

COG Timeline



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Failed Prophecy

Birth/Death

Publication

Schism

Criminal and Corrupt Activities

Deaths and Violence

Milestone

Adventism's Birth



Adventism



Starting 1831 and leading up to 1844, evangelist [William Miller](#) promotes his doctrine of a pre-millennial Second Coming of Jesus Christ. His followers became known as either [Millerites](#) or [Adventists](#). In the beginning, there was no Sabbatarian element.

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1842	Evangelist Gilbert Cranmer accepts William Miller's Advent doctrines.
1844	Rachel Oakes Preston , a Seventh Day Baptist, convinces Adventist minister Frederick Wheeler to keep a Saturday Sabbath. They start meeting with other Adventists on Saturday, the first recorded meeting of Seventh Day Adventists. (Wikipedia: Adventists)
March 21 1844	Miller's apocalyptic prophecy for March 21, 1844 fails. Christ did not return. This is known as " The Great Disappointment " and was one of the first major failed prophecies in COG history. It would not be the last.
October 22 1844	Following The Great Disappointment, evangelist Samuel S. Snow , a Miller associate, recalculates Christ's return for October 22. This prophecy too fails, Adventism's major uniting factor disintegrating.
1845	Cranmer begins observing a Saturday Sabbath.



[Ellen G. Harmon](#) and [James Springer White](#) marry in August. Shortly thereafter, the Whites start observing a seventh-day Sabbath.

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July

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December 22

1849

[The Present Truth](#) magazine is launched by the Adventist church, its first issue advocating seventh-day Sabbath observance.

William Miller [dies](#).



Church of God (Seventh Day)
(COG7)



Seventh-Day Adventist Church
(SDA)

1858

The Whites deny Cranmer a license to preach in the Adventist church. He starts preach independently instead, launching several congregations in Michigan prior to 1860s and organizing them into a [state conference](#).

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Sabbath-keeping Adventists hold a conference in Battle Creek, Michigan to discuss legally organizing. [The Seventh-Day Adventist church is born](#).

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1863	Cranmer's churches publish the first issue of The Hope of Israel .	Formal organization of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church starts.
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1872	<i>The Hope of Israel</i> paper is renamed to <i>Advent and Sabbath Advocate and Hope of Israel</i> .	
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August 6		James White dies .
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1884	The General Conference of the Church of God is organized from conferences in Michigan, Iowa, Missouri and Nebraska. A. C. Long is elected president and A. F. Dugger is vice-president. The Michigan conference adopts the name "Church of God" and by year's end, the name trickles into all conferences. COG7 is officially born.	
1885		
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1887	The General Conference of the Church of God holds its first annual meeting in Stanberry, Missouri where the COG7's headquarters would rest for years to come.	
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July 31 [Herbert W. Armstrong](#) is born in Des Moines, Iowa.

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1898 Michigan COG7 members lead [established a sanitarium](#) in White Cloud, Michigan.

1899 The General Conference of the Church of God [is officially incorporated](#).

1900 *Advent and Sabbath Advocate and Hope of Israel* [has its name changed](#) to *The Bible Advocate and Herald of the Coming Kingdom*. The paper would later simply be known as *The Bible Advocate*.

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1903 [Cranmer dies](#) at the White Cloud sanitarium.

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1906 Andrew N. Dugger begins his ministry.

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1910 Andrew F. Dugger dies.

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1914 Andrew N. Dugger becomes editor of *The Bible Advocate*.

July 16 Ellen G. White [dies](#).

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1917 HWA marries Loma Dillon.

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1920 *The Bible Home Instructor*, written by Dugger, is published.

