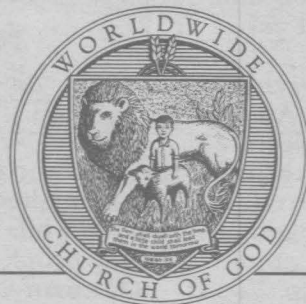


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'Now is the time,' Ambassador graduates told



FAMILY TIES—College Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach and President Donald Ward with the Cliff Redanz family from Souderton, Pennsylvania, outside the Ambassador College Field House, May 21. From left, Mr. Tkach; Mr. Redanz, a local church elder; his son, Dan; daughters Esther and Rebekah, a two-year graduate; Dr. Ward; daughter Sarah; and wife, Jane. [Photo by Hal Finch]

By Becky Sweat

BIG SANDY—"Our duty is to bring glory to God and to enhance his reputation to those who don't know him, by our life-style, by our conduct, by our relationship with our fellow human beings, who likewise were created in the image of God."

These were the words of Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach in his address to 246 bachelor's degree candidates and 153 associate degree candidates at Ambassador College's commencement exercises May 21. After evangelist Donald Ward, Ambassador College president, gave the invocation and welcome address, Leon Pedersen, 1992-93 associated student body president, gave the discourse.

"Our experience here can be summed up in one word: *receiving*. For four years now we've been receiving what the college has given so generously to us, giving us a safe and secure environment, a stimulating atmosphere of learning, specific instruction in a variety of disciplines, opportunities to excel in a wide variety of endeavors," he said.

He told graduates they must now give of what has been so generously given to them, and in that way they show appreciation for what they have received.

"By expressing our gratitude in

this manner, by passing on what has been given to us, we will be embarking on an approach to life that will make our future even better than our college career."

Mr. Pedersen continued: "The society we are going into is strewn with needy people crying out for help. However, our society is lacking people who are willing to give help. The opportunities for us to do a good turn for someone in need are boundless. If we could start a chain of appreciation, that will change the world."

In conclusion, Mr. Pedersen told graduates: "Now is the time for us to face the challenge of the future, confident that we can give something of value back to our communities, to our nations, to the world. Now is the time, class of 1993, for us to begin the best years of our lives."

A lifelong endeavor

After the Ambassador Chorale performed "Old Irish Blessing" and "A Closing Prayer," Chancellor Tkach gave his address.

"At Ambassador College we are in the process of recapturing true values," Mr. Tkach said. "Notice I said *process*, because it is a lifelong endeavor. It never stops until the day we give up the breath of life."

He said knowledge is of no value
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Regional pastors selected

By Joseph W. Tkach Jr.

We plan to implement a structure of regional pastors for the U.S. field ministry. We have selected the title *regional pastor* because it names what the job requires. As regional directors serve international areas, the number of ministers and members in the United States requires that we establish regional pastors here as well. There are 373 full-time ministers and 789 local church elders serving in the U.S. field ministry.

The job of regional pastor is not a permanent assignment. We plan to rotate the assignment of regional pastor every several years. After much prayerful consideration here in Pasadena, my dad has approved the selection of the first 14 regional pastors. They and the 14 YOU regional coordinators will work together to ensure the smooth operation of Church programs.

Many factors were considered in selecting these men. For one, we wanted to implement a system without having to relocate a lot of people. For another, in most cases ministers will not serve in more than one regional responsibility. Thus we needed to balance the needs for some to continue as Festival site coordinators and others as YOU coordinators.

The regional pastor will continue to be responsible for pastoring a congregation, but will in most cases have an associate who can serve the congregation while he travels within the region. The following list names the regional pastors and the YOU regional coordinators. The regional pastors will begin in that role after the summer transfers are completed.

U.S. regional pastors and YOU coordinators

Region	Regional pastor	YOU coordinator
Seattle, Washington	Bob Dick	Dave Treybig
Sacramento, California	Mike Swagerty	Mel Dahlgren
Pasadena	Dennis Luker	Leslie Schmedes
Denver, Colorado	Doug Horchak	Tom Melear
St. Louis, Missouri	Larry Salyer	Joe Dobson
Houston, Texas	Jim Franks	Ken Giese
Minneapolis, Minnesota	Jim Servidio	Mike Hanisko
Indianapolis, Indiana	Richard Pinelli	Darris McNeely
Nashville, Tennessee	Fred Kellers	Marc Cardona
Birmingham, Alabama	Ray Wooten	Dan Rogers
St. Petersburg, Florida	Roy Holladay	Craig Bacheller
Cleveland, Ohio	Lyle Welty	Eugene Noel
Baltimore, Maryland	Arnold Hampton	David Stone
New York, New York	Steve Botha	Dave Register



Personal from...

JOSEPH W. TKACH

What is the supreme message and good news of the gospel?

As I mentioned last issue, because the content of the gospel is such an important topic, we are reprinting the article I wrote for the August 11, 1992, *Worldwide News*.

Why has the Church been preaching so much about Jesus Christ? That's an excellent question, and one that certainly deserves an answer. Let's begin in 1 Corinthians 15:1-8, where Paul described the gospel Jesus gave his Church. Notice carefully his words: "Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain."

"For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve."

"After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still living, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born."

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Reaching out according to your God-given gifts

BOREHAMWOOD, England—About 50 subscribers attended a *Plain Truth* campaign in Ipswich, an old market city in East Anglia May 9.

Members from the Ipswich and Norwich churches provided assistance at the campaign.

After a *World Tomorrow* video presentation with Richard Ames, and a 30-minute *Plain Truth* lecture by Anthony Goudie, pastor of the Ipswich and Norwich churches, members and guests got together over refreshments, enjoying stimulating and friendly fellowship. You could hear the buzz.

Mr. Goudie met a 47-year-old man who had taken *The Plain Truth* since he was 17. He agreed with its teachings but said he couldn't keep the Sabbath because of the nature of his work.

He said he had counted the cost and felt Christ wouldn't expect him to pay that price. There followed a conversation about the difference between hearing and doing.

Face to face

Any member who has had the exciting experience of meeting *Plain Truth* readers for the first time (and seeing their reaction to us) may share my feelings.

There was a 73-year-old vicar who works with the bereaved; sev-



European Diary

JOHN ROSS SCHROEDER

eral married couples; one person who finished the correspondence course while in prison; and several young people.

One man of about 50 years of age had just picked up a visit slip and expressed a sincere desire to see the area pastor. He has been a subscriber since 1967 and asked me why it had taken so long for him to come to this truth.

I explained that we are all different and God works with each one of us individually, in his own time, and that we, as a Church, have been cautious in the past about allowing people to find the door of the Church.

A woman said she reads *The Plain Truth* from cover to cover, but sometimes has trouble understanding it—and then reads it again. (Some of us are not so patient with something we don't understand.)

I recommended a couple of our brochures about the Bible that pro-

vide more explanation on individual topics. Whereas the magazine, I said, must cover a variety of topics.

Infinite variety

We are hoping that the one-on-one contact with the subscribers showed them that they can be comfortable with us (some expressed interest in attending a Bible study or Sabbath services) as well as us being comfortable with them.

The apostle Peter told us that "each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms" (1 Peter 4:10).

The apostle Paul said the same: "We have different gifts, according to the grace given us. If a man's gift is prophesying [inspired preaching], let him use it in proportion to his faith. If it is serving, let him serve; if it is teaching, let him teach; if it is encouraging, let him

encourage; if it is contributing to the needs of others, let him give generously; if it is leadership, let him govern diligently; if it is showing mercy, let him do it cheerfully" (Romans 12:6-8).

The subscribers had a desperate need for all the spiritual gifts that God has given to his Church. And this was our opportunity to implement Pastor General Joseph W. Tkach's directive to live the gospel message personally and respond with patience, kindness, warmth or understanding.

Paths to the gospel

At the *Plain Truth* campaign in Norwich May 16, subscribers responded to the lecture and presentation differently than those in Ipswich.

They seemed particularly concerned with subjects about suffering, life after death or the need for a clearer understanding of right and wrong. The paths to the gospel are as varied as we are.

A wise farmer realizes that different plants need different tending. Meeting such varied needs is our responsibility in the Church, requiring skill and prayer by each of us.

Let us strive to do the best we can with whatever gifts God has so generously given—looking to him in faith to make up for our lacks.

Letters to the Editor

Letters for this section should be addressed to "Letters to the Editor." The editor reserves the right to use letters so addressed in whole or in part, and to include your name and edit the letter for clarity or space. We welcome your comments.

Not hiding ourselves away

After reading your "Personal" articles in the last three issues I just wanted to write to you and let you know how much I applaud and appreciate your leadership in the new direction in which God is taking us, his Church.

I work with intellectually handicapped adults, and last year we were invited twice to a local workshop by members of the Church of Latter Day Saints. These four, very well-dressed and pleasant young men impressed me so much by their quiet and courteous manner toward our handicapped people.

