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Fear of the Lord in Worship

The biblical concept of the fear of the Lord has just about vanished from the church of our day. Church is all about attracting the world, so the goal is to make worship as comfortable as possible for the unchurched. The last thing they need is to be made to feel guilt of any kind, or told that there's something or someone to be feared.

And yet the fear of the Lord is a predominant theme of Scripture. Consider God's dealings with the nation of Israel; revisit Sinai; talk to Nadab and Abhiu; read Psalms and Proverbs, where fearing the Lord is the beginning of wisdom and knowledge. God's dealing with the early church in Acts shows that this concept isn't restricted to the Old Testament. And Ananias and Sapphira say, "Amen!"

Even so, the fear of the Lord is resisted because of what the word *fear* connotes in people's minds. To *fear* the Lord is not to be afraid of Him but rather to hold Him in reverence. This is rooted in the biblical truth that God is holy and will not be taken for granted.

So let's think of the fear of the Lord in worship as first base in a ball game. That's where we understand our depravity, the depth of our sin, and need for a Savior. At second base we come to faith and receive forgiveness, and at third base we learn to serve God in a growing relationship of love. Fourth base is home — the place of settled joy and peace, living daily in God's presence.

I'm borrowing this illustration from author and speaker Kevin Swanson, who concludes by saying that "home run worship" is what runs all the bases, beginning at first base with the fear of the Lord. When there's no fear to begin with, when we run directly to home base, worship is cheapened, and genuine joy and truth are traded for emotional happiness and feel-good theology.

The greatest threat to the church of our day isn't the antagonism of the secular world but our own abandonment of the fear of the Lord. God will not be taken for granted, hence this important reminder: "Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire" (Hebrews 12:28, 29, NKJV).

— Whaid Guscott Rose
Denver office

“Worship in the Spirit” Conference Tour Update



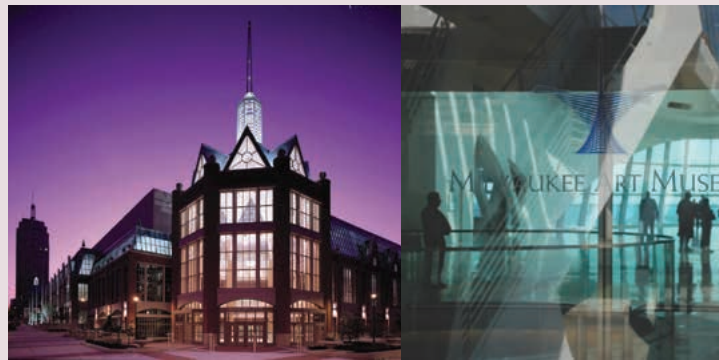
- Cobourg, Ontario, Canada
- Houston, Texas
- Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
- Port Saint Lucie, Florida
- Lodi, California
- Los Angeles, California
- Washington, DC
- Acme, Alberta, Canada
- Chicago, Illinois

The tour team made its first stop in Cobourg, Ontario, on June 28. The event coincided with the Eastern Canadian District Conference, which provided a beautiful atmosphere and an enthusiastic crowd for the tour launch. It was a rich and memorable experience.

This Houston stop (August 9) is the focus as this issue of *Churchright* is being produced and distributed. The team will take a break in September due to Ministerial Council in Alabama, and then make its next stop in the New York City-New Jersey area October 11. Please pray for the Lord’s blessings upon this effort, and plan to participate when the tour comes to the location nearest you.

We’re coming back to the heart of worship. Be consumed by the passion!

Reporting for the team,
Whaid Rose



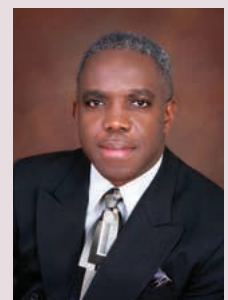
Milwaukee 2015 General Conference Church of God (Seventh Day) Biennial Convention

June 29 – July 4

I am honored to invite you to attend Convention 2015 in beautiful Milwaukee, Wisconsin. All conventions are special, but each convention is special in its own way. This one will be remembered for several things: a rich and festive week centered on the worship of the risen Lord Jesus Christ; historic business sessions surrounding major bylaw revisions; the final convention over which I will preside. And you’ll get to participate in the inauguration of the next Conference president.

Besides, everyone needs to visit Wisconsin at least once in a lifetime! So see you in Milwaukee next summer. It’s a “cherished tradition” you won’t want to miss.

Whaid Rose
Conference President





Major Milwaukee Highlights

- Beautiful downtown Milwaukee, just one mile from Lake Michigan
- Historic Four Diamond Hilton Milwaukee City Center, adjoining the state of the art Wisconsin Convention Center
- Easy access to multiple restaurants (just blocks away) and visitor attractions, including the award-winning Milwaukee zoo; Harley Davidson museum; science, art, public, and children's museums; Jelly Belly Center; Discovery World; the Church Chocolate
- Fascinating things to see, do, and eat along the Wisconsin River: taste Milwaukee cheese, try the famous fried cheese curds, or do the Church Chocolate tour

Come early, stay late, and visit the scenic Wisconsin Dells!

