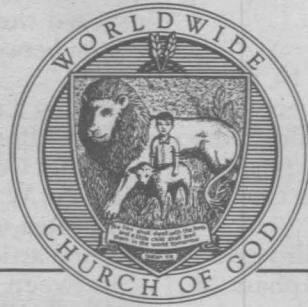


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## Ambassador shines brightly on 20th anniversary

Soprano praised for humanitarian work. Church members and Ambassador staff earn reputation for caring service.

By Paul Monteith

Ambassador Foundation chairman Joseph W. Tkach presented soprano Leontyne Price with the Ambassador Award for Excellence April 7 for her contributions to singing and humanitarian works.

"The Ambassador Foundation embodies the highest moral principles," said Mr. Tkach. "We believe there are two ways of life—the way of get and the way of selflessly giving of one's time, energy and life, the way of give. It is this way Ms. Leontyne Price has demonstrated throughout her life."

Ms. Price, clearly moved by the award for excellence, thanked Ambassador Foundation for giving "a chance to a budding young singer 14 years ago and to have her return time and time again."

She told attending dignitaries that the Foundation is "a source of support for the humanities and every-

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**THE GIVE WAY**—For exemplary service to humanity, soprano Leontyne Price (center) received the Ambassador Award for Excellence from Ambassador Foundation Chairman Joseph W. Tkach (left) and vice president David Hulme (right). Ambassador Auditorium (inset) celebrates 20 years of great music and caring service. [Photos by G.A. Belluche Jr. and Hal Finch]

Twenty years of music to our ears: Local newspaper praises Foundation's community contributions

By Robert D. Thomas

Robert D. Thomas writes for Cheers, a supplement of the Pasadena Star-News. This is excerpted by permission.

When Leontyne Price steps onto the Ambassador Auditorium stage at 8 p.m. [April 7], her appearance will be cause for a double celebration.

On the one hand, the recital will be a rare Southern California appearance by one of America's legendary singers. But even more importantly, the event will come 20 years to the day that Ambassador Auditorium presented its first concert, a performance by Carlo Maria Giulini and the Vienna Symphony Orchestra.

Price, who is making her fifth Ambassador appearance, is one of hundreds of legendary performers who have played  
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JOSEPH W. TKACH

#### Pentecost pictures Church's commission and God's covenant with his people

As we approach the Festival of Pentecost, we often reflect on Jesus' promise to his disciples: "I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high" (Luke 24:49).

Luke repeats the promise in his introduction to Acts: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit" (Acts 1:4-5).

We see in chapter 2 that the disciples received the promised gift on the Day of Pentecost—they were baptized with the Holy Spirit, which clothed them with power from God. "All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them" (Acts 2:4).

Therefore, we focus on the Holy Spirit during this season. Jews traditionally connect Pentecost with the giving of the law and the ratification of the covenant made at Mt. Sinai. Today, we can have a fuller understanding, based on the New Testament. We connect it with the Holy Spirit and the covenant God has made with those from all nations who are in his Church.

On Pentecost, we remember that God has called us as the *new*

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#### Rwanda: no news from brethren

As of April 15 we have still not heard from our 50 members and children in the Central African nation of Rwanda, according to Olivier Carion, pastor of the Geneva and Neuchatel, Switzerland, and Lyon, France, churches. "I imagine they're trying to stay put and not leave their homes," Mr. Carion said.

We will keep you informed as soon as we hear from our members in Rwanda and will provide information regarding relief efforts.

Civil war between the Hutus and Tutsis erupted in Rwanda after the presidents of Rwanda and Burundi both died when their plane was apparently shot down April 6. In retaliation, the prime minister of Rwanda was murdered. Kigali, the capital of Rwanda, seems to be in complete chaos.

Westerners who made it back home told stories of groups of young people with blood-stained machetes roaming the streets of Kigali, pulling men, women, children and old people out of their houses and killing them, with either machetes or guns. Dead bodies and parts of bodies were thrown in trucks and dumped in holes in the ground. Thousands need emergency surgery, but there is no medicine and only a few surgeons. Many wounded are left to die in waiting rooms.

In neighboring Burundi, war between the same Hutus and Tutsis has been raging for many months. Burundese had fled in droves to Rwanda. Now, the opposite is taking place. Rwandese by the thousands are seeking refuge in Burundi. A member there reported: Burundi is headed toward complete ruin. Young Hutus no longer go to school because their Tutsi schoolmates roam around killing Hutus.

A schoolteacher killed all of his pupils who were of the opposite tribe. He locked them in the classroom and set them on fire. Hospitals, schools and homes are being looted and burned. We are grateful that God has protected the area in which we live. In our little town of 20,000, there are now 40,000 refugees. Some are staying in our homes, but the majority have no shelter.

We basically have no more resources. Trucks with food have come to our town, but four pounds of corn per person for a week is not enough. We have lost a lot of weight. My wife lost 26 pounds in a few months. We only eat one meal a day and a small piece of meat once a month. We have no seeds for our fields. Because of the putrefaction of the dead bodies lying in the sun, everybody is affected by malaria and other diseases. My children cough violently all night long.



# Evangelism key to Spanish region's growth

Spanish and Portuguese areas grew 300 percent in the past 14 years

By Leon Walker

**BIG SANDY**—The past 14 years have been an inspiring period of growth for the Church of God in the Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking nations. In those years the Church grew 300 percent.

The Work in the Spanish region entered an important new phase at the beginning of 1994. Previously, much of our effort in carrying the gospel revolved around using mass media, especially *La Pura Verdad* (Spanish *Plain Truth*).

Magazine circulation reached an all-time high in June 1987, with 261,300 subscribers. (The *World Tomorrow* telecast has never been available in Spanish).

Cost-cutting measures in January lowered *Pura Verdad* circulation to 30,000 within the mainland United States and Puerto Rico. In other areas the magazine is available only to members, co-workers and those

*Evangelist Leon Walker is regional director for Spanish and Portuguese areas.*

who attend church services (about 3,500 subscribers).

Having entered this transition period away from media dependency, we felt this would be an appropriate time to document some of the growth God granted the Church in the Spanish region between 1980 and 1993.

## Building a solid core

First efforts to reach the Spanish-speaking world began in 1956, when Herbert W. Armstrong asked Benjamin Rea to begin translating booklets and articles into Spanish.

Between 1956 and his death in 1965, Dr. Rea oversaw the production of several booklets and reprint articles. These publications were sent primarily to people who responded to Dr. Rea's weekly 15-minute radio broadcast aired on a few stations in Latin America.

In February 1968 *La Pura Verdad* was born. Thanks to an advertising campaign in *Reader's Digest*, the subscription file rose to about 35,000 during the first year of publication.

The first congregation established in Latin America was in Mexico City in 1967. Santiago, Chile, the first church on the South American continent, was raised up two years later.

By 1980 there were 28 congregations and outlying Bible studies in 10 countries and 708 baptized mem-

bers. The Feast of Tabernacles took place at eight sites in the region.

The year 1980 began a period of unprecedented growth, largely because of an innovative approach to local church evangelism. In December 1981 the first of what was to become an ongoing program of public Bible lectures (PBLs) was launched in Santiago, Chile. The fruits of this method of evangelism left no doubt that PBLs are particularly well-suited to the culture of the region.