They were willing to sit down for an hour or two and just work alongside them, performing some quite repetitive and menial tasks, not reacting to and not turning away from those even with the most challenging behaviors. These young men did not come to impress or to proselytize, just to help.

Reflecting on this, I realized that we, as God's true Church, were not at that time allowing our Christian lights to shine, but were hiding ourselves away, and I felt ashamed that we were not out helping the community as these men were.

With joy I read shortly afterward the beginnings of your plans for members to become more involved in community work. This is a truly exciting new direction and one I long to be involved in. I pray that God will guide and direct you and enable us all to become lights that shine more brightly than ever before.

Anne Holmes
New Zealand

Stories spur me on

I really enjoyed the article "From Our Brethren Worldwide" about the four Yorkshire women who are using their talents to make the world a better place [March 23 WN].

I could see what I hope for in my own life unfolding in their stories—from full-time mother, to business woman, to a mature woman like Edna Pearson. Their stories were encouraging and fascinating and spur me on to do my best in whatever my hands find to do! Thanks for the highlight on other Church women's accomplishments.

Wilma Vernich
Greenbrier, Tennessee

When people leave

It is really saddening to learn that some individuals have in recent times decided to leave the Church of God—reasons being that the Worldwide Church of God is trying to change the teachings of Mr. Armstrong.

These people fail to understand that this

was not and is not and will never be Mr. Armstrong's teaching, nor is it Mr. Tkach's, but God's teaching. He (God) makes changes as he sees fit for his Church—which way to take in order to have the gospel preached effectively.

Let us continue to pray that these people should not cause havoc or confusion in the Church, and we should pray for them to come to their senses to understand the truth and how they can repent of their sins and be grafted to the true vine.

B. Tembo
Petauke, Zambia

"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.

Solutions to the unsolvable

The Plain Truth arrived at just the right time as usual. I was deeply despairing once again and did not know where to turn. Then I read the article about forgiveness and found the answer. Your magazine has often given me solutions to problems which seemed to be unsolvable. May God continue to bless your work and may it bring blessings to many people.

H.S.
Germany

Pointing people in right direction

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your excellent magazine. I pass copies on to my garrison's church. I am the mother figure to many young soldiers on an army camp. I often find articles relevant and it helps me to point people in, I hope, the right direction. Many thanks.

C.M.
Leconfield, North Humberside, England

Thrilled with results

Thank you for the March issue of *News of the Work*. It fills the need of reviewing your labors in God's vineyard. I am enclosing a small contribution toward your wonderful work.

As one who can look back across 87 years, it thrills me to see the results of your labors. I personally thank God every day for his

blessings, and I will include you all in my prayers.

Raised in a Christian home and attending an Evangelical church, I will admit having strayed from the straight-and-narrow path of life. But I am convinced that God has forgiven my sins, for God has given me a wonderful family and all the necessities of a normal life, for which I am daily thankful.

May your labors be blessed as time rolls on and the great day of his coming approaches.

R.H.S.
Camp Hill, Pennsylvania

Fire destroys house

I write this letter in regard to your article "More Than a Miracle" in the May-June *Plain Truth*. It was the evening of the Sabbath, April 23. I carefully and prayerfully studied this article. I considered it, meditated on it and took instruction from it.

The next morning we lost our house to fire. Although not totally destroyed, most of its contents were lost by fire, smoke and water. Our daughter Karen, a student on the Jordan project, lost the most as the fire began and centered in her room. God has strengthened us with support, physical help and prayers of the brethren, help of neighbors and friends.

A special thanks to you for sharing with all who will read how God provides and cares and most of all how we must trust him and his wisdom. My prayers for your faith will continue, that your lives may be a light in this dark world.

J.Q.
Godfrey, Ontario

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Personal: the supreme message of the gospel

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What Paul calls "of first importance" is the fact that Jesus is the Messiah or Christ, that he died for our sins, was buried and was raised, all according to the Scriptures. Further, he highlights the fact that there were plenty of witnesses to the fact of Christ's resurrection, lest any should doubt that Jesus was really raised.

"By this gospel you are saved," Paul asserts. Our goal, like Paul's, should be to pass on that which we have received, that which is of "first importance."

What we have received, and what we must therefore pass on, is exactly what Paul and the other apostles received—that which is of *first importance*—"that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures."

All other biblical teaching hinges on these primary facts. Only the Son of God could die for our sins, and it is only because he did and was raised again from the dead that we can live in steadfast assurance of his return and of our inheritance of eternal life.

Therefore John could write: "We accept man's testimony, but God's testimony is greater because it is the testimony of God, which he has given about his Son. Anyone who believes in the Son of God has this testimony in his heart. Anyone who does not believe God has made him out to be a liar, because he has not believed the testimony God has given about his Son."

"And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life" (1 John 5:9-12).

The gospel Jesus preached

Now, dear brethren, it is amazing

that some should have a problem with that. Some want to believe that the real gospel message should hinge, not on the life, death and resurrection of the Son of God, like the Bible says, but on warning the United States about being attacked by a united Europe. I am occasionally criticized by certain ones who think we are not preaching the gospel if we don't "shout out the warning: Europe is uniting and preparing to attack the United States."

But, much to their chagrin, I don't listen. Instead, I listen to what *God tells us in his Word*. I listen to the true gospel, the *real good news*, the gospel Jesus and the apostles preached: Jesus Christ and him crucified (1 Corinthians 2:2), Jesus Christ in you, the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27), the resurrection from the dead, the *true message of hope and salvation for humanity*, which is the gospel of the kingdom of God!

That is the message I have been sounding to all the Church and which we have been sounding in *The Plain Truth* and on *The World Tomorrow*.

There is no message that could be more important for any person on earth! God has given us the commission to proclaim it and the power and zeal of his Spirit to accomplish the task.

The closer together we pull in the unity of the Spirit, the more freely God can work through us and the more effective the work will be.

That is why I am continually admonishing *all* the brethren to realize their high calling in Christ and make themselves a *dynamic part of what God is doing* through his Church. And that is why we are testing new ideas by which members can become more personally involved in the work of the gospel.

Some people can get quite excited about a uniting Europe, it seems, but have a hard time getting excited

about the *central message of the Bible—salvation through Jesus Christ!* God has given us the most precious gift possible and the responsibility to tell others how they, too, can receive that gift!

But that's just not exciting enough or meaningful enough for some, apparently. They'd rather just "leave that to the other churches."

Well, let me be plain. We will do what *God* says to do, and preach the gospel *God* says to preach, regardless of what anyone else in any other church is doing or not doing!

Our guide is the Word of God, and it is the Word of God we will follow. In describing to the centurion Cornelius the apostles' commission, Peter said: "He [Jesus] 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" (Acts 10:42-43).

This is the supreme message, the good news, which the apostles came to see was the central message of all the prophets—that Jesus Christ is the one God has appointed as judge of the living and the dead, and that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name!

Luke wrote that Jesus reminded his disciples of the central truth of his message just before he ascended: "He opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, 'This is what is written: The Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance and forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things'" (Luke 24:45-48).

Most central truth

When Jesus opened the apostles' minds so they could *understand the*

Scriptures, what was it that he caused them to understand the Scriptures to contain? In other words, what is, according to Jesus, the central, most important truth to understand from the Old Testament Scriptures?

That the Christ will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins would be preached in his name to all nations!

"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved" (Acts 4:12), Peter preached.

But what about the gospel of the *kingdom of God*? Didn't Jesus preach the good news of the kingdom of God? Of course he did!

Is the gospel of the kingdom of God *different* from the gospel Paul, Peter and John preached about salvation in Jesus Christ? For the sake of answering our scripturally confused, dissident friends, let me digress a moment.

Let us understand that entrance into the kingdom of God *is* salvation. Being *saved* and entering the *kingdom of God* are the same thing! Receiving eternal life is the same thing as receiving salvation, because salvation is being saved from sin, which brings death.

In Jesus there is life—eternal life. Eternal life requires forgiveness of sin. Forgiveness of sin, or justification, comes *only* by faith in Jesus Christ.

Jesus is both Judge and Redeemer. The gospel of the kingdom of God *is* the gospel of salvation in Jesus Christ.

It is sheer nonsense to say that one of these is the gospel and the other is a false gospel. Jesus and his apostles preached the *same message—Jesus Christ is the Son of God and the one and only way to receive salvation, deliverance, eternal life and entrance into the kingdom of God.*

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RSA TV interviews David Hulme; Bible lectures draw 363 first-timers

By Peter Hawkins

CAPE TOWN, South Africa—The top national television station here, TV1, interviewed *World Tomorrow* presenter David Hulme April 28 on its show called *Good Morning South Africa*. A two-minute clip from the telecast "Paul at Ephesus" was included in the nine-minute slot.

Interviewer Dorianne Berry introduced listeners to the Church in a positive way. Topics ranged from the relevance of religion today to the interest in Satanism among youths and teaching strong values in families and schools.

