The LifeNets ministry is providing an oxygen chamber for a young lady
UCG elders vote down amendment that would expedite doctrinal changes
On pages 3 and 4 are friends’ tributes to Karl Beyersdorfer, who died May 27

Dispute leaves two dead
According to news reports and acquaintances of John Cloud and Edward Aquisto, Mr. Aquisto, 80, of Cincinnati, Ohio, shot and killed John Cloud, 81, of Kingston, Mass., June 13 in a cemetery in Tiverton. An acquaintance of the men said The Journal was apparently both members of a group called The Called Out of God, and presumably both were former members of the Worldwide Church of God.

The acquaintance told The Journal, that apparently Mr. Aquisto wanted to discuss a doctrinal matter with Mr. Cloud and they agreed to meet in a cemetery. Another report said the dispute was over an unpaid loan.
Whatever the case, Mr. Aquisto shot and killed Mr. Cloud. Then police pursued Mr. Aquisto as he drove away in his car, then drove back to the cemetery. When Mr. Aquisto got out of his car, police ordered him to drop his gun. Then came an exchange of gunfire, killing Mr. Aquisto.

The case, according to reports, had a history of criminal offenses, including rape and manslaughter. Friends of Mr. Aquisto reportedly said he had a habit of quoting Bible verses during conversations.

See Mr. Cloud’s obituary on page 15 of this issue of The Journal.

Arkansas embarks on Sabbath-explaining tour
BG SANDY, Texas—Alfred Harrell, founder of the ministry Leadership Academy, kicked off what he hopes will be a tour of venues around the United States to present lectures about the Sabbath and other Bible teachings.

Dr. Harrell, who began “promoting the Sabbath” in 1997, visited 23 U.S. states beginning that year and is doing something similar beginning July 3, 2016, in a rented hall in Big Sandy.

“After publicly proclaiming the Ten Commandments with emphasis on the Fourth in 23 states across the country,” he said, “I needed time to digest the problem of Sabbath observance in the NT. I began in 1997. Now, 19 years later, I think the answer is easy to be proclaimed.”

For more information phone Dr. Harrell at (501) 259-9610 or write him at atinemotransfers@gmail.com.

News of the Churches of God

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LifeNets providing device for young lightning victim
The following article appeared at www.BeverlyKubik.com. It is reprinted here by permission and in- oed by LifeNets is a service organization founded by Victor and Beverly Kubik and associates. It is af- with the United Church of God, of which Mr. Kubik is president.

By Mac Overton
ILMER, Texas—I am into my third month in purgatory. Because of health issues I am a patient resident in a nursing home for “long-term skilled nursing therapy.”

The health issues involve having to learn to stand up and walk again. I was falling a lot and became unable to stand from low chairs.

A neurosurgeon did MRIs and discovered that my “spinal canal,” which should be the diameter of a quarter, was the diameter of a pencil a few inches above the pelvis.

The condition is known, I think, as “spinal stenosis.” That means that extra bone has grown around the spinal cord, compressing it.

Cutting excess bone, for the next day.

It went well, and they “gained” my back together, instead of stitching the wound closed.

Anyway, the failing and difficulty in walking continued. I spent two weeks in an “intense” rehab facility in Tyler, Texas. That helped some things and hurt others. (My right shoulder was injured, and now I have limited use of that arm. The left is also slack, due to a previous injury.)

I was released, but the difficulty in standing continued. I was assigned to a nursing home near my Big Sandy home call it purgatory, but that’s unfair. I have a nice private room, better than most motel rooms I’ve had in my life.

The staff is friendly and generally helpful. I spend two to three hours in rehab every weekday. It is helping me gain hip and leg strength.

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I was born 1/14/43 and Karl was born 2/14/43, so days like this are special to us. I'm not sure 

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John 3:38 says, "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, the Son of man, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:39 says, "For this is the will of God, even your sanctification." And John 3:40 says, "He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life; and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him."

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The writer, raised a Catholic, served for several years in the World- wide Church of God in California, Illinois, North Carolina and Arkansas. He serves as pastor of the Sabbath Church of God in Little Rock (childrensgod.net).

By Warren Zehring

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—Karl Beyersdorfer died on May 27, 2016, only days before his 50th wedding anniversary.