Two factors contribute to this success. First, Hispanics, after having read *La Pura Verdad* for some time, are eager to meet people associated with the magazine. Contact with a minister and Church members—people of their own nationality and of similar educational and economic levels—helps break down barriers of skepticism.

A second reason for the effectiveness of the PBLs is the example of brethren who serve as hosts for the lectures. The demands of following God's way pose difficult hurdles for people in Hispanic cultures. Economic problems are severe, which makes tithing a significant test of faith.

In addition, Sabbath-keeping poses a major challenge, since a six-day work week is the rule, and

refusal to work a normal schedule can easily lead to unemployment.

Also, with such family ties, leaving the traditional religious affiliation of one's family can bring ostracism. By meeting brethren who have already made it over these hurdles, newcomers see that God's way works despite society's opposition.

Public Bible lectures have brought steady Church growth. Of the 3,100 people attending services, more than 20 percent came into the Church from the lectures.

At the close of 1993, 42 churches and Bible studies with 2,356 members met in 15 countries. The Feast was observed at 15 sites.

## Looking ahead

With the smaller circulation of *La Pura Verdad*, pastors are analyzing culturally appropriate ways to bring the Church to the public's attention.

One of the main approaches will be the open house program, which will have many of the same benefits as the public Bible lectures.

Another area emphasizes the broad network of relatives and friends in Hispanic society. Pastors will help brethren be more active in letting the light of Christ shine throughout their extended families. God has granted inspiring growth in the Spanish region.

## Letters to the Editor

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### Nothing by degrees

This year the Passover and life took on an even more profound and sincere meaning than ever before.

The Passover's symbolism revealed to me the importance of separating myself from that which is temporal: our lusts, pride, competition, selfish ambition and corruption. The morsels of sin no longer are appealing suggestions.

Sin has an agonizing pull on the flesh. It is habitual and alluring. It is painful and dishonorable. There are no degrees. So let's pursue ways and opportunities to imitate, perfect and promote the very character of Jesus our Lord and Savior to whomever we encounter.

R.L. Traylor  
McAlester, Oklahoma

### Thanks for lightening the burden

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all the brethren of the Fredericton, New Brunswick, and Lethbridge, Alberta, churches for their help, prayers, cards and well wishes since my younger sister, Kathy, died in a car accident in January.

A light shone also for Henry Poch, a close family friend who was also in the head-on collision. He was badly bruised and shaken.

Robert Berendt, who pastors the Lethbridge church, came across the miles to lend a much-needed hand. My sister was alone in the immediate area, the closest relative being in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, on one side and Vancouver, British Columbia, on the other.

Henry had only a 90-year-old father, an ailing 83-year-old uncle and a sister, Agnes, in a wheelchair. So Mr. Berendt, with legal permission in hand, stepped in and did all the things that the immediate family would usually do.

I felt so much relief when I heard Mr. Berendt would function in my place. Mr. and Mrs. Kalk of Fort McCloud were on hand as well, as Mrs. Kalk is a nurse.

Henry is not a Church member and has no religious affiliation, but when I suggested to Henry that someone from the Worldwide Church of God would come by to help, he was most receptive.

Henry has been spared his life a second

time. His first wife died in the same sort of accident. Now Henry must suffer the shock and pain of losing a loved one once again.

Shirley Gray  
Fredericton, New Brunswick

### Talking freely

I am proud to be a member of the Worldwide Church of God and to talk freely about it. On the subject of agonizing over doctrinal changes (Dec. 21 *WN*), which may result in some members leaving the Church: God never makes mistakes.

My husband gained much spiritual knowledge and comfort from the *Plain Truth* magazine and Church literature in

the years before his death; and it is only through the Worldwide Church of God that I have come to understand so much more biblical truth, and come to know spiritual growth, after years of attending traditional churches.

Remember, Mr. Tkach, there are many of us "steadying your hands."

Jean Lock  
Australia

### Larger view

A million thanks for the updated booklet *God Is...* and especially chapter five, "One in Three and Three in One," which explains God's oneness so breathtakingly clearly and beautifully.

It was an incomparable blessing to have received this insight just before Passover. Truly we are blessed to be a part of God's Church.

Kay Saunders  
Medina, Australia

## "Into All the World..."

Your involvement in the Work produces fruit. In this column subscribers to the Work's publications and viewers of the *World Tomorrow* telecast express their views and opinions.

### Alzheimer's hidden victims

I was a caregiver nurse to a dear, sweet victim of Alzheimer's for three years and nine months [see October 1993 *Plain Truth*]. She also had an allergic reaction to so many things. She was riddled with moles and rheumatoid arthritis. She couldn't use her feet, legs or hands. She could not turn over in bed at all. Her knees and shoulders were frozen, so she could not move them. She was as helpless as a newborn baby.

She was addicted to so many drugs, she was like a mad animal in a cage. I had a mess of a job. After six years in a nursing home being pumped with drugs, they brought her to me to see if I could help. They had let her left leg get broken. It was in a cast.

When I saw her I felt like this was a test God was giving me. So I took her in and started to ask for God to tell me what to do first. They told me she could not swallow food. I served her soft fruit and water, counting on God all the way.

Her drug problem was terrible. I prayed and gave her food, water and all the love I could find 16 to 18 hours a day. She weighed about 90 pounds when I got her. In

six months she weighed 122 pounds.

I had her off drugs and she was much better. She could use her left hand to wipe her mouth and eyes. I was so glad. Her doctor was surprised, but well pleased.

It's been three months now since she died, and I am feeling better. I was a wreck when she died. But I would do it all again to help someone that had been mistreated.

She died at 85. I'm 76. I read everything I could find on Alzheimer's. We don't know what causes it or how to treat the disease, but we'd better know how to treat a sick, poor, disabled person no matter what their problem is.

God said, "Seek and ye shall find." I did seek his help and wisdom. He put in my mind what to do. I did it and it worked—then and always will. God is love. When we love, God knows it, and he will be there to help us.

Kinston, North Carolina

### One way

I received the latest issue of *The Plain Truth* from England today. I have appreciated the magazine very much. It has been of great benefit to me regarding religion and the question of how one attains salvation—something which surely must be the most important thing when one ultimately stands alone and knows that one can take nothing along where one is going.

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# Personal: Pentecost shows covenant relationship

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people of God: "You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light" (1 Peter 2:9).

What is the purpose of our calling? Why does God call us to be his people? To declare his praises. Why does he give us the Holy Spirit? To be witnesses to Jesus Christ (Acts 1:8). The Holy Spirit empowers us to preach the gospel, to announce the good news that humans can be part of God's kingdom through his grace and mercy and through what Christ has done for us.

Even before the creation of the world, God chose us as his children for that purpose (Ephesians 1:4-6). We were predestined according to the plan of God that we "might be for the praise of his glory" (verse 12). That is why we are called to Christ.

God has made a covenant, an agreement, with us. God promises us eternal life, and the Holy Spirit is like an advance payment that guarantees our salvation. God's promises

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(his part of the agreement) are characterized by grace and mercy and the Holy Spirit.

We have been called and given the Spirit—now here's our part of the agreement—so that we might be living witnesses to the mercy of God as shown in our Savior, Jesus Christ. That's the mission of the Church, the reason for the Church's existence and the reason each member is called into the Church, which is the Body of Christ.