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1922	Dugger implements financial reform across COG7.
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1925	Dugger censors controversial ideas in <i>The Bible Advocate</i> . It is closed as an open forum for members.
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1927	Herbert W. Armstrong is baptized in COG7.
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February 9 1930	Garner Ted Armstrong , Herbert W. Armstrong's second son, is born.
1931	Herbert W. Armstrong is ordained in COG7's Oregon conference.
1932	Dugger moves to reorganize COG7, putting twelve men in charge of spiritual affairs, seven to manage the finances and seventy men to go out two-by-two to warn people of the Apocalypse.
1933	Dugger's attempt to reorganize COG7 becomes a point of contention. Dugger loses his bid for the General Conference presidency and leaves to form Church of God (7th-Day) headquartered in Salem, West Virginia. Half the brethren leave the General Conference to join Dugger, who organizes his church as he proposed.
September 1933	HWA is told that the 100-watt KORE local radio station in Eugene, Oregon was having problems finding hosts for a 15-minute morning religious program.
October 9 1933	HWA jumps on the opportunity to host a radio program and takes to the airwaves.
November 1933	At Dugger's organization meeting for his church, HWA aligned himself with COG7 splinter and is chosen as one of the seventy church elders that were to go forth two-by-two to warn the world.

The Golden Era



**Radio Church of God
(RCOG)**



**Church of God, Seventh Day
(COG7)**

1934	<p>The Plain Truth magazine and Radio Church of God are started by HWA.</p> <p>HWA is granted ministerial credentials by the COG7 splinter in Salem. The certificate is signed by Dugger and C. O. Dodd.</p>	The split of COG7 in 1933 divided the conference between those loyal to the Stanberry, Missouri leaders and those following Dugger based out of Salem.
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1937	HWA's ministerial credentials are revoked over his teachings on British-Israelism, the Levitical Holy Days and his general inability to work with others.	
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1939	<p>HWA predicts Hitler and Franco would give their power to Mussolini. He also predicts that Ethiopia and Libya would join the USSR.</p> <p>HWA publishes article called <i>Did Christ Reorganize The Church?</i> arguing in favor of a top-down church government led by a single man.</p>	
1940	HWA predicts the Third Reich would defeat Great Britain in the war, that Turkey would join the Axis Powers, Mussolini would conquer Egypt and Palestine, and Winston Churchill would rise as a dictator similar to Hitler.	
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1942	HWA predicts the German General Rommel would conquer Jerusalem and Egypt. Rommel's army was destroyed the next year.	The first attempt to reunified the divided COG7 conferences fails.
1943	HWA predicts Christ would return this year. This was his second attempt.	
1944	HWA predicts it would take 20 additional years to defeat the Japanese, and that the invasion of Normandy would fail.	
1945	HWA predicts the Japanese would drop a nuclear bomb on the United States.	
1946	HWA predicts the Jews would never occupy Palestine.	

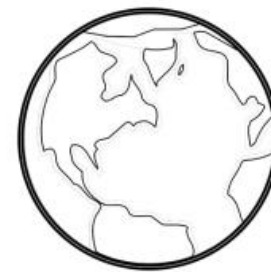
	HWA moves the RCOG headquarters to Pasadena, California.	
1947	Ambassador College founded.	
1948	HWA predicts Germany would become a nuclear power within three years.	Spring Vale Academy , a COG7 high school in Owosso, Michigan opens with its first twelve students.
1949		The second attempt to reunify the divided conference succeeds. <i>The Bible Sabbath Association</i> , a Sabbatarian advocacy group, and <i>The Bible Sentinel</i> begin.
1950	The first baptizing tours of men trained at RCOG's Ambassador College begin. HWA predicts the United States would never win another war, and that no man would ever go to outer space.	The recombined conference relocates its headquarters to Denver, Colorado.
1951	Herman Hoeh and Betty Bates, two of the first four students attending Ambassador College, graduate.	Those against the recombination start to split off and form their own small conferences across the country.
1952		
1953	HWA goes on ABC national radio. HWA predicts 20 more years to the Korean War. Eisenhower ended it a month later.	COG7 begins national radio program <i>Faith For Our Time</i> .
1954	Ambassador College begins 58 lesson Bible Correspondence Course.	
1955	RCOG sponsors first television programs. GTA is ordained. HWA the United States would experience the worst drought in its history. It didn't.	
October 1 1955	On the first day of the Feast of Tabernacles, HWA announces RCOG's first million dollar budget.	
1956	HWA predicts that Britain would crumble under famine conditions, and that the USSR would outlive the United States. The church publishes HWA's 1975 in Prophecy! detailing the impending Apocalypse in less than 20 years time. It is illustrated by church member and <i>Mad</i> magazine artist Basil Wolverton . HWA meets Stanley Rader , who works to improve the church's accounting system.	
1957	HWA predicts Christ would return this year. This was his third attempt. GTA takes over his father's broadcasting responsibilities.	COG7 begins the <i>Searchlight Bible Correspondence Course</i> .
1958	HWA predicts a disease epidemic would sweep over the United States.	
July 30 1958	HWA's oldest son Richard David Armstrong dies from injuries from an automobile accident the week previous.	
1959	HWA predicts the United States would shortly come to an end, and that China would invade India.	COG7 begins Free Literature Distribution Program, mimicking the free literature provided by RCOG. Previously, COG7's literature was not free.

