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... when they believed Philip as he proclaimed the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. Acts 8:12

College/Conference Update



Summer Conference – An Invitation

We invite you to join us this summer at General Conference at Cornerstone Bible Church in McDonough, GA, on August 5-7, immediately preceded by the Heritage Conference on August 4-5. Our summer conference is an important part of keeping our network of churches vibrant. There was a time when the General Conference didn't exist, and there were only small, independent congregations littered across the U.S. and Canada. These churches were left to fend for themselves until the General Conference was formed in 1921, focusing on evangelism, publishing, education, and benevolence.

The core idea of the Church of God General Conference (COGGC) is that our many churches share one cause: spreading the truth of the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ. When churches desire to become members of the COGGC, they commit to teaching core doctrinal truths, participating financially, and sending delegates to the summer conference. Why? Because everyone's voice matters, and each church is important to the whole. We are better together, and relationships among people from other congregations provide the necessary glue that keeps our network alive. We hope you make plans to be present with us at the summer conference.

Ohio Property Updates

We are scheduled to close on the church property at 2404 Troy Rd. on June 18 for a purchase price of \$790,000, and to close on the property at 2320 Troy Rd. for a purchase price of \$450,000. We are excited to begin renovating them to be ready for classes to begin at that campus in August 2027.

North Hampton Property Status

We still own the 10 acres originally purchased in North Hampton, OH. No decision has been made yet about what to do with it, nor is there a rush to do so. The Board is considering several scenarios that would be wise and beneficial for the General Conference.

Dedication Day This Fall (date TBA)

We have discussed scheduling a Day of Dedication for our new campus this fall, probably in October. We will gather at the new OH campus for a time of focused prayer to dedicate the new location for the next season of ministry of the General Conference and Bible College.

Everyone will be invited to attend if able, and we may offer an online option for those who cannot attend in person, but would like to participate. The date will be announced when plans are finalized.

Revised Proposed Budget and Explanation

The proposed budget in this Progress Journal will be voted on by delegates at the summer conference this August at Cornerstone Bible Church in McDonough, GA. You will notice it is laid out differently from previous budgets.

Since we are purchasing a property with existing buildings, the proposed budget for 2026-2027 was modified to include a section for expenses related to the new OH campus. For this coming fiscal year, 2026-2027, we will own campuses in both GA and OH, and the budget needs to reflect that. The Board has discussed selling the Avalon property as part of the relocation transition, but it is unknown how quickly the property might sell. Therefore, two proposed budgets for 2027-2028 were created based on whether the Avalon property is sold. One proposed budget assumes the Avalon building is sold. The second proposed budget assumes continued ownership of the building. It is possible that our situation will change during the year, and a combination of both budgets will be necessary.

Ministry Outreach League – Available Funds

The Ministry Outreach League continues to collect funds twice a year and award grants to churches. To date, over \$90,000 has been awarded to 18 different ministry projects across eight states and Canada. We encourage your church to attempt new ministry ideas and to apply for assistance if you need additional resources. The General Conference supports our churches as they try new ways to reach lost people.

Young Adult Getaway

The third Young Adult Getaway will take place June 12-15 in Orlando, FL. The event is designed to encourage young adults (40 and under) to gather for fellowship and spiritual growth with the end goal of engaging them in ministry in both their local churches and the General Conference. Following this year's event, the event is shifting to an every-other-year schedule.

106th Annual Summer Conference

Theme: Pillars and Pathways

Cornerstone Bible Church of God, McDonough, GA 30253
August 5-7, 2026

Registration is open for General Conference 2026! Join us for fellowship, worship, important COGGC business, and biblical teaching.

This year's theme, **Pillars & Pathways**, is based on Proverbs 3:5-6. Together, we will explore the importance of a strong biblical foundation in our personal lives and as a conference of churches, and how we can build upon that foundation in ways that move us and our ministries forward as we seek to follow God and advance His Kingdom.

Through workshops such as Generations of Faith, Stewardship: Giving Grounds Us in Faith and Moves Ministries Forward, Church Governance with Grace and Humility, and others covering foundational doctrines and practical ministry topics, we will examine the biblical principles of Pillars & Pathways.

For more information and to register, visit this website: generalconferenceevent.com. For contact information call 678-833-1839 or email info@coggc.com

Schedule

Wednesday, Aug 5 – General Conference

- 3:00 Check-in Opens
- 5:00 Welcome Dinner
- 7:00 Worship Service
- Distinguished Alumni Award(s) - Nola Jones
- Ministers recognized for years of service (MALT)
- Ministers granted new licenses (MRB)
- 8:30 Welcome Reception

Thursday, Aug 6 – General Conference

- Breakfast on your own*
- 9:00 Devotions

- 9:30 Break
- 10:00 Workshops
- 10:45 Break
- 11:00 Workshops
- 11:45 Break
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:30 Business Meeting
- 4:45 MVRA Meeting
- 5:00 Dinner
- 7:00 Worship Service
- Communion

Friday, Aug 7 – General Conference

- Breakfast on your own*
- 9:00 Devotions
- 9:30 Break
- 10:00 Workshops
- 10:45 Break
- 11:00 Workshops
- 11:45 Break
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:30 Business Meeting
- 4:00 Newly Elected Board Organizational Meeting
- 4:30 ABCDF meeting
- 5:00 Dinner
- 7:00 Worship Service
- Board of Directors installation (MALT)



21st Annual Heritage Conference
Cornerstone Bible Church
180 Nail Dr., McDonough, GA 30253
August 4, 5, 2026

A copy of the program can be found in the previous issue of the Progress Journal.

Cost: \$50 per person—covers the meals and snacks. Register through the registration link for the summer General Conference at: generalconferenceevent.com.

Nominations for Board of Directors

At the summer conference, one director will be elected to the board of directors. The term of Talon Paul expires, and he may not be re-nominated. The board consists of seven directors elected by delegates. The term is for four years. Continuing board members are Robert Alcumbrack, Alan Cain, Mark Cain, Shane Martin, Joe Myers, and Marcia Railton. The following individuals have been nominated.

Herb Evans

McGintytown Bible Church would like to nominate Herb Evans for the Board of Directors. Herb is a dedicated professional, family man, and respected member of his community. With a strong commitment to both his career and personal life, Herb has built a reputation for integrity and leadership.

He has been married to his wife, Amy, for 30 years, and together they have built a close-knit family centered on faith, support, and shared values. Herb and Amy are proud parents of three sons, including one who recently graduated from ABC, marking an exciting milestone for their family.