The Church is commissioned to preach the gospel, to tell people about the salvation available through the sacrifice of Christ for us (Luke 24:46-48). The Holy Spirit was given to the apostles on Pentecost so they would be bold witnesses for Jesus Christ (Acts 1:8).

The commission of the Church is part of the picture given to us by the

Festival of Pentecost. *The Holy Spirit unites Christians into one Body so that we might continue the work of Jesus Christ!*

Passover pictures our forgiveness through the sacrifice of Christ; the Festival of Unleavened Bread pictures the resulting life of righteousness, a life filled with the love of God made possible by the Holy Spirit working in us. Pentecost pictures yet a further result of a life led by the Holy Spirit—a life that testifies to the righteousness, power and mercy of Jesus Christ.

A faithful Christian life is one that *even without words preaches the gospel*. Such a life gives evidence, it reveals the truth, that God is working in us. It is a walking, talking advertisement of the gospel.

## Spiritual harvest

Pentecost was originally a harvest festival. Today this festival pictures a *spiritual* harvest—the fruit or result of the Church's commission to evangelize. "Open your eyes and look at the fields," Jesus told his disciples while they were in Samaria.

"They are ripe for harvest." Jesus was talking about a spiritual harvest, in which people are given eternal life: "Even now the reaper draws his wages, even now he harvests the crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together" (John 4:35-36).

At another time, Jesus saw the crowd and said to his disciples: "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field" (Matthew 9:36-38). That is what Pentecost should inspire us to do.

We should ask God to help us see the people around us who are ready for spiritual harvest. We should pray for more laborers, because we eagerly desire for more people to share in God's spiritual blessings. We should be truly anxious for the people of God to be declaring the praises of him who saved us.

"My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work" (John 4:34). That was his life, his nourishment, his energy. He, in turn, is the source of our life. He is our bread, the bread of eternal life.

Our spiritual food is to do his will, to do his work, which is the gospel. We are to follow in Jesus' footsteps, in his way of life, allowing him to live in us. We should allow him to transform our goals in life. We should live for him and his purposes and his glory.

The Festival of Pentecost confronts us with some searching questions: Are we submitting to the lead of the Holy Spirit in our lives? Are we growing in spiritual maturity? Are we able to give answers about the

hope and faith Christ has given us?

Are we able to teach others about Christ? Are we praying for more laborers? Are we encouraging and supporting the laborers who are already at work? Are we moving forward toward the upward call of God in Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:14)?

The Festival of Pentecost points us to the book of Acts, and the book of Acts points us to evangelism. The book is full of evangelistic speeches. The message is given again and again, and the message centers on Jesus Christ as Savior, Lord, Judge and King.

Even a gentile like Cornelius knew the message. Peter told him, "You

**Pentecost was originally a harvest festival. Today this festival pictures a spiritual harvest—the fruit or result of the Church's commission to evangelize. The fields are ripe for harvest.**

know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all" (Acts 10:36).

And Peter repeated the message that was already so famous that Cornelius knew its summary: "You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached—how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him. We are witnesses of everything he did in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem" (verses 37-39).

Peter continued to preach the gospel by noting Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection, and then he summarized the Church's commission: "He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one whom God appointed as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name" (verses 42-43).

That is why we preach about salvation and grace and Jesus Christ. Of

course! He has been the greatest blessing we shall ever know.

## Sharing truth of salvation

The truth about our salvation is exciting, and we earnestly desire to share it so that others might rejoice in the same blessing! And this is why the Church is given the Holy Spirit; this is why we are called together and told to work together in harmony so that the Church might grow.

When the Church was persecuted for preaching the message about Jesus, they prayed for boldness so that they could preach even more!

"After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.... With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all" (Acts 4:31, 33). The Holy Spirit was given to them for the express reason that they might preach Christ!

And yet the Holy Spirit was not given to the apostles alone, or simply to the Church as a whole. The Holy Spirit is given to each Christian. Each of us can be a living witness to Jesus Christ; each of us has hope in him, and each can give an answer for our hope.

After Stephen was stoned for preaching about Jesus Christ, a great persecution came on the early Church, and all except the apostles fled from Jerusalem (Acts 8:1). As they scattered, they spoke the word, proclaiming the Lord Jesus (Acts 11:19-20).

Luke paints a picture for us of thousands of Christian men and women fleeing from Jerusalem because of their belief in Jesus Christ. They could not be silenced, even at threat of their lives!

It did not matter whether they were elders or laypersons—each of them gave testimony to Jesus Christ. As they traveled, no doubt they would be asked why they were moving away from Jerusalem. No doubt they told all who asked.

This is the fruit of the Holy Spirit! This is the spiritual harvest pictured by Pentecost! These people were ready to give an answer!

It was an exciting time, and that same excitement should be in the Church today. The same Holy Spirit is energizing us; the same Jesus Christ is leading the Church today. We can pray for the same boldness today!

## Members are spared when tornadoes touch down

Members and their families were spared injury and property damage March 27, when tornadoes and violent storms ripped through the southeast United States, killing at least 36 people. "We did have some clear examples of God's protection," said Dennis Wheatcroft, who pastors the Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Murphy, North Carolina, churches.

John and Barbara Crane, and Dan and Marcia Bonner, members from Pickens County, Georgia, who live on the same property, were attending Holy Day services in Gainesville, Georgia, when six funnel clouds touched down.

"Our homes were the last ones on our road that weren't heavily damaged or destroyed by the storms," said Mrs. Bonner. "It's been emotional and sad. The winds could easily have taken down both of our homes. We're very thankful."

Mrs. Bonner, a teacher at Pickens High School, said many of her students' homes were either damaged or destroyed. "People are bulldozing down their houses and starting over."

Mrs. Crane reported: "The damage starts southwest, right from our property line. We just give God thanks."

In Pickens County alone, the twisters were responsible for 10 deaths, 64 injuries, 48 destroyed homes and 140 damaged homes. Reports from other ministers, including Bob League, Dan Rogers and Earl Williams, show no other members suffered damage. *Jeff Zhorne*

## Staff Position Available in June

Ambassador College invites applications from qualified candidates for the following vacancy:

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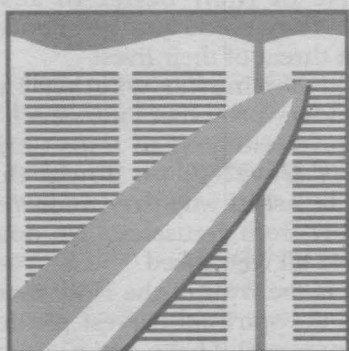
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# IRON SHARPENS IRON

so one man sharpens another.

Proverbs 27:17—As iron sharpens iron,



## Deepest strength comes in testing

By Jeff Zhorne

It's easy to get bitter if you respond only negatively to pain and sorrow. The path to peace is to understand their benefits.

**O**n this still February morning I hold a sick child and study the scarred backs of my hands. A slipped crescent wrench, a gouging screwdriver, an unforgiving piece of metal, shards from broken glass and splintered wood cuts have left their marks.

And I'm afraid for little Sophia, who is now one day older than my other daughter, Amelia, was before she died in an auto accident. Once you lose a child, the prospect of losing another is a constant terror.

What scars will life leave on Sophia? Can I protect her not just from broken glass, but more importantly from a broken heart?

