of Redding, California, boy, Cody Michael, Dec. 9, first child.

**STÉPHENS**, Robert and Janice (Goodman) of Salmon Arm, British Columbia, boy, Joseph Caleb, April 22, now 4 boys.

**VINE**, Robert and Kathryn (Swisher) of Big Sandy, boy, Tyler Jacob, May 27, first child.

## Engagements

Ed and Patti Corbitt of Knoxville, Tennessee, and Larry and Terri Cortel-you of LaHarpe, Illinois, are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Elizabeth Marie and Shawn Michael. An Aug. 6 wedding is planned in Knoxville.

David and Pam Williams of Birmingham, England, are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Mandy to Richard Cronin, son of Paul and Barbara Cronin of Columbus, Ohio. A 1996 wedding is planned.

William and Gayle Baylor of Mason City, Iowa, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Martha to Brian Gilley, son of Harvey and Patty Gilley of Kansas City, Kansas. The wedding will be in Mason City Aug. 20.

Wayne Bye of Oakville, Ontario, and Tina Bye of Burlington, Ontario, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Heather Elizabeth to Dider John Richoux, son of John and Hilda Richoux of Vancouver, British Columbia. A Sept. 30 wedding is planned in Maple Ridge, British Columbia.

## Births

**CRAIG**, Mikel and Maria (Cox) of Waxahachie, Texas, boy, Ethan Alexander, June 21, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

**DESJARDINS**, Jim and Liz (Mello) of Portland, Oregon, boy, Kevin Edward, Jan. 23, first child, adopted.

**DIFRANCIA**, Jerry and Debra (Behm) of Medford, New York, girl, Kaitlin Elisabeth, Feb. 7, now 2 girls.

**EFTHYVOULOS**, Nick and Liz (Horton) of Perth, Australia, boy, Jonathan Spero, June 3, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

**FORESTER**, Paul and Sherri (Tomes) of Bowling Green, Kentucky, boy, Calvin Franklin, May 22, first child.

**GILLEN**, Kenneth and Cynthia (Kale) of Lenoir, North Carolina, boy, Jonathan Hunter, April 30, first child.

**GOLDEN**, Jason and Mitzi (Parker) of Reno, Nevada, boy, Jerrett Andrew, June 11, first child.

**KORODY**, Jeff and Susan (Faw) of St. Catharines, Ontario, boy, Benjamin Andrew, June 20, first child.

**JASZBERENYI**, Joe and Dovile (Mat-

Chelsea Lynn Vivian Kirk, daughter of Judd and Terri Kirk of San Dimas, California, and Charles Henry Dixon, son of Debbie Dixon of Thousand Oaks, California, were united in marriage Feb. 20. Meredith Kirk, sister of the bride, and Kristy Arner were maids of honor, and Kyle Dixon, brother of the groom, and Garrett Lewellen were best men. The couple live in Big Sandy and attend Ambassador University.



**ANTHONY & JOSEPHINE VACANTI**

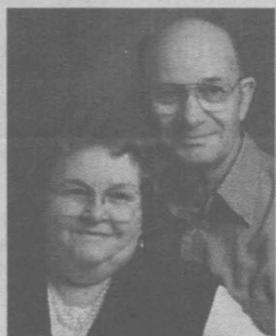
Josephine Adama Thornton of Danville, Virginia, and Anthony Vacanti of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, were united in marriage June 1. The ceremony was performed by Jim Haeffele, pastor of the Greensboro, North Carolina, church. The couple plan to live in Danville.

## Anniversaries



**DON & MAY HALL**

Don and May Hall of Pasadena celebrated their 40th anniversary June 12. They have two daughters, Tammy Tkach and Teresa Elkholy; two sons-in-law, Joe and Sam; and four grandchildren, Joey and Stephanie Tkach and Alex and Dean Elkholy. Don is a local elder in the Pasadena P.M. church.



**ORVIL & LORETTA ISON**

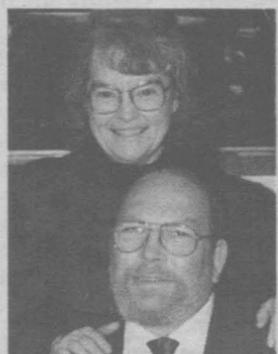
Orvil and Loretta Ison of Erlanger, Kentucky, celebrated their 45th anniversary May 5. They have six children, David, Lottie, John, James, Harold and Richard; and 13 grandchildren.