Known for his steady leadership, Herb values hard work, service, and investing in the people around him. Whether through his professional endeavors or personal relationships, he continues to make a positive impact on those who know him. Herb Evans is a dedicated community and church leader with extensive experience in the homebuilding industry.

He is a member of McGintytown Bible Church, where he currently serves as a trustee and has also served on the church's board, contributing his leadership and commitment to the church community.

Professionally, Herb is the owner of Greenbrier Custom Homes, where he has built a strong reputation for quality craftsmanship and service. In addition to his business leadership, he has been actively involved in the homebuilding industry through service on both the Faulkner County Homebuilders Association board and the Arkansas Home Builders Association board, helping support and advance the construction industry throughout the state.

Larry Bolhous

My name is Larry Bolhous, and I am honored to be nominated by the Oregon, IL Church of God for a position on the conference board. These are excit-

ing times for our conference, and I look forward to the possibility of being a part of them.

I have been married to Virginia Kastner for over 54 years. We are blessed with three children and eight grandchildren.

I grew up in Oregon Illinois. While working at Pineway Super Market, I met Don Needham and worked with him in the meat department. We had good discussions about religion, and I discovered my beliefs aligned closely to the Church of God doctrine.

After high school graduation, I attended OBC for one and half years. I was drafted and served in the Army for two years. Virginia and I moved back to Dixon, Illinois where I worked for a small grocery chain as a meat manager and store manager.

Eventually, we bought a grocery store in Winnebago Illinois which we owned for over 30 years. After closing the store, I worked as a meat merchandiser and buyer in Kenosha, Wisconsin. When asked to move to the Nebraska warehouse that was eight hours from family, I declined. I accepted a meat supervisor position over 25 stores with Piggly Wiggly. My central location was Monroe, Wisconsin, which was just an hour away from family.

The Oregon Church of God has been our home church since we returned home from the Army. We raised our children in that church. I have served as a youth leader, Sunday School teacher, Sunday School director, board director and elder in the Oregon Church. I have served with pastors Clarence Lapp, Hollis Partlowe and Michael Hoffman.

I have been retired for three years. I have been enjoying a part-time job at the local golf course in the pro shop. Retirement has allowed me much more time to read and study the Bible. I enjoy preaching, and I have the privilege to speak at a small church 30 minutes from Monroe once a month. The rest of the time we are back home at the Oregon Church of God.

Thank you for your consideration. Larry Bolhous

Upcoming Women's Conference

Women's Enrichment Weekend, Sept. 25-27, 2026 at MN State Conference Campground. Watch for information/registration at mncogconference.org.

2026-2027 (Revised) and 2027-2028 Budget Income

	2026-2027 Approved	2026-2027 Revised (Relocation)	2027-2028 Proposed (Avalon sold)	2027-2028 Proposed (with Avalon)
CONTRIBUTIONS				
General Contributions	\$550,000	\$500,000	\$550,000	\$550,000
Subtotal	\$550,000	\$500,000	\$550,000	\$550,000
EVENTS				
General Conference Registrations	\$12,000	\$14,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Heritage Conference Registrations	\$2,000	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,300
Young Adult Getaway Registrations	\$10,000	\$0	\$8,000	\$8,000
CWS Registrations	\$5,000	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500
CWS Subsidy/Student Sch. (transfer)	\$6,500	\$8,500	\$8,500	\$8,500
Subtotal	\$35,500	\$32,300	\$41,300	\$41,300
SALES				
Christian Education Materials	\$15,000	\$7,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
Books/Products	\$2,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Subtotal	\$17,500	\$8,500	\$9,500	\$9,500
BIBLE COLLEGES				
Tuition - Bible College	\$23,000	\$23,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
COG Tuition Scholarships (transfer)	\$22,000	\$22,000	\$30,000	\$30,000
Tuition - Korean Extension	\$160,000	\$126,000	\$136,000	\$136,000
Student Housing	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
ABCDF Support (transfer)	\$51,500	\$55,000	\$59,000	\$59,000
Interest, Application/Misc. Fees	\$2,000	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,000
Subtotal	\$278,500	\$247,500	\$282,000	\$282,000
MISCELLANEOUS				
Other Income	\$2,500	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,000
Tenant Income (Avalon)	\$270,000	\$300,000	\$0	\$350,000
Designated Staff Salary Support (transfer)	\$400	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
General Fund Carry Forward (transfer)	\$117,350	\$218,050	\$141,200	\$187,200
Misc. Reimbursements (transfer)	\$2,500	\$2,100	\$2,100	\$2,100
Investment Income (ISR)			\$180,000	
Subtotal	\$392,750	\$533,650	\$337,300	\$553,300
Income Total	\$1,274,250	\$1,321,950	\$1,220,100	\$1,436,100
Expense Total	\$1,274,250	\$1,321,950	\$1,220,100	\$1,436,100
GRAND TOTAL (Income less Expense)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

2026-2027 (Revised) and 2027-2028 Budget Expenses

	2026-2027 Approved	2026-2027 Revised (Relocation)	2027-2028 Proposed (Avalon sold)	2027-2028 Proposed (with Avalon)
SERVICES				
Church Aid/Background Checks	\$1,500	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Marketing and Advertising	\$8,000	\$5,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
Ministerial Association	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Priscillas Association	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Turning Point Youth Ministries	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
Travel	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Publishing (digital and print)	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$40,000
Postage	\$17,000	\$16,000	\$17,000	\$17,000
Book/Product Store	\$500	\$300	\$400	\$400
Subtotal	\$136,000	\$132,300	\$141,400	\$141,400
EVENTS				
General Conference	\$12,000	\$14,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Heritage Conference	\$2,000	\$1,300	\$1,300	\$1,300
Young Adult Getaway	\$20,000	\$0	\$18,000	\$18,000
Christian Workers Seminar	\$11,500	\$17,000	\$17,000	\$17,000
Subtotal	\$45,500	\$32,300	\$51,300	\$51,300
ADMINISTRATION				
Salaries/Wages	\$555,000	\$570,000	\$600,000	\$600,000
F.I.C.A. Tax	\$12,500	\$13,000	\$13,500	\$13,500
Employee Benefits	\$44,000	\$47,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Professional Services	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Staff Training, Periodicals, Books, Dues	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$4,000
Software/Equipment Leases	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
Ohio Dept. of Higher Ed. Authorization	\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Accreditation Costs	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Subtotal	\$721,500	\$743,000	\$776,500	\$776,500
OHIO CAMPUS				
Utilities		\$10,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
Telephone/Internet/Web/Data		\$2,000	\$8,000	\$8,000
Repairs/Maintenance/Security		\$10,000	\$25,000	\$25,000
New Furniture/Equipment		\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
Office & Misc. Supplies/Expenses		\$500	\$6,000	\$6,000
Property Supplies/Expenses		\$500	\$3,000	\$3,000
Chapel Meals		\$0	\$2,500	\$2,500
Library Periodicals/Books/Digital Platform		\$0	\$10,500	\$10,500
Advertising/Recruitment		\$0	\$3,000	\$3,000
Property Tax		\$0	\$0	\$0
Subtotal	\$0	\$23,000	\$83,000	\$83,000