Mr. Hulme also mentioned the Bible lectures he was conducting in Johannesburg, Durban and Cape Town, April 25, April 29 and May 2.

Before the lectures, with the help of Bernie Rayner in Johannesburg and Chris Khoury in Durban, both members, advertisements were designed and placed in area newspapers. Press releases were sent to the editorial departments of newspapers and radio stations, and radio spots were played.

The focus of the advertising campaign was Mr. Hulme's lecture,

"Finding Peace of Mind in Our Troubled World," a particularly appropriate subject at this point in South Africa's tumultuous history.

We were quite encouraged by the number of new people who attended the lectures. In Johannesburg, 154 new people were included in the audience of 584. In Durban, the 238 attendees included 85 new contacts. In Cape Town, 124 first-time attendees came, among a total of 397.

The 363 new people represent a response rate of 1.5 percent for new contacts, considering only the number of invitation letters sent to *Plain Truth* readers.

At each of the presentations, Andre van Belkum, regional director for Southern Africa, gave details of the Church's activities, programs for Church youths and members' community involvement.

Mr. Hulme covered three main keys to peace of mind: knowing God exists, doing what he requires of us and building a relationship with him. The aspects of repentance and conversion also were clearly outlined. We are now evaluating visit requests and desire for further contact with the Church from those who attended.

Festival Updates

The site in Mombasa, Kenya, is closed to further transfers.

The zip code in the address for Tom Hammett, music director for Jekyll Island, Georgia, was incorrectly listed. The correct zip code is 37415. An instrumental ensemble will perform at Jekyll Island. Interested musicians should write to Dr. Hammett at 3107 Elmore Ave., Chattanooga, Tennessee, 37415.

Terma de Guaviyú, Uruguay

The Feast will be observed at the Guaviyú hot thermal springs complex in the Paysandú area of Uruguay, 440 kilometers (280 miles) from Montevideo, the capital. Services will be conducted in Spanish without translation.

Housing will be in modest motel rooms in the complex with private bath, hot water, air conditioning, kitchenette and barbecue grill.

The complex, surrounded by woods and farmland, includes several hot spring pools, sauna, sports and recreation facilities, restaurants and grocery stores.

Rates per person for eight nights including a full-course lunch every day are: single, US\$320; double,

US\$200; triple or quadruple, US\$160.

Round-trip bus transportation is available from Montevideo to the Feast site for about US\$28 per person. Limited space is available at the Feast site and applications must be sent to the Spanish Department in Big Sandy by July 15.

Samaipata, Santa Cruz, Bolivia

The Feast will be observed at the Achira Tourist complex and Convention Center near Samaipata, 113 kilometers (75 miles) from Santa Cruz de la Sierra. Services will be conducted in Spanish only.

Housing will be in modest one-bedroom cabanas with private bath and hot water. The complex, which has a swimming pool and recreational facilities, is in a country setting with a temperate climate. Pre-hispanic ruins, a national park and colonial towns are nearby.

Rates per person for eight nights including breakfasts, lunches and dinners are: single, US\$295; double, US\$195; triple, US\$150; quadruple, US\$130. Limited space is available and applications must be sent to the Spanish Department in Big Sandy by July 15.

See and mirror your matchless gifts from God

By Christina R. Kuo

Have you ever looked at others and wondered: How do I compare? What do I have to give?

Perhaps you see a graduate who achieved two degrees in four years, a virtuoso musician who performed at Carnegie Hall by the age of 13, a charming woman who made hand-me-down clothes look like designer specials or a saintly therapist who worked 25 years with the disabled.

Comparing ourselves with others can make us feel worthless. And we've all done this—looked at them as standards by which to measure intelligence, charisma, love, success or even our relationship to God. This is a quick road to depression.

Paul wrote the Corinthians: "When they measure themselves by themselves, and compare themselves with themselves, they are not wise" (2 Corinthians 10:12).

Too often we sit admiring the gifts of others, not taking the time to discover the gifts God gave each of us. God says there are different kinds of gifts and he distributes them accordingly (1 Corinthians 12:11).

God gives each one of us special gifts for meaningful purposes. Be it

artistic ability, compassion or communication skills, "each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms (1 Peter 4:10).

The Greek word for the expression "various forms" is *poikilos*. It means "many colored" or "many variations." So there are many comparable gifts to magnify the many facets of God.

We receive different gifts because God wants us to share with others his innumerable gifts. And God doesn't just stop with the gift, he also provides each individual with the power to use the gift: "If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 4:11).

We need the strength and vision only God can give, then we can share what we've been given and not grow weary in well-doing.

Humans: handle with care

In a conveyor-belt age that worships the product more than the process, there is little compassion for those who need care and healing.

But when we look at the apostle Paul, we see the focus and direction of his talents and energies.

"We teach everyone and instruct everyone in all the ways of wisdom, so as to present each one of you as a mature member of Christ's body. To this end I am toiling strenuously with all the energy and power of Christ at work in me" (Colossians

1:28-29, Revised English Bible).

To be like God is to work with the fragility of human emotions and feelings, to work with the sinner as well as the saint in us all. God told Jeremiah, "Produce what is noble out of the worthless" (Jeremiah 15:19, Tanakh).

Holy Spirit helps us to see

When we allow the Holy Spirit to work more fully from within, the best of what God created begins to surface. We begin to see what qualities we and others really do have. We

begin to see the potential for the saint far more than the sinner.

So we must not compare ourselves with others. We each reflect a brilliant facet of God's character. God fashions each one of us in his own manner. He works within the context of our own personality, environment, family background and generation.

Instead of comparing ourselves with others, we should ask God to help us develop our gifts. God can transform us into something far beyond what we see in ourselves.

PIN down your Church correspondence

By Darrell A. Hartssock

You may be surprised how much it helps the Work for you to use your personal identification number (PIN) when sending donations or other correspondence to headquarters.

Your PIN is the first 11 digits of the number above your name and address on *The Plain Truth*, *Worldwide News* and donation envelopes.

What happens when you don't use your own personalized envelope, or you include donations for more than one person in the same envelope?

Jerry Shallenberger, supervisor of Mail Receiving, says that processing is about six times faster when members use their barcoded envelopes.

"The Mail Processing Center would be happy to send separate personalized envelopes to anyone who wishes to send donations,

including children," said Richard Rice, manager of the Mail Processing Center.

Ron Urwiller, supervisor of Master File Services, said: "Using your own personalized envelope and printing your PIN at the top of checks and letters helps the Work's computers identify you as an individual. It helps us give you personalized service and saves the Work considerable time and money."

MPC recommends using the personalized envelopes you receive with the monthly member letters as well as the envelopes you request to be mailed to you.

Mr. Urwiller said: "When you do not have a personalized envelope, please write your PIN number on the envelope and at the top of your check or letter. Countless people have the same first and last names, and in many cases, the same middle initial."

Christina R. Kuo is managing editor of *Arrows in Flight*, the *YOU* newsetter in the United States.

Canadian Ministerial Transfers

Carl Burns (associate) to Moomin and Regina, Saskatchewan.

Rod DeVries (associate) to Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Gordon Graham to London, Ontario.

Jim Little (associate) to Vancouver, British Columbia (P.M.).

Bob Millman to Regina, Saskatchewan.

Colin Wallace to Athabasca, Westlock and Fort McMurray, Alberta.

Glen Weber to Red Deer and Wetaskiwin, Alberta.

Ken Webster to Edmonton, Alberta, South.

Will Wooster to Grande Prairie, Alberta.

All positions are pastor unless otherwise noted.

Philippine Ministerial Transfers

Abelardo Balisnomo to Legazpi and Sorsogon.

Ric Deligero to Zamboanga.

George Escara to Ambassador College, student.

Eleazar Flores (assistant) to Manila South and Pinamalayan.

Eugene Guzon (associate) to Manila and Cavite.

Gil Llana to Marikina.

Chuck Mago (associate) to Baguio and Mankayan.

Romeo Pusta to Dumaguete and Tagbilaran.

Andrew Teng to Quezon City North.

All positions are pastor unless otherwise noted.

U.S. Ordinations

Wade Belcher, a deacon in the Washington, D.C., Central church, was ordained a local church elder April 10.

Larry Bradford, a deacon in the Fort Worth, Texas, West church, was ordained a local church elder April 10.

Richard Crow, a ministerial trainee in the Tipp City, Ohio, church, was ordained a local elder April 6.

Peter Dickinson, a deacon in the Wilmington, Delaware, church, was ordained a local church elder April 6.

William McCoy, a deacon in the Seaford, Delaware, church, was ordained a local church elder April 6.

Richard McKeon of the Phoenix,

Arizona, North church was ordained a local church elder April 12.

Douglas Ruml, associate pastor of the Washington, D.C., Central and Arlington, Virginia, churches, was ordained a preaching elder April 12.

Edwin Stepp of the Providence, Rhode Island, church was ordained a local church elder April 10.