Karl was planning an anniversary trip with his wife and friends to Arizona and New Mexico to see the Decalogue Stone—artifacts that bear ancient inscriptions carved into rock.

The study of those old inscriptions is a passion that Karl shared with many Co- lumbians and therefore indications of early Israelitic contact with the Americas.

Faithful servant

Karl was a longtime faithful minister of Jesus Christ. Actually, Karl was a servant of Jesus Christ. “Servant” is the correct translation of the Hebrew word which is being taken on an entirely different meaning today.

Karl graduated from Ambassador College in June 1966, was married two decades later, served as the first ministerial assignment, in Minnesota, after 50 years what led to the abrupt and tragic end of a life spent in ministry.

(See “Missouri Living Church of God member,” Issue No. 184, dated May 31, 2016.)

Is God going to pick the president of U.S.?

The writer pastors the Church of God Big Sandy and is a regular col- umnist for The Journal.

By Dave Flavir

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For those watching the selection process of the two candidates to repre- sent the political parties in the United States (Democrat and Republi- can), the stress levels are high.

Some people are worried about the candidates because of the follow- ing: the candidates’ ideas, voting rec- ord, public statements and potential to shift the direction of the country.

Some of these people fear for what they fear is the future of this country.

Other people exhibit no worry or concern, simply because their choosing election. Their reason? They believe God has already chosen the winner.

Time of Nebuchadnezzar

Let’s look at some of the verses in the Bible that some religious people use to conclude that God always picks the president of the United States, so why worry about it?

Daniel 4:25: Daniel speaking to Nebuchadnezzar.

Daniel 4:25: “But when his heart was lifted up, and his spirit was hardened in pride, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and given over to the wild beasts. Then he was driven from among the high rulers of men, his heart was made like the beasts, and his dwelling was with the wild donkeys. They fed him with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven, till he knew that the Most High rules in the kingdom of men, and appoints over it who He wills.”

What do you think?

With those scriptures in mind, I leave you with the following ques- tions:

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Will God pick the next president of the United States?

Confesor series draws to close

MRS. McCANN AND HER HUSBAND, Lewis, who live in England, have been members of Church of God since 1975. She is studying for an Open University degree in the arts and humanities.

By Kathleen McCann

Daniel praised God (verses 20-23). “O, how great was the God who preserved Daniel in the lions’ den!” (Daniel 6:24).

Many of the prophets and other great men of God were tormented with discouragement and depression. Moses, Elijah, Jeremiah, and many other leaders among God’s people felt prey to emotional turmoil.

Discouragement and depression are not the malady of a weak mind or sinful heart. Brilliant intellectuals and states- men have been brought to their knees. Winston Churchill, Abraham Lin- coln, Thomas Jefferson, and Men- wether Lewis suffered horribly from discouragement and depression.

God’s honor

God has promised us He will see us through every trial. But let’s under- stand that even the faithful martyr did not physically survive their final trial. Yet God’s words are true: “I will never leave you, nor forsake thee” (Hebrews 13:5).

If we remain faithful to our calling, by accepting our trials with faith and dealing with them with perseverance, we will be welcomed into the king- dom of God with these words: “Well done thou good and faithful servant” (Matthew 25:21).

Take heart and remember what a privilege it is to have been chosen at this time, as faithful. Our efforts to overcome this world will be rewarded by our knowledge of the imminent presence of the Kingdom of God will cause all of our present-day trials to pale into insignificance.

Karl’s life was spent building the church

Karl Beyersdorfer

Not only was Karl a faithful minister, he was also one of the most respected pastors in the Church of God. Many among the true saints go to him for a second opinion, for help needed for Karl, but professional counsel by the Spirit of God to direct their efforts.

Psychiatrists and neurosurgeons know only physically based aspects of depression and are therefore unable to be of help spiritually in time of need. Karl clearly understood that things of a man, except the spirit of man which is alive and can understand the things of God, but by the Spirit of God (1 Corinthians 2:11).

Facing trials

God’s people are not exempt from discouragement and depression. The people of the Church of God face more and more trials in this evil age, and are prone to becoming discour- aged and, yes, at times even depressed and dispirited.

Many among the true saints go through serious problems related to age, accident or illness. For many of these afflictions may last the rest of their natural lives.