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Budget-Expense 2026-2027 (Revised) and 2027-2028

	2026-2027 Approved	2026-2027 Revised (Relocation)	2027-2028 Proposed (Avalon sold)	2027-2028 Proposed (with Avalon)
GEORGIA - AVALON CAMPUS				
Utilities	\$62,000	\$65,000	\$0	\$65,000
Telephone/Internet/Web/Data	\$23,000	\$23,000	\$0	\$23,000
Repairs/Maintenance/Security	\$60,000	\$55,000	\$0	\$55,000
New Furniture/Equipment	\$9,000	\$5,000	\$0	\$0
Office & Misc. Supplies/Expenses	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$0	\$0
Property Supplies/Expenses	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0	\$3,000
Chapel Meals	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0	\$0
Library Periodicals/Books/Digital Platform	\$500	\$10,500	\$0	\$0
Advertising/Recruitment	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	\$0
Property Tax	\$30,000	\$40,000	\$0	\$60,000
Subtotal	\$200,000	\$214,000	\$0	\$206,000
KOREAN EXTENSION				
Campus Lease	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$78,000	\$78,000
Utilities	\$4,300	\$4,300	\$4,300	\$4,300
Telephone/Internet/Web/Data	\$5,300	\$5,100	\$5,100	\$5,100
Repairs/Maintenance	\$1,300	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Office & Misc. Supplies/Expenses/Equipment	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500
Postage/Shipping	\$100	\$100	\$100	\$100
Student/Staff Meals	\$4,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Advertising/Recruitment	\$1,500	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Travel	\$9,000	\$7,000	\$7,000	\$7,000
Subtotal	\$102,000	\$98,000	\$101,000	\$101,000
HOUSING				
Home Owners Association	\$3,250	\$1,600	\$0	\$0
Utilities	\$8,000	\$8,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Internet	\$3,800	\$3,600	\$2,400	\$2,400
Insurance - Property	\$2,500	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Repairs/Maintenance/Security System	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$5,000
New Furniture/Equipment	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$2,000
Supplies/Expenses	\$300	\$500	\$500	\$500
Property Tax	\$2,400	\$150	\$0	\$0
Subtotal	\$32,250	\$28,850	\$22,900	\$22,900
MISCELLANEOUS				
Insurance (Package Policy)	\$15,000	\$30,000	\$22,000	\$32,000
Reserve for Capital Repairs/Maintenance	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$12,000
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500
Credit Card Processing Fees	\$7,000	\$6,000	\$7,000	\$7,000
Other	\$2,500	\$2,000	\$2,500	\$2,500
Subtotal	\$37,000	\$50,500	\$44,000	\$54,000
Expense Total	\$1,274,250	\$1,321,950	\$1,220,100	\$1,436,100
Income Total	\$1,274,250	\$1,321,950	\$1,220,100	\$1,436,100
GRAND TOTAL (Income less Expense)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Proposed Constitution and By-Laws Amendments

Proposal 1

The Bethel Church of God (Pelzer, SC) proposes adding the following sections 9-11 to Article IV of the Church of God General Conference constitution. (Existing sections 1-8 deal with the election of officers for the board, qualifications of directors, how nominations and voting is handled, the length of term, and how to handle vacancies).

ARTICLE IV Officers of the Conference

Additional Sections

Section 9. No candidate for director or elected director shall have a close relative (spouse, child, parent, sibling) as a paid employee of the college/conference.

Section 10. No candidate for director shall have a close relative (spouse, child, parent, sibling) already on the Board of Directors.

Section 11. No candidate for director shall have a person from their home congregation already on the Board of Directors.

Explanation: The purpose of the proposed new section 9 is to avoid the appearance of impropriety between the Board of Directors and the paid employees of the college/conference. If the Board of Directors found it necessary to review an employee's conduct and needed to consider the dismissal of the employee, a close relative may not be able to make an unbiased decision.

The purpose of the proposed new section 10 is to avoid the appearance of impropriety among the members of the Board of Directors. Members of the Board of Directors who are close relatives may be perceived as a voting bloc that could pressure the decisions of the other members.

The purpose of the proposed new section 11 is to avoid the appearance of impropriety among the members of the Board of Directors. Members of the Board of Directors who are from the same congregation may be perceived as a voting bloc that could pressure the decisions of the other members.

Proposal 2

By-Laws, Article 1, Statement of Faith

After consideration by the Church of God Ministerial Association at its meeting in March, the Board of Directors proposes the following changes to the Statement of Faith.

Recommended Change #1

It is proposed to revise the wording of point **A. GOD**

Current: We believe that only one person is God, and that He is a literal corporeal being—almighty, eternal, immortal, and the Creator of all things.

Proposed: We believe that there is only one God, the Father alone, who is almighty, eternal, immortal, and the creator of all things.

Explanation: Remove the phrase, "a literal corporeal being," because of the confusion caused by the word "corporeal." Some believe the word "corporeal" recognizes God's physical appearance in Scriptures and also allows for Him to exist as spirit. Others believe the word inhibits God's ability to appear as spirit and contradicts the Scriptures' assertion that God is also spirit. The inclusion of "corporeal" is unnecessarily divisive and does not add anything to the Statement of Faith that is fundamentally consequential.

Proposal 3

It is proposed to revise the wording of point **B. JESUS CHRIST**

Current: "We believe that Jesus Christ, born of the virgin Mary, is the sinless and only begotten Son of God. **He existed only from his birth.**"

Proposed: "We believe that Jesus Christ is the sinless and only begotten Son of God, who came into existence at his conception by the Holy Spirit in the womb of the virgin Mary."

Explanation: Including "existed only from his birth" denies his existence as a person within the womb of Mary. Recognizing his existence from conception is consistent with our understanding of human life both scientifically and scripturally, since God knows us in the womb.

Proposal 4

Proposed revisions to point **G. THE CHURCH OF GOD**

Current: "**G. THE CHURCH OF GOD.** We believe that the Church of God is the scriptural name for that body of people who have been called out from among all nations through obedience to the gospel plan of salvation. Christ is the head of the Church, and the nature, work, and government of the Church are set forth in the New Testament.