As she drifts off to sleep in my arms, I think of those I work with in my role as a grief counselor. So many sad people with broken hearts and painful memories from divorce, failed romances, miscarriages, lost trust, dashed dreams and the deaths of loved ones.

Must we accept the inevitability of pain and heartbreak? Mature Christians do, suggests Larry Crabb in *Finding God*. They face life as it really is, pretending about nothing. "They admit what most of us only fear: life is intolerable and overwhelming."

To be sure, we don't need to seek out pain and suffering in order to be good people. Life doesn't have to be full of misfortune, suffering, drabness or misery. It does not have to be grim to be significant. The notion that we have to suffer now just to get a reward later is a myth.

Yet if in this life we are promised afflictions, then the deepest strength must come through testing.

### Stories of remarkable tenacity

Myriad assaults tested the stamina of first-century believers, but no

obstacle or heartbreak could stop them. Where the Old Testament emphasizes the Creator's spectacular miracles, the New Testament after Christ's ascension spotlights stories of remarkable tenacity and determined, against-all-odds resilience.

Imbued with the Comforter as promised, Paul, Peter, Stephen and the other apostles and believers stood stalwart against Jew-gentile conflicts, Gnosticism, trials before Jews and Romans, stonings and lashings.

Scars? Yes. Broken hearts? The stoning of Stephen was shattering, certainly. Yet his martyrdom opened the floodgates for Christianity to flourish and eventually turn the world upside down.

These tributes assuage my fears no matter how society welcomes Sophia in the years and decades to come. We

**This process takes time. It's almost as if you have to go through the pain to get to this kind of faith and peace.**

can't insulate our children from life, which is full of wonder and joy and love and pain and tears—all these are expressions of our humanity.

Instead of wishing her a life of roses kissed by dew, and sunshine, joy and laughter all life through, perhaps, as the poem goes, I should "wish her a love of life instead—an inquiring mind and eyes that look ahead, tenderness and courage, work and play, faith and hope enough for each new day."

I hope she learns to trust, to hope, to believe, even though our culture says to be suspicious, not to trust, to be afraid of everything.

Reaching out to someone is to risk involvement. Weeping is to risk being called sentimental. Placing ideas and dreams before the crowd is to risk being called naive. Loving is to risk not being loved in return. Liv-

ing is to risk dying.

No, we can't shroud ourselves and our children against pain and calamity. But we can come to accept our limitations and believe God is good, no matter what life brings.

### If your heart needs repair...

Dr. Crabb wrote: "Theology becomes rich only when it survives the onslaught of pain. And sound theology leads us through our pain to a fuller experience of Christ."

Broken hearts guide human beings to Jesus Christ, who is "touched with the feeling of our infirmities" (Hebrews 4:15, King James Version). In our afflictions we, like the early church, ever draw on our Healer's balm: strong faith and inner peace.

Deep in our hearts Jesus Christ provides things money cannot touch. Security replaces insecurity. We receive purpose and renewed direction. We gain an understanding and compassionate heart, along with wisdom we never had before.

"We learn, with time, that if God in this or that instance does not choose to take away the suffering, or utterly remove the evil, he does send grace and power," Christian author Philip Yancey points out.

Christ knows enough to understand what's happening. He's powerful enough to work it all for good. And he enables us to work through our grief and depression, gaining freedom from immobilizing dependencies, addiction to others' approval or residing in regret or worry. As we allow the Healer to salve our pain and hurts, we will be able to touch, talk about and accept our wounds.

This process takes time. It's almost as if you have to go through the pain to get to this kind of faith and peace. Seen from the vantage point of eternity, where God dwells, our hurts, scars and ailing hearts are bathed in love, understanding and wholeness.

On the cross, Christ bore the cause of our pain, and someday he will eliminate suffering altogether.

### Three special ingredients

Tenderly I lay feverish Sophia in her crib. I hope I am learning com-  
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## There's more to finding joy than just riding in a Cadillac

One thing about being a minister is that I get to ride in a Cadillac now and again. Of course, it is always a hearse.

I was sitting next to an undertaker going to a grave site, when he said, "You know, I am often mistaken for a minister myself. I'm always in a black suit, and I am always on very serious business and trying to be helpful to people. As a matter of fact," he said with a tired sadness in his voice, "I'm probably in church more than you are, Mr. Faulkner."

So many seem to think that being a Christian means living with a miserable face. But they are quite wrong. Jesus never said, "I am come that you might not enjoy life." He did say, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" (John 10:10).

Joy is something God wants us to have. To be happy is not a sin. Joy is an expression of our spiritual maturity and a wonderful gift from God. Do not feel guilty for feeling joy.

God sent his only Son here, not to give us a dreary or a hopeless life, but to give us a full life. The full life Jesus is referring to in the Gospel of John is

not just something we can hope to obtain in the far-off future. The full life Jesus came to give us can be ours now.

We understand that peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control come from God and are good for us to practice.

However, many of us—and I've been one of them—find it hard to be joyful. Sometimes people can feel guilty for feeling what they conclude is too much joy.

How do we deal with this? In Ecclesiastes 2:22-26, Solomon wrote that man's labor is pain and grief. Even at night his mind does not rest. But our work is good, he encourages, and the hand of God allows us to enjoy the benefits of labor. Those who know how to enjoy life take life each day as a gift from God, thanking him for it and serving him in it.

Ecclesiastes 5:18 reinforces this concept of enjoying the fruits of labor. This is our reward for our toil under

the sun, and also a gift from our Creator. Christ understands that life is painful and sometimes hard to bear. He warned us, "In this world you will have trouble" (John 16:33). But he set us the example by saying: "Take

heart! I have overcome the world."

Through all this we still can feel joyful, and joy is something God wants us to have. Christ asked the Father that we experience the full measure of his joy (John 17:13).

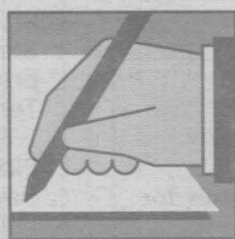
When circumstances are going well, we may feel joyful. Then when adversity comes, we may sink into depression. But godly joy transforms life's rough seas and leads to peace and calm.

Joy comes from a consistent relationship with Jesus Christ. When our lives are interlinked with our Creator, he helps us walk through every adversity. Paul told us to "rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again:

Rejoice!" (Philippians 4:4).

Ultimate joy comes from Christ living in us, and at his second coming we will fully realize ultimate joy—the fullness of the kingdom.

If you haven't been joyful lately, do as David did: "I am always thinking of the Lord; and because he is so near, I never need to stumble or to fall. Heart, body, and soul are filled with joy" (Psalm 16:8-9, *The Living Bible*).



## Just One More Thing

DEXTER FAULKNER



# Festival Updates

The Festival Office announced that the following sites have reached capacity and can accept no additional transfers: Paignton, England; Kenmare, Irish Republic; Hamilton, Bermuda; Talavera de la Reina, Spain; and Villa Carlos Paz, Argentina.

The site for Guatemala has been confirmed as Quetzaltenango, and the site in Chile is again Maitencillo. At both sites, services will be in Spanish, with no translations into English.

The Church is expecting 300 people, including a few transfers from abroad, in Quetzaltenango. Feast housing and services will be at the Hotel Campo. The cost for the hotel rooms, per night, is: single \$12, double \$14, triple \$16, bungalow \$18.