General Information

Theme: "Worship His Majesty"

Hotel: Hilton Milwaukee City Center

Room rate: \$99/night plus tax

Convention website and registration information will be available in late fall

Invitation to Milwaukee

As co-chairs of the Planning Committee, we have the great pleasure of inviting you to join us in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, for the 2015 General Conference Convention.

What's in Milwaukee? We've already heard that question and maybe even thought it. It is a historic city with lots of charm, many family-oriented activities around Lake Michigan, and museums. The remodeled Milwaukee Hilton presents a touch of nineteenth century elegance. With the modern Wisconsin Center connected to it, we'll have more than ample space for our many activities and events. The theme "Worship His Majesty" calls us as we gather for business, worship together, and strengthen our connection with each other and with the Lord.

Come join us in Milwaukee. We look forward to seeing you there!

— Ken and Mary Jean Knoll
Co-chairs





Romans 12:12 tells us to “Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer” (NIV). Amen!

SHINE presented clinics in Belize’s interior regions June 15-23. Some 60 individuals made up the largest team ever. Facilities were crowded but organized. In five days of clinics, SHINE saw 2,932 patients.

Daniel Espinoza from Mexico won this year’s SHINE contest (for young people interested in becoming doctors or dentists) and was sponsored by SHINE for the mission. As a dental student with little more than one year of school left, he was enthusiastic and invaluable.

Interior Belize is not wealthy and has been a refuge for many. Former Guatemalans described how they fled to Belize during the 1982 “silent massacre,” when many Mayan people were killed and their villages destroyed. Another group of Belizeans is a large group of Mennonites who sought religious freedom.

The average laborer in Belize makes about \$3 an hour. A teacher earns about \$1,500 per month. If illness occurs, a medical consultation will cost about \$40, and purchasing the medication can cost at least \$100 or more. So many people who couldn’t afford medical treatment flocked to the clinics. One person with HIV could not afford blood tests to check the viral load of her condition. Another could not afford to have a tumor removed.

In addition to meeting many medical and dental needs, SHINE held prayer sessions and evening ser-

VICES and baptized six people. On Sabbath, close to 500 people met in a gymnasium at the university in Belmopan.

Were there problems getting medical supplies, as on past missions? Yes. Though all medications carried by team members passed through customs, two individuals were detained and assessed a tax fee on donated medications that amounted to less than \$200. (SHINE had secured approval letters from the Belize Department of Health.) Shipped barrels of medications and supplies did not arrive, yet an owner of the first hotel where SHINE stayed had a pharmaceutical company from which we were able to purchase medications — both for that day and for the next locations. Praise God for His blessings!

Ironically, though the ship carrying the barrels of medications and supplies arrived in Belize prior to the mission, the ship was not unloaded until late on the last day of clinics. Plans are now to use these medications in September on a mini mission.

Please consider becoming a part of the SHINE mission. Watch for announcements on the CoG7 Ministries/Missions pages about applications in October, and consider giving support at cog7.org. (Select “Giving” at the top left of the page and follow instructions.)

Above all else, please keep SHINE in your prayers.

— *Bev Brenneise*



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August is Spring Vale Emphasis Month

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— Mark Caswell
Director/Principal



Publications

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- *Bible Advocate*
- quarterlies
- literature
- *BA Online*
- *Now What?*

September is Publications Emphasis Month



Keith Michalak,
Director

CALENDAR 2014

August 9 - Calgary CoG7 Super Sabbath, featuring Bob Marette from the Financial Health Fair; Partnering With God with Your Finances, plus workshop on How to Get out of Debt In 5-7 Years . . . Including your mortgage; contact Pastor Orville Rose (403-650 9965).

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

August 23 - Young Adult rally "Los Manos De Dios" (Matthew 5:14-16), McAllen CoG7; contact Ashlee Garcia (956-929-4748) or e-mail sword@cog7.org.

August 29 – September 1 - National Hispanic Women's Retreat (see details on page 7)

September 19-21 - Young Adult Retreat "One Body. One Church. One in Christ Jesus"; Hyatt Place, Chicago, IL; contact Abe Endecott (abe.endecott@gmail.com) or sword@cog7.org

LifeSpring Calendar Events

August 4 - Fall course registration opens

August 5 - Fall certificate program early applications due

August 19 - Fall district scholarship applications due

August 26 - Fall general scholarship applications due

September 16 - Fall course registration ends

September 28 - Fall classes begin

Publications

Fourth Quarter Lessons 2014

Adults. *Isaiah: Gospel Prophet* focuses on the book of Isaiah.

Senior youth. *The Ten Commandments* offers an important study on an important section of Scripture.

Junior high youth. *Christian Life* is the comprehensive theme that will help youth in their walk with Christ.

