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True Worship According to Jesus

Jesus' comment about the Samaritan woman's past made her uncomfortable, so she decided to change the subject. And since Samaritans and Jews disagree over the acceptable place of worship, she shifted to that topic: "Our fathers worshiped on this mountain, and you Jews say that in Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship" (John 4:20, NKJV throughout). Different versions of this question have remained at the heart of worship wars for centuries. Which is the right way to worship: traditional or contemporary, hymns or choruses, high church or free style?

Jesus took no sides in that debate but rather offered a radically different worship paradigm: "Woman, believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. You worship what you do not know; we know what we worship, for salvation is of the Jews. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth" (vv. 21-24).

The identifying mark of true worship is no longer right location but right heart attitude. God is Spirit, not material or physical. Our worship of Him must therefore be "in spirit," meaning from our inner being; not outwardly in external conformity to religious ritual, but inwardly — from the heart; passionately, with all that's within us. True worship must also be in truth, that is, consistent with God's written Word, the Bible, and centered on the living Word, Jesus, in whom the Father is ultimately revealed.

Jesus stopped by the well, not just because He was tired but because the Father actively seeks people who will worship Him in this way. He found one such person in the Samaritan woman. Religious tradition had done nothing to ease the pain of her five broken romances. So there, in the shade of Jacob's well, Jesus introduced her to the Living Water of worship in spirit and truth.

Such worship engages heart and head, emotion and thought, for spirit without truth produces fanaticism; truth without spirit produces legalism. Jesus offers something better: a revolution of the heart that sets people free. That's what happened to the Samaritan woman. That's true worship, according to Jesus.

— *Whaid Guscott Rose*

Worship in the Spirit Conference Tour

Coming Back to the Heart of Worship

June 2014 – May 2015

One-Day Event
Coming to a Location
Near You!

The *Worship in the Spirit* Conference Tour will launch on Sabbath, June 28, in Cobourg, Ontario, and will make ten stops leading into the 2015 biennial convention in Milwaukee.

Each stop was carefully chosen to bring the tour event within a 250-mile radius of 80 percent of our US/Canadian church population. Please look at the map. Is the tour coming to your local area? If not, which tour stop is closest to you? Would you consider traveling to that location to be part of this dynamic event? It's a spiritual investment, personally and corporately. Don't miss out. Get into a worship circle!

Your special invitation, a card with tour dates and locations, will soon arrive in your mailbox. Put it at a conspicuous place in your home or office as a reminder to pray for this effort and to plan your participation.

Cobourg, Ontario - June 28
Houston, Texas - August 9
New York/New Jersey - October 11
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma - November 1
Port St. Lucie, Florida - December 6
Phoenix, Arizona - December 13
Lodi, California - January 17
Los Angeles, California - March 21
Acme, Alberta - April 11
Chicago, Illinois - May 2

Jesus explained to the Samaritan woman that the Father is actively seeking those who will worship Him "in spirit and truth" (John 4:23). It's both so-

bering and exciting: God is looking for worshippers! The goal and passion of this event is to equip believers to answer the Father's search for true worshippers. See you soon in the worship circle nearest you!

— *Whaid Guscott Rose*



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Annual Leadership Meeting

More than 40 leaders of ministries, districts, Denver staff, and leaders from the UK (British) Conference attended the Annual Leadership Meeting at the Denver Airport Marriott, April 27-29, led by Whaid Rose. This yearly time of orientation and planning was described by attendees as uniquely instructional and refreshing.

Succession Update

As reported in the June-July 2013 issue of *Church-right*, and as spoken in the “State of the Church Address” at the 2013 convention in Omaha, Nebraska, Elder Whaid Rose has asked to be replaced as General Conference president. We are grateful that President Rose has agreed to serve through the 2015 convention.

In response to President Rose’s request, during the board of directors meeting on the Sunday following the Omaha convention, the board appointed a Succession Planning Committee to create a process for this transition. Those appointed to serve were Erik Dunn (chairman), Whaid Rose, Loren Stacy, and Dennis O’Banion.

During its February 2014 meeting, the board of directors unanimously voted to follow the Succession Planning Committee’s recommendation to secure the services of Dennis (Denny) Mease, DDM Consulting, to help develop the process for identifying and hiring our next General Conference President. Denny has a long resumé as an executive coach and consultant and

has worked on varied and diverse projects from the state of Texas to projects internationally. He is a member of the Conroe, Texas church.

