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CALENDAR 2018

- June 10-17** - Dover Family Camp, Dover, OK
- June 30** - R.E.A.L. Girls Conference, New Hope United, San Antonio, TX
- July 2-8** - Youth Camp, Tonto Creek Camp, Payson, AZ
- July 16-22** - Youth Camp, Capital Mountain Christian Camp, Weimar, CA
- July 16-22** - Seekers Camp, Capital Mountain Christian Camp, Weimar, CA
- July 22-29** - Youth Camp, Sis-Q Meadows Camp, Cave Junction, OR
- July 29 - August 5** - Seekers Camp, Sis-Q Meadows Camp, Cave Junction, OR

Artios Calendar Events

- July 8** - Registration ends for summer term courses
- July 9 - September 16** - Registration for early fall term courses
- July 15 - August 19** - Summer term
- September 23 - October 28** - Early fall term

For a complete listing of events, please visit churchright.org.

The Best Part of Being President

July 1, 2018, marks the end of my third year as president of the General Conference of the Church of God (Seventh Day). May I share with you the best part of my position? Without a doubt, it is the people I work with and the people of our church I meet. I could fill this entire *Churchright* with honest praise and appreciation for the folks who serve with me as General Conference staff members. In this brief article, however, I want to tell you about some of the others.

I am blessed to have been born into the Church of God (Seventh Day); both my father and my stepfather were pastors. As a child of our church, I have held membership in the General Conference since 1960 and, with few exceptions, have attended most every biennial convention since my birth in 1952 (we called them *campmeetings* back then). Over the years, I have developed many treasured friendships and acquaintances among other members of our church family who also have regularly attended these conventions.

But here's the thing. Most members do not attend our conventions — ever! We're happy if attendance reaches two thousand, but far more than ten thousand people in our church family rarely, if ever, attend. These are the wonderful people I now have the great pleasure of meeting.

Often traveling throughout the United States and Canada as G. C. president, I'm learning what a large, wonderful, and diverse church we are. We enjoy a delightful variety of cultures, countries of origin, races, languages, and accents. And styles of worship? Oh, my! Among us are brothers and sisters with diverse gifts and skills, diverse degrees of formal education, and diverse professions. Though previously unknown to me, they are well known in their local and regional communities for their personal ministries, contributions, and achievements. I am meeting these incredible brothers and sisters, and I'm gaining a greater appreciation for our church. It's "a best part" of being president!

You may not meet these people until Jesus returns, but I hope you will be blessed and encouraged by knowing that they, too, are a part of our wonderful church.

— Loren Stacy



District News

Western Canada



100 and Counting

It was a beautiful experience to be one of nearly 150 who came out from the district on April 14 to celebrate the centennial of our sister church, Acme. Together we praised God in songs for His numerous blessings on this congregation that has stood the test of time for over a century.

Guest speaker Loren Stacy, General Conference president, reminded us to leave footprints worthy to be followed. His second message after lunch encouraged us to be that vibrant 21st century church as we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

The parliamentary representative for the region, Nathan Cooper, was on hand to unveil the commemorative plaque. District historian and local rep from Acme, Robert Grabinsky (right), looked at the congregation's challenges and progress as a stable contributor to the community.



The district superintendent rededicated the building. On behalf of the Conference, Elder Stacy presented the congregation with a plaque, received by Martha Keim, recognizing the achievement of this incredible milestone.

— Orville Rose

Central

Board and ministry leaders. The Central District board held its annual meeting in Denver in February. Expanding its district ministries, under the coordination of Sandra Lawson,



and a balanced budget were the meeting highlights. On April 7, ministry teams (above) gathered for a planning session, after the annual area Super Sabbath in Cristine, ND. They discussed district ministries active in Area 1.



Success in St. Paul. On a recent trip to this Minnesota congregation, Superintendent Ken Lawson found it alive and growing!



Making a joyful noise. The St. Paul praise team uses their gifts in worship. "They're training them young!" says Superintendent Lawson.

Mission in Milwaukee. A new mission in Milwaukee, WI, started April 21, with some of the sixteen locals in attendance. The leadership team



(pictured) will take this new church into the future. Forty-four attended the special event, including the planning and support team from Waukegan, Elgin, and Calumet.