**BEN & ANN BEAUCHEMIN**

Ben and Ann Beauchemin of Phelps, New York, celebrated their 40th anniversary July 2. They have five children and nine grandchildren.

Les and Mary Bullock of Nanaimo, British Columbia, celebrated their 35th anniversary July 2. They have five children and four children-in-law, John and Camille, Kathryn and John, Michael and Maria, Lisa and David, and Susan; and five grandchildren, John, Michael Alan, Tatiana, Michael David and Mercedes.



**ARTHUR & IOLA MYERS**

Arthur and Iola Myers of Mason City, Iowa, celebrated their 35th anniversary June 19. They have four children, David, Verle, Tina and Crystal; two daughters-in-law, Diane and Carol; one son-in-law, Gary; and nine grandchildren, Tony, Joe, Brandie, Candie, Shane, Seth, Amber, Tanya and Nick.



**VERNON & DIXIE SCHEMM**

Vernon and Dixie Schemm of Sharon Springs, Kansas, celebrated their 35th anniversary July 7. They have two sons, Steve and David; two daughters, Diane and Mary; two daughters-in-law, Michelle and Lisa; two sons-in-law, Mike Kuykendall and Paul Meyer; and four grandchildren, Amanda, Lauren, Matt and Sarah.

## Anniversaries Made of Gold



**ERNEST & ERNA STROBEL**

Ernest and Erna Strobel of Clifton, New Jersey, celebrated their 60th anniversary July 6.

## Obituaries

**YODER**, Carrie Deviny, 91, of Charlotte, North Carolina, died June 19.

### Birth Announcement

We'd like to let readers know about your new baby as soon as it arrives. Just fill out this coupon and send it to the address given as soon as possible after the baby is born. Baby announcements should be no more than six months old.



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She is survived by her son, Grier Yoder; four daughters, Betty Hull, Ruth Blackwell, Dorothy Wiggins and Inez Keever; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



**MINNIE SHIFLETT**

**SHIFLETT**, Minnie, 87, of Roanoke, Alabama, died May 15. She is survived by a daughter.



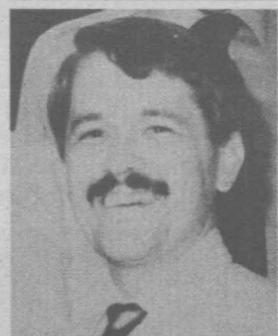
**DELMA STANFORD**

**STANFORD**, Delma, 65, of Tyler, Texas, died June 4 of cancer. She is survived by her husband, M.W. "Dub"; three daughters, Charlotte

Hammonds, Rilla Bowles and Cynthia Plunkett; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and two sisters.

**JOHNSON**, Gunnar Aliktus, 88, of Wetaskiwin, Alberta, died May 26. He is survived by his wife, Mable; a daughter, Arlene Prill; a son, Dalvin; a son-in-law, Norman Prill; a daughter-in-law, Marsha; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and three sisters. He was preceded in death by four brothers and five sisters.

**BELT**, Donna, 67, of Columbus, Ohio, died unexpectedly June 12. She is survived by a son, Roger. She was a deaconess in the Columbus, Ohio, church.



**JOHN JACQUES**

**JACQUES**, John, 41, of Brevard, North Carolina, died March 12 in an automobile accident. He is survived by two daughters, Sarah and Rebekah; two sons, Michael and Reuben; his parents; and five brothers, Robert, Raymond, Donald, Danny and Robin.

## Children's choir director announced

The children's choir director for the Niagara Falls Feast site is Lorna Decarufel, 532 Sherring St., Cambridge, Ontario, Canada, N3H 2W8, telephone 1-519-650-4107.

## YOU helps in anniversary

**IKEJA**, Nigeria—To commemorate the first anniversary of meeting in the new church hall here, the Lagos **YOU**

served members during its Weekend for Serving the Congregation, March 25. **YOU** members led the song service and gave speeches about the importance of not quitting, and using the days of youth in gainful ways.



Photo by Omotayo Omotosho

## Financial aid offers students value

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student attend a regionally accredited institution. We recommend that students investigate and exhaust these possibilities during their senior year in high school.

### International students

Although international students do not qualify for any of the federal programs, Ambassador remains committed to providing an affordable education for international students. We encourage international students to begin a college fund as soon as possible to help defray the costs of their educational expenses.