Proposed Change: "**G. THE CHURCH.** We believe that the Church is the body of people who have been called out by God from among all the nations through obedience to the gospel plan of salvation. Christ is the head of the Church, and the nature, work, and government of the Church are set forth in the New Testament.

Explanation: This change broadens the reference to the church so that it is not limited to our organization, the Church of God. It acknowledges that God is working through the church established by Jesus, rather than identifying that work exclusively with our denomination.

These proposed amendments are being published in multiple conference publications prior to the 2026 summer conference and will be voted on by the delegates August 5-7 at Cornerstone Bible Church, 180 Nail Dr., McDonough, GA.

Countryside Bible Church—2025 Year in Review

A Year of Restoration, Remembrance, and Renewed Hope

The year 2025 marked a significant season of healing and restoration for Countryside Bible Church. After a fire in February 2023 and years of disruption, the congregation returned to worship in its renewed facility on December 29, 2024. The year opened with gratitude—and also grief—as we laid to rest long-time member Jan Thomas on January 1, 2025, alongside other beloved members lost through the year, including Janice Marshall and Lynnete Beydler-Brown.

Determined to move forward together, the congregation planned a year rooted in faith, fellowship, and renewal.

Worship, Teaching and Leadership

The year began with encouragement and study as Mike Cisler led classes on Bible study and speaking in March. Countryside Bible Church joyfully celebrated its grand reopening on March 30, followed by the first Resurrection Sunday back in the restored sanctuary on April 20.

The church hosted the Missouri State Conference in April, welcomed several guest speakers throughout the year, and faithfully shared the pulpit during a time of pastoral transition. In September, the congregation was deeply blessed to call one of its own, Wesley Riggs, as pastor.

Faith Milestones & Sacred Moments

Some of the most meaningful moments of 2025 were deeply spiritual:

Sean Harris accepted Christ on August 24 and was baptized, joyfully affirming his faith before the congregation.

The church honored long-standing faithfulness as Don Ward and Doris Elkins celebrated 90 years, and Leroy and Doris Elkins celebrated 74 years of marriage and devotion to family and church.

To remember and honor those who shaped Countryside Bible Church, the congregation began creating a Family Tree of Memories, preserving the legacy of beloved members through photos and shared stories.

Community, Youth and Outreach

Countryside Bible Church experienced renewed community engagement, including a strong July 6 out-

reach celebrating our national day of freedom, Christmas caroling at a local elder care facility, and the return of traditional services such as Candlelight Communion.

Youth ministry flourished in 2025 through outings, service projects, Trunk-or-Treat, participation in the Peculiar Harvest Moon Festival, and a statewide youth retreat hosted by CBC. Youth were also intentionally featured in weekly bulletins as part of a year-long encouragement effort.

Stewardship and New Life

The church celebrated new beginnings in many forms:

- Installation of a new playground in July
- Launch of a new church website
- Ongoing improvements to church grounds
- Welcoming Grayson Dean Hall, born October 16, to Michael and Taylor Driskill-Hall
- Long-time trustee Leroy Elkins retired from maintaining church grounds, passing the work to a new generation of faithful servants.

Looking Ahead

Through sorrow and celebration, 2025 reaffirmed Countryside Bible Church's identity as a faithful, resilient, and loving community. With gratitude for the past and hope for the future, we continue forward—trusting God, honoring one another, and welcoming new life in Christ.

We are grateful for those who helped sustain weekly worship during our leadership transition, including Wesley Riggs, Jim Simpson, Chuck Dilbeck, Doris Elkins, Don Ward, Tim Elkins, Tom Elkins, and many others.





Atlanta Bible College Report
Dr. Michael Cisler
Academic Dean

The spring semester concluded with graduation on Friday, May 15. We were honored to have David Krogh provide the commencement address at our graduation ceremony, encouraging the students with the confidence we have in them to make a great impact on the work of the Kingdom within the Church of God. Congratulations to those students who earned a degree or certificate. John Evans (Arkansas) and John Tullis (Ohio) earned their Bachelor of Theology degree. Camden Bormes (Michigan) and Coleton Stacey (Ohio) earned their Associates in Theology and Ministry degree. Earnestine McCrary (Georgia), Dylan Stormont (Illinois), and Kyle Sylvest (Louisiana) earned their Foundation Certificate. Pictured right (l to r) are Coleton Stacey, John Evans, and Camden Bormes. You can also watch the graduation ceremony on our Facebook page. Congratulations to each of these students for their hard work!

We also congratulate those students who are honored by making the President’s List (those students with a GPA of 3.5 or above) or the Dean’s List (those students with a GPA of 3.0-3.49):

President’s List (3.5 + GPA)

- Camden Bormes
- Eunjeong Jeong
- Jayeong Kim
- Yunji Lee
- John Tullis

Dean’s List (3.0-3.49 GPA)

- Juyeong Ha
- Sunghyuk Kim
- Hyunmin Park
- Sungyeol Yoo

Atlanta Bible College collaborated with Lord’s Harvest International this past semester to provide education and ministry preparation to some of our pastors in Africa. Through our ABC4U program, Basic Bible Doctrine was provided to five Kenyan pastors. Here is some of the feedback received from three of these pastors.

“This is the best course I’ve ever had. My prayer is that every pastor should go through this sieve (sic) and clean up all ignorance and mess that we had been programmed from the trinity teachings. In fact,

I’ve been enlightened, ready to serve without doubt of what I’ll be teaching, and all these teachings are with me for my fresher course in case I need it. Shalum”

“The course was mind opening exposing some truths and explicitly explaining them deeper. I have a better grasp of the doctrine.”

“The course is so good. the lessons learnt are Bible based; it exposes biblical doctrinal truth which helps to equip the church with the truth. We would like to have more of such.”

Thank you again for your support of Atlanta Bible College through your prayers and financial gifts. Your support helps us provide education and ministry preparation for men and women to serve in churches and ministries worldwide that are spreading biblical truth of the Kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ.



CHURCH OF GOD ONLINE

- Abrahamic Faith Resources—abrahamicfaith.org
- Atlanta Bible College—atlantabiblecollege.com
- Church of God General Conference—coggc.org
- ABC Korean Extension—abcke.org
- Lord’s Harvest International—lhicog.com
- Turning Point Youth Ministry—tpym.com

OTHER SITES TO EXPLORE

- Biblicalunitarian.com (Spirit and Truth)
- focusonthekingdom.org (Anthony Buzzard)
- Knowingthetruth.net (Ed Bender)
- restitutio.org (Sean Finnegan)
- 21stcr.org (Dan Gill)
- scatteredbrethren.org (Robin Todd)
- thegodofjesus.com (Kegan Chandler)
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Atlanta Bible College Korean Extension Report



Steve An
Vice President ABC
Korean Extension

The 2026 spring semester, which included twenty-five students, concluded successfully on April 23, with three students graduating.