Intermediate (grades 4, 5, and 6). In *God Gave the Ten Commandments* lessons cover the origin and result of sin, God's remedy, and the reason for God's commandments.

Primary (grades 1, 2, and 3). *God Gave His Son Jesus to Us* studies the birth of John the Baptist, the birth of Jesus, and the early part of Jesus' ministry.

Preschool/kindergarten. *Immanuel, God with Us* teaches children about the birth of Jesus, the calling of His disciples, and His early ministry.

For more detailed information and pricing, click on Curriculum under Publications (Ministries) at cog7.org.

'God's Beautiful Butterfly'

This year's Florida Women's Retreat, May 16-18, focused on transformation in Christ Jesus. Presenters and the guest speaker reminded us how ugly and dead we are without being transformed in Jesus. As we traveled this journey of "transformation" over the weekend, we recommitted our lives to prayer and worship.

We want to use this forum to encourage not just the women of CoG7 but also the men, to clothe themselves in the righteousness of Christ Jesus so that we all can stand as we wrestle against spiritual wickedness in high places.

Plan to celebrate with us April 2016 as we continue the process of transformation.

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LifeSpring

Congratulations to the following spring 2014 graduates: Dirk Anderson, Jacksonville, Florida (CBS); Thomas Childers, Artesia Wells, Texas (CBS); Alejandro Larios, San Antonio, Texas (CBS); Makayla Schlenker, Owosso, Michigan (CFM); Narciso Betances, Silver Spring, Maryland (DPM); Ronald Cummings, Corpus Christi, Texas (CBS).

Congratulations also to those who made the Spring 2014 Dean's List*: Marina Anderson, Jacksonville, Florida; Jody Crowson, Springfield, Oregon; Worrel Largie, Apopka, Florida; Martin Ramirez, Fort Smith, Arkansas.

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

CBS: Certificate of Biblical Studies; CFM: Certificate of Family Ministry; DPM: Diploma of Pastoral Ministry.

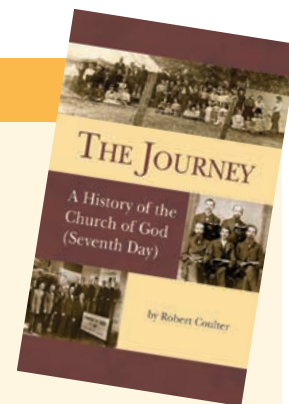
Scholarships Awarded

The 2014 recipients of the Patricia Keith-Meyers Denver CoG7 scholarships have been chosen. We congratulate these three fine young Christians and wish them wonderful success in the godly pursuit of their higher education: Sandy Collado of Silver Spring, Maryland, and Iglesia de Dios (Septimo Dia) in Lanham, Maryland (Pastor Jose Antonio Vega); Abigail Gaona of Brownsville, Texas, and CoG7 in Brownsville, Texas (Minister Anselmo Davila); Grant McGill of Turner, Oregon, and Marion CoG7 in Turner (Pastor Dale Lawson).

The Journey is Here!

Robert Coulter's new book on the history of the Church of God (Seventh Day) is going well. This hard cover edition focuses primarily on CoG7's history in the US and Canada. The price is \$29.95, plus postage.

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



Be sure to pray for the NAMC meeting September 15-20 in Talladega, AL

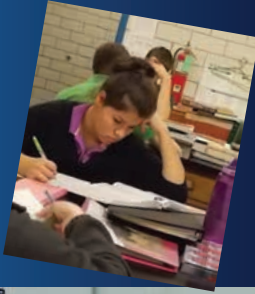


National Hispanic Women's Retreat

August 29 – September 1, 2014
Chicago Marriott O'Hare

Cost: \$300 - Includes three nights and four days with six meals
Free shuttle from O'Hare Airport to hotel

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Did you know?

- three of the seven district superintendents
- one-third of our licensed ministers
- over half of our ministry directors and
- nearly 60 percent of the board of directors are SVA alumni, parents of alumni, or have served as SVA staff.



A Wise Investment

Over the years, students from many congregations have attended Spring Vale, and students from a number of churches are currently attending. Many of you are SVA graduates. Within the leadership ranks of our church, the percentage of SVA alumni is substantial.

My point is that whether you currently have students attending Spring Vale or not, we all – as a united church body – have a vested interest in the success of this school and its impact on our youth and on the future of our church.

In saying this, I want to paint a picture of cohesion among our church – specifically concerning our local congregations in the way we support our ministries. Spring Vale is so important to our youth. Considering the corrupt world we live in and the godless public educational systems, SVA is more crucial than ever.

August is Spring Vale Academy Emphasis. We encourage you to give as abundantly as you can to this ministry. The impact of the Holy Spirit on our youth through SVA is invaluable but is only made possible through the support of you and of our fellow churches. To those of you who give, *thank you so much!* Be encouraged that through these students, you are having a true impact on the kingdom of God!

– Darrel W. Walters II
Director of Development