1960	HWA predicts Prince Charles would become the King of England. He's still waiting.	
1961	A group of 15 Ambassador College leaders form the "Manpower Committee" to evaluate which students should be hired into the church. It turns into a high-level gossip session that would be released later by the <i>Ambassador Report</i> as The Manpower Papers . Ministers judged students on race, sexual activities, physique and overall attitudes.	COG7 establishes youth camps.
1962	HWA predicts the rise of a Nazi dictatorship in the Vatican. Chess champion Bobby Fischer joins the church.	
1963	Rader graduates with a law degree from University of Southern California Law School at HWA's expense. He becomes the church's lawyer.	Robert Coulter is selected to chair COG7's General Conference. COG7's "Faith For Our Time" is broadcast on 24 radio stations and Faithful Youth Changers is founded.
1964		
1965	HWA predicts Germany would rebound and destroy the United States, that man would never walk on the moon and that the Pope would "falsely resurrect Hitler." One of Armstrong's pastors, Roderick Meredith, claimed that Hitler was still alive. Armstrong also predicted the European trade embargo would ruin the United States, and that the Jews would not conquer Jerusalem.	
1967	HWA's wife Loma dies. HWA predicts the Jews would demolish the Dome of the Rock, triggering the end times, and that Jordan would conquer West Jerusalem (the opposite occurred).	

The Crises Mount



[Worldwide Church of God](#)
(WCG)



Minor Splinters



[Church of God, Seventh Day](#)
(COG7)

January 5 1968	The Radio Church of God changes its name to Worldwide Church of God (WCG).		
1969	WCG publishes <i>Tomorrow's World</i> magazine. Meredith predicts the end of the United States by this date. Denis Michael Rohan , an Australian church member and <i>The Plain Truth</i> subscriber, burns down part of the Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem in an attempt to hasten the Apocalypse. The crime receives international attention. Rohan is arrested with church literature in his pocket and HWA attempts to distance himself and WCG from the situation.		
1970	COG Evangelist Gerald Waterhouse predicts that if HWA ever died, God would destroy the world. HWA himself also predicted that Germany would take over Easter Europe.	Carl O'Beirn starts the Church of God splinter. John Kerley starts the Top of the Line splinter. M. John Allen starts the Restoration Church of God splinter. B. Ballew and V. Cryer start the Church of God, Boise Oklahoma splinter. Marvin Faulhaber starts the Sabbatarian splinter. James and Virginia Porter start the Fountain of Life Fellowship splinter.	
1971	HWA predicts nuclear war and the persecution of WCG for this year.		
1972	HWA predicts Christ would return this year. This was his fourth attempt. The prophecy is retconned for 1975. This is the beginning of sorrows for WCG. A disillusioned Bobby Fischer leaves the church .	Sir Anthony Buzzard starts the Restoratio Fellowship splinter. Lee Grose starts The Total Truth splinter.	
1973	HWA starts staging personal appearances with leaders across the world on behalf of WCG	Larry Gillbert Johnson starts the Church of God Seventh Era splinter. John Mitchell starts the Church of God Shreveport splinter.	
1974	Youth Opportunities United (YOU) is formed by WCG. WCG's Ambassador Auditorium is dedicated. The church setup a special fund for donations to build it, but it was later announced it was funded entirely by bank loans. Where the donated money went was never discovered. Several ministers in the American northeast leave WCG over doctrinal disagreements and the church's perceived unwillingness to change. This would be known as the "East Coast Rebellion."	Dan Porter starts the Baltimore Church of God splinter. John Cheetham starts the Jenison Church of God splinter. E. Martin, G. Arvidon and K. Fisher starts the Foundation for Biblical Research splinter.	COG7 revises its doctrines on divorce and remarriage.
March 6 1974	Dennis Jeffery Stephenson , a freshman at Ambassador College, commits suicide after hearing a Meredith lecture about the Great Tribulation.	Ken Westby and George Kemnitz start the Associated Churches, Inc. splinter.	