The need to identify the new president is urgent because of time, but it is critical to know the competencies that are necessary for the position of president. In response to the recommendation of DDM Consulting, the committee and the board have developed a list of qualities and traits deemed necessary for the incoming president. The committee and DDM Consulting see the need to review the competencies of men and women who might serve in all vital areas of the Church. While our focus now is upon the president, the process being developed will be useful in succession planning for other important positions as well. One component of the process is the creation of a Talent Management Team. The board appointed the Succession Planning Committee members to serve as the Talent Management Team.

This letter reflects our commitment to keeping you informed of our efforts and to solicit your prayers as we continue our work.

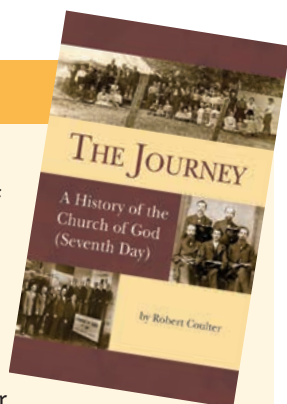
— Erik Dunn, Loren Stacy, Dennis O’Banion

The Journey is Here!

Robert Coulter's new book on the history of the Church of God (Seventh Day) has arrived.

This hard cover edition focuses primarily on CoG7's history in the US and Canada. The price is \$29.95, but readers can purchase a copy for \$25 (postage not included) until July 31.

Order by e-mail (bap.orders@cog7.org), the online bookstore (cog7.org), or mail: P.O. Box 33677, Denver, CO 80233.



A 'New Main' at Dover

The main building at our church's Dover, Oklahoma campgrounds was destroyed by fire on February 16. That historic building (formerly the George Washington Carver School) was called the "Old Main" and had served as worship hall and dormitory for more than 50 years.

Owned and operated by the Oklahoma State Conference, the Dover Campgrounds holds special sentiments for many in CoG7 who've worshipped, fellowshiped, received Christ, and simply had fun there over many years. I've been to Dover and have experienced that one-of-a-kind Dover hospitality.

I'm therefore taking this opportunity to publicly acknowledge the good role Dover has played in our church over the years and the dedication of those whose long commitment to its operation and upkeep has kept this ministry going over the years. Further, I'm inviting your financial support to help rebuild a "New Main" at Dover. Tax-deductible contributions may be sent to the Oklahoma State Conference, P.O. Box 164, Claremore, OK 74018. Make checks payable to Oklahoma CoG7 Conference or Church of God (Seventh Day).

— Whaid Rose



Spring Vale 2014 Commencement

Six proud graduates were celebrated during the 2014 Commencement Service at Spring Vale Academy, pictured here from left to right: Norma Perez (Arlington, Texas), Kristina Prince (Lennon, Michigan), Ana Salgado (Cleveland, Texas), Carrie Nienhuis (Devil's Lake, North Dakota), Amanda Miller (Buffalo, Missouri), and Christopher Barrett (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania).

Amanda Miller was Salutatorian and Carrie Nienhuis was both Valedictorian and Student of the Year.

In addition to delivering the commencement, Whaid Rose presented the General Conference Awards to Amanda Miller (Spiritual Leadership) and Carrie Nienhuis (Academic Excellence).

TAKE NOTE ✓

Fulfilling Your Mission

**National Hispanic Women's Retreat
August 29 – September 1, 2014**

**Chicago Marriott O'Hare
Featuring Eva Delgado-Alonzo
and Ramon Ruiz Garza**

Ministers Documents Issued

In 2013 the License and Credentials Committee issued licenses to the following men: Johny Solorzano, Gerson Gonzalez, Bryan Cleeton, Kirk Grant, Allo Sanchez, and Stephen Salazar. Jody Crowson and Dustin Wiggins received Local Pastor Certificates. Eddie Villalba and Samuel Holland were elevated to credentials.

So far in 2014 the following men received their licenses from the L&C Committee: John Gonzalez, Aubrey Williams, Narciso Betances, Hector Alvaranga, Barry Mauldin, David Lozano, and Ronald Rousseau. Felipe Orduno and Paul Pedersen received Local Pastor Certificates.



NAWM: Celebrating 75 Years

Though I've been a member of the Church nearly 20 years, NAWM's 75th anniversary retreat was my first time to attend a national ladies retreat.

From Friday night, April 4, to Sunday noon, April 6, we had an amazing Spirit-filled adventure! The worship and praise team of young ladies from the Aurora, Colorado church led us in toe-tapping, hand-clapping, and sometimes tear-shedding songs that raised us all to a new level of inspired worship. Guest speaker Whaid Rose, Conference president, guided us through the book of Ruth and its parallel to our own heart's journey in our search for "All She Ever Wanted."