### Value

An Ambassador University education remains a tremendous value in light of the constantly rising costs of a college education. Most private

institutions are not able to provide the quality of instruction, residential life and extracurricular programs and recreational facilities that Ambassador is able to offer for the same low cost.

Although it is exciting to provide the various financial aid vehicles to help defray the cost of attending college, it is highly recommended that parents and prospective students begin to save for these expenses early and to the greatest extent possible.

In an age when some pay as much as \$30,000 a year for college expenses, Ambassador University continues to be an outstanding educational value.

For further information regarding the cost of an Ambassador education and strategies to respond to those costs, please write the Office of Student Financial Aid, Box 111, Big Sandy, Texas, 75755.

# Update

NEWS OF PEOPLE, PLACES AND EVENTS

## Minister's wife recovering in South Africa

IXOPO, South Africa—*The Worldwide News* received this report from **Art Holladay**, associate pastor of the Pietermaritzburg, South Africa, and Phoenix, Mauritius, congregations, July 7

(see July 4 W/N).

My wife, **Wendy**, is now home from the hospital and getting stronger day by day. Like others who have experienced major surgery, her pain comes and goes, but becomes less as the days go by. She had her stitches out today and the doctor is pleased with her progress.

The nurses at the doctor's office commented that they were amazed that she survived such a wound after they read her medical reports. Surely God's hand has been evident from the start of this incident.

There is a great sense of relief now that Wendy is well on her way to full recovery. Thank you again for demonstrating powerfully by your love that God's Spirit is alive and well in his Church.

We have been deeply touched by the response. At least I know that I am not the only one who thinks highly of Wendy. We are still hoping that there can be some resolution to this issue for the farmers in the area, one of which is a member and deacon in the Pietermaritzburg church.

The emotional anguish is certainly going to leave the greatest scars on those who were involved in this incident. We are praying that the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus. Once again thank you.

I consider it an honor to be counted among you all as a fellow laborer with Christ. This whole event, though not something I would ever want to repeat, has reaffirmed God's love and purpose in our lives like nothing else.

## Festival offers crowning knights, jousting, swordplay

FORT WORTH, Texas—Singles attending the Feast of Tabernacles here have the opportunity to experience the charm and gallantry of medieval life, Oct. 10, at Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament in Dallas, Texas.

Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m., and includes a meal of brochette appetizer, soup, a whole-roasted chicken (a vegetarian or fruit plate can

be substituted), herb-basted potatoes, drinks and pastries.

Entertainment starts at 7:30 p.m. Guests will be ushered into the arena for a parade of pageantry and falconry, followed by games of skill and jousting. Spectators cheer for the knights of their color. The winning knight selects his princess from the spectators. The evening concludes with dancing.

Other attractions include the crowning of knights, photographs taken in medieval garb, the hall of arms, a gift shop, sword display and a glass-enclosed stable to view the horses.

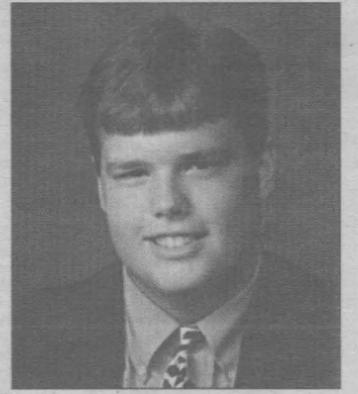
Cost for the evening is \$26 per person and must be paid ahead of time.

If you would like to attend this gala event, please send a check or money order to **Chris Beam**, 4014 Broken Elm Dr., Spring, Texas, 77388, by Sept. 1. For more information call Chris Beam at 1-713-353-6712.

## Award honors something extra

INDIANAPOLIS, Indiana—

**Tim Hancock**, a graduating senior at Perry Meridian High School and a member of the National Honor Society, received the school's



Tim Hancock

most prestigious "Something Extra" award in May.

This award is given to the senior who has made the most outstanding contribution to the school in the areas of academics, character and service.

Tim attends the Indianapolis, Indiana, South church. He plans to attend Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in the fall to study electrical engineering.