## Beruwala, Sri Lanka

The site in Sri Lanka will be the Riverina Hotel at Beruwala, on the beach south of Colombo, the same location as 1992. Please see the *Festival Planning Guide* for general information about the Feast in Sri Lanka.

## Touring in Turkey

A post-Feast tour of Turkey is available Sept. 28 to Oct. 4 for those attending in Jordan or anywhere in Europe. This replaces the Egypt tour, which will not be offered this year.

The tour will feature a guided tour

of the seven church cities of Revelation 2 and 3. Members will view remains of streets Paul walked when he visited the churches.

In Ephesus members will see the marble street, the Great Theater, the Temple of Hadrian and the Library of Celsus. In Pergamon they will visit the Acropolis, the Temple of Athena, the Temple of Zeus and the Gymnasium of Youth. They will visit Artemis' Temple in Sardis, the Agora in Smyrna and sites in Philadelphia, Thyatira and Laodicea.

The tour will feature other points of interest such as the ancient city of Troy; Topkapi Palace; a regional carpet school; and a ferry across the Dardanelles. Tour participants will spend the night near the thermal springs of Pamukkale.

The tour will stop for a day or two in Istanbul, known for its ancient landmarks of St. Sophia, constructed by Emperor Justinian, the Blue Mosque and the Hippodrome.

The cost for Jordan Feastgoers is \$1,105 per adult and \$740 for children (2 to 11 years old). This fee covers seven full days of sight-seeing in Turkey, round-trip airfare from Amman, Jordan, to Turkey, all meals during the tour, all tips, taxes, transfer fees and site entrance fees while on the tour.

Exact prices for members not attending the Jordan Feast site will

depend on airfare cost to Istanbul from the site they attend.

For those who would like to see Israel and Turkey, a second extension will begin Oct. 4 and end Oct.

11. For more details about this tour, the tour of Israel or the Jordan Feast site, please contact Todd Herridge at Ambassador Foundation, Pasadena, California, 91129.

## Sorrow can lead to joy and peace

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passion for others in their afflictions, because so many long for a word of hope, a healing touch, a smile, a song, a prayer. As Christ transforms our pain into a ministry for his glory, we find ourselves responding to the epistles' messages to nurture, share burdens, encourage, uplift and love.

Another recipe was concocted by the late Jim Valvano. This former coach of the championship North Carolina State basketball team struggled valiantly against cancer.

Before he died, I saw him at one of those athletic awards banquets they often televise. It took quite a long time for Jim to walk up to the microphone. As he was recounting his life of basketball and his fight against cancer, he saw a cue card.

"Thirty seconds, they're saying to me. Ha! Like I care. I'm about to die, and they're telling me 30 seconds!" he said. "No, I've got this podium now and I'm not going to give it up

until I tell you what I've got to say."

A few minutes later he finished with: "Take it from me, a man who's about to die. The secret of life is to do three things: Take time every day to think, to laugh and to cry."

I still want to protect Sophia from pain, and her hands and heart from the scars of life. But maybe in our metamorphosis to a completely divine existence, we discover that pain can make us better somehow.

"Everywhere a greater joy is preceded by a greater suffering," said Augustine, generally recognized as the greatest thinker of Christian antiquity. Elisabeth Kübler-Ross, M.D., wrote: "Should you shield the canyons from the windstorms, you would never see the beauty of their carvings."

But perhaps it's best said simply. "Happy are they who bear their share of the world's pain: In the long run they will know more happiness than those who avoid it" is J.B. Phillips' account of the words of Jesus Christ—he who had the most-scarred hands of all.

