

# Together

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### Media Report

## New Developments in Magazines, Video and Audio

In the past few months, the WCG Media Department, despite its small size, has been working on several new projects as part of its mission to help members grow in their understanding of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

### Christian Odyssey

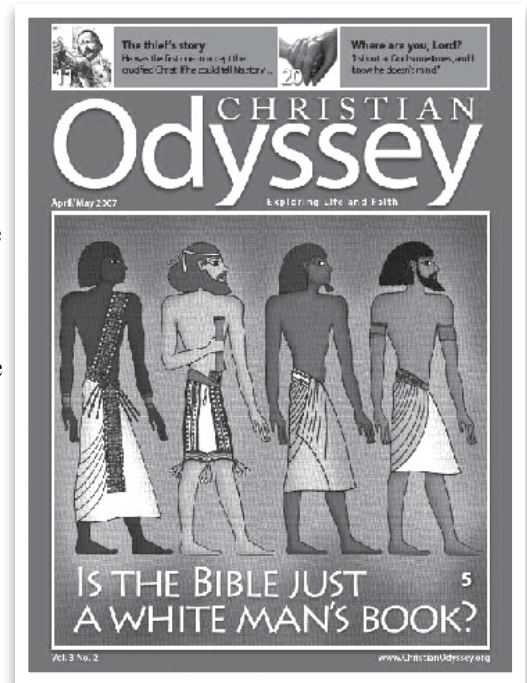
- The April-May edition of *Christian Odyssey* includes a survey for our readers. Since members make up a large majority of our readers, we especially want members to respond to this survey to help us chart the course for how *Odyssey* might better serve their needs.
- The cover article for the April-May *Odyssey* is "Is the Bible Just a White Man's Book?" The article originated as a class paper, then a sermon by Dan Rogers in 1997. A transcript was placed on our Inter-

net site, and we noticed that large numbers of people were viewing it, and it became our most-often-recommended Internet literature item. Due to the popularity of the transcript, we decided to work with Dan Rogers to turn it into a complete article for *Odyssey*.

- We produced a brochure (lower right) that local congregations can use to offer free subscriptions to friends and neighbors. In this way local churches can offer something of value to visitors and other contacts. Each brochure has space on the back for local church information to be added.
- Several congregations have also ordered bulk copies of *Odyssey* for local distribution in waiting rooms or other areas. This is one way in which the denominational office can help local churches create a higher profile in their community.
- The churches in Australia have begun to use *Christian Odyssey* as their magazine for members and for a significant number of non-members on their circulation list. The magazine is sent to Australia electronically and is printed there to save shipping costs.

### Video and audio programs

- In September, Joseph Tkach began a weekly video program titled *Speaking of Life*. The 2-4 minute mes-



sages discuss a variety of topics, showing how the gospel is relevant to everyday life. The programs are posted on the church's Internet site each Friday. People may watch or listen to the programs online, or download the messages for later playing. See box on page 2 for recent titles.


- In March, we began a program titled *You're Included*. The program title refers to the good news that in Jesus Christ humanity is included in the fellowship that exists between the

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Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We began with a round-table discussion hosted by J. Michael Feazell with guests Dr. C. Baxter Kruger (right) and Steve Horn of Perichoresis Ministries joining WCG's Joseph Tkach, John McKenna and Michael Morrison. To listen or download, go to [www.wcg.org/av/](http://www.wcg.org/av/).



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- As part of *You're Included*, we also plan to include an audio Bible study and some videotaped discussions. These will be released as we have opportunity to create and produce them. If you would like to be notified by email whenever these programs or other new materials are added to our website, sign up at [www.wcg.org/weeklyupdate.htm](http://www.wcg.org/weeklyupdate.htm)


## Personal Correspondence Department

- Even after 20 years, people find old advertisements for magazines and booklets that we used to publish. We offer them a free copy of our booklet *Good News for Bad People* and a subscription to *Christian Odyssey*. Over the past four years, we have received almost 5,000 requests for out-of-print literature. About 20 percent of the people request our booklet, which we send along with an offer of another booklet.

## Internet site

- The WCG website continues to be a well-used resource for pastors, members, and nonmembers. In 2006, there were more than 2 million visits to the website. The ten most popular articles in 2006 were:
  - Satan: God's defeated adversary
  - The Proverbs 31 woman
  - Evidence of black Africans in the Bible
  - A brief history of the

- Several years ago, we put a small feature on our website that enables readers to recommend articles to their friends. We keep track not just of which articles are viewed, but also which articles are most often recommended. Over the past four years, the ten most recommended articles are:

- Evidence of blacks in the Bible
- The Proverbs 31 woman
- A brief history of the WCG
- The gospel really is good news!
- Disaster in New Orleans
- What the Bible says about wine
- The date of Jesus' birth
- How WCG found the plain truth
- Getting a grip on repentance
- Divorce and remarriage 

## Recent titles on *Speaking of Life*

**January**

The Edge of the Gospel  
Into the Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
Central Truth  
You're Included

**February**

God Is For You  
Breathing  
The Great Transfer  
Our Seal of Security

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**March**

The Ultimate Fix for Human Nature  
Will It Take a Brick?  
The Sole True Gospel  
God's Love  
Paradox

**April**

Peace in the Quartodeciman Controversy  
The Word Grace  
The Lost Tomb  
The Father's Love

# Latin American Report

By Hector Barrero

In Latin America, we have about 30 congregations and groups, with an average total attendance of about 700. There are four congregations in Mexico, one in Puerto Rico, four in Central America, three in Columbia, and three in Argentina. There are also small groups in Brazil and Peru.