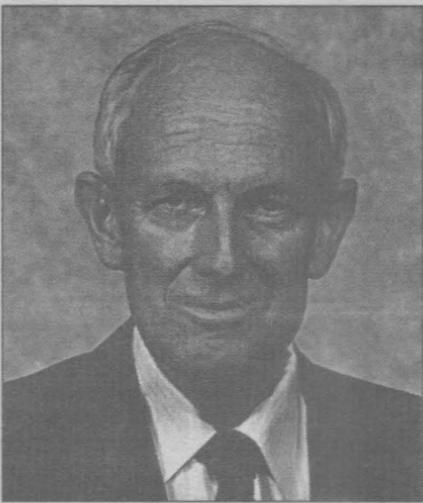
## Regents appreciate opportunity to serve on Ambassador University board

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zine pictured the campus and he applied.

He received his B.A. (1951), M.A. (1952), Th.D. (1962) and Ph.D. (1963) from Ambassador.

He serves as executive editor in Editorial Services in Pasadena.



Herman Hoeh

Dr. Hoeh was named to Ambassador's board of regents when the institution reopened for the autumn semester in 1978. He is devoted to the original ideal of Ambassador—that the Bible is the foundation for an ever-expanding body of learning.

The Hoehs are members of several educational societies and foundations. Dr. Hoeh also encourages care for natural wonders such as the Grand Canyon and is a member of two of its supporting societies.

### Helen Jackson

"When Mr. Tkach asked me to serve on the board of regents, I said I'd be delighted," said Helen Jackson.

"With Harold having worked very closely with the college and with the Humanities building named after him, I thought it would be a great opportunity to carry on in some

fashion, by contributing in this way."

Originally from Alabama, where she received her elementary and secondary education, Mrs. Jackson started attending the Church in Chicago, Illinois, in 1958.

She was baptized in 1959 and was later ordained a deaconess. She served for many years in the Chicago Southside congregation and organized activities for youths.

She married evangelist Harold L. Jackson in 1978 and moved to West Africa, where she served with him for two years before returning to the United States.

She received a degree in business education from Chicago State University in 1971 and a master's degree in education in 1976. She



Helen Jackson

taught in Chicago public schools and taught business classes at a junior college.

After Mr. Jackson died in 1991, Mrs. Jackson returned to the field of education to work as a special education teacher in Los Angeles. Her specialty is tutoring learning disabled students.

"In September I will become a resource specialist with a program to pull kids out of the regular classroom and tutor them in areas they are

behind in, mainly math and reading," she said. "I am also a consultant to teachers, helping them to work with slow learners."

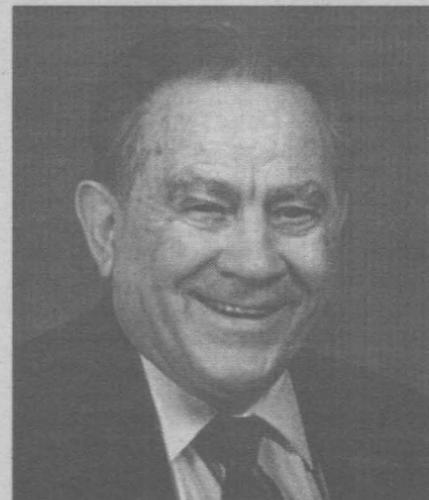
Mrs. Jackson enjoys reading, especially self-improvement books, and is the mother of Don P. Gibson of Chicago; Raun and Perez Gibson of Pasadena; and Sabrina Bookman of Atlanta, Georgia. She has two grandchildren, Monique and Wayne Bookman from Arizona.

### John Payne

Born in Dallas, Texas, John Payne's education focused on cosmetology, insurance and management. He is a veteran of the U.S. Navy and served four years in World War II, two years in the Korean War and two years in the Navy Reserve.

After being honorably discharged in 1952, Mr. Payne moved to California, where he waited tables and attended cosmetology school. He spent 18 years in the hairdressing industry and won many hairstyling awards.

He served on the board of directors and as president of the San Gabriel Valley Hairdressers Association. He has simultaneously owned five beauty salons, a beauty supply house and a cosmetology school, where he taught



John Payne

advanced hairstyling.

After having as many as 55 employees in the greater Los Angeles area, Mr. Payne sold his business because of the Sabbath and went into life insurance. He eventually opened his own life insurance agency with eight salesmen and a secretary. He retired in 1990.

In 1967 he heard the *World Tomorrow* program and wrote for *The Plain Truth*. He and his family began attending the Los Angeles church, and later the San Marino, Imperial and Auditorium churches. He was ordained a deacon in 1980.

He and his wife, Hebe, have been married 53 years and have four children, Judy, Janice, Vicki and Jon. They have 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

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