Joseph Schlitt, a deacon in the Ocala, Florida, church, was ordained a local church elder April 6.

Howard Wills, a deacon in the Hollywood, Florida, church, was ordained a local church elder April 12.

German, Swiss Ordinations

Wade Fransson, associate pastor of the Stuttgart, Germany, and Basel and Zurich, Switzerland, churches, was ordained a preaching elder April 12.

Alfred Riehle, a deacon in the Stutt-

gart, Germany, church, was ordained a local church elder April 12.

Eric Ronchetti, a deacon in the Basel, Switzerland, church, was ordained a local church elder April 12.

Young Ambassadors audio cassettes for sale

The Ambassador College Music Department has a limited quantity of previously released Young Ambassadors audio cassettes for sale.

Festival of Music Volume I: Four cassettes with more than 50 selections of music from the great musicals, nostalgic tunes from the Big Band era, compositions by Ambassador College students and faculty, and some inspiring classical and sacred works with the Ambassador Chorale and Orchestra.

Festival of Music Volume II: Cassettes 1 and 2 include highlights of the group's film, video and live performances from 1983 to 1985, including a piano solo by Herbert W. Armstrong. Cassettes 3 and 4 are the Ambassador Concert Choir and Orchestra, as well as special guest soloists.

Festival of Music Volume III "We Are Family": Cassette 1 contains songs with a family theme; Cassette 2 features highlights of the 1986 Festival entertainment film with the Young Ambassadors and Ambassador Concert Choir and Orchestra. Cassettes 3 and 4 include selections performed by Ambassador College Music Department voice and piano faculty.

If you would like to purchase one or more of these audio cassettes, please fill in the order form below and mail it with your payment to:

Ambassador College • Music Department • Box 111
Big Sandy, Texas 75755

Audio Cassette Order Form

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Quantity	Album choices	Unit Cost	Subtotal
	Festival of Music Volume I	\$10.00	
	Festival of Music Volume II	\$10.00	
	Festival of Music Volume III	\$10.00	
Note: Payment should be made in U.S. currency only. All checks, money orders or bank drafts should be made payable to Ambassador College.		Subtotal	
Please allow four to six weeks for delivery. International shipments may take longer.		Shipping-handling, add \$1.50 each album	
		Texas residents add 7.75% tax	

Graduation: 'You have the tools you need'

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unless it is put into action. "An Ambassador College graduate is to be an asset to his God, his church, his country, his family, his employment. And this requires action, to be a doer and not just a hearer. A personal, hands-on experience is required."

Mr. Tkach told graduates: "The best is yet to come, because today you stand on the threshold of the future and the greatest opportunity in your life. Over a century ago Abraham Lincoln said, 'I will study to show myself approved so when, not if, an opportunity presents itself, I will be ready.'

"Well, Ambassador graduates, you are ready, and don't let anyone tell you differently. You are more than ready and more than qualified to achieve success, which God desires for you. You have received an excellent education. You have the tools you need to be successful."

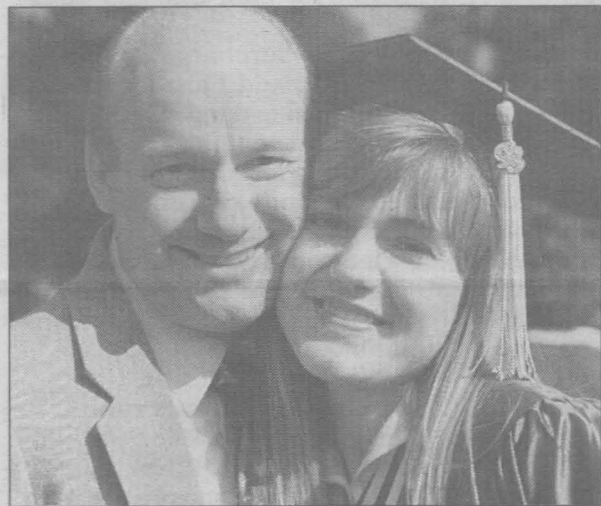
He told them that "as the baton of opportunity is passed to you and your classmates, you are no longer just spectators of life. As you go into the work force of this society, you are to be full participants, putting the things that you have learned these four years at Ambassador College into practice and fulfillment of what God desires you to achieve."

Mr. Tkach concluded: "Remember that leaders are like eagles; they don't flock. You find them one at a time by their life-style and living examples and successful lives. A true leader doesn't worry about being on the right track because he *makes* the track."

Awards, degrees, comments

After his address, Mr. Tkach presented awards to 21 bachelor's degree candidates and three associate's degree candidates (see box).

Following the awards presentation, Michael Germano, dean of academic



FINISHING TOUCH—Deanna "Shelley" Dahlgren, a four-year graduate, with her father, Mel Dahlgren, San Jose and Aptos, California, pastor.



CLASS OF '93—Graduates and faculty appreciate the capstone event of the year at Ambassador College.

Honors

Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach presented awards in the following categories:

Sportsmanship: Daren Clayton and Desiree Roland.

Shari Lee Seltzer: Marie-Angelique Alcindor and Sam Sweat.

Russel Shiver: Tania Hobbs.

Leon Ettinger Music: Carlos Bardales and Teri Leffek.

Watson Wise Incentive: Chad Bullock and Susan Stewart.

Business Administration: Kimberly Bradley, John Spencer and Thomas Votaw.

Academic Excellence: first place, seniors, Brian Krueger, Jean Rudd, Vincenzo Scannapieco and Kendall Seaton; second place, senior, Thomas Votaw; first place, sophomore, Lynn Grabbe; and second place sophomores, Susan Miller and Anita Sanford.

Herbert W. Armstrong Achievement: Patricia Bell, Leon Pedersen, Karen Reyngoudt and Brian Wilson.

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affairs, presented the graduates to Mr. Tkach and Dr. Ward for the conferring of degrees.

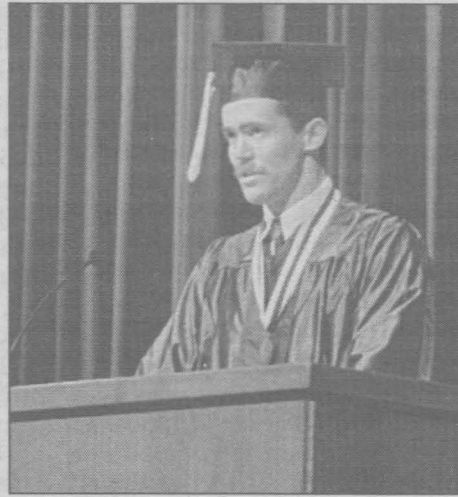
Gary Richards, dean of students, announced names of students receiving diplomas. Those earning associate's degrees received their diplomas first, followed by those receiving bachelor's degrees.

After the ceremony students, family and friends gathered for a reception on the plaza lawn. Mr. Tkach proposed a toast to the graduates as fireworks were set off.

Now former classmates exchanged congratulatory notes and promised to stay in touch. Parents posed with graduating sons and daughters. Undergraduates wondered what it would be like around campus without their senior friends.

"Up until this point in my life, transitions have been rather easy," said Kendall Seaton, a senior from Alberta. "It's not going to be easy saying good-bye to friends. At graduation I starting thinking, I'll never be together with all these people in the same setting again. Maybe a few of us will be able to get together at the Feast, but not all of us."

Wendy Pieper, a senior from Texas, commented: "I had awesome friends while I was at Ambassador,



LEADING—Leon Pedersen, associated student body president, gives the discourse at graduation.

friends who were trying to grow and change, just as I was. Sometimes we'd hear a message in class and say, 'Oh, that's a good point. I want to be that way.' So when we were in class together it was really encouraging because all my friends were striving to put the same principles into their lives, too."

Solid friendships with fellow students was just one benefit of being an Ambassador student. "Because the college is small enough, you have the opportunity for two-way communication with the faculty, and that's really invaluable," said Karen Hamilton, a senior from Manitoba.

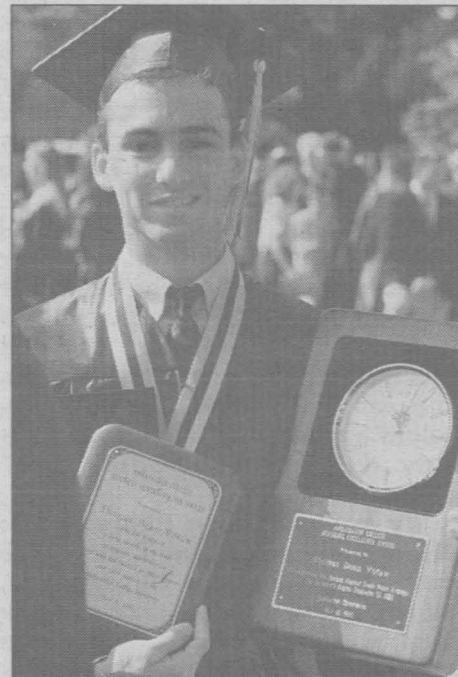
"It makes you feel more relaxed in classes to see the instructors in another area of life other than just teaching in the classroom," she continued.