1975

HWA's prophecy that the world would end in 1975 fails. Members had stockpiled and prepared for the Apocalypse, putting their lives on hold. The disillusioned leave, though most others stay. The public embarrassment is palpable. At this point, WCG stops making predictions for specific end-of-the-world dates.

Rader, previously a Jew, [is baptized by HWA](#) in a bathtub at Hong Kong's Mandarin Hotel.



A minister who had been one of the first four students to attend Ambassador College, Raymond C. Cole, goes on to form Church of God, The Eternal (COGE) in 1975. Bryce Clark, a recently departed WCG minister, joins Cole's group the year it is started.

Cecil Battles starts the Song in the Night splinter.
Ray Lampley starts the Universal Church of God splinter.
Des Griffen Starts Emissary Publications.
William Hinson starts Religion in the News.
Al Carrozzo starts Liberty Foundation.

COG7 gives autonomy to other national conferences.
Andrew N. Dugger dies in Jerusalem.

1976

A group of Ambassador College alumni publish *Ambassador Review*. Later, the newsletter is renamed [Ambassador Report](#), with the stated objective to provide an open forum for students to share their AC experiences. It would later be used as fuel for WCG critics as corrupt ministerial activities were brought to public light.

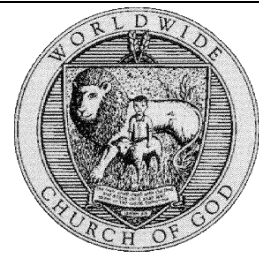
Paul Rover splits from COGE to start the Church of God Sonome.
Ray Stapleton starts the Seek and Find Ministries of the Church of El Shaddai.

1977

At 85-years-old, HWA marries 39-year-old divorcee Ramona Martin.

HWA predicted by this year there would be world peace.

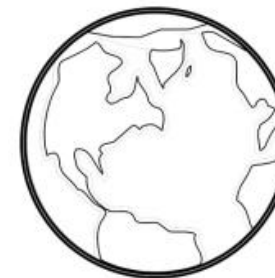
WCG [backs union workers](#) in a Supreme Court case about working on the Sabbath.



[Worldwide Church of God](#)

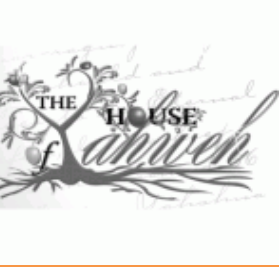


[Church of God International](#)



[Church of God, Seventh Day](#)