## Mexico

In Mexico we have 12 small groups in various cities averaging 15 people in each group, and a congregation of 50 in Guadalajara. We are committed to a steadfast approach to preaching grace. God is guiding these congregations to see the importance of prayer as a vital component of our spiritual life, individually and collectively. There is an increased importance given to the role of worship in our spiritual life, having understood that the time of praise during services should be a delight for all members. The congregations are expressing praise with pleasure through the use of live music accompanied by tambourines, piano, guitars and other musical instruments.

The leaders are supporting and delegating responsibilities to potential leaders who seem to be emerging. Gradually, they have begun to recognize the reality of an urgent need for the knowledge of Jesus and of his grace. God has been softening our hearts so that we are experiencing love and compassion for our neighbors. As a result, we have established close friendships with co-workers, neighbors, relatives, and



Left, Central America conference in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Above, part of the congregation in San Pedro Sula. Far right, members in Columbia.

ex-members of the church, and new persons have begun to attend services.

## Central America

Mauricio Diaz and his wife Liliana pastor the congregation in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. Mauricio is a well-known economist in Honduras and knows influential people in the government as a result of his work in a nongovernment organization. The congregation of about 50 meets Saturdays in the afternoon in a rented hall that is becoming too small for them. They would like to own a hall and are praying and saving for that purpose. The congregation is enthusiastic, filled with a first love and living out their faith passionately.

Marvin, a boy of just 14, is teaching and evangelizing a group of about 18 children in Tegucigalpa. Manuel Torres, co-pastor of the Tegucigalpa church, and other members of the congregation minister to 36 men in the local jail. They provide not only spiritual food but also financial and legal help as well as meals.

Marco Antonio and Alejandrina Mejia from San Pedro Sula, in Northern Honduras, work with over 60 children and 20 adults in their area. They meet Saturdays and Thursdays in their own church building. This year, on Bible day, they participated in a public parade around the village, giving out New Testaments.

In El Salvador, about 15 people



Children in the Tijuana congregation.

are getting together weekly for Bible study and Sunday services in Santa Tecla. David Agreda is doing an excellent job translating articles from magazines like *Together*, *Christian Odyssey* and some booklets and coordinating a volunteer team of translators made up of members from the U.S.A., Peru and Spain. David produces the Spanish editions of these magazines and updates the church's Spanish web page.

In Nicaragua, Apolonia and her daughter Marissa Kolher are praying that God will use them in starting a group in their home near Managua. They have a children's Bible class in their home.

Since distances are not that great, the leaders from Central America plan to have activities together more than once a year to motivate each other. Also they plan to have a missionary group visit scattered members in countries like Panama, Costa Rica and Guatemala.

## Columbia

From October 13-16 an annual seminar was held in the Hotel Arcobaleno, near Bogotá, Colombia. Eighty-five people attended; among them were the leaders of different church groups throughout Colombia, as well as the pastor of our congre-





gations in Peru, José Kasum. The theme of the seminar was missions.

Our speaker was Hans Frank, the director of New Horizons, an international organization that trains missionaries. The members were encouraged to take God's message to others, starting in their own communities. Six persons were baptized during the seminar.

God is doing a wonderful work in Barranquilla. The congregation is led by Sonia Orozco Vengoechea. They meet every Sunday, and every Saturday nine members study theology with the Caribbean Interdenominational Biblical Institute. They also meet every Wednesday, teaching doctrines and training leaders.

On Dec. 17, the church held a "Friendship Day" service, and about 50 new people attended, for a total attendance of about 100. In the sermon, Sonia gave a summary of the plan of salvation from Genesis up to the birth of Christ. On Dec. 23 the church delivered toys to indigent children as part of their youth group's evangelistic effort.

## Argentina

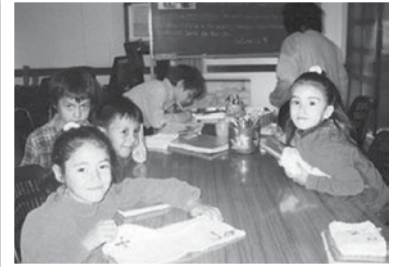
Inspired by Hebrews 12:2-3, our theme for the congregation in Ezeiza during 2006 was "looking to Jesus the author and finisher of our faith, let us meditate on his work and follow his steps." Julio Fernández and his wife, Beatriz, pastor the church.