Among them, Hanjun Park has applied for an internship program with the Korean Church General Conference under the supervision of Pastor Yeoull Jang, where he will receive training for his future pastoral ministry. Throughout the summer break, our staff has been working diligently on recruitment, drawing strong support from Korean pastors and alumni in both the U.S. and South Korea. Thanks to these efforts, we have already received three completed applications for the fall semester, alongside numerous inquiries.

Following up on the previous report regarding the Korean Mission and recruitment initiatives, Sarah and Sam An are traveling with us (Young and Steve) to South Korea with the support of Lord's Harvesting International. Together, they will review the mission and recruitment activities aimed at the new generation.

Our itinerary features visits to several churches led by Korean Extension graduates, including Yatap Church of God (Pastor Younghee An), Sejong Church (Pastor Saehyun Kim), and Chowon Church (Pastor Yeongbeom Kim). The KE alumni shared sweet memories of their time in the program and were moved to tears upon reuniting with their former teacher, Sam, and his wife, Sarah. Pastoring with the Abrahamic Faith in South Korea can be lonely, and these graduates need continuous, warm encouragement. These reunions have surely inspired them to sustain the faith they built in the classroom. Additionally, we are visiting churches pastored by non-KE graduates to foster broader ministry connections. Pictured left are l to r: Pastor Yeongbeom Kim, Sam, Sarah, Pastor Saehyun Lee.

It is currently May 31 in Korea, and we are scheduled to return to Sejong Church on June 7th. This will be our largest event yet, during which we will preach and present the Abrahamic Faith and the Korean Extension program to

approximately 50 young members. Thankfully, Pastor Saehyun Kim will grant us ample time after the presentation for a free Q&A session regarding both the Abrahamic Faith and the Korean Extension program. We will provide report on this event to the Mission Board afterward.



Notably, this marks Sam's first visit to South Korea since 1981, and Sarah's very first time in the country. This firsthand immersion into Korean culture, experiencing trending language, local etiquette, food, public transportation, and daily lifestyle alongside the youth, will deeply enhance their ability to connect and communicate with KE students moving forward.

As the scripture says, "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow" (1 Corinthians 3:6). Young and Steve planted the seeds. Now, Sam and Sarah have begun to water them. Ultimately, God will make them grow, so that an abundance of fruit will soon follow in South Korea.



Calendar of Events

June 21-26—Midwest Family Camp at Milford, IN

July 19-24—FUEL—Burn the Ships at Manchester University, North Manchester, IN

July 29-August 2—140th Annual Iowa State Conference at Waterloo, IA

August 4-5—21st Annual Heritage Conference at Cornerstone Bible Church, McDonough, GA

August 5-7—106th Annual General Conference at Cornerstone Bible Church, McDonough, GA

Sept. 19—Women of Truth Conference: Overcoming, North Kent Bible Church, Rockford, MI

Sept. 25-27—Women's Enrichment Weekend at Long Lake Bible Camp near Eden Valley, MN

Future Conferences:

Feb. 22-25, 2027—Annual Ministers Conference, Cornerstone Bible Church, McDonough, GA

August 3-6, 2027—Heritage and General Conference at Lawrenceville Church, Springfield, OH

Good News from COG-Land



From the **Eden Valley Church of God in Eden Valley, MN** – The children’s Christmas program, “The Present,” was held on December 7. **Jill Peresko** directed the program with assistance from **Carrie Blakesley, AshLee Smith, Amy Czech, Kylie Pauls, and Shane Pauls**. Everyone did a great job presenting the Christmas story. The church hosted a Christmas carol and praise service on December 23

with some members from the Litchfield Church of God. The worship band “The Blooming Magnolias” performed “Give Me Oil” at the February 22 worship service. **Magnolia Czech** won second place in a writing contest sponsored by the VFW. The topic was how students can show patriotism in their community. **Pastor Anne Fischhaber’s** last service was March 29. Everyone wrote notes of appreciation to her for her years of service. Lunch, cake, and fellowship followed the worship service.

From the **Ripley Church of God in Mount Sterling, IL** – The church offers a big thank you to **David Dyer** for painting the parsonage and for repairing the ceiling with some help from **Robert Gustafson**.

From the **Hutchinson Church of God in Hutchinson, MN** – The church participated in LHI’s Marching for Missions Bible Challenge. The church raised \$831.15 to help give more people around the world access to God’s word. [Wow! Great job! – GNP]

From the **Oregon Church of God in Oregon, IL** – The church has begun a “Kid Konnect” program where each adult will “adopt” a young person in the church for prayer and encouragement throughout the year. It’s all about building connections and relationships with the many young people in the church.

From the **Pine Grove Bible Church in Brooklyn Park, MN** – The church serves the community in many ways. In February personal care items, household cleaning products, family fun items, and food were collected for the Earle Brown Elementary School Family Resources Room. **Samantha and Nancy Mikulak** work there. On March 18 over 300 sandwiches were made for the Sandwich Project of Minnesota. Several individuals have volunteered at Feed My Starving Children, which helps provide meals for children in need across the world.

From the **Bethel Church of God in Pelzer, SC** – For the March and April missions project, the church collected 32 jars of peanut butter and 25 jars of jelly for Appalachian Ministries of The Carolinas. Palm Sunday was celebrated with the children laying palm branches at the foot of the cross, and fellowship and a meal after worship. Resurrection Sunday began with an early service,

continued with a breakfast, then seven baptisms. Praise God! The men of the church hosted a Mother-Daughter Banquet on May 8. Congratulations to **Earlene Mabry** for Mother of the Year.

From the **Eden Valley Church of God in Eden Valley, MN and the Litchfield Church of God in Litchfield, MN** – Both churches are pleased to announce that **Jeffrey Seiders** has agreed to pastor their churches. He is taking turns speaking at the churches with livestreaming available when he is not in person. **Marvelous Marv’s (Marv Nordmann) Basketball Camp** was held April 4 and 11. **Pastor Jeffrey Seiders** and **Jason Nordmann** assisted, with **Gracie Czech, Duke Albright, Wyatt Nordmann, and Nora Nordmann** attending.