	(WCG)	(CGI)	Minor Splinters	(COG7)
June 28 1978	Rader's disasterous interview with Mike Wallace of <i>60 Minutes</i> takes place where the journalist launches allegations of corruption at WCG. Rader storms off the set.	GTA is excommunicated from WCG for trying to steal church funds, various sex scandals and feeding the media information about HWA.		
1978	HWA's predictions that he would become one of the Two Witnesses alongside GTA fails. He also predicts The John Paul II would unite Europe.	GTA quickly forms the Church of God, International (CGI), with headquarters in Tyler, Texas. It soon becomes the largest splinter from WCG and and collects a\$5 million income. Ronald Dart, WCG evangelist, leaves for CGI and comes its vice president. The following split from CGI: Assemble of God in Christ Jesus (Bill Phillips) Disciples Church of God (Clyde Holman) Church of the Savior at Cincinnati (Cliffer Robertson)	The original United Church of God, as starts by Richard Wiedenheft, splits from Associated Churches, Inc. Richard Nickles leaves COGE to start Giving and Sharing Ministry. Jack Hines starts the Church of God Churchlight Publishing Association. Rick Gipe starts the Family Church of God. Martin Muzynosky starts Mystery of the Kingdom Ministry.	
1979	The Receivership Crisis begins. A civil suit against WCG alleges that tithes and other donations have been funneled for personal use by church leaders, that there was a liquidation of church-owned properties and that the books were cooked. A temporary restraining order freezes WCG's assets and the church battles the State of California for months.The Supreme Court refused to block the investigation.	The Pure Truth (Richard Scott) splits from CGI.	G. Arvidson and K. Storey leave Foundation for Biblical Research to start World Insight. Gordon Weisler starts the Church of God Messengers splinter. Richard Prince starts yet another United Church of God. Neville Gilbert starts the Cristian Church of God splinter. Fred Coulter forms the Biblical Church of God.	COG7 joins the International Ministerial Congress.
1980	David Robinson's Herbert Armstrong's Tangle Web is published, alleging systematic corruption	Church of God Evangelistic Association (Dave Smith) splints from CGI.	Davis Northnegel splits from COGE to start the Bible Study Association.	

	in WCG and HWA's decades-long incestuous relationship with his daughter Dorothy.		 <p>Yisrael "Buffalo Bill" Hawkins, a former WCG member, launches his own sect, The House of Yahweh (HOY), in Abaline, Texas.</p>
October 1980	California's attorney general drops the receivership case against the WCG and HWA funnels money into attack ads against him.	Dave Smith splits to form Church of God Evangelstic Association.	Jeff Booth starts the Christian Church of God splinter.
1981	A letter written by former WCG member W. Jack Kessler outlines several allegations of systemic corruption among church leaders. It would become known as The Kessler Letter . Rader resigns following the resolution of the Receivership Crisis.		Keith Hunt leaves the Biblical Church of God to form the Scriptural Church of God. Herb Solinsky starts the Dallas Congregation of the Almighty. Hans Norel starts the Church of God Kelowna.
1982	HWA predicts Britain would lose the Falklands War. <i>News of the World</i> catches HWA staging a fake photo op with Prince Charles.		Fred Coulter leaves to form Christian Biblical Church of God (CBCOG) along with seven other members in Hollister, California.
1983			John Shirn splits from Associated Churches, Inc. to start Family of God. Bernard Kelly starts Transworld Publishing.
1984			F. Martin's Association for Scriptural Knowledge splits from the Foundation for Biblical Research.
January 6 1985	Chuck Harris , a WCG member in Seattle, goes on a murder rampage after a minister disallows his interracial marriage with a Caucasian woman in the church. His history of mental instability and previous murder charges had gone overlooked by WCG.	Austin Newell splits to form Church of God Denton Congregation.	Harold Hemenway starts the Universal Church of God.

The Collapse



Worldwide Church of God



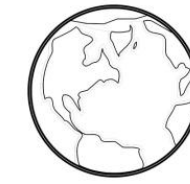
Global Church of God



Philadelphia Church of God



Church of God International



Minor Splinters



Church of God (Seventh Day)

<p>January 19 1986</p>	<p>HWA dies at the age of 93. Before his death he makes Joseph Tkach, Sr. the head of WCG.</p>		<p>Martin Phillipello starts the Church of God Philadelphian Era.</p> <p>William Danken bring starts Triumph Prophetic Ministries.</p>	
<p>1986</p>	<p><i>The Plain Truth</i> reaches an English language circulation of 8,075,000 in its February issue. <i>The Good News</i> magazine has a circulation of 754,000. <i>The World Tomorrow</i> television broadcast is one of the most watched religious programs in the U.S. WCG's yearly income is around \$200 million dollars. Church membership is more than 100,000.</p>	<p>Gerald Flurry, a WCG minister in Oklahoma, starts to oppose the church's doctrinal shifts.</p>		
<p>1987</p>				<p>The COG7 conference in Denver attempts to merger with the conference in Meridian, Idaho, but fails. COG7 president Robert Coulter retires.</p>
<p>1988</p>			<p>Don Young splits to form Church of God Jessamine.</p>	