These kinds of pressures continue to be a source of constant struggle, which brings about discouragement and depression. Even the strong of mind and heart can become discour- aged and depressed. Such is nothing to be ashamed of.

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Britain declares independence

The writer, a longtime Church of God member, is responsible for a public outreach program called The United States and Britain in Prophecy. See also as-britishfu- ture.com.

By Brian Harris

O LIVANSIDE, Carl—On June 23, 2016, by a slim majority the British people voted in a national referendum to leave the European Union.

The day a jubilant Nigel Fu- rage, leader of the United Kingdom Independence Party and a 17-year British representative to the 750- member European Parliament, pro- claimed “Independence Day for Britain.”

Immediately world markets be- gan to slide, closed by 600 points in one day in the United States.

The British pound fell to a 28- year low, and within days the ratings Agency Standard & Poor’s had reduced Britain’s triple-A credit rat- ing to AA, which will cost the British government more than the standard 2 percent to borrow the money needed to pay the interest on the huge British national debt.

Three months’ delay

Prime Minister David Cameron immediately announced his resigna- tion and announced that his succes- sor would be chosen at a party con- ference in three months, rather than immediately as is normal after a prime minister’s res- ignation.

Boris John- son, former ma- yor of London, shocked his s upporters during what was thought to be his acceptance speech as frontrunner for the PM’s position by refusing to run.

Less-known personalities per- haps more willing to toe the party line, will now run for the position.

But did the lovable Boris, who had quite suddenly leapt into the pos- ition of leader of the British exit move- ment formerly held by Mr. Farage? See BRIT LEADERS, page 14.
My friend Karl Beyersdorfer was saddened by the divisions among other churches.

Karl helped me more than any other minister in my 45 years.
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Iraq war 2003—The Bush Administration based its rationale for war principally on the threat of Saddam Hussein's weapons of mass destruction and that Saddam's government posed an immediate threat to the United States and its allies. After the United States accused Saddam of harboring and supporting Al Qaeda and its terrorist network, and trying to develop a nuclear weapon, the United States government orchestrated the invasion with the intent to topple and depose the regime of Saddam Hussein. The coalition forces, led by the United States, started the invasion in March 2003 and overthrew Saddam Hussein's government. Although some weapons of mass destruction were not found, the invasion was continued for several years, with a focus on fighting terrorism, reconstruction, and stabilizing the region. The war was controversial and sparked significant debates about the use of military force.

Dec. 2010 estimates had the cost of the war to be Calculations based on the current war in Afghanistan is not about democracy, women's rights, education or nation building. It has been described as a war of repressive dictatorship and bring democracy to Afghanistan. The United States and other Western countries have been accused of using the war as an opportunity to advance their own economic and political interests. The war has been accompanied by significant human rights abuses, including forced searches, help prompt Afghan religious leaders to begin calling for armed resistance.

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and some reports of extortion/theft. UN soldiers were involved with this cheap labor—and just tried to escape prison. A few others were methods. A relative few were not that important work in the US. Though some committed the many escaped that and were hired to do the same Even while Nuremberg war crime trials were held 1600 Nazi technologists were hired by the US. Though FDR had announced in 1943 that chemicals used Germany's military potential. President Truman said officially (but quietly) that 1000 German sci- Germany's military potential. President Truman said officially (but quietly) that 1000 German sci- Germany's military potential. President Truman said officially (but quietly) that 1000 German sci-...
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her children Jim, Kent, Barry, and Karen. Gerda kept in contact with the girls, and all were most dear to her for the rest of her life. They too now are all grandchildren.

¶ In 1962 Gerda moved to Pasadena to be near her father-in-law, the Kansas City native where she was until she moved to Thailand. She often invited Ambassador College students to her home. She loved to keep company with the young people and serve them wonderful meals. She was a great cook! ¶ She will be missed by all were most dear to her for the rest of her life. They too now are all grandchildren.

¶ A graveside service was held June 18 at the Evergreen Cemetery in Kingston. A celebration of his life immediately followed at the Briggs Building at Mayflower Congregational Church in Kingston. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Cancer Care Compassionate Needs at South Shore Hospital, 101 Columbus St., West Yarmouth, MA 02673.