Northeast



Out of the Kitchen

Fifty five ladies and ten staff members gathered April 6-8 in Boston-Natick, Massachusetts, for their retreat. The theme was “Get Out of the Kitchen,” based on Luke 10:41, 42.

Some of the most inspiring parts of the retreat were the prayer times and prayer groups. We shared and cried on one another’s shoulders, but also testified of God’s goodness in our lives.

Sabbath day was filled with a short history of the Bethel Church of God (Seventh Day) and how it began with Sister Gouldbourne many years ago. She may have been a great cook, but she did “get out of the kitchen” and gained souls for Christ. Sister Jeddie then shared another message on the turnaround by Mary and Martha during the illness and death of their brother, Lazarus, and also how loved we are by the Lord.

We enjoyed praise and worship, messages, and a testimony later on Sabbath. In the evening service, Hispanic sisters sang in English, and English-speaking sisters sang in Spanish. After listening to each group, it was evident that the *barrier was gone!*

Many thanks to all who helped in organizing and participating in this event. I pray that the next NED Retreat will double in size and that we will get to know one another more as we worship and fellowship in one accord.

— *Esther Winchell, Director*

View a short video of this retreat:

<https://youtu.be/XCL5jKBDb-I>.

Leadership Sunday

On April 1, fifty-plus Spanish-speaking leaders from Area IV gathered for what one attendee described as “a fun and memorable training session, completed by our district superintendent and area representative [Brothers Heber Vega and Jacob Argueta].”

Five congregations were represented from Alexandria, Richmond, and Winchester, Virginia; and from Frederick and Lanham, Maryland.

Many things were accomplished, including learning more about the strategies and organizational struc-



ture of the district and General Conference, understanding Transforming Vision into Reality (TVR) and bylaws.

The hosting team of several members from Lanham, chaired by Jacob Argueta, did an outstanding job planning and hosting the event with careful attention to detail.

Southwest



Area 5 Super Sabbath and Leadership Meeting

On March 3, more than 400 gathered in San Antonio to celebrate the lordship of Jesus. The worship team led members to focus on our 2018 TVR vision: Jesus is Lord. General President Loren Stacy challenged members to become slaves of Christ and put Him as our only authority. Specials were given by local congregations, followed by a SWD Media Ministries presentation. Executive Director Jody McCoy ended the worship and fellowship time by encouraging us to transform our lives.

The next day, 50 leaders united to understand the vision of TVR Phase 2. The meeting addressed areas that leaders and pastors need to work on, one of them being church growth. Loren Stacy, Jody McCoy, and Superintendent Chip Hinds encouraged, motivated, and provided tools for our leaders to continue their ministry. — *Jamin Teran*

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Baptism blessings. Pastors and leaders gathered in several SWD areas to welcome more people into God's kingdom.



Student ministries. The Everyday, a two-day conference for students in Conroe, TX, took place March 31 - April 1. They learned why it is important to have Jesus in their lives every day.



STRONG in Fort Smith

Fort Smith SWD hosted its STRONG Conference on April 7 to highlight the importance of being Christ centered and the need to be strong in faith. Young adults from Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas engaged in worship and fellowship.

The Austin worship team led the congregation. During the morning service, Pastor Erik Dunn (New Life Church in Houston) spoke about what it means to be Christ centered and taught us that we can be transformed by truth, trouble, temptation, and time.

After lunch, the different CoG7 ministries introduced themselves. SWD Media Ministry invited the young adults to join their team. SHINE had a pre-

sentation about past and future mission trips and a special project in Peru. Our local ministry, H.O.P.E (Homes, Opportunities, Projects, and Education) explained their Homes for Life program. Pastor Jason Overman couldn't attend the conference but traveled to Fort Smith on Friday afternoon to set up a booth for the *Bible Advocate*.

Brother Shawn Hall (Fort Smith) spoke about being strong in the faith. Divided into small groups, the young adults discussed sharing their faith. Afterward, a panel consisting of Pastor Erik, Pastor Don, and Pastor Martin, participated in a Q & A session. — Jamin Teran



Sabbath celebration. On April 7, Area 6 held its Super Sabbath. The theme "Rise and Shine" encouraged brethren to shine with their testimony and proclaim the Lord always.