"You'd see them in the dining hall, walking around campus and many faculty invite students to their homes for dinner. Dr. Ward was really good about this. I can remember him inviting students over to his home and him cooking hamburgers out on the grill."

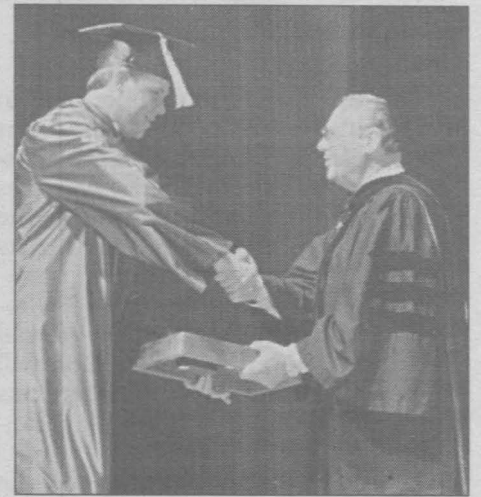
Pedro Reynosa, a senior from Peru, also appreciated the personalized teaching at Ambassador. "With such small classes, you really get to know your instructor. You learn by their example and their way of life."

Karen Livingston, a senior from Rhode Island, said one of the biggest benefits of Ambassador College for her is the change she's seen in herself. "This is probably the most change I've ever seen in my entire life, all jammed into four years," she said.

"I've learned to adapt to a lot of different situations, living with different roommates every year, the changes with the college's consolidation, the change moving from my hometown



HONORS—Thomas Votaw from Big Sandy displays awards for academic excellence and business administration.

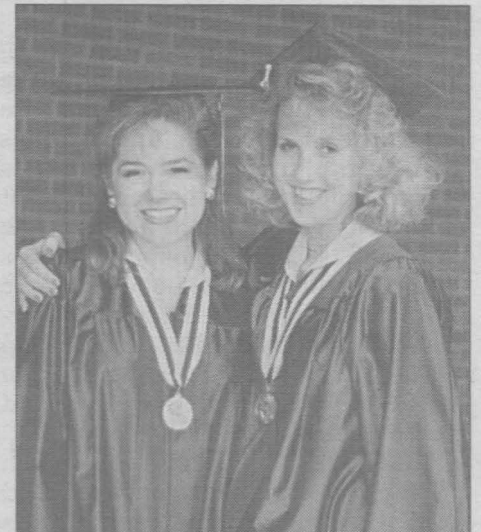


FOR FAIR PLAY—Chancellor Joseph W. Tkach presents Daren Clayton with the college Sportsmanship award.

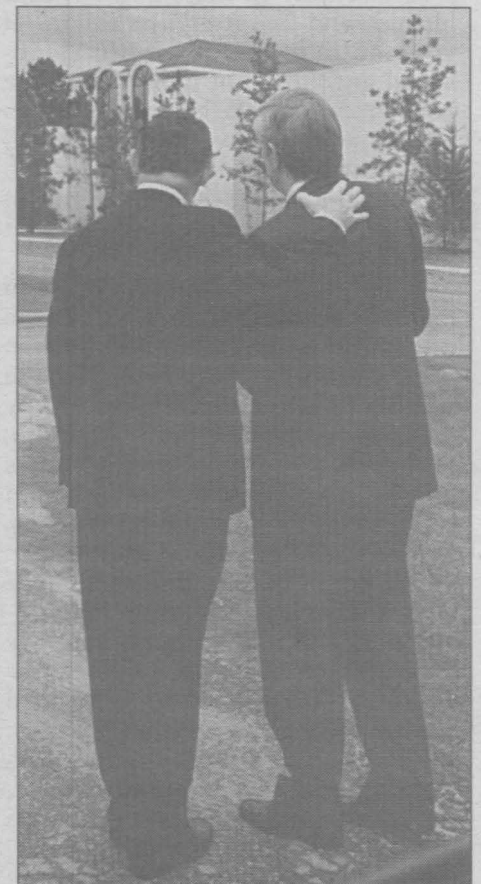
to Big Sandy, changes with the curriculum—the whole experience is one big adjustment, and I've learned to be flexible in the process."

Sam Sweat, a senior from Texas, summed up Ambassador College this way: "I think what makes AC different is that you're training people to be something bigger than what they really are."

"It means surrendering, submission and service to God and the Church, to your country, to your community. Ambassador College is an institution of higher learning, but it's also an institution of learning what is higher. And the things that are higher are those eternal values which stand forever."



KINSHIP—Four-year graduates Wendy Pieper and Karen Schroeder after graduation. [Photo by Becky Sweat]



DIRECTED—College Chancellor Tkach and President Ward after senior dinner April 29. [Photo by Ellen Escat]

Personal: Christ is supreme message of gospel

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And when one's mind is opened to understand the Old Testament prophecies, as Jesus opened the apostles' minds (Luke 24:45), it becomes plain that the central message of the prophets, too, was Jesus Christ (Acts 10:43).

Let's go further. John wrote, "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on him" (John 3:36). That's plain language!

Jesus said: "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). If there is anything we *must* understand from the Word of God, it is that a person cannot come to the Father, cannot know God, cannot inherit eternal life and cannot enter the kingdom of God, apart from Jesus Christ.

In his letter to the Colossians, Paul wrote: "Giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins" (Colossians 1:12-14).

Notice how the inheritance of the saints, the kingdom of light, the kingdom of the Son, redemption and forgiveness of sins all coalesce together as one seamless garment of the word of truth that is the gospel.

In verse 4, Paul speaks of the Colossians' "faith in Christ Jesus" and the "love you have for all the saints." He describes that faith and love as springing "from the hope that is stored up for you in heaven and that you have already heard about in the word of truth, the gospel that has come to you" (verses 5-6). Again, the gospel is centered in the hope of eternal salvation in the kingdom of God through faith in Jesus Christ, the Son of God, by whom we have received redemption.

In verses 21-23, Paul continues: "Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation—if you continue in your faith, established and firm, not moved from the hope held out in the gospel.

"This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant [emphasis mine throughout]."

In verses 25-29, Paul continues to underscore the gospel to which he was commissioned and his goal in proclaiming it. He wrote: "I have become its [the Church's] servant by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness—the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations, but is now disclosed to the saints.

"To them God has chosen to make known among the Gentiles the glorious riches of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. We proclaim him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. To this end I labor, struggling with all his energy, which so powerfully works in me."

Why has the Church been preaching so much about Jesus Christ? Because Jesus Christ is what the gospel is all about.

It is about his identity and activity as the Son of God (John 3:18), as judge of the living and the dead (2 Timothy 4:1), as the Christ (Acts 17:3), as Savior (2 Timothy 1:10), as high priest (Hebrews 4:14), as advocate (1 John 2:1), as King of kings and Lord of lords (Revelation 17:14), as the firstborn among many brothers (Romans 8:29), as friend (John 15:14-15).

It is about him as Shepherd and Overseer of our souls (1 Peter 2:25), as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world (John 1:29), as our Passover sacrificed for us (1 Corinthians 5:7), as the image of the invisible God and the firstborn over all creation (Colossians 1:15), as the head of the Church and the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead (verse 18), as the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being (Hebrews 1:3), as the revealer of the Father (Matthew 11:27), as the way, the truth, and the life (John 14:6), as the door (John 10:7).

The gospel is about Christ as the author and finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2), as the ruler of the creation of God (Revelation 3:14), the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End (Revelation 22:13), as the Branch (Jeremiah 23:5), as the chief cornerstone (1 Peter 2:6), as the power of God and the wisdom of God (1 Corinthians 1:24), as the desired of all nations (Haggai 2:7).

It is about Christ the faithful and true witness (Revelation 3:14), the heir of all things (Hebrews 1:2), the horn of salvation (Luke 1:69), the light of the world (John 8:12), the living bread (John 6:51), the Root of Jesse (Isaiah 11:10), our salvation (Luke 2:30), the sun of righteousness (Malachi 4:2), the Word of life (1 John 1:1) and as declared with power to be the Son of God by his resurrection from the dead (Romans 1:4), etc.

Paul wrote, "For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 3:11). Is it strange that we should preach that Jesus Christ is the heart and core, the central theme, the foundation of the gospel?

How could we preach anything else and be consistent with the Bible? Jesus told the leaders of the Jews: "You diligently study the Scriptures because you think that by them you possess eternal life. These are the Scriptures that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life" (John 5:39-40).

Message of salvation

The message we are called to proclaim is about salvation, which is eternal life in the kingdom of God. To receive that eternal salvation, to enter the kingdom of God, one must come through the only true Door, the only true Way—Jesus Christ. He is the King of the kingdom.