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The Law doesn’t mean ‘under the penalty of the Law’

Romans 6:14 tells us “ye are not under the law, but under grace.” Galatians 4:8 also says believers are not “under the Law.” Herbert Armstrong explained that this meant we were not under the penalty of the Law. Most of the churches of God continue to teach this. However, Galatians 4:4 uses the same phrase. If we apply this interpretation consistently we must believe that Christ was “born under the penalty of the Law.”

Christ being born under the penalty of the Law makes no sense. In any case, if the penalty doesn’t apply, a law is meaningless.

The King James Bible tells us in Hebrews 7:11 that The Law was received under the Levitical Priesthood. Actually, a better translation is found in the NASB: “Now if perfection was through the Levitical priesthood (for on the basis of it the people received the Law) . . .” (see also NIV, ALF, NLT). The Law was actually based on the existence of the Levitical Priesthood. It administered the Law. The Law can’t function without the Levites.

Under The Law, men in Israel could divorce a wife if she was unfaithful once (Deut 24:1-4). This is unacceptable to Christ, the High Priest to whom believers look (Mar 10:1-10). Christ taught a return to what was from the beginning. The tribe of Levi and The Law they administered were not from the beginning.

The Law required someone who repeated and wanted to be forgiven of transgression against the Creator to go to a Levite and arrange to make a sacrifice (Lev 1-7, Deut 12:1-45, 14:8-2). The Law allowed that this would cover his sin. That is not how a believer in Messiah atones for sin. He goes humbly to his Savior, Christ, and asks for mercy, determining never to transgress again (I John 1:7, Col 2:13-14). Christ pleads their cause with the Creator and the believer can be forgiven without animal sacrifice.

Believers look to Christ, their Savior, as their High Priest. They don’t look to the tribe of Levi as required by The Law.

Deut 31:24-26: ‘So it was, when Moses had ordained the words of this law in a book, when they were finished, that Moses commanded the Levites, who bore the ark of the covenant of the LORD, saying: “Take this Book of the Law, and put it beside the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, that it may be there as a witness against you.”’

The Law was not written until about 39 years after the time of Exodus, just before Israel went into the Promised Land. Moses gave The Law he wrote to the Levites. It was set outside the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord. The Levitical Priesthood did not exist as of Exodus 20-24. The Law was not the Covenant of the Lord confirmed in Exodus 24. The Covenant of the Lord did not expect a particular tribe to be the priests (Ex 19:6-8).

Popular opinion has it that The Law was received in Exodus 20 with the Sinai Covenant. The firstborn were the priests at that time (Ex 13:2, Num 31:15-19). The Levitical priesthood didn’t exist in Exodus 20. So The Law was not received in Exodus 20. A very important law was received in Exodus 20, but it is not the law to which Hebrews or Romans 6:14 refer.

The law received in Exodus 20 was from the beginning (I Chron 16:8-18). That is the law Christ expects His followers to respect. Mat 19:17, “. . . But if you want to enter into life, keep the commandments.” Believers in Christ are not under the authority of the Levitical Priesthood or under the Law administered by them. Christ is their authority and High Priest.

He set a higher standard and seeks to raise His followers to His standard. He teaches His believers to eliminate sin from their mind rather than to seek forgiveness after the offense. However, if they fall short and truly repent He will forgive without animal sacrifice. He is not bound to the Law either.

Don’t wait for someone ordained of men to look into this for you. Examine the record yourself and develop your own relationship with your Savior through an in-depth study of His word. Herbert Armstrong explained Romans 6:14 to the best of his knowledge, but his explanation doesn’t take into account a careful reading of the record of Moses and the New Testament. This just highlights one area of misunderstanding holding back the churches of God. CreatorsCovenant.org lays open what others have glossed over.

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Daniel 9:20-27 and Malachi 4:4-6

Alton B. (Don) Billingsley

Daniel 9:20-27—This Prophecy revealed the exact year when the Messiah would be anointed and begin His ministry at age 30—27 A.D. Counting back from that year determined the year of His birth—4 B.C., also where He would be born, Bethlehem.

The Priests and Scribes understood this prophecy for at the time of His birth the wise men from the East having seen His star in the East came to Jerusalem asking, “Where is He who was born of the Jews and [we] have come to worship Him?” The priests and Scribes told Herod He was to be born in Bethlehem (cf. Matthew 2:2-7). All Jerusalem came to know of the Birth from the wise men and were troubled by the news.