UNITED in Houston. On April 14, 112 youth and young adults gathered for their first reunion in the CoG7 Floral church. The theme, "UNITED," motivated youth, their leaders, and young adults to be united regardless of their cultural differences, language, opinions, and/or church location.

John 17:21 was the key verse of the event.

Pastor Needed

The Marion, Oregon church seeks a documented CoG7 minister with a firm, loving focus on youth to work alongside Pastor Loren Gjesdal. Bilingual skills helpful, but not necessary. Part time; with benefits, including housing. Mail résumé, including experience with youth, to Church Pastor, 7478 Stayton Road SE, Turner, OR 97392.

Pioneer Missionary Training

We are looking for young adults, pastors, and others who would like to go deeper in their work for the Lord. If that includes you, then PMT1 (Level 1) is just the initiative you need. Email pastormonico@gmail.com and ask for an application or more information. Trips take place over ten days during the winter break of December, and the training happens in Mexico.



Those who have participated in PMT1 (in Mexico) are eligible for PMT2. This second level offers three-month tours to work alongside brethren in churches and missions in other countries. Participants can hone their skills in evangelizing, church planting, and other missionary-related work and perhaps prepare them for full-time missionary work. Potential mission field sites being considered at this time are Bolivia, Peru, Chile, and Cuba. If you believe God is calling you to more, then send an email to pastormonico@gmail.com.

Children's Curriculum

Intermediate. In *The Sermon on the Mount*, students will learn that Jesus gave an overview and summary about what life as a follower of Christ should be. It is directed by internal motivation, rather than by outward works for show, and influenced by the Holy Spirit, rather than by the letter of the law.



Primary. *The Parables of Jesus* will show students that parables were not just interesting stories. Each one contained vital gems of truth for people back then and for us as well. Through them, we come to understand God's great love toward sinners, His mercy and forgiveness, our desperate need for Him, and His invitation to the greatest wedding celebration of all time.



Preschool. Lessons in *Jesus' Parables: Special Stories with Special Messages* introduce students to some of Jesus' important parables. In these familiar stories, they will come to understand the meanings within them. Students will also learn that they must not only understand these truths Jesus taught but also live according to them.



ASLEEP IN JESUS

Aaron Fauth (1921–2017)

Aaron Wilbert Fauth passed away on December 31, 2017, at age 96. He was born to John and Pauline Fauth on May 5, 1921, in the Baylor community north of Glasgow, Montana.



In 1950, Aaron married Gladys Tilley Moore, a widow with two young children (Delores and Amous), and did custom farming for many years. He also pastored the congregation in Toppenish for several years.

Aaron and Gladys had five sons (Timothy, Nathan, Mark, Ornan, and Terry) and were married 61 years at the time of Gladys' death at age 92. He is survived by two brothers, a son, daughter-in-law, two step-children, 13 grandchildren, and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Timothy Fauth (1951–2017)

Timothy Lyn Fauth, born October 29, 1951, in Toppenish, Washington, to Aaron and Gladys Fauth, passed into his ultimate rest on Sabbath evening, November 11, 2017. He was 66.



Tim was active in the CoG7 on the local and district levels. He served as pastor of the Toppenish church for approximately 17 years, following Brother Roy Henderson's departure. Tim facilitated the move from the original Toppenish church on Washington Avenue to its present location, while serving as part-time pastor and working as a realtor. He was instrumental in starting the SWORD Camp at Sis-Q Meadows.

Tim is preceded in death by his mother, Gladys (Tilley-Moore) Fauth, and brothers Mark, Ornan, and Paul Terry. He is survived by his wife, Lintena (Presler), three siblings, four children, two grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

For more on the lives of Aaron and Tim, visit our Memorials page at churchright.org.

SPRINGVALE

CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



Fall enrollment is open! Visit www.springvale.com.



Around the world, CoG7 missionaries are making an eternal impact, bringing people to Christ. Opportunities await us to proclaim the good news.

We ask that every congregation consider supporting one Cristo Viene missionary this year and commit monthly to pray and financially support their leader's mission. Regular reports will be provided to those who request them.

To sponsor a missionary, visit cog7.org/giving, or earmark your local offering "Cristo Viene." Contact G. C. Missions at 303-452-7973 or gcmisions@cog7.org to learn more.

July is Missions Emphasis.



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