Congratulations to the Graduates Department – **Ian Knowlton (Timberland Bible Church in South Bend, IN)** graduated with honors from Indiana State University in Terre Haute with a double major of criminology/criminal justice and cyber criminology. **Lawrenceville Church of God (Springfield, OH)** has these high school graduates: **Abby Puttin, Reeyce Kritzweiser, Zackery Rinehart, Haylee Spencer, Carter Adkins, Xander Stacey, and Kailyn Scott**. **Skyler Czech (Eden Valley COG)** graduated from Eden Valley-Watkins High School.

From the **Birthday and Anniversary Department** – **Jim Turner (Bethel COG)** turned 83 on March 4. **Betty Owens** turned 83 on May 26, and **Martha Vinson** reached 80 on May 30. Both are also from Bethel COG. Anniversaries from Bethel COG are **Ron and Terry Macy** (54 on April 29) and **Jerry and Sonja Smith** (57 on May 9). **Matt and Mandy Stormont (Oregon COG)** celebrated their 25th anniversary on April 21. [Congratulations to all of you folks! – GNP]

From the **GNP desk** – Remember to send in the names of your milestone anniversary or birthday people. We want to celebrate the milestones along with them, and we want everyone in COG-Land to know about it. Also send your good news. We know there’s good news everywhere, so send us e-mails, bulletins, phone calls, etc. to tell us your good news. (rjones@atlantabiblecollege.com).

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Pastors Needed

Hammond, LA

New Beginnings is seeking a pastor to serve its congregation. Please contact Eliska Fauntleroy 985-320-9067 or Carola Landry 225-275-9202, carola.r.landry@gmail.com.

Blanchard, MI

The Blanchard Church of God is pleased to announce that we have grown enough to seek the services of a pastor. We are a rural church with a multi-generational congregation. We are looking for an individual who has a passion to reach the lost of our communities. Our pastor would need to live within the community. Interested parties should contact Elder Tom Siderius at: sidtom@gmail.com.

Rockford, MI

North Kent Bible Church is seeking a Christ-centered and team-oriented associate pastor. This role is designed for a relational, dynamic leader who shares in shepherding, teaching, vision-casting, and organizational leadership.

For additional information about key responsibilities, qualifications, and compensation, please see the previous issue of the Progress Journal or contact the North Kent Church.

For those interested in pursuing this position, please send a resume and cover letter highlighting your interest in the job, relevant skills, experience, and motivation for applying to northkentbiblechurch.com.



North American Missions (NAM) of the COGGC partners with churches and conferences to promote: 1) Church Planting, 2) Church Revitalization, and 3) Leadership Development.



**Talon Paul, Director
North American Missions**

NEW North American Missions Board

In an effort to expand our reach, we have brought on several people to North American Missions that will bless the ministry moving forward.

Pastor Mark Cain (OH) - Mark Cain will serve as the Board of Directors' representative. Mark has many personal ties to isolated Biblical Unitarians and groups through his efforts with the Unitarian Christian Alliance, and is passionate about bringing those individuals into fellowship.

Pastor John Truitt (KY) - John Truitt is a newly licensed COG pastor who helps lead the Four Rivers Church of God in Paducah, KY, as well as helping lead an online fellowship called Allegiance to the King. John brings numerous years of home fellowship experience and has many connections to isolated Biblical Unitarians that are seeking fellowship.

Mickey Holm (TN) - Mickey Holm lives in Roan Mountain, TN, where he leads a retreat center called the Chalet Retreat, focused on ministering to ministry leaders, marriages, and isolated Biblical Unitarians. He helps lead a home fellowship affiliated with the

COG at this center, and has numerous years of church planting experience from his time in Florida.

If you are interested in connecting with any of these new board members, please reach out. Please pray for their involvement to bring much fruit to the Church of God.

NEW Church Has Joined

The Talma Church in Talma, Indiana has officially joined the Indiana State Conference this quarter. They are a former United Methodist church that is led by Pastor Don Nunemaker. We are pleased to welcome them into fellowship within the Church of God. If you are interested in connecting with this new church, please let us know.

NEW Contacts

In addition to working with individuals in Missouri, Kentucky, Texas, and Tennessee, we have made contact with these areas with individuals who are looking for new fellowship in their area:

- Oklahoma City, OK
- Boise, ID
- Staunton, VA

Please pray that God would bear much fruit for the Church of God through these new contacts. If you are near these areas and would like to connect with these contacts, please let us know.



Lord's Harvest

INTERNATIONAL

Annette Osborn, Coordinator
lhiannette@gmail.com

Praise God for His generous people! Your gifts for purchasing Bibles came to \$22,752. We are already planning for the purchase of 200 Bibles in Kenya along with study Bibles for the pastors.

In SW Uganda, two churches joined together to hold meetings in the nearby town of Juru. It is necessary for them to have police and community approval for events. There was some resistance due to our distinctive doctrines, but God provided for the meeting to go forward and the teachings were well-received.

Dozens of men in N. Kenya attended the Men of Valor weekend with the theme "Empowered Men". Topics included: A call to godly manhood, building a strong spiritual foundation, family leadership and the role of the Christian man in the home. Men from eight churches were able to attend the sessions.



John Wincapaw,
Coordinator

As summer kicks into high gear, youth ministry season is in full swing! Across the country, many are wrapping up or preparing for state camps and VBS programs, while youth groups are gearing up for fundraisers, and Bible quizzing. We have also been hard at work preparing for National Camp—FUEL—July 19-24 at Manchester University, North Manchester, IN. The anticipation is building!

The biggest pieces of planning for FUEL are now in place. Our staff team is assembled, activities are planned, teachers are preparing lessons, and speakers are being finalized. As we move into the final stages of preparation, we're focusing on the details and, most importantly, praying for every student who may attend.

If you have students from 8th grade through college age, I strongly encourage you to help them make plans to be at FUEL. This week has the potential to be truly life-changing. Students will step away from

The youth conference in S. Kenya had larger attendance this year. Gatherings were held simultaneously in three areas to reduce travelling costs. These youth are some who will be receiving Bibles.



LHI was blessed with a bequest from the Warren and Irene Sorenson estate. We voted to use a part of the funds for two board members to complete master's degrees in missions. This will help us learn best practices for mission work in the world we live in today. With an advanced degree, it will allow for missions to become an integral part of the ABC curriculum. We are grateful that Moriah Railton and Sarah Johnson are willing to take on this challenge. Pray for them and their families.