Though the priests and the scribes understood the prophecy, they ignored it! Further, they rejected Jesus Christ out of jealousy and envy—and for fear of losing their positions in leadership roles (cf. Matthew 2:8-7). Then they brought about His death by crucifixion after the Passover by the Roman Government in 31 A.D.

Jesus said a tree would be known by its fruits (cf. Matthew 7:15-20). Ample fruits were shown in Christ’s ministry by the many miracles He did in many different ways to prove His identity. He also fulfilled all of the prophecies pertaining to Him; yet, they still rejected their Messiah.

Consider a Contrasting Prophetic Parallel: “The Promised Elijah of the End-Time”—Rejected by Ministers and Members Alike.

Malachi 4:5-6—“Behold, I will send you the Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD! …”

Jesus Christ confirmed this promise to His disciples, saying, “Indeed, Elijah is coming FIRST and will RESTORE all things (Matthew 16:26-27; 17:1-11).” “All things” = God’s laws and all the true doctrinal teachings while WARNING His chosen people, Israel, of the Great Tribulation (cf. Malachi 3:5-6), and preparing the way for Christ’s coming (cf. Malachi 3:1; Mark 1:1-3, 14-15).

When considering the 52 years of the ministry of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong, and all that he was used by Jesus Christ to accomplish, there should be no question but that he was the one promised to be the Elijah of the end-time. Further, no one else came on the scene before or after to fulfill that role since 1934 until now.

Question: What would anyone else do that he has not already done? All one has to do is seriously study the last book he wrote before he died, the MYSTERY OF THE AGES, and the two volumes of his Autobiography, while looking at his fruits over those years (cf. Matthew 7:20), to realize he was the one used by Christ in the office of Elijah.

Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong looked back over the years while considering all of the things Christ had used him to accomplish, and then knew he had been used to fulfill the prophecy of the promised End-Time Elijah (cf. The Incredible Human Potential, Pages 119-114).

Why cannot others understand this as well?

This prophecy has been ignored by the very top ministry serving under him even after seeing the proofs. Like the Jews regarding their dismissal of Christ as the promised Messiah, so have those who served under Mr. Armstrong at the highest levels.

They were so close as to see his humani ty and because of it they could not believe he was fulfilling that role; not considering the ancient Elijah also had human faults (cf. James 5:17). They forget God looks on the heart along with dedication. Mr. Armstrong believed what He was taught by Christ without compromising with the truth. He cried aloud with God’s warnings and spared not all through the 52 years of his lifetime ministry.

Interesting!—The Jews are still looking for the Elijah. Paradoxically, no one else seems to care either way. Sadly, the rejection of him continues today by those he once pastored just as the Jewish people continue to reject Jesus Christ.

Because of God’s caring love, He is continuing to use the same warning voice and writings of Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong via our 14 websites—reaching out with the TRUTH to all who will listen with hope of change (cf. Revelation 3:20). So far, people ignore his continued use by Jesus Christ.

MYSTERY OF THE AGES—Study your Bible together with the last book Mr. Herbert W. Armstrong wrote: the unedited MYSTERY OF THE AGES, ISBN 0-396-08773-6, and believe it. This could save your life from the worsening troublesome times before us. Remember—Mr. Armstrong was the man Jesus Christ used to teach all of us His truth (II Timothy 3:13-14).

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Do the Firstfruits Flee or Are They Taken to Safety?

To the final remaining portion of the 144,000 firstfruits of Rev. 14:1: The answer to the above question is simple and plainly stated in Matt. 24:37 through Matt. 24:41. In particular notice verse 40 and verse 41:

“Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.”

The one left behind is the unqualified firstfruit. Notice Rev. 3:16:

“So then because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of My mouth.”

Yes, Jesus is going to spew these unfaithful lukewarm firstfruits out of His mouth into the great tribulation, to let them prove themselves.

Strong’s Concordance has very different definitions for the two words flee and taken.

Flee, No. 5343, means to run away.

Taken, No. 3880, means to receive.

Now read Matt. 24:44:

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This proves a time does not equal one year or that times equals two years.