NAWM's rich 75-year history came alive as creators of programs such as Seekers and the publications *WAND* and *Afterglow* told how these life-changing ministries came into being. Women came from all over to share their talents and love for the Lord and for the sisterhood.

Thank you, NAWM, for the first 75 years of service and the ones to come. The work has just begun!

— Dot Ray

NAWM Southeast District Representative

Pray for Belize!

SHINE's Medical & Dental mission team, dedicated to helping heal the body and nurture the soul, has been committed to sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ since 2007.

The June 15-23 mission has a desperate need for funds to buy over-the-counter medications, vitamins (for children, adults, and pregnant women), eye drops, creams for skin problems, glasses, etc. Bibles are also needed. Contact Director Ernesto Frausto (916-833-8997) for more information.

Donate online through the General Conference website (cog7.org). Click on the photo banner where it says "Donations needed!" and follow the instructions. Or select "Giving" on the G. C. home page and follow the instructions. Please mail checks to SHINE Ministries, General Conference of the Church of God (Seventh Day),

ASLEEP IN JESUS

Fayrene White

Fayrene White was born July 20, 1935, and passed away March 25, 2014.

Faye had three children: Edward ("Terry"), Charla, and Toni. She later married Kenneth White in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Ken had four children: Chuck, Jon, Bill, and Janet.

Faye was a lifetime member of the Church of God (Seventh Day). She is survived by her husband, Ken; sisters, Willigene and Gwen; daughters Charla and Toni (Ron); sons Chuck (Ginger), Jon (Karen), and Bill (Barb); 15 grandchildren, and 25 great-grandchildren.



Lawrence Cook

Lawrence Leroy "Larry" Cook (87) passed away March 27, 2014, in Moore, Oklahoma. He was born June 19, 1926.

Larry was an active member of the CoG7 as an elder, teacher, board member, and as a "Cook."

Larry was a co-founder of the Elders Breakfast, as part of the annual March to Church in March.

Larry is survived by his wife, Esther; son, Jim (Tiana); brothers and sisters, grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

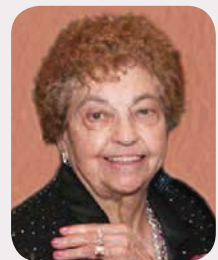


Ruby Pearl Boor Barrow

Ruby Pearl Walkley was born October 3, 1921, in Freeland, Michigan. She died April 9, 2014, in Virginia Beach, Virginia. She was preceded in death by her husband, Hugh Boor in 1987, and by her second husband, Arlie Barrow, in 1993.

Ruby married Hugh Boor, and together they had nine children, all of whom are still living. She took all nine of her children to the Detroit Church of God (Seventh Day). This local congregation was started in the 1920s by her mother in the Walkley home.

Ruby leaves nine children, 22 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren, and eleven great-great grandchildren.



P.O. Box 33677, Denver, CO 80233-0677 or SHINE Medical & Dental Ministry Team, P.O. Box 2728, Elk Grove, CA 95759.

LifeSpring

Congratulations to winter 2014 graduates David Lozano (Indio, California) and Abiel Martinez (San Antonio, Texas), who both received their Diploma of Pastoral Ministry.

And congratulations to those who made the winter 2014 Dean's List*: Marina Anderson (Jacksonville, Florida); Jody Crowson (Springfield, Oregon); Ricardo Flores (Garland, Texas); Abiel Martinez (San Antonio, Texas); Dan Melendez (El Paso, Texas); Benjamin Ramirez (Santa Nella, California); Martin Ramirez (Fort Smith, Arkansas); Howard Simpson (Derby, Derbyshire, England).

**These students took courses half-time and earned a minimum 3.5 GPA.*

CALENDAR 2014

- July 7-13** - Capital Mt. Youth Camp, Weimar, CA
- July 20-27** - Sis-Q Meadows Youth Camp, Cave Junction, OR
- July 20-27** - Arizona Youth Camp (13-18)
- July 27** - August 3 - Sis-Q Meadows Seeker Camp, Cave Junction, OR
- August 7-10** - Dakota Youth Retreat, Crystal Springs, ND (ages 10-25); contact: Jesse-Wanda Hopewell (701-428-3667) or David-Jamie Nienhuis (701-655-3532); csbcamp.org.
- August 13-17** - Sis-Q Senior ADULT Retreat, Cave Junction, OR
- October 31 - November 2** - SWD Women's Retreat, Salvation Army Camp Hoblitzelle, Midlothian, TX; contact: Janie Alcala (210-478-8326) or Rosie Davila (361-739-1147).