John wrote, "No one who denies the Son has the Father; whoever acknowledges the Son has the Father also" (1 John 2:23). Paul wrote to Timothy, "For there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all men—the testimony given in its proper time" (1 Timothy 2:5-6).

We are warned in Hebrews 2:3: "How shall we escape if we ignore such a great salvation? This salvation, which was first announced by the Lord, was confirmed to us by those who heard him." The message of salvation was first announced by Jesus himself—it was Jesus' own message from the Father.

John wrote of God's own testimony about his Son: "And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life" (1 John 5:11-12).

John again showed the emphasis on the Son in John 5:22-23: "Moreover, the Father judges no one, but has entrusted all judgment to the Son, that all may honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father, who sent him."

That is why the Church is preaching about Jesus Christ so much! And

that is precisely what the Church is going to continue to do. Isaiah prophesied, "So this is what the Sovereign Lord says: 'See, I lay a stone in Zion, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone for a sure foundation; the one who trusts will never be dismayed'" (Isaiah 28:16).

As we walk in the new life to which we are called in Jesus Christ, trusting in him as our sure foundation and praying daily for his second coming in glory and power, we can rejoice in the hope and assurance of our eternal inheritance. Let's thank God for the riches of his grace toward us and grow in the unity of his Spirit.

Feast Auto Rental

When renting a car it is important to be well informed because of many changes in the industry and varying rental rates from city to city. Are you looking for the lowest rate, or are you looking for a combination of service, price, insurance coverage and convenience?

Ask the rental company what your liability is. Some rental agencies charge down time or loss of use charges. This means you must pay the car company for lost revenue while a car is out of service because of damage incurred while in your possession.

Insurance

Insurance is one of the most important considerations when renting a car. Who will pay if you or a member of your family is in an accident? It is important to analyze your insurance needs and take proper precautions.

Listed below are some insurance options. Review them carefully to make an educated decision if an accident or theft occurs.

1. Personal car insurance—Your auto insurance policy may cover a rental car. Check with your insurance agency and have them verify in writing exactly what your personal insurance policy includes.

2. Personal credit card—Most major cards provide some insurance when the rental is charged on that card. Many cards provide only secondary coverage, so make sure you understand what coverage the card offers. It would be best to have the terms in writing.

3. Travel Guard Gold—Travel Guard has three comprehensive advance purchase plans for travel protection that include collision damage waiver. One of these plans includes the collision damage waiver for \$19 for the first eight days and \$3 a day for each additional day more than eight. If you would like an application for this coverage please call WCG Travel.

4. Hertz Contract Rate—Rent a car using the Hertz contract rate, which includes the loss damage waiver (LDW). If you rent from another company, purchase the optional LDW. Even if you buy the waiver, the rental company can void it if you violate the terms of the rental agreement. Make sure you read the agreement carefully.

Remember, advance planning can save you time and money.

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Note: Information regarding how to obtain the lowest promotional rate from Hertz and other special car rental rates for Florida; Rapid City, South Dakota; and Tucson, Arizona; are scheduled to appear in the next issue of *The Worldwide News*.

Announcements

BIRTHS, ENGAGEMENTS, WEDDINGS, ANNIVERSARIES AND OBITUARIES

8 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

MIDDLETON, Jonathan and Jewel (Kilgore) of Miami, Oklahoma, boy, Robert Jonathan, May 5, 11:35 a.m., 6 pounds 15 ounces, first child.

OTTO, David and Kristal (Griffin) of Council Bluffs, Iowa, girl, Kourtny Leia, May 3, 6 pounds 11 ounces, first child.

REED, Gus and Jana (McLaughlin) of Tipp City, Ohio, girl, Chelsea Maye, March 23, 2:56 a.m., 7 pounds 14 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

SEBBAH, Daniel and Christine (Rodriguez) of Marselle, France, boy, Rudy E.A., April 26, 3 kilograms, first child.

STEPHENS, Robert and Tina (Roberg) of Deerfield Beach, Florida, girl, Brandie Paige, Jan. 7, 7 pounds 10 ounces, now 2 girls.

TOMES, Keith and Christine (Novak) of Pasadena, boy, Christopher Keith, April 24, 7:48 p.m., 8 pounds 6 ounces, first child.

WATT, David and Tammy (Levitt) of Burnaby, British Columbia, boy, Brennan Davis, Feb. 15, 11:30 a.m., 8 pounds, first child.

Engagements

Edward and Neomia Blackwell of Athens, Georgia, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter DeAnna Lee to Dale Arlen Smith, son of Anita Smith of Lake Charles, Louisiana, and the late Carl Smith. A July 4 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Geiser of North Canton, Ohio, are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Diane to Eric Frantz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Frantz of Springfield, Missouri. A Sept. 19 wedding in North Canton is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Miller of Pasadena are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Malva May to Dale Alvah Renshaw of Naugatuck, Connecticut. An Aug. 1 wedding in Rocky Hill, Connecticut, is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zemlicka of Brookings, South Dakota, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Becky Lynn to Noah David Fiedler, son of Mr. and Mrs. David Fiedler of Waukesha, Wisconsin. An Aug. 21 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald W. West are happy to announce the engagement of their daughter Wanda Melody to Mark Jones Hodsden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roman Przychodzen. An Aug. 1 wedding in Rocky Hill, Connecticut, is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Wiedenheft of Chicago, Illinois, are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Leigh to Lawrence Anderson of Chicago. A July 4 wedding is planned.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Reese of Pasadena are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Cynthia Lorraine to William Andrew "Andy" McClain, son of Mr. and Mrs. John McClain of Joliet, Illinois. A Jan. 16 wedding in Pasadena is planned.

Weddings



STEPHEN & SARAH HERVEY

Mr. and Mrs. James Alexander of West Palm Beach, Florida, are pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Sarah Louise to Stephen Hervey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roosevelt Hervey of Newport News, Virginia. The ceremony was performed Dec. 27 by Roger Foster, Port St. Lucie, Florida, pastor. Ramona Lanier was matron of honor, Christy Sullins was maid of honor, and Michael Hervey, brother of the groom, was best man. The couple live in Newport News.



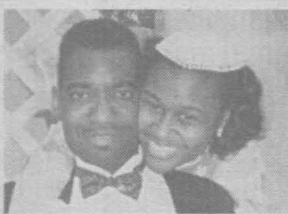
HILARIO & CAROLYN PACLEB

Carolyn Marie Oblak, daughter of Leah Oblak of Dayton, Ohio, and Hilario Navarra Pacleb, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mariano Pacleb of Mar Vista, California, were united in marriage Oct. 3. The ceremony was performed by Abner Washington, Pasadena East A.M. pastor. Suzan Fish was maid of honor, and Diosdado Pacleb was best man. The couple live in Pasadena.



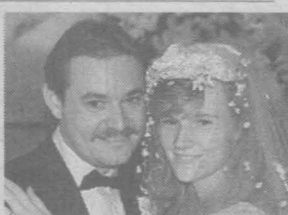
STEVEN & SYNDEE COOPER

SynDee Ritchie, daughter of George Ritchie of Elizabethton, Tennessee, and the late Chris Ritchie, and Steven Cooper of Kingsport, Tennessee, were united in marriage March 27. The ceremony was performed by Brent Fiedler, a minister in the Kingsport church. The couple live in Johnson City, Tennessee.



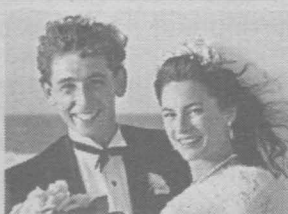
BARRY & TAMMY FORD

Tammy L. Bibbs, daughter of Alice Bibbs of Houston, Texas, and Barry L. Ford, son of Everteen Ford of Tyler, Texas, were united in marriage Sept. 6. The ceremony was performed by David J. Myers, Houston South pastor. Carolyn Pinson was matron of honor, and Keith Hill was best man. The couple live in Dallas, Texas.



CLINTON & DEBORAH CUPIT

Deborah Sue Helle, daughter of Donald and Naomi Helle of Monticello, Florida, and Clinton Lee Cupit, son of Pat Davis of Kansas City, Missouri, were united in marriage Feb. 28. The ceremony was performed by Ken Mattson, Tallahassee, Florida, pastor. The couple live in Tallahassee.



SIMON & KELLY DENNIS

Kelly Hine, daughter of Trevor and Pam Hine of Perth, Australia, and Simon Dennis, son of Fay Dennis of Perth, were united in marriage Jan. 10. The ceremony was performed by Bill Dixon, Perth North pastor. Jo-ann Stevens was matron of honor, and Paul Vaughan was best man. The couple live in Margaret River, Australia.



WENNIE & TCESS MABITAD

Thess R. Ellamil, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cipriano Ellamil, and Wennie T. Mabitad, son of Mr. and Mrs. Angel Mabitad, were united in marriage Feb. 28. The ceremony was performed by Pete Melendez, Manila, Philippines, pastor. Rina Saynes was maid of honor, and Bobby Bautista was best man. The couple live in Manila.