## U.S. Ministers on the Move

### (Already transferred)

**David and Dorrie Baker** to Big Sandy P.M. (associate)

**Todd and Gloria Carey** to Columbus and Indianapolis South, Indiana (assistant)

**John and Susan Foster** to Indianapolis North and Terre Haute, Indiana (associate)

**Steve and Tracy Glover\*** to Monroeville and Montgomery, Alabama

**Maceo and Phoebe Hampton** to Milwaukee Central and West Bend, Wisconsin (associate)

**Warren III and Martha Heaton** to Great Falls and Helena-Butte, Montana

**Steve LeBlanc** to Modesto and Stockton, California (associate)

**Tom and Adrienne Pickett** to Harrisburg and Lancaster, Pennsylvania

**Camilo and Agnes Reyes** to Albany and Salem, Oregon (associate)

**Harold and Loree Rhodes\*** to Mobile, Alabama, and Pensacola, Florida

### Summer 1994

**Guy and Helen Ames** to Pasadena East (associate)

**Richard and Kathryn Ames** to Glendora, California

**Fred and Diane Bailey** to Richmond, Virginia

**Daniel and Alice Bierer** to Jersey City and Union North, New Jersey

**Mike and Carol Blackwell** to Springfield and Rolla, Missouri

**Lloyd and Marcia Briggie** to Duluth and Grand Rapids, Minnesota, and Thunder Bay, Ontario (associate)

**Larry and Linda Brown** to Findlay and Toledo, Ohio (associate)

**Billy and Bertha Bryce**, retire

**Sam and Denise Butler** to Grand Rapids and Muskegon, Michigan

**William and Donna Butler** to Houston, Texas, South and West (associate)

**John and Mary Dobritch** to Youngstown, Ohio

**David and Denise Dobson** to Kingsport, Tennessee, and Pound, Virginia

**Glenn and Karen Doig** to Aptos and San Jose, California (associate)

**Roy and Joyce Dove** to Durango, Colorado, and Albuquerque and Santa Fe, New Mexico (associate)

**Roger and Janice Foster** to Kingman, Arizona, and Las Vegas, Nevada

**Bruce and Phyllis Gore** to Yuma, Arizona, and San Diego and Escondido, California

**Mike and Zeldia Hanisko** to St. Petersburg and Sarasota, Florida

**Ted and Opal Herlofson** to Dayton, Ohio

**Larry and Joanne Hinkle** to Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

**Charles and Linda Holladay** to Minneapolis, Minnesota, South

**Leonard and Sandy Holladay** to Anchorage, Fairbanks and Soldotna, Alaska, and Whitehorse, Yukon Territory

**Roy and Norma Holladay** to Ft. Myers, Florida

**Doug and Tanya Horchak** to Ft. Collins, Colorado

**Mike and Pam Horchak** to New Orleans and Raceland, Louisiana

**George and Merry Kackos** to Bethlehem and Souderton, Pennsylvania

**John and Kristina Karlson** to Columbus, Ohio, West

**Judd and Terri Kirk**, pastoral leave of absence

**Randy and Dolly Kobernat** to Tallahassee, Florida, and Moultrie, Georgia

**Jim and Linda Lee\*** to St. Louis, Missouri, North and South

**Roger and Matty Ludwig\*** to Wheatland, Casper and Cheyenne, Wyoming

**Brad and Aletha Mann** to Aptos and San Jose, California (assistant)

**Ed and Billie Marrs**, retire

**Ken and Elaine Mattson** to Erlanger, Kentucky

**Les and Penny McColm**, retire

**Joel and Marjolaine Meeker**, leave of absence to pursue degree

**Ray and Carol Meyer** to Kansas City North and St. Joseph, Missouri

**Dennis and Judy Milner** to Lakeland, Florida

**Dave and Pam Myers\*** to Houston, Texas, South and West

**Wally and Audrey Neufeld** to Milwaukee Central and West Bend, Wisconsin

**Eugene and Jan Noel** to Columbus, Ohio, East

**Steve and Melania Nutzman** to Houston, Texas, East

**John and Linda Orchard** to Duluth and Grand Rapids, Minnesota, and Thunder Bay, Ontario

**Robert and Ruby Peoples** to Abilene and San Angelo, Texas

**Phil and Mimi Perkins\*** to St. Louis, Missouri, North and South (associate)

**Ernie and Carol Prociw**, career change—local church elder

**Bill and Lois Quillen** to Victoria, Texas

**Raul and Sylvia Ramos** to Yuma, Arizona, and San Diego and Escondido, California (associate)

**Phil and Lil Rice** to Lancaster and Victorville, California

**Marty and Cheryl Richey** to Boone, Lenoir and Marion, North Carolina (associate)

**Jim and Diane Rosenthal** to Albany, New York

**Larry and Judy Salyer**, resigned

**Dan and Dana Samson** to Henderson and Madisonville, Kentucky

**Greg and Marian Sargent** to Wentzville, Missouri (regional pastor)

**Steve and Carol Schantz** to Port St. Lucie and Melbourne, Florida

**Gerald and Connie Schnarrenberg-**

er to Pasadena (Youth and Parent Ministry staff)

**Randy and Kay Schreiber** to Scottsbluff, Nebraska, and Rapid City, South Dakota

**Joe and Liana Scott** to Texarkana, Texas, and Shreveport, Louisiana (associate)

**Robert and Shirley Smith** to Big Sandy P.M. (associate)

**Ron and Mary Smith** to Boca Raton and West Palm Beach, Florida

**Ken and Marki Smylie** to Gainesville and Ocala, Florida

**Robert and Frances Spence**, retirement

**Grant and Jennifer Spong** to Erie and Franklin, Pennsylvania

**Rowlen and Sue Tucker** to Cincinnati, Ohio, West

**James and Diane Turner** to Lafayette and Denver North, Colorado

**Dennis and Pam Van Deventer**, career change—local church elder

**Cliff and Connie Veal** to Brainerd and St. Cloud, Minnesota

**Keith and Renee Walden** to Austin, Texas

**Ron and Laura Weinland** to Findlay and Toledo, Ohio

**Glen and Connie White** to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Clarkston, Washington

**Dean and Marolyn Wilson** to Vancouver, Washington

**Hugh and Linda Wilson** to Battle Mountain and Reno, Nevada

**Warren and Lorraine Wilson** to Clarksburg, West Virginia

**Gerald and Cherie Witte**, pastoral leave of absence

**Larry and Terri Wooldridge** to Trenton, New Jersey

**Andre and Georgia Zick** to Oklahoma City, Enid and Weatherford, Oklahoma (associate)

\* Change in circuit, not a transfer







**Anniversaries**

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**LEE & MARY CARTER**  
Lee and Mary Carter of Port St. Lucie, Florida, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary March 8. They have two children, Dale and Dean; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.



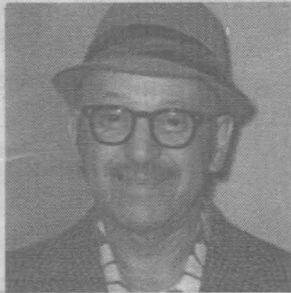
**RED & NAOMI RUGGLES**  
Ansel "Red" and Naomi Ruggles of Sciotoville, Ohio, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 28. Portsmouth, Ohio, brethren honored them with a reception. They have two sons and five grandchildren. Mr.

Ruggles is a deacon in the Portsmouth church.



**MICHAEL & MARY PELLAR**  
Michael and Mary Pellar of Sterling Heights, Michigan, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary March 1. Detroit, Michigan, East brethren presented them with an engraved silver plate. The Pellars have two sons. Mr. and Mrs. Pellar serve as local church elder and deaconess in the Detroit East church.

**Obituaries**



**WILLIAM KOSS**  
KOSS, William, 84, of Winnipeg, Manitoba, died Aug. 6 of heart failure. He is survived by his wife, Verna; two sons, Wayne and Dennis; two daughters-in-law; five grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters.

OLSZOWSKA, Mitchell, 78, of Ster-

ling Heights, Michigan, died Feb. 28. He is survived by two daughters, two grandsons and four grandchildren. His wife, Ethel, died Aug. 15.

**DEAN, Charles L.**, 76, of Riverview, Florida, died Sept. 22 of congestive heart failure after a lengthy illness. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Shirley; one daughter, Marcia; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.



**ANITA WILKINS**  
WILKINS, Anita, 57, of West Palm Beach, Florida, died Dec. 13 of breast cancer. She is survived by her husband, Jim; four sons, Tim, Dave, James Jr. and Jonathan; two daughters, Sondra and Kathy; and five grandchildren.



**IRENE DIEKMEIER**  
DIEKMEIER, Irene, 63, of Delafield, Wisconsin, died Feb. 21 of cancer. She is survived by her husband of 43 years, Harold; one son, Glenn; two daughters, Gail Hoffmann and Sherry Koonce; one daughter-in-law,

Eva; two sons-in-law, Bill and Donn; five grandchildren, Matthew, Gina, Aaron, Michael and Jamie; one great-granddaughter, Kelsie; two sisters; and one brother.

**McCLARY, Charice**, 3 1/2 months old, of Midvale, Idaho, died Jan. 1 of pneumonia. He is survived by his parents, Sam and Tracy; his grandparents, Wes and Lavinia Higgins and Hayden and Rebecca McClary; two uncles; three aunts; and two cousins.

**SCOTT, Glenden T.** "Spike," 64, of Brampton, Ontario, died Sept. 4 after a long battle with systemic lupus. He is survived by his wife, Doris; five children, Joseph, Stephen, Glenn, Alan and Jennifer; six grandchildren, Krista, Stephanie, Brett, Nickolas, Shasta and Madison; two brothers, Earl and Douglas; and two sisters, Violet Haines and Inez Crichton.



**LORETO VILLAFIOR**  
VILLAFIOR, Loreto A., 63, of Babatngon, Philippines, died Feb. 20 of lung failure. He is survived by his wife, Petrona; eight children, Josefine, Violeta, Florita, Loreto Jr., Melchor, Gaspar, Glendoris and Baltazar; and three grandchildren.

**BRUBAKER, George E.**, 75, of Victoria, Texas, died Dec. 29 of heart problems. He is survived by his wife, Bessie; and one daughter. He was a deacon in the Victoria church.



**IRENE SMITH**  
SMITH, Irene Radcliff, 83, of Bradenton, Florida, died Jan. 7. She is survived by four stepsons, Melvin, Paul, Charles and Dale; two stepdaughters, Marian Dowd and Janet Rohling; three brothers, Lawrence Radcliff, William Radcliff and Kent Radcliff; and four sisters, Mary Peterson, Helen Grady, Kathleen Radcliff and Fern Bly.



**EDWARD SANDERS**  
SANDERS, Edward B. "Bud," 81, of Seadrift, Texas, died Jan. 11. He is survived by his wife, Ruby; three daughters, Nancy Bald, Susie McNair and Bobbie Morgan; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Mr. Sanders was a deacon in the Victoria, Texas, church.