We are always looking for men and women to be available to join us when we go to Africa. Lord willing, a group will be going to Malawi in 2027, but there are many other regions that require our attention and visits. A typical trip is ten days to two weeks. Pray about it and contact me directly at lhiannette@gmail.com for more information.

the distractions of everyday life and spend nearly a week immersed in Christian fellowship, discipleship, and spiritual growth. They'll experience powerful worship, dynamic preaching and teaching, meaningful small-group discussions, Bible quizzing, sports, lawn games, board games, late-night conversations, and, of course, plenty of ice cream!

We are believing God for a week that will strengthen faith, build friendships, and create memories that will last a lifetime. We can't wait to see what God will do at FUEL this year!

The theme this year is Burn the Ships. It will be a journey of wholehearted commitment to God, inspired by Elisha's decision to burn his plows and leave his old life behind. The week will challenge students to remove every option of retreat, break free from the past, step forward in faith, remain faithful through seasons of waiting, embrace the strength of spiritual community, remember God's faithfulness and Christ's sacrifice, engage in his mission, and celebrate how far he has brought them while continuing to move forward.

TPYM has a new website, and we are thankful to Katelyn Salyers for the new design as we integrate more with the General Conference's site. Fuel Registration is open and you can go directly to tpym.com to get registered and stay connected!

Church News

Baptisms

Georgia

McDonough – Cornerstone Bible Church – Molly Briggs, (4/19/26) by her father Jerry Briggs.

Illinois

East Oregon – Chris and Jennifer Wetzel (4/19/26) by Jennifer’s grandfather Pastor Willie Little. Charlotte Oakley (4/26/26) by Pastor Willie Little.

South Carolina

Pelzer – Bethel – D. J. Mabry, Hope Cauble, Madelyn Mabry, Blake Fowler, Allison Sisk, Jason Sisk (4/5/26) by Pastor Wally Winner assisted by Lee Sisk; Lee is the father of Allison and Jason; Cara Grace Winner (4/5/26) by Pastor Wally Winner assisted by Matthew Winner, Cara’s grandfather and father.

Deaths

Arizona

Tempe – Lakeshore – Roxanna McElwee, 81, (10/23/25), member by Pastor Levi Salyers; James Murrell, 82, (11/8/25), member; Bud Paulson, 84, (4/13/26), friend by Pastor Levi Salyers; David Hall, 90, (5/23/26), life-long member and former men’s dorm director and director of maintenance for Oregon Bible College.

California

Linda Jones Allen, 70, (4/17/26), daughter of Pastor Delbert and Bernedene Jones.

Illinois

Macomb – Sally Pestle (3/7/26) wife of former pastor Jesse Pestle.

Minnesota

Brooklyn Park – Pine Grove – Bill Gaspar, 83, (4/14/26), life-long member.

Eden Valley – Mary Lou Niewind, 84, (5/3/26), long-time member by Pastor Jeffrey Seiders.

Mississippi

Flowood - Charles V. Pryor, 84, (4/3/26), son of the late Pastor C. F. Pryor; attended Oregon Bible College; married Lois Stadden; earned his doctorate in counselor education. Served as President of Oregon Bible College from 1980-1985. The Oregon Bible College Development Foundation was launched during his administration. Service by Don Needham.



North Carolina

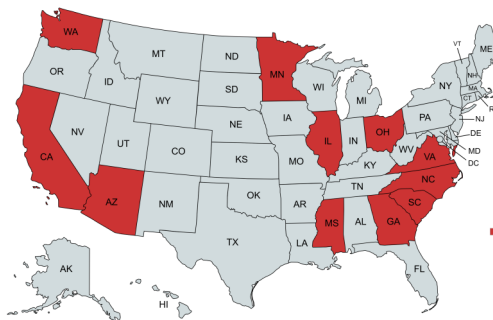
Lenoir – Church of Resurrection Hope – Irene Knight, 81, (11/3/24), long-time member by Pastor Michael Medlock; Ruth Robinson, 90, (7/19/25), long-time member by Paul Duncan; Wanda Serrano, 77, (4/13/26), long-time member and sister of Pastor Dennis Baldwin by Pastor Michael Medlock.

Ohio

Urbana – Chapel Hill – Annelie Krebehenne, 74, (2/13/25), member by Pastor Jeff Ludden.

South Carolina

Pelzer – Bethel – Judy Turner (4/20/26) long-time member by Pastor Wally Winner.



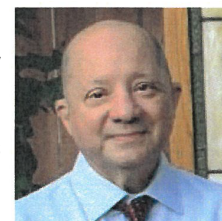
Places where baptisms and deaths took place

Pelzer – Guthrie Grove – Todd Currens, 54, (8/4/25), member by Pastors Andy Cisneros and Wally Winner.

Virginia

Fair Oaks – Rob Helenburg, 83, (4/13/26), long-life member; former member of General Conference Board of Directors by Pastor Gary Burnham.

Front Royal – Grace Fellowship – Pastor Chuck LaMattina, 73, (4/19/26) by Michael LaMattina, Chuck’s son. Chuck was licensed by the Ministerial Recognition Board in 2023 and has served Grace Fellowship since then until the time of his death.



Washington

Wenatchee – Walter Larsen, 91, (1/24/25), life-long member; graduated from Oregon Bible College in 1955.

2026 Christian Workers Seminar

Each year the attendance at the seminar continues to grow following the COVID shutdown. There were 75 in attendance at this 52nd annual seminar. The theme was Prepare the Way based on Isaiah 40:3: “A voice of one calling: In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.”

Workshops were led by Seth Ross, Dennis Sharp, Joe James, Ron Macy, Michael Hoffman, and Cayce Fletcher. Evening speakers were Andy Cisneros, Melinda Cisler, Jim Shaul, and Alan Cain. Again this year, ABC students received scholarships from the Charles and Joyce Knapp Memorial Scholarship Fund to attend and assist at the seminar.