Jesus did say for those in Judea to flee to the mountains (Luke 21:21) when they saw Jerusalem surrounded by armies. The church fled from Judea just before the Roman army destroyed Jerusalem in A.D. 70. This fleeing from Judea has nothing to do with the church of the end time being taken to safety by Jesus Christ.

Another reference to the church being “taken” is found in Dan. 12:11:

“And from the time that the daily sacrifice (the church and its work) is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, there shall be one thousand two hundred and ninety days.”

Yes, there will be 1,290 days from the time the church is taken away until Jesus Christ comes back, and at that time the church is resurrected. Look at Rom. 12:1:

“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service.”

I suppose you have noticed there are forty-five days left of the 1,335 days of Dan. 12:12. This 45 days will be used to fulfill the last bowl judgments of Rev. 16 and to renew the earth after it’s been devastated. Look at Dan. 12:12:

“Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days.”

God will once again have to renew this earth. The people entering the millennium will be blessed. From Dan. 11:40 on to the end of the book of Daniel, God is describing the end time events and His church. The chapter break should have been inserted just after verse 39 instead of where it presently is. The daily sacrifices of 12:11 have nothing to do with the animal sacrifices of Israel. Here God is describing His church and its work.

There is some strong indication from studying Matt. 24:37 on through verse 30 of chapter 25 that about one half of the called and chosen firstfruits will be left behind to prove themselves by dying in the great tribulation. God has given them great hope, though. They are pictured in Rev. 15:2:

“And I saw something like a sea of glass mingled with fire, and those who have the victory over the beast, over his image and over his mark and over the number of his name, standing on the sea of glass, having harps of God.”

This fleeing or being taken to safety is a very important, even a critical, subject. This is one of the few teachings Mr. Herbert Armstrong was wrong about. When someone is wrong, we have to follow Christ.

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What Constitutes a Lie?

I s it ever possible to say a person is lying? When your child doesn’t turn in their homework and claims the dog ate it, are you out of line to tell them they are lying? When you call in sick, and the boss finds out you were at the lake fishing, is he wrong to accuse you of lying? What constitutes lying? When is it acceptable to call out a person for lying, and when is it not? Does one’s opinion about someone’s words affect whether they can be properly accused of lying? When you hear that statement before a radio or television show, you know it means, “We don’t want you to hear that.” But you can’t always tell when you read these, and it can be proper to say a person is lying. Is it ever possible to say a person is lying? Is it ever possible to say a person is lying? Is it ever possible to say a person is lying?

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Moving God’s Holy Days when they “DO NOT” have to. Ministers are “HARMING” their congregations making them work on Holy Days!

The sinners with 1 click of the computer can give you God’s CORRECT Holy Day, but they refuse to.

Matthew 15:14 NLT So ignore them. They are blind guides leading the blind. Matthew 11:14 NLT You are blind guides, led by the blind. Matthew 15:14 NLT So ignore them. They are blind guides.

This is a “FACT” that your minister is DELIBERATELY SENDING moving God’s Holy Day MADIOM=APPOINTED TIMES.

When ministers or preachers of the United States said they had to have July 4th as a holiday, you would answer: No answer! You would be oppossed. But God and the Bible will be bet on by those.

Those who can make you believe in absurdities (such as using an averaging calendar for Holy Days) are those who commit the sin of the “DESTRUCTION” of YOUR REAL TIME of worship, that was ENSHRINED in God’s Eternal definition of time, but by the Devil—insanely deceived by the Devil—guides leading the blind to work in your day.

If you are NOT searching after righteousness, then you haven’t got a Wedding Garment! You are following bad ministers who move God’s Holy Days.

This is a “Category Mistake” and you cannot be denied that you are a Laodicean in attitude = headed for the Lake of Fire. Period. Because you had opportunity now, but refused to obey.

You are following bad Ministers who choose not to be truthful and obfuscate the truth with many words are making them work on Holy Days that He died for. Because this Stone Jesus used an averaging calendar when He was speaking of God’s Holy Days.

“DESTRUCTION” to obey PERFECTLY and thereby to severely reproach you! In the Kingdom if God CAN change over to your above truth, that means you are guilty of an inattentiveness to the Lord’s Day.

You don’t know that the Devil has captured you when you refuse to continue follow evil, being only 1/2 obedient—1/2 full of oil.