**DIVITO, Armondo**, 78, of Boston, Massachusetts, died Feb. 19. He is

survived by his stepmother, Marieta; three sisters, Adelle Casteline, Mary Zucchini and Vera Feeley; two brothers, Domonico and Tony; six nephews, Bob, Steve, Victor, Tony, Frank and Robert; and one niece, Margaret.



**GERTRUDE HARRIS**  
HARRIS, Gertrude, 51, of Eastover, South Carolina, died Aug. 26 of cancer. She is survived by her husband, Andrew Joe; three sons, Andrew Mike, Fredrick and Terry; one daughter, Patricia Roberts; four sisters; three brothers; and nine grandchildren.



**WILLIAM COYNE**  
COYNE, William R., 83, of White Lake, Ontario, died Jan. 23. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Lillie; one daughter, Joy Barrett; one son, Wayne; one sister, Nellie Fullerton; and three brothers, Nelson, Glen and Bruce. Mr. Coyne was a deacon in the Ottawa, Ontario, church.

**Auditorium staff's dedication the standard by which others are judged**

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thing that is good. You are looking at a pretty good ... story right here." Part of the story Ms. Price referred to is Ambassador Auditorium's reputation. While the world's finest artists take center stage, another group of people have also performed impressively.

The Church members who comprise the Auditorium staff do more than just assist performers and patrons, they let the light of Jesus Christ shine as they go about their duties. This has earned Ambassador a reputation for friendliness and caring concern.

Michael Kieran Harvey, before being announced as co-winner of the first Ivo Pogorelich International Solo Competition conducted at the Auditorium in January, said: "The people here are wonderful.... I am not really a religious man, but you people are the greatest advertisement your church could ask for."

Others in the music world hold similar feelings. The River City Brass Band said the Auditorium was splendid, especially the "professionalism of the ... staff. They truly are the best kind of ambassadors; it was a pleasure to meet them and work with them." The Los Angeles Concert Opera stage manager said the "staff adds a graciousness, which calms the chorus, orchestra, singers and the opera staff. It makes for a better performance."

Patrons of Ambassador are just as impressed by the staff as the artists are. "Ambassador Auditorium is the standard by which I judge other facilities. Nowhere have I found a facility so dedicated to the patron. Money can buy a building and grounds, but it is the staff with which I am most impressed. They are the kindest, most helpful people I have ever encountered. The people who answer the telephones, the ushers, refreshment workers and parking attendants all seem to have one singular purpose, to make Ambassador the most enjoyable occasion possible. Even when I have observed them under duress, they

have responded to the situation with dignity and caring"—E.A. Secor.

"I was enchanted by the demeanor of your ushers and ticket takers. The only conclusion I can come to is that there is something you teach these people that shapes their looks and attitudes. Keep up the good work!"—V. Glasband.

"During a performance, two men attempted to steal my car parked on the street. They were prevented by the astute patrolling of one of your employees. A great loss to me was avoided. It is people like your employees that make Ambassador a place I will attend"—J. Johnson.

"We want to tell you how grateful we are for your gracious, courteous, helpful ushers who assisted my husband into his wheelchair at the car and then into the Auditorium. They returned at intermission to inquire if we needed help and at the end of the performance to help him to our car"—B. Dunn.

Said Mr. Tkach: "The performing arts series has really helped in terms of portraying the right image for the Church and the Foundation."

While some people won't listen to a church, they do appreciate helpful caring people. "The staff treat people as we all would like to be treated,"

said David Hulme, vice president of Ambassador Foundation. "Because they care, artists and patrons have come to respect us."

The Foundation is committed to humanity's development by promoting excellence in the arts. "Not only does music improve our quality of life, it helps us transcend cultural, ethnic and religious barriers," Mr. Tkach commented. "Music is a natural bridge between all of humanity."

"The concert series is just one expression of that commitment in Southern California, which we commemorated April 7, the 20th anniversary of Ambassador Auditorium."

**Star-News spotlights Ambassador's quality and caring**

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the Pasadena facility; among them Vladimir Horowitz and Arthur Schnitger and tenor Luciano Pavarotti.

Today, two decades and more than 2,300 performances later, Ambassador Auditorium is considered one of the world's great concert halls, and Ambassador Foundation is one of the world's leading arts impresarios.

While many of the guiding principles that have led Ambassador to this preeminence remain in place today, some shifts in emphasis may have an impact on the foundation's mission during the coming years.

"The foundation is not just performing arts," says David Hulme, the organization's vice president and director of performing arts. "We hope in the future to have more of a community basis toward what we do."

"If we can [reduce the Church's subsidy to] the arts then perhaps we can make the foundation more of a conduit for charitable activities within the community."

To make that ... a reality, Amba-

sador has been exploring various ways of bringing in additional funding.

A "Friends of Ambassador" patron program has been started and corporate sponsorships are being solicited. The arts program will be spun off as a separate 501 C-3 charitable organization to encourage givers who don't want to donate to the Worldwide Church of God ... but do want to support Ambassador's arts program.

Moreover, the auditorium itself may be a source of funding. Recording companies, both audio and video, are exploring the use of the auditorium.

What won't change, says Hulme, are the quality and caring, two of the bywords repeated over and over as people consider Ambassador's success during the past two decades.

"I think caring is a key reason that we've become very successful both in terms of how the audiences and the artists regard Ambassador," says Hulme.

"This comes out as a persistent theme in letters that I get. People say, 'I feel safe there,' and 'I like the way we're treated.'"

"Human kindness is a theme we've stressed over the years."

"Artists have also come to love the hall," continues Hulme, "both for its acoustics (which seem to be improving with age) and for the way they're treated. We have very few artists who don't want to come back and play Ambassador Auditorium again."

From the perspective of Wayne Shilkret, who was Ambassador's director of performing arts for a dozen years and is now executive director of the Pasadena Symphony, the mandate began at the top.

"Herbert Armstrong (who was pastor general of the Worldwide Church of God until he died in 1986) really loved music and quality performers," recalls Shilkret. "After he built the auditorium, he wanted something to fill the auditorium that reflected quality."

"Ambassador's mission was to present the best artists, the best quality—no compromises," says Shilkret. "The standards were always very high, from the ticket operations to the administration of the hall itself to the way the artists were treated. It's the same way today."



# Update

NEWS OF PEOPLE, PLACES AND EVENTS

## PT paper change being pursued

Beginning with the July issue, the Canadian (English and French languages), Caribbean and South African editions of *The Plain Truth* will be printed on recycled paper. The *Youth* magazine will move to recycled paper with the July-August issue.

The recycled paper quality is virtually indistinguishable from virgin paper, making the change unnoticeable.

"The reason we haven't used recycled paper until now is because there hasn't been enough available on the market and, therefore, it cost more than virgin paper stock," said **Barry Gridley**, director of Publishing Services.

"The U.S. *Plain Truth* will continue on virgin paper for at least another year because of an agreement we have with **R.R. Donnelley** [our printer] and the **Blandin Paper Co.**," he said.

Editions printed in the United Kingdom—Dutch, English, French, German and

Italian—will continue on non-recycled paper because their print quantities are small, making the change expensive.

"We are currently exploring Australia's need and may ship recycled paper there from the U.S., again depending on the economic factors involved," Mr. Gridley said.