Prayer and Praise Items

July

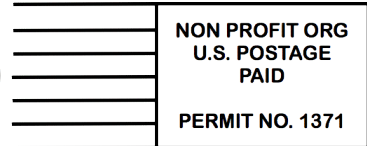
- 1 **Pray for Maksim as he ministers in Russia.**
- 2 Pray for the next generation of young people in our churches.
- 3 **Praise God for the abundant life you have in Christ.**
- 4 Praise God for the leadership of your church family.
- 5 **Pray for a great hunger and thirst for righteousness in your church.**
- 6 Pray for Pastor John and Alice Railton and the work of the Family Bible Church in Granger, Indiana.
- 7 **Pray that many will hear God's call into full-time Christian service.**
- 8 Pray for the many people in our churches who have been baptized recently.
- 9 **Pray for Linda Limbe-Nkomba and her work in Malawi.**
- 10 Pray for Pastor Dale and Cheryl Swartz and the Brush Creek, OH Church.
- 11 **Pray for Pastor John Wincapaw and the Youth Advisory Committee as they work with our youth.**
- 12 Pray for students considering enrollment at Atlanta Bible College.
- 13 **Pastor Michael and Charity Medlock and the work at Church of Resurrection Hope in Lenoir, NC.**
- 14 Praise God for His wisdom.
- 15 **Praise God for the continuing opportunities to present the gospel of the kingdom over the radio, shortwave, and the internet.**
- 16 Pray that students in our churches grow toward spiritual maturity and sound doctrine.
- 17 **Pray for someone you know who needs to accept Christ.**
- 18 Pray that God will lead many of our young people into ministry at home and abroad.
- 19 **Pray for the adults who work with students in our churches and the influence they have on young people.**
- 20 Pray for Pastor Dan and Rachel Cain and their work at the Troy View Church of God in Troy, Ohio.
- 21 **Pray for the ministries of individuals across the Church of God.**
- 22 Pray for the Board and staff as they work on details of relocation of the college/conference to Ohio.
- 23 **Pray for those who are studying the Systematic Bible Study course online.**
- 24 Thank God for those who take time each year to travel to and attend General Conference.
- 25 **Pray for the History Committee as they work to honor our past through the Heritage Conference each year.**
- 26 Pray for the General Conference churches as they strive to fulfill the mission God has given them.
- 27 **Pray for God's blessing and direction on the leaders of our churches.**
- 28 Praise God for your family and friends.
- 29 **Pray for John Fauntleroy and the work at New Beginnings Christian Church of Hammond, LA.**
- 30 Pray for Pastor Scott Ellison and the Rock Solid Bible Church in Howard City, MI.
- 31 **Praise God for efforts to gather like-minded believers in various cities in the hopes that new churches might begin.**

August

- 1 **Thank God for your pastor and seek ways to encourage him.**
- 2 Praise God for the promise of a new heaven and a new earth in His coming kingdom.
- 3 **Pray for a personal hunger to know God and Jesus better.**
- 4 Pray for those attending the 21st annual Heritage Conference in McDonough, GA today.
- 5 **Pray for the 106th annual General Conference as it begins meeting today in McDonough, GA.**
- 6 Pray for a church planting vision for Church of God members.
- 7 **Pray for Pastor Jeffrey Seiders as he works with the Eden Valley and Litchfield, MN churches.**
- 8 Pray for those traveling home from the summer General Conference today.
- 9 **Pray for retired pastors Joe and Rebekah Martin.**
- 10 Praise God for those who are preparing for ministry.
- 11 **Pray for pastors serving our churches in Africa.**
- 12 Pray for opportunities to speak to others today about God and Jesus Christ.
- 13 **Thank God for the financial supporters of the Church of God General Conference.**
- 14 Praise God for new contacts who are seeking the truth around the world.
- 15 **Praise God for your church family and the strength that you receive through it.**
- 16 Pray for Pastor Robert and Karen Laning and the work at Ripley, IL.
- 17 **Pray for Atlanta Bible College campus and remote students as they begin the fall semester today.**
- 18 Pray for Pastor Curt and Anita Rowden and the East Peoria, Illinois Church.
- 19 **Pray for the members of the Board of Directors, especially those newly elected earlier this month, to be led by God as they guide the work of the General Conference.**
- 20 Pray for the work at the Oaklawn Church, Koszta, IA.
- 21 **Pray for God's blessing on your neighborhood.**
- 22 Ask God to help you love Him and His Son more.
- 23 **Pray for Pastor Merry Peterson and the work of Freedom in Christ, Welland, ON.**
- 24 Pray for the work of the Blanchard, MI church.
- 25 **Pray for the ministry of the ABC Korean Extension in reaching students in both Georgia and in South Korea.**
- 26 Pray for the Grace Fellowship Church in Front Royal, VA and the family of Pastor Chuck LaMattina following his death.
- 27 **Pray for newly licensed minister Jon Kizer and his work as assistant pastor of the Hedrick, IN Church of God.**
- 28 Pray for the Fair Oaks Community Church in Herndon, VA.
- 29 **Pray for Pastor Wesley Riggs and the Countryside Bible Church in Peculiar, MO.**
- 30 Praise God for His constant care.
- 31 **Pray for God to send workers into the fields that are ready for harvest.**

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Prayer and Praise Items (continued from page 15)

September

- 1 **Praise God for the pastors serving in Kenya and Uganda.**
- 2 Pray for believers scattered around the country without a nearby Church of God to attend.
- 3 **Praise God for volunteers who willingly serve the Church of God on various committees.**
- 4 Pray for workers at the Wenatchee, WA church.
- 5 **Pray for Pastor Jerry and Jennifer Wierwille at their work at Living Hope Church in Latham, NY.**
- 6 Pray for the work in Uganda as many people are coming to faith.
- 7 **Pray that God will raise up workers to serve in mission fields in other lands.**
- 8 Pray for Pastor Andy and Kristy Cisneros and their ministry at Guthrie Grove Church of God in Pelzer, SC.
- 9 **Praise God for His holiness and truthfulness.**
- 10 Pray for Mission Coordinator Annette Osborn and the work of the Lord's Harvest International mission board.
- 11 **Pray for a spirit of unity throughout the Church of God.**
- 12 Praise God for baptisms in our churches.
- 13 **Pray for Pastor Wade and Kim Tierney and the Morse Mill, MO church.**
- 14 Pray for the Ministerial Recognition Board as they encourage our pastors.
- 15 **Pray for the youth of your local church.**
- 16 Pray for retired Pastor Russ Magaw.
- 17 **Pray for God to provide you with a grateful attitude.**
- 18 Pray for the boldness you need to share Christ with an unbelieving friend.
- 19 **Pray for Church of God youth ministry in each of our churches.**
- 20 Pray for the outreach efforts of your local congregation.
- 21 **Praise God for a blessing He provided in your life yesterday.**
- 22 Praise God for His daily blessings of shelter, food, family, and friends.
- 23 **Pray for an individual you know who does not have hope of eternal life.**
- 24 Pray for the churches within your state or regional conference.
- 25 **Pray for Pastor Jacob and Andrea Rohrer was they work with the church in Rhode Island.**
- 26 Praise God for the wealth of our nation that allows us to spread the gospel around the world.
- 27 **Pray for God to raise up talented students who will desire to prepare for ministry at Atlanta Bible College.**
- 28 Pray for the opportunity to share Christ with someone this week.
- 29 **Praise God for the leadership of your local congregation.**
- 30 Pray for new contacts through distribution of literature and our website.