EARL & KIMBERLY LANDRY

Kimberly Followell and Earl Landry Jr. were united in marriage Aug. 8. The ceremony was performed by Don Ricks, a minister in the San Antonio, Texas, West church. Jennifer Metzler was maid of honor, and David Ricks was best man. The couple live in Spring Branch, Texas.



ANDRE & DANELLE MOOI

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lazor of Sharpville, Pennsylvania, are

pleased to announce the marriage of their daughter Danelle Lynn to Andre John Mooi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lionel Mooi of Oakville, Ontario. The ceremony was performed Dec. 5 by Charles Whetson, a minister in the Youngstown, Ohio, church. The couple live in New Castle, Pennsylvania.



TODD & MARSHA SOUTHWORTH

Marsha Beard and Todd Southworth were united in marriage Sept. 2. The ceremony was performed by Richard Parker, Honolulu, Hawaii, pastor. Joy LeaMaster was maid of honor, and Scott Henman was best man. The couple live in Honolulu.

Anniversaries

Barry and Janet Palmer of Tacoma, Washington, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Dec. 8. They have four children, Gary, Sherry Kubik, David and Beth; one daughter-in-law, Kay; one son-in-law, Eugene Kubik; and four grandchildren, Nichole, Lauren, Sean and Heather. Mr. and Mrs. Palmer serve as deacon and deaconess in the Tacoma church.



HOYT & RACHEL MULLINS

Hoyt and Rachel Mullins of Tamarac, Florida, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary May 31. They have four children, Kathy Dingus, James, Mark and Anna Stillwell; and four grandchildren, Hoyt Wesley, Ariel, Chaz and Kelsy. Mr. and Mrs. Mullins serve as deacon and deaconess in the Boca Raton, Florida, church.



THOMAS & GLANCE McCRIMMON

Thomas and Glance McCrimmon of Vallejo, California, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary May 12. Mr. McCrimmon is a local church elder in the Fairfield, California, church.



HARRY & SHARON WIEDENHAUPT

Harry and Sharon Wiedenhaupt of Idyllwild, California, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary Nov. 17. They have two sons, Sonny and Lance. Mr. Wiedenhaupt is a deacon in the Palm Springs, California, church.



JAMES & CAROLYN PERROW

James and Carolyn Perrow of White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary Feb. 15. They have two daughters, Cynthia Sweazy and Laurie Massey; two sons-in-law, Mike Sweazy and James Massey; and four grandchildren.



DOYLE & PAM McALISTER

Doyle and Pam McAlister of Phoenix, Arizona, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary June 5.

They have one daughter, Kara Ransom; one son, Brent; and one son-in-law, Richard Ransom.



BOB & LINDA KNOWLES

Bob and Linda Knowles of Escondido, California, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary May 4. They have one son, Steve; one daughter, Kim; one daughter-in-law, Kerri; one son-in-law, Gene; and three grandchildren, Samantha, Toni and Alexandria.



RONALD & LINDA RICE

Ronald and Linda Rice of Birmingham, Alabama, celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary June 1. They have two daughters, Ronda Luecke and Charlotte Ingram; one son, Ron; two sons-in-law, Paul Luecke and Paul Ingram; one daughter-in-law, Sonya; and nine grandchildren.



FRED & BETH HUBER

Fred and Beth Huber of Melbourne, Australia, celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary May 11. They have two sons, Adrian and Roland; two daughters, Rhonda and Lindy; one son-in-law, Steve; and one grandson, Joel.

Anniversaries Made of Gold



EDWIN & LEOTA KELLOGG

Edwin and Leota Kellogg of Black Canyon City, Arizona, celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary April 19. Phoenix, Arizona, North brethren honored them with a reception. The Kelloggs have one daughter and two sons.



WILLIE & ONIE ADAMS

Willie and Onie Adams of Pasadena celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary April 11. They have three children and two grandchildren.



MARCOS & CRISPINA GERON

Marcos and Crispina Geron of Marang, Philippines, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary March 28. They have three daughters, two sons, 16 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



ALLAN & BETTY McQUEEN

Allan and Betty McQueen of Melbourne, Australia, celebrated their

50th wedding anniversary Feb. 27. They have four sons, Colin, Gregor, Rodney and Scott; one daughter, Kerry; three daughters-in-law, Stephanie, Lindy and Martha; one son-in-law, Peter; and 14 grandchildren.



ROBERT & FRANCES SPENCE

Robert and Frances Spence of Newburgh, Indiana, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 25. They have two sons, Steven and David; and five grandchildren. Mr. Spence is pastor of the Henderson and Madisonville, Kentucky, churches.



ELWOOD & JANE MULLEN

Elwood and Jane Mullen of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary March 31. They were honored with a surprise party given by family and friends. The Mullens have one daughter, Cheryl; and one grandson, Shawn.

Obituaries



LARRY SHALLENBERGER

SHALLENBERGER, Larry Richard, 59, of Mishawaka, Indiana, died March 2 after a long battle with heart disease. He is survived by his wife, Patricia; two daughters, Nila and Patty; two sons, Rick and Jerry; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three daughters, Anita, Teresa and Tanya; and one son, Timothy.

HNAT, Stephen P., 45, of Thompson, Connecticut, died March 2. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie; one daughter, Barbara; two sisters, Catherine Mann and Barbara Cordell; and three brothers, Christopher, Joseph and Peter.

BRUNNER, Brian Alexander, 3 days old, of Tampa, Florida, died April 19 of hypoplastic left heart syndrome. He is survived by his parents, Ben and Susan Brunner; his grandparents, John and Donna Brunner and Gerald and Judy Chapman; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

STAMPER, Maude, 92, of Walled Lake, Michigan, died March 20. She is survived by two sons, Everett and Sam; three brothers, Albert, Will and Charlie; three sisters, Lucy Rowland, Ella Adkins Keith and Annie Mae; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren. Her husband, Carl, preceded her in death.

LITTLE, Raymond, 85, of Springfield, Missouri, died April 13. He is survived by eight sons, four daughters, 27 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

REEVES, Mittie Lee, 93, of Charleston, Missouri, died April 23. She is survived by two sons, Joseph and Byron; three daughters, Frances Goldis, Mildred Burnett and Donna Morgan; two stepsons, Marshall and Frank; 12 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and 10 step-great-great-grandchildren. Her husband, Oda Augusta, died in 1972.



DOROTHY STILL

STILL, Dorothy C., 79, of Belton, Missouri, died July 18 from a heart attack and kidney failure. She is survived by her husband, Rapheal; one daughter, Ella Marie Schatz; one son, Keith; one son-in-law, Hal Schatz; one daughter-in-law, Sandy; and six grandchildren, Traci Helici, Erin Kelly, Heidi Christian Allums, John Schatz and Carrie and Martin Still.

PERROTT, Gertrude, 85, of Toronto, Ontario, died April 14 after a lengthy illness. She is survived by one brother and one sister-in-law.

Births

BOND, Mearl and Elizabeth (Nisbett) of Pea Ridge, Arkansas, girl, Charli Sierra, April 12, 4:04 p.m., 6 pounds 13 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

BOWERS, Michael and Angela (Hay) of Moultrie, Georgia, boy, Christopher Stephen, Nov. 24, 5:38 p.m., 9 pounds 5 1/2 ounces, first child.

BOYES, David and Patricia (Sigurdson) of Vancouver, British Columbia, boy, Aaron James, Feb. 27, 3:59 p.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

BRUNNER, Ben and Susan (Chapman) of Tampa, Florida, boy, Brian Alexander, April 16, 8:27 p.m., 7 pounds 2 ounces, first child (deceased).

CAUDLE, Jeff and Lisa (Roe) of Dover, Delaware, girl, Danielle Alexa, April 2, 5:07 p.m., 6 pounds 12 ounces, first child.

CHAVES, Rolando and Gina (Churchill) of Des Moines, Iowa, boy, Braden Rolando, March 15, 7:41 a.m., 9 pounds 1 1/2 ounces, now 1 boy, 1 girl.

COLLIER, Chris and Shawna (Carlson) of Tupelo, Mississippi, boy, Ethan Wayne, March 22, 10:37 p.m., 9 pounds 10 ounces, first child.

DAY, Jim and Ellen (Haley) of Grants Pass, Oregon, boy, Daren James, Dec. 23, 2:11 p.m., 8 pounds 3 ounces, now 3 boys.

DOVE, Richard and Teressa (Cloud) of Wichita Falls, Texas, girl, Rebekah LeAnne, April 30, 8:51 p.m., 8 pounds 15 ounces, now 1 boy, 2 girls.

DUNN, Jim and Sherry (Wilson) of Greenville, South Carolina, girl, Tracy Diane, March 20, 6:51 p.m., 7 pounds, now 2 girls.