			C. Patton and C. Kimbrough split fo form United Biblical Church of God.	
1989		John Amos and Flurry are expelled from WCG and start the Philadelphia Church of God in Edmond, Oklahoma.	G. Russel and C. Foland split to form the Evangelistic Church of Christ. Clarence Lucas splits to form The Berean Church of God.	
1990		<i>The Philadelphia Trumpet</i> begins publishing.	Gary Jordal splits to form Euclid Bible Publications. James record splits to form Cornerstone Publications. Grigore Sbaroea splits to form Alpha and Omega Christian Foundation.	C. Ken Rockwell starts the Twentieth Century Church of God.
1991			Bill Young splits to start the Family Church of God.	Frank Hassinger starts the Church of God of the Firstfruits. David Fraser starts the Church of God Philadelphia Era. Robert Collins starts The Everlasting Church of God.
1992	Meredith leaves WCG and forms the Global Church of God, along with 3,000 WCG members who join the new church.	Philadelphia Youth Camp (PYC) begins.	Ted Phillips splits to form Talent Ministries. John Pinkston splits to form Congregation of God Seventh Day Association. Thad Miller splits to form the Community Church of God.	WCG minister John Ritenbaugh resigns and forms the Church of the Great God (CGC). Don Hudgel starts Bible Education Services.

					<p>P. Frick and V. Lyle split from Church of God Denton Congregation to form Sabbatarian Christian Fellowship. Malcolm Heap starts Midnight Ministries.</p> <p>Dallas James leaves the Association for Scriptural Knowledge to start The Association for Biblical Christians.</p>	
1993	<p>WCG accepts the doctrine of the Trinity.</p> <p>David C. Pack leaves WCG over charges of "blasphemy."</p>	Pack joins GCG as a minister.	PCG starts broadcasting <i>Key of David</i> on WGN.	Les Pope splits to form The Fellowship Church of God.	<p>J. Russell and D. Baker leave CGC to form Church of God in Truth.</p> <p>B. Otten and B. Rook start New Moon Seventh Day Church of God in the Netherlands.</p> <p>Don Gerlach starts the Reformed and Reorganized Worldwide Church of God.</p>	
1994	Ambassador College, with its remaining campus in Big Sandy, Texas, finally receives accreditation and changes its name to Ambassador University.	Allen Cain splits to form Church of God. Malcolm Crawford splits to form Pathway.			K. Gearhart and D. Conder start Commonwealth Publishing.	COG7 becomes more Trinity friendly.
December 25 1994	Joe Tkach Sr. gives a message in Atlanta, Georgia that would trigger the largest schism in COG history. He abolishes Old Covenant law. It would become known as the "Christmas Eve Sermon."					



WCG



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Minor Splinters



COG7

1995

Members and ministers start breaking away from WCG, forming new splinter groups.

Meetings by former WCG ministers are held April 30 to May 2 in Indianapolis, Indiana, ultimately producing the [United Church of God](#) (UCG). David Hulme is selected as chairman of the board. The newspaper *In Transition* is launched by UCG member John Robinson.

The following immediately split from UCG:

United Church of God, Birmingham (Ray Wooten)
Friends of the Sabbath (John Merritt)

Norm Edwards splits to form Friends of the Brethren.

Servants News, published by Norman Edwards, and eventually becomes a widely-circulated newsletter among former WCG members.

Bill Hillebrenner starts The Plainer Truth.
Rob Elliot starts the Orlando Church of God.
Greg Taylor starts the Pinebelt Bible Association.