You are using an Unnecessary averaging calendar, and try to call that a “Holiness Time” for God’s Holy Days.

You don’t use the same God’s Holy Days that has in the New Testament that says those who keep the Holy Days are blessed. (Romans 10:16 KJV)

This is a “Category Mistake” is what Philosophers call it. And will you COGS do it?

You can be glad that Herbert was right when he said: “History is a pack of lies agreed upon.”

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You are following bad BLIND ministers and worse than that your bad minister has “WILLFUL” Blindness when he moves God’s Holy Days thereby causing you to WORK on God’s Holy Days!

REALIZE: You “ARE” WORKING ON GOD’S HOLY DAYS!!!

You are complying with Herbert Long stewardship, but you are refusing to move God’s Holy Days.

No one needs to be confused on Doctrine, because Holy Days/OA/DIM=APPOINTED Times. Just like July 4th was an “APPOINTED” time, that “cannot” be moved.

Obeying every jot of God’s Word is Important, because that SUBSUMES you into an all encompassing attitude of striving for obedience to God.

Whereby your character can be developed for BEING A TRUSTED ENTITY TO BE TRUSTED FOR ETERNITY.

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You are giving the Devil authority to work in your members lives, by you and the Devil war with the rest of the world, where you will belong.

Everything is connected to its source, and sin is connected to the Devil, and you ministers are connected to “DESTRUCTION” the time of God on you Holy Days.

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Swallow your pride and ministerial arrogance and REPENT to change to God’s CORRECT APPOINTED TIMES.

You CAN NOT deny you are moving God’s Holy Days!
The Commandments came by God and His voice, not by Moses. Exodus 20. Here is a challenge. Name one place in the New Testament where compulsory tithing is directed to the converted Christians.

If you are under the authority of the law of Moses, you are not under grace. You cannot be under both umbrellas at the same time. To try is to make confusion.

The law of Moses has punishments and fines. The grace of God has mercy, forgiveness and grace. The law works wrath.

There is no place for the works of the law with the Christian psyche. They are not compatible. Observing the law of Moses and circumcision is contrary to the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our justification is by faith alone.

Observing the law of Moses thwarts the grace of God, making it of no effect. The grace of God contains no penalty except what Jesus Christ took on Himself, nailing it to His cross.

The Old Testament has nothing to do with salvation. The law came by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ.

Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth.

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helped him to discourage them. The one-God problem

In about 2012 I was with him in his church and noticed that the one-God issue was causing a huge problem in his area. Some of his members were believing it and he didn't know how to deal with it.

I told Karl and said I believed the one-God believers were correct. That was not the reaction Karl was expecting.

Another time we were in his car and I was going on and on about a doctrine I believed in that Karl didn't believe. Finally I asked him what he believed.

He paused and said quietly that he didn't want to argue doctrine because he believed he knew too much.

I never forgot those words. He al-

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The WCG was God's true church. We weren't a cult even though we had the markings of a cult. The reason we weren't a cult was because we really were the true Church of God. That's the response of many members of many groups.

The WCG's government was God's government from the bottom up. Karl had never been in the military. The doctor asked if Karl grew up in an abusive environment. Karl replied no.

The doctor was perplexed. What possible stress could you possibly have, he asked.

Both Karl and Gene could think of no possible cause for stress. The doctor gave up. He was convinced it was just type-A, yes, he couldn't impose any solutions.

Stress causes diabetes, memory loss, ulcers, cancer, and many life-threatening disabilities. Stress can kill, literally.

Karl was 73, a workaholic, standing up windows on ladders in 100 degrees with high humidity. It's difficult to do that when you are 73, consumed in 30 years.

The symptoms Gene listed I too have had, although not to Karl's degree. I'm several years younger. It have had, although not to Karl's

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The chapter was about the coming Kingdom, when none will hurt or war, no wind, only incessant, constant heavy rain.

People started to leave. Some crowded under the few umbrellas. Some stood and got soaked. I walked until I reached the old tree. Karl was squeezed in among people seeking shelter.

An elderly man stood next to me. He was a window washer from Fay- etteville. He was weeping, and I knew this was a strange rain. He agreed and then said God told him the rain was for Karl's work.

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Current council configuration

Another item on the conference agenda was the election and/or reelec- tion of elders to sit on the council of elders. The list of current council members is follows.