## Ipswich church gets fair comments from multi-faith event

IPSWICH, England—**Cynthia Capey**, head of Religious Studies at Suffolk College, invited the Worldwide Church of God to participate in the college's Multi-Faith Fair, March 10-12.

The purpose of the fair was to bring together various religious groups represented in the area, to promote openness in an atmosphere of respect. The fair was promoted through newspaper and radio advertising, and was open to the public, as well as to schools and to those attending the college.

Mrs. Capey said she was impressed with the Worldwide Church of God display, which included an outline of our church roots, photographs of Church office staff, together with a map of the locations of our churches in the British Isles.

Samples of our literature were laid out on a table, and Ipswich members answered questions and assisted people with their literature requirements.

Mrs. **Rena Gibbons** of the Ipswich church, said, "The members of the Ipswich church, who manned the stand, were pleased to be given the opportunity of a higher profile in Suffolk. We were asked many questions by the public concerning our faith and beliefs and we found it stimulating."

Of particular interest to those visiting the stand were

*Youth 94, What Is a Real Christian?, When a Loved One Dies, What is Salvation? The Spirit World and Who Was Jesus?*, reflecting the concerns of our predominantly youthful visitors.

Suffolk College asked us about having a permanent stand in the college foyer, offering Church booklets and brochures appropriate to the students.

Among groups represented were Mormons, Muslims, Sikhs, Unitarians and a spiritualist, as well as the Church of England, the United Reformed Church and the Jewish faith. *Gerry van der Wende*.

## Church to celebrate anniversary

WESTLOCK, Alberta—The church here will commemorate its 20th anniversary May 28. A potluck dinner, an evening of entertainment and dancing are planned. A pancake breakfast will be served Sunday, and softball games will follow. For more information contact **Colin Wallace** at 1-403-349-5685.

## Longview host for 25th anniversary

LONGVIEW, Texas—Brethren here are planning the 25th anniversary of the Longview congregation. Activities begin Saturday, June 25, with afternoon services at the Pine Tree High School Theater on Fairmont Street.

Evangelist **Richard Ames**, the original pastor, is scheduled to speak. Dinner will be served after services in the same location.

Reservations for the meal (about \$10 per person) need to be made by June 10 by writing to **Lee Berger**, 322 Robinwood, White Oak, Texas, 75693. Or you can call him at 1-903-759-0435.

Planned activities include

showing slides, photos, videos, memorabilia, entertainment and a Sunday picnic. All past members of the Longview congregation are invited. Visitors can also contact Mr. Berger about housing needs.

## Ministers, employees honored for 25 years

**Ernest Hoyt**, a local elder in the Eugene, Oregon, church, received a 25-year plaque March 19. Mr. Hoyt and his wife, **Evelyn**, also received gold watches.

**Patty Preteroti** of the Washington, Pennsylvania, church, received a 25-year plaque Nov. 6 in memory of her deceased husband, **Maurice**, a local church elder for 24 years before his death in 1992.

Publishing Services employees **Ron Taylor** and **Don Patrick** received plaques and watches Nov. 30. **Tom Adams** of Publishing received his watch and plaque Feb. 16.

**Jack McKinney**, Safety Department manager, received his plaque and watch March 20 at the 22nd annual auxiliary security ball in the headquarters Employee Center.

The annual auxiliary security ball honors Church member volunteers who serve on auxiliary patrol and Sabbath dispatch throughout the year.

**Ron Grassmann** and **Jim Sampson** received plaques in recognition of 25 years of voluntary security service at headquarters.

## Minneapolis hears message from deaf presenters

MINNEAPOLIS, Minnesota—Deaf members presented the sermon and sermonette in American sign language at the Minneapolis South

church Feb. 26. Seventeen adults and children in the congregation are deaf or hard of hearing.

**David Barnett**, a local elder from Big Sandy, signed the sermon, and **Ted Landis**, manager of Deaf and Hard of Hearing in Pasadena, provided the voice interpretation.

**Ron Johnson**, a member here, signed the sermonette, and **Dennis Ward** provided voice interpretation. **Nancy Larson** signed special Sabbath music. *Steve Nutzman*.

## Members provide vision services for baseball team

DUNEDIN, Florida—**Edward Huggett**, team vision physician, specializing in sports vision, and a member in New Port Richey, Florida, provided vision evaluations and sports vision performance evaluations for the Toronto Blue Jays baseball team.

Assisting Dr. Huggett were his wife, **Denise**, administrator, and **Brandee Brown**, daughter of **Steve Brown**, associate pastor of the New Port Richey and Tampa, Florida, churches.

Sports vision is a specialty that deals with the visual performance of an athlete as it relates to a specific sport. *Denise Huggett*.

## Member's home work wins builders award

VIENNA, West Virginia—**Kevin Dobbins**, a member, won the 1993 Home Builders Association of West Virginia Best Single Family Home, Class III award.

The house was judged on its quality and workmanship, energy efficiency, design and layout, exterior design and compatibility with the lot and surrounding neighborhood.



FROM OUR

# Brethren Worldwide

## Minimal injuries in serious accident in Estonia

BONN, Germany—Regional director John Karlson, his wife, Kristina, daughter, Evie, German member Udo Stohler and Estonian member Leo Kaagjaerv received minor injuries in a head-on collision near Tartu, Estonia, March 24.

They were driving south from the airport in Tallinn toward Tartu to keep the Passover and first day of Unleavened Bread with a small group of Estonian brethren. Snow and rain had started to fall, and it was windy, but there was little traffic.

Thirty-seven kilometers (about 23 miles) from Tartu a white van approached them in their lane. Mr. Karlson swerved to avoid being hit, but the two vehicles collided. Mr. Karlson was traveling at the speed limit of 70 kilometers and the van at 90 kilometers at the time of impact.

After checking to see if everyone was all right and seeing that they seemed to have only minor injuries, the Karlsons' group got out of the car, since it was in the middle of the road. Mrs. Karlson briefly lost consciousness, and Evie had a head injury and was initially unable to walk.

A blow to Mr. Stohler's

head caused bleeding, and Mr. Kaagjaerv had chest pains. Mr. Karlson seemed to be in the best shape and only later noticed a sprained and badly swollen wrist.

The Karlsons' rental car, a fairly new Volvo, was virtually demolished. The Estonian van suffered some front-end damage, and the driver was unharmed. He was friendly and apologetic, explaining that he lost control because of the wind. Mr. Kaagjaerv helped translate from Estonian.

Just after the crash a passing ambulance happened to stop at the accident scene. Mr. Karlson commented that they had never seen an ambulance anywhere on the roads

during their multiple trips to Estonia. Mrs. Karlson, Evie and Mr. Stohler were taken to the hospital, while the others waited for the police.

The police wrote a report, cleared the accident site and took the remaining passengers to the police station. Several hours later they reached Tartu.

Mr. Karlson said: "I don't know if we would be alive if certain factors had not been present. There was no question of God's intervention in our favor."

Their escape from death made the Passover service the next day much more meaningful. "It hits you that God has saved your life, which should have been over, and has given you a new one," Mr. Karlson said.

"Passover reminds us that we also have been given a new life, but the potential of eternal rather than just physical life. Everything we have is dependent upon God." *Frankie Weinberger*.

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