Most Spanish-speaking congregations leave COG7 to start their own conference.

Whaid Rose is selected as the new COG7 chairman.

Friends of the Sabbath sponsors a three-day December conference in San Antonio, Texas called Jubilee 95, featuring Andrews University professor [Sam Bacchiocchi](#). Many former WCG ministers are in attendance alongside COG7 ministers.

July 1995

GTA sexually assaults a masseuse.

Meron Martin leaves Triumph Prophetic Ministries to start Patriots of the Kingdom.

September 23 1995

Joseph Tkach, Sr. [dies](#) of cancer at 68. His 43-year-old son, [Joseph Tkach Jr.](#) takes the reins.

God's Church, Worldwide formed by David Moore in Sorrento, Florida.

October 1995

Ronald Dart resigns amid GTA's sexual assault

				allegations.	
November 1995				Suerae Robertson sues GTA and CGI for sexual assault. The story gains national media attention.	The COG begins using the Internet and WWW more. Independents especially find a voice online. Dart createts Christian Educational Ministries and his weekly radio program <i>Born to Win</i> .
November 11 1995				GTA resigns as head of CGI.	
December 1995	Bob Dick is elected UCG's chairman board and Hulme is elected president. UCGsays its FOT attendance is 17,458.				
1996	Lon Lacey splits to form the New Mexico Regional Church of God. John Merritt and Don Ward split to form the International Biblical Learning Center.	Wes Webster splits to form Church of God, Scriptural Organization.	Colin Sutteolit leaves PCG to start Church of the Philadelphia Elect. Dan Dawson leaves. Lawrense Maaveh starts The Scattered Brethren splinter.	Paul Haney splits to form Unity Christian Fellowship.	Alan Ruth starts Barnabas Ministries. Ed and Cindy Burson start the Mystery Church of God.
March 1996	UCG reaches 212 U.S. congregations, 115 full-time ministers and 4 part-time ministers.		PCG starts the Armstrong International Cultural Foundation, a concert series to support abandoned WCG projects in Jordan and Israel.	About 35 CGI ministers gather in Dallas to discuss the GTA lawsuit. The board doesn't listen to their recommendations, so they break off in April to form Churches of God, Outreach Ministries.	

1997	Ambassador University's last campus in Big Sandy closes. Joseph Tkach, Jr. publishes <i>Transformed by Truth</i> as a tell-all about his experiences growing up in WCG and its transformation from a cult to a legitimate church.	Minister Ron Weinland leaves UCG over a spat about church finances.		The last issue of <i>In Transition</i> is published in January. <i>The Journal: News of the Churches of God</i> starts in February, created by Dixon Cartwright, a former <i>In Transition</i> editor.	
February 1997	WCG sues PCG in federal court for attempting to republish HWA's books.				
May 1997	WCG becomes a member of the National Association of Evangelicals.				
1998		Hulme is removed as UCG's president.	Meredith is removed as GCG's chairman and presiding evangelist.	Hulme begins Church of God, an International Community (COGIC).	COG7 approves the appointment of a President's Commission of Diversity.
January 1998	Les McCollough elected UCG president.			CGI's board of directors removes GTA from the church.	GTA forms the Garner Ted Armstrong Evangelistic Association and the Intercontinental Church of God (ICG).
September 1998	The lawsuit against GTA alleging sexual assault is settled out of court.				
		Meredith leaves CGC, taking about 80 percent of its members with him to form the Living Church of God (LCG).			

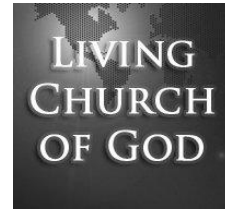
The Diaspora



WCG



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COG-PKG



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COG7

December
1998

Many remaining in GCG's U.S. churches flee to UCG.

Meredith incorporates LCG in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Weinland starts publishing his own newsletter, *News Watch*.

Tomorrow's World TV program launches.

1999

Tomorrow's World magazine launches.

Pack starts [Restored Church of God](#) (RCG) in Wadsworth, Ohio. Many independents join his online ministry.