Herbert.

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This listing abbreviates Church of God (International) (CGI), Tyta, Texas; Intercontinental Church of God (ICG), Charlotte, N.C.; Continuing Church of God (CCG), Evans City, Pennsylvania; and Church of God International (CGCo), Dayton, Ohio.

Unless otherwise stated, each listing identifies a local Feast of Tabernacles church for an observance beginning Sunday evening, Oct. 16, 2016, and continuing through Monday, Oct. 24, 2016 (to refer the last to Great Day, Last Day or Eighth Day in the various feast days).


Young hearts impacted one camper at a time

The friendships the campers make are likely to last a lifetime.

Those games revolved around three major props: brightly colored ball pit balls, ladles' stockings and Hula Hoops.

Favorites of these games included a larger-than-life game of Kerplunk, handmade by Clay Forrestor (a camp director from White Oak), stocking-face tug-of-war, Hula Hoop ring toss and a tic-tac-toe relay race.

"My favorite part of camp were when I played paintball and when we played relay tic-tac-toe," said Kevin Spearman of Dallas.

"Game taught lessons"

Though the fun and excitement of the activities and games are what project because kids who can't hear may have trouble making friends, and now I can introduce myself and talk with them a little and make a new friend," says 12-year-old Grace Forrestor of White Oak.

Finale dance

After the tradition started last year, one of the highlights of camp is celebrating an awesome week with a dance on the final night, deejayed by We Be Rockin' Entertainment out of Longview, Texas.

"My favorite part of camp this year was the dance," said 18-year-old Karina Moody of Hawkins, Texas. "We all went crazy and had so much fun.

Regardless of which aspect most appeal to each camper, the friendships they make are likely to last a lifetime.

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Even first-year attendees found something that they could relate to, for example, the friends with whom they had never met before and quickly became comfortable as part of the camp.

According to Mindy Forrestor (another director from White Oak): "I would have to say my favorite aspect of camp was watching the friendships form and seeing the kids that were new and kind of shy come out of their shells.

"One of my favorite parts of camp was getting to meet new people," said 14-year-old Allison Harroff of Big Sandy, Texas.

"Exciting outdoor activities"

The morning activities at camp boasted traditional summer-camp activities, including zip-line rides, water slides, rifle shooting and paintball.

But this year also saw a couple of wild and crazy, not to mention messy, outdoor games, including Painted Twister and a paint balloon fight.

"I really enjoyed spending time at the lake this year. The water slides were really fun," said 11-year-old Damar Havin of Lindale. "It was also a lot of fun learning how to mix cornstarch, water and paint to fill the balloons with before throwing them at each other.

"Entertaining indoor activities"

Because of the Texas heat, the afternoon games were played indoors during the hottest part of each day.

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Only in Tennessee

REDFORD, Mich.—Feastgoers are invited to attend a site at Only, Tenn., beginning Oct. 17, 2016. The full name of the site is a camp called Victor Woodsen Center for Music and Nature, announced Don and Diana Frith.

Norman Edwards of Port St. Petersburg, Fla.—Michael John Forrestor has sent out a mailing piece that he says is "most important" and needs to be read by everyone.

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- The second location is 17837 First Ave., S., No. 400, Normanady Park, Wash. 98148, U.S.A.

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- "What!! Is that really in Scripture for everyone??"
- "Revealed. Just what are the seven churches called on earth?"
- "Dispelling Myths and Traditions of Men."
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Throughout the week, the friendships form and seeing the kids that were new and kind of shy come out of their shells.

"I feel like I can really express myself now that I'm more comfortable with all of my church friends," said 12-year-old Olivia Suth of White Oak, Texas. "I don't have to hide my personality."

"The friendships the campers make are likely to last a lifetime.

Those games revolved around three major props: brightly colored ball pit balls, ladles' stockings and Hula Hoops.

Favorites of these games included a larger-than-life game of Kerplunk, handmade by Clay Forrestor (a camp director from White Oak), stocking-face tug-of-war, Hula Hoop ring toss and a tic-tac-toe relay race.

"My favorite part of camp were when I played paintball and when we played relay tic-tac-toe," said Kevin Spearman of Dallas.

"Game taught lessons"

Though the fun and excitement of the activities and games are what