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CALENDAR

- October 19-21** - Octoberfest, Jasper, AR
- October 27** - Super Sabbath, Dover, OK
- October 27** - SWD Women's Conference, San Antonio, TX
- November 3-4** - Houston Super Sabbath and Leadership Conference
- December 28-31** - SWD Student Ministries Winter Retreat

Artios Events

- September 23 - October 28** - Early fall classes in session
- October 29** - Late fall course registration ends
- November 4 - December 16** - Late fall classes in session

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



Overflowing With Thankfulness

Two men walking across a pasture were suddenly chased by a large, angry bull. "Say a prayer!" cried one of them as they ran for their lives.

"I don't know any prayers," huffed his friend. "Do you?"

"Just the one we used to say before meals," replied the first.

"That bull's going to kill us," screamed his friend. "Pray any prayer you know!"

"OK," said the first. "Lord, for what we are about to receive, make us truly grateful."

Gratitude is more important than we may think. We often consider it as being good manners, but true thankfulness is much more. It is an indicator of spiritual growth. Colossians 2:6, 7 reads, "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness" (NIV). Consider the progression. It starts with receiving Christ Jesus as Lord. "No man can be said to be truly converted to Christ," wrote Billy Graham, "who has not bent his will to Christ. He may give intellectual assent to the claims of Christ and may have had emotional religious experiences; however, he is not truly converted until he has surrendered his will to Christ as Lord, Savior and Master."

The progression in Colossians 2 advances as we continue to live our lives in Christ. Life in Christ is like a healthy, growing tree. First, we become "rooted" in Him. Healthy trees sink many roots deep and wide into the ground. The deeper and more widespread our roots in Christ, in His Word, and among His people, the stronger our spiritual lives will be.

Second, we will be built up in Christ and strengthened in the faith. Just as a healthy, growing tree draws nourishment from the ground through its roots, so we who are rooted in Christ draw spiritual health from Him. Finally, the fruit of this progression is thankfulness. If we are rooted and growing in Christ, we will overflow with thanks for His work in our lives.

Thankfulness is much more than celebrating an annual Thanksgiving Day. It is a measure of spiritual health. Let's give attention to it all year long.

— Loren Stacy



District News

Eastern Canada

Celebrating 100 Years

Sister Lucea Lewis, a member of Access Community Church in Hamilton, Ontario, celebrated her 100th birthday August 5. Special messages were sent from the Prime Minister of Canada, the Governor General, the House of Commons, the Premier of Ontario, and mayor of her city.



The church is elated that Sister Lewis is one of us. Her testimony could not be better. She seldom misses coming to church, and she participates in Sabbath school and discussions. She has an excellent memory and can still hold a constructive conversation.

Sister Lewis was born in Portland Parish, Jamaica. She lived in Kingston and moved to Canada to join her daughter, Juanita, in Hamilton. She is loved greatly by young and old.



Be Bold. In July, the Eastern Canada District Youth Ministry, led by brother Jaime Ward and his team, met at the Gracefield Christian Camp and Retreat Center in Quebec for their first retreat. Focusing on the theme "Be Bold," G. C. President Loren Stacy and his wife took part in the sessions. The scenery was breathtaking, with an outdoor chapel beside the lake. All the district churches gave good support to this event.

Southwest



Vacation Bible School. During the summer, several churches had a good number of attendees at their annual VBS. Bible teachers developed creative themes that emphasized faith, biblical values, and strong fellowship bonds. The activity-filled week ended with thanksgiving services on the Sabbath.



Face the Son camp. The SWD Student Ministries gathered in San Antonio, TX, July 19-22, where teenagers worshiped and were confronted to face Jesus with their actions and lives. One hundred students, plus sponsors, helped the San Antonio and New Braunfels, TX food banks.



Super Sabbath and Leadership Conference. "Jesus is Our Lord" was the message echoed August 18-19 in Fort Smith, AR. Brethren heard various messages by G. C. President Loren Stacy and Executive Director Jody McCoy, aimed at TVR. On Sunday, different speakers, including Superintendent Chip Hinds, presented their ministries and showed how we can become one church to share the gospel with others.

ASLEEP IN JESUS

William Calvin Ijames (1934-2018)

William Calvin Ijames (84) passed away July 16 at his Mocksville, North Carolina residence. He was born May 16, 1934, to William Ivan and Marjorie (Turner) Ijames.

Calvin married Vertie Mae (Coulter) in 1955, and they had three children: Jeff (Isabel), deceased 1983; Steve (Rachel); and Marjolene (Whaid).

Calvin served as a lay leader for many years. He was raised in and served the Church of God (as a preacher's kid) and was a Church leader for more than three decades. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, two children and their spouses, six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.



Roland "Kenneth" McCoy (1932-2018)

Ken McCoy (86), born May 18, 1932, passed away August 4, 2018. Ken grew up in the Conroe Church of God and attended Midwest Bible College in Stanberry, Missouri, where he met his wife, Gladys Larson. They worked together at the Church's publishing house, then moved to Oregon, where Kathy and Jody were born.

Ken loved his family and church family and friends. He also enjoyed his ministry of sending cards to people and reading his Bible every night. He is survived by his wife, daughter and son; brothers Joel (Teresa) and John/Mickey; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



Joseph Shapitka (1927-2018)

Following a brief illness, Joseph Usten Shapitka (91) died peacefully on Friday, July 20, in his home with his family at his side.

Joseph was born in Gronlid, Saskatchewan, on June 25, 1927. He met his first wife in Calgary and married May 21, 1951, in Acme. While in Calgary, Joseph worked in a cabinet shop, set up Harmony Construction, and built many homes. He also assisted with building the Calgary and Acme churches.

In 1967 Joseph moved his family to Michigan so he could serve his church. He built the Spring Vale classroom building and the girls' dormitory. In 1970 Joseph moved his family to Eugene, Oregon. He was instrumental in establishing Sis-Q-Meadows camp and in building the Parkland and Harrisburg churches.

Joseph is survived by his daughter Vona (Harold) Ogren; daughter Carol (Paul) Lundgren; son Oran (Sandy); six grandchildren, one great-granddaughter, and other family.



Sheila ("Pam") Madden-Brown (1952-2018)

Sheila ("Pam") Cassandra Madden-Brown (66) was born March 4, 1952, in Kingston, Jamaica, and passed away August 11, 2018. Her father, Pastor Thomas J. Madden, was chairman of the Church of God (Seventh Day) Council of Churches in Jamaica, and her mother was active in mission work of the Church.

Pam founded and developed the Treasure Coast Church of God, served as church secretary until the time of her passing, and participated in other ministry roles. She is survived by her husband, Ralph; son Michael (Shannon); grandsons; and other loved ones.



For more complete information, visit our online Memorials page at churchright.org.

Join the Club!

A CoG7 Children's Sabbath School Forum has been created so teachers can ask questions, provide feedback, and enjoy fellowship with other teachers. If you want to become a member of this invitation-only forum, hosted at the Publications website, please email a request to jason.overman@cog7.org or dana.jensen@cog7.org.

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