Pack is fired from GCG.

2000

Weinland starts [Church of God Preparing for the Kingdom of God](#) in Toledo, Ohio, taking members from other COG groups with him.

2000

Supreme Court denies hearing PCG's copyright

			cases.
2001			The Imperial College of Edmond is founded.
2002		Roy Holladay elected UCG president.	
July 2002	Stanely Rader dies of pancreatic cancer.		
2003			WCG agrees to sell PCG full copyrights to HWA's writings. Between paying WCG and legal fees, PCG spent \$5 million for this victory.
2004		A stalking case against a UCG member is heard in court.	
2005		Clyde Kilough elected UCG president. A congregation in West Virginia secedes from UCG over allegations of an elder's unaddressed sexual abuse.	Imperial College changes its name to Herbert W. Armstrong College .
March 12 2005			Terry Ratzmann , a disaffected LCG member, takes issue with a sermon and massacres 7 people in a Brookfield, Wisconsin congregation before

	killing himself.	
2006	LCG reports 294 congregations in 44 countries, 7,100 members and a \$11.1 million budget.	
September 12 2006		HOY's Hawkins predicted nuclear war fails to manifest.
2007	Living University launches as an unaccredited online school.	
June 12 2007		HOY's Hawkins predicted nuclear war fails to manifest.
2008	<i>Tomorrow's World</i> reaches bimonthly circulation of 326,000.	<p>PCG breaks ground on Armstrong Auditorium, an 800-seat, \$18 million arts center on its campus.</p> <p>David Nix starts the End-Time Assemble of God (ETA) in Woodruff, South Carolina.</p> <p>HOY is featured on ABC News.</p>
June 12 2008		HOY's Hawkins predicted nuclear war fails to manifest.
		Local Oklahoma station FOX 25 runs a hit piece on PCG, painting it as a cult.
December 14		Weinland's first end-

2008

time prophecy fails.

Hawkins is charged with bigamy within his Abaline compound.

2009

Kilough and Richard Thompson resign from the Council of Elders.

HOY is [featured](#) on *Dr. Phil*.

September 20 2008

Weinland's second end-time prophecy fails.

2010

Dennis Luker elected UCG president. Disunity begins to tear UCG apart over its proposed Home Office relocation plans, WGN program and other wranglings.

Armstrong Auditorium opens.

UCG [suspends a member](#) for "Liking" the wrong status on Facebook.


The [UCG Current Crisis](#) blog, run by "Abigail Cartwright" starts publishing internal church letters detailing the unfolding schism.

2011

About 75 percent of UCG's paid ministry leaves, along with 5,000

PCG [fails to raise \\$7 million](#) needed to pay for Armstrong

Dan Cafeo starts Church of God, In Training for the Kingdom (COG-TFK)

	members.	Auditorium.	in Palo Cedro, California.
<p>January 10 2011</p>	<p>The Cattlegate affair erupts between UCG and COGWA, a dispute over rustled cows in Zambia.</p>		 <p>COGWA Church of God, a Worldwide Association (COGWA) is formed by UCG's disaffected.</p>
<p>November 2011</p>		<p>Weinland is indicted for tax evasion and using tithe money for his personal use and expenses.</p>	
<p>2012</p>			<p>The Drowns, a COG-affiliated couple, is sentenced to 29 years in prison for beating their children with wooden beams, metal pipes and whips.</p>
<p>May 12 2012</p>			<p>RCG breaks ground on new campus in Wadsworth.</p>
<p>May 27 2012</p>		<p>Weinland's third end-time prophecy fails.</p>	
<p>June 4 2012</p>		<p>Weinland is found guilty on all five counts of tax evasion.</p>	
<p>November 14</p>	<p><u>Meredith and LCG</u></p>	<p>Weinland is sentenced</p>	

2012

evangelist Bob Thiel
have a public and
escalating spat over
Thiel's controversial
writings.

to 42 months in prison
and a \$245,000
restitution.

2013

Thiel leaves LCG to start
the Continuing Church
of God (CCOG).