LifeSpring Calendar

- June 8** - Summer District scholarship applications due
- June 15** - Summer General scholarship applications due
- July 1** - Summer course registration ends
- July 13** - Summer classes begin
- August 4** - Fall course registration opens
- August 5** - Fall certificate program early applications due

Future Leaders Scholarship

Spring Vale Academy has been a gift to the Church of God (Seventh Day) for more than six decades, cultivating a biblical worldview in the next generation of the Church, alongside spiritual and academic development. The General Conference therefore places high value on Spring Vale and seeks opportunities to rally the entire Church behind the school. That's why for the second year in a row, the G. C. is collaborating with SVA to offer merit-based scholarships to both new *and* qualified students for enrollment in the Fall 2014 semester.

The Denver office is the initial place of contact. District offices select worthy candidates for consideration, and local churches provide potential CoG7 young people, their families, and local leaders.

How many have attended or served at SVA, or how many know/are related to someone who has attended or served there? Spring Vale is part of our history, of our present, and of our future. Let's make it thrive!

Fall semester begins **August 19**, so there's no time to waste. Early applications will receive early consideration, but the offer is ongoing — beyond 2014. Don't miss out! Contact the G. C. office: P.O. Box 33677, Denver, CO 80233; 303-452-7973; offices@cog7.org.

Senior Scholarship Update

Several months ago, Spring Vale challenged 100 people to give \$100 dollars — \$10,000 total. So far, 22 people answered this call, and over \$4,585 has been collected toward this scholarship program. Two seniors graduated this year from Spring Vale due in no small part to the donations to this fund.

Many other youth in churches across the nation would like to benefit from this life-changing training. Please remember to give to Spring Vale's Student Financial Aid Account (S.O.S. — Students on Sponsorship). Make checks payable to Spring Vale Academy and mark them either S.O.S. or Student Aid Fund.

SWORD Leadership Transition

Jacqueline Melgoza will succeed Christy Lang as SWORD's national director effective July 1, 2014. Jacqui and husband Dan are members of San Antonio's New Hope United congregation and have led the Southwest District SWORD for several years. The board of directors approved this new appointment during its recent winter meeting.



Congratulations, Jacqui! Many thanks and appreciation for Christy, who has led SWORD for the past ten years.

The Countdown Begins! 2015 Biennial Convention

June 29 - July 4, 2015

Hilton Milwaukee City Center
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
View Milwaukee pictures
and video at cog7.org.



National yMinistry Retreat

An enthusiastic crowd of young adults attended the National yMinistry Retreat, themed "Paradigm Shift," held at the Brookhaven Retreat Center near Hawkins, Texas, Memorial Day weekend. This event is an out-growth of the Southwest District SWORD ministry, its main planners being Dan and Jacqui Melgoza and Ruben and Tatiana Marquez. The retreat is quickly earning the reputation of being "the best young adult hang-out within the General Conference," offering dynamic worship, inspiring messages and break-out sessions, net-

working and service opportunities, and more. Whaid Rose was among this year's keynote speakers and encourages young adults everywhere to attend the next retreat.

TAKE NOTE ✓

Going to Ministerial Council?

Online registration opens June 1 for the NAMC meeting September 15-20 in Talladega, AL (cog7.org/namc-register).



The whole world clamors for young attention. Bold marketers, in-your-face artists, and sizzling graphics compete for youths' insatiable appetites and thirst for extreme life, leaving them thirstier.

Enter Jesus. With bold marketing ("I am the Way"), in-your-face quips (calling religious leaders hypocrites), and mind-blowing graphics (He walked on water, for crying out loud!), He is the ultimate thirst quencher (John 4:14).

National Youth Ministries partners with local churches, youth workers, parents, and teens to offer Jesus. Take Him. Lift Him. Guzzle!

youth.cog7.org



In 2014, G. C. Missions and Cristo Viene will support a growing number of missionaries in several new countries, including Colombia, Spain, and Myanmar. Please pray for G. C. Missions and Cristo Viene as plans are set to send these workers into the harvest.

To sponsor this work, visit cog7.org/giving or earmark your local offering either "G. C. Missions" or "Cristo Viene." Thank you!

Contact us at gcmisions@cog7.org.

May is Missions Emphasis.



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