ELSIK, Frank and Cynthia (Muller) of Houston, Texas, boy, Jonathan David, Feb. 1, 2:45 a.m., 3 pounds 11 ounces, now 3 boys, 1 girl.

GRAHAM, Ed and Paula (Young) of Phoenix, Arizona, boy, Marc Remington, April 23, 7:53 a.m., 7 pounds 12 ounces, now 2 boys, 1 girl.

HARRINGTON, Bill and Rose (Wright) of Manitowoc, Wisconsin, girl, Courtney Rose, March 28, 11:24 p.m., 7 pounds 7 ounces, now 2 girls.

KORS, Onno and Yvonne (Hermans) of Doorn, Netherlands, girl, Anouk Beatrice, May 1, 12 a.m., 6 pounds

Update

NEWS OF PEOPLE, PLACES AND EVENTS

Twin Cities churches to celebrate 30th

MINNEAPOLIS, Minnesota—Brethren who have attended any of the Twin Cities churches are invited to the 30th anniversary of the churches here July 17 and 18.

Sabbath services will be at 2:30 p.m. at Jefferson High School in Bloomington, Minnesota. A dinner dance is planned for that evening along with a slide show. A picnic is planned for Sunday.

French PT marks 30th anniversary

"*La Pure Verite* [French Plain Truth] is now more biblically oriented, and the French people really appreciate that because it is a knowledge they don't have," said evangelist **Dibar Apartian**, editor. *La Pure Verite* marks its 30th anniversary in June.

Mr. Apartian launched *La Pure Verite* under the direc-



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tion of **Herbert W. Armstrong** in 1963. The magazine goes to 80,000 people in 110 countries. Circulation was as high as 250,000, but that figure was reduced because of budget constraints.

The Canadian Office pays for the 10 issues going to the Canadian province of Quebec, and the rest of the French *Plain Truth* (six issues) is paid for out of French Office funds. Because French Office funds are not sufficient to have 10 issues a year, nonmember and non-co-worker subscribers receive only six issues a year outside of French Canada.

"If you have a strong religious magazine and you back it up with the Bible, you'll

meet a challenging success," Mr. Apartian said, "because you are offering them something they don't know. Our strong point is to preach on the biblical subjects other magazines cannot deal with."

Career choice conference in Detroit

DETROIT, Michigan—One hundred YOU members and parents from Michigan, Canada and Ohio gathered April 25 for a career conference put on by members in the Detroit East church.

"The purpose of the program was to initiate the new YOU directives to offer vocational development opportunities for our youths," said pastor **Vince Szymkowiak**.

Topics in the first part of the conference were: questions job candidates ask their prospective employer; strategies that work in the job market; how to work your way up the corporate ladder; women in the corporate world; and attitudes employers look for in their employees.

In the second part of the conference YOU members chose among these workshops: 1) women's perspective in the working world, 2) putting your best foot forward—a better education now means a better quality life later, 3) the importance of making God an active partner in making choices and 4) tips on successful job interviews.

In a closing address **Ron Washington**, pastor of the Detroit South church, stressed the love the ministry has for YOU members and that the ministry is dedicated to helping them walk through their decisions. He said, "We want the best for you and are willing to work with you."

Imperial students win trip to Germany

Four Imperial High School students won an 11-day, all-expenses-paid tour of Germany by tying for first place in an educational competition of The Ambassadors to Europe program co-sponsored by the Los Angeles Times, Lufthansa Airlines and the German National Tourist Office.

Coached by **John McMorris**, high school history instructor, team members **Scott Nesmith**, **Steven Orchard**, **Jennifer Harris** and

Shauna Sadowski wrote a four-page essay titled "Germany Today—the Newest Old Country." More than 140 essays were submitted from schools throughout Southern California.

Imperial and nine other teams advanced to the final oral competition at the Los Angeles Times building May 10, where the finalists were further tested on their knowledge of German history, government, culture and geography. The top four teams, Imperial High School, Canyon High School, Foothill High School and Walter Reed Junior High School, will tour Germany June 1 to 11.

Elder, employee awarded plaques

Robert Berg, a local church elder in the Fargo, North Dakota, church, received a 25-year plaque April 10. **Don Miller** of the accounting staff in the Canada Office received a 25-year plaque May 6.

Rose Roberts honored for superior scholarship

Rose Roberts, a senior at California State University Los Angeles, was recognized as a general education honors scholarship recipient and a member of the Golden Key and Psi Chi Honor societies for superior scholarship and leadership.

Miss Roberts was one of two undergraduates to receive the CSU alumni certificate of honor for distinguished achievement in the Psychology Department.

At a June 1 luncheon Miss Roberts was honored by the Pasadena College Women's Association and awarded a \$2,000 scholarship. She has been awarded a grant to conduct scientific research full-time during the summer.

Rose is the daughter of **Jim and Hazel Roberts**, who attend the Pasadena West A.M. church.

Minister gets Best of Northwest in video

PORTLAND, Oregon—**Howard Davis**, associate pastor of the Portland East and Hood River, Oregon, churches, received a Best of the Northwest in Video award of excellence at the Alliance for Community Media banquet April 27 in Yakima, Washington.



GERMAN-BOUND—Back row (from left): Steve Orchard, history teacher John McMorris, Scott Nesmith; front row (from left): Jennifer Harris and Shauna Sadowski. [Photo by Jennie Achtemichuk]

Marriage Enrichment Seminar

Santa Barbara, California, is the setting for the 1993 Marriage Enrichment Seminar at the oceanside Fess Parker Red Lion Resort Hotel Dec. 24 to 26. "This seminar will highlight a positive and fun-filled weekend with information that will enliven your marriage for years to come," said Marc Courtenay, pastor of the Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo, California, churches. Speakers will be Joseph W. Tkach Jr., director of Church Administration; Dennis and LeeAnn Luker, who pastor the Garden Grove, California, church; and Mr. Courtenay. They will cover constructive and encouraging topics to enrich marriages.

Picturesque, seaside Santa Barbara will provide a romantic and uplifting environment for taking a moonlight stroll on the beach or through old town or for soaking in a Jacuzzi tub.

The Red Lion is a four-star hotel offering the Church special rates. Cost is \$325 a couple. Two singles sharing a room with two queen beds is \$165 a person. Cost for one person with private room is \$240. These costs include two nights at the hotel; Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner, plus breakfast Sunday morning; and all taxes and gratuities.

Several major airlines fly to Santa Barbara. Special room rates for extra nights are available. To reserve your space (on a first-come, first-served basis), please send a deposit of \$75 per person, payable to Marriage Seminar and mail to Randall Borden, Box 44, Santa Margarita, California, 93453.

Please specify the arrangements you need. If you are single and want to share a room, make a note with your deposit and we can assign you a roommate. Deposits must be received by **July 15**. The balance is due by Nov. 10. If you have questions, call 1-805-541-4655.

Mr. Davis produced a one-hour television program that was broadcast on Portland cable systems in January titled "And Still Climbing," which documented his son **Benjamin's** successful treatment for severe autism.

Also honored was **Louis Simpson**, a deacon in the Portland East church. Mr. Simpson, representing the Senior Community Video Project, received a Video-Media Alliance Award of Excellence. The video, "An Intergenerational Round Table," was a discussion between seniors and youths.

Aussie youth wins essay contest

BURLEIGH HEADS, Australia—**Sheridan Orr** was selected by the United Nations Environment Program (UNET) to participate in the Global Youth Forum at the University of Colorado in Boulder, Colorado, in May, after she submitted an environmental essay.

The forum included speeches by science and environmental lecturers in the forefront of research and application, glacial walks and studies in the Colorado desert. Young people were asked for solutions on local, national and global levels.

Winners of national YOU bowling contest

Family Bowl '93 division 1 (teams of family members with various levels of experience) gold level achievement awards went to **Terry, Cynthia, Russell and Christine Finger** of the Milwaukee, Wisconsin, West church.

Honorable mention went to **Melvin, Geraldine, Vicki and Mike Johnson** of the Washington, D.C., North church, and **Richard, Mary Ann, Jason and Jesse Brown** from Milwaukee West.

All division 2 players had previous bowling experience.

Gold level achievement went to **Roy and Wyatt Frabel, Barbra Brown and Clifton McCombs** from the Cambridge, Ohio, church. Honorable mention went to **Skip and Dan Myers, Mark Zastrow and Laura Mathie** of the Wausau, Wisconsin, church; and **Marie and Elizabeth Braun, Sue Wilding and Don Buchert** from Milwaukee West.

Division 3 teams had one or more players with no previous bowling experience. Gold level achievement went to **Jerry, Shawna and Erin Persons and Richard Scholtz** of the Federal Way, Washington, church.

Honorable mention went to **Eddie and Debby Bailey, Carla Lackey and Hasadore Hall** of the Pikeville, Kentucky, church, and **Adrienne Johnson, Mildred Ricks, Al Richardson and Paul Erunse** of Brooklyn, New York, North.

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