We performed two weddings: Silvana and Javier's wedding in Buenos Aires at the end of 2005 and Abraham and Valeria's wedding in 2006 in Bahia Blanca, 400 miles south of Buenos Aires. Six people were baptized during 2006.

The small group in Bahia Blanca

is united in the love and the sufficiency of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have a small school of approximately eight boys and want to begin to work with adolescents. Please pray that we will be good ambassadors of Christ.

Left and right: members in Argentina.



## Australian National Pastors Conference

In February we were delighted to have WCG Vice-President Mike Feazell and Multiplication Ministries Director, Randy Bloom, and his wife, Deb, join us for the Australian national pastors conference. About 80 pastors, pastoral team members, ministry leaders and overseas guests gathered at Bond University near our office on the Gold Coast for plenary sessions on the opening day.

After worship and a devotional time, Mike Feazell spoke about "God Talk"—knowing God through relational experience as Father, Son and Spirit in loving perpetual fellowship. Through Christ, we share in the peace, joy and love of the mutual indwelling of Father, Son and Spirit. We can live in the incredible encouragement that just as our sin and death has been taken up in Christ's life, death and resurrection, so too our lives have been taken into the life of God himself through the incarnation and resurrection of Jesus.

Rod Matthews updated us on the humanitarian work of CarePac and the opportunities opening up for sharing the gospel in Asia. John McLean discussed leadership as a learning journey, and covered results of research on Christian leadership conducted by the National Church Life Survey (NCLS) over the past 15 years in Australia and internationally. In particular, we looked at elements of innovation, vision growth and ownership, and the importance of dialogue as a mode of discourse in our national and local fellowships.

Over the following days, a smaller group of pastors and pastoral team

members met at the church office. Randy Bloom discussed expository preaching, and Mike conducted a question-and-answer session. Daphne Sidney looked at issues of self-care in ministry, and Rod Dean addressed ministry with seniors and issues of risk management. Aub Warren updated us on the work of Pacific Training & Development, the professional development arm of the church. And we looked at the ongoing role of Ambassador College of Christian Ministry (ACCM) in equipping our ministry leaders and members for growth, development and service into the future.

Pastors spent considerable time sharing their strategic commitments and plans for the future, and in prayer for one another and our members. It was encouraging and exciting to see what God is doing with and through our small fellowship in so many different ways, reaching out with an external focus to live and share the gospel, manifesting Christ to one another and to the world.

The serious and prayerful discussion of our calling and work together also included lots of laughter, fun and enjoyment. We are blessed to be able to enjoy a spirit of camaraderie, peace and unity.

It was a blessing and a joy to have Mike Feazell and Randy and Deb Bloom with us. Their presence and fellowship was an expression of the value of our international ties, and our mutual desire to foster such precious relationships. Mike and Randy also taught an ACCM learning weekend class (see next page).



## Church Multiplication Ministry workshop

On March 4 and 5, Randy Bloom, Director of Church Multiplication Ministry (CMM) for Church Administration & Development, conducted a workshop for Charlotte, NC, area congregations. The workshop included the WCG vision for church multiplication, how to prepare to parent a new church, and how to develop a healthy parenting process.

Randy addressed objections and myths related to church planting and explained the basic processes that any church can implement in order to support church multiplication, either as a “parent” or a “partner” of a new church. Over 20 people attended the Saturday workshop.

Kevin Phillips, one of the participating pastors, said, “I enjoyed learning about WCG’s church-planting goals and its process of identifying, preparing and equipping church planters. If a congregation can’t plant a church, it can still support other WCG church plants financially.”

Troy White, another pastor, said, “It is my hope that the entire denomination takes advantage of this opportunity to learn in more detail the process of church planting.”

For more information about CMM and training events, visit [www.wcg.org/mindev](http://www.wcg.org/mindev) or <http://wgc.pnwcc.org/cptf>. To plan a workshop for your congregation, contact Randy Bloom at [Randy.Bloom@wgc.org](mailto:Randy.Bloom@wgc.org).

*Martin Manuel*

## Myrtle Beach youth weekend

The Harvest Church of Marion, SC, pastored by Howard Blakeney, hosted the Youth Discovery Weekend in Myrtle Beach, SC, on Jan. 13-15.

There were about 50 youths and adults in attendance. We had worship services, breakout sessions, talent show, sports and worship services at the Outreach Homeless Shelter. The youth also served food to the clients at the shelter.

*Howard Blakeney*

## Life & Teachings weekend

After participating in the Australian national pastors conference in February, Ambassador College of Christian Ministry (ACCM) instructors Mike Fezell and Randy Bloom taught the Life & Teachings of Jesus Christ class with ACCM Diploma Director John McLean, in Brisbane, Australia.

Almost 50 people met for a weekend of immersion in the Gospels. In an interactive and engaging style, the group explored the background to the Gospels, the life and times of Judea in the first century, and the texts of the Gospels. They encountered together the full revelation of God in the Son—God in the flesh, God as one of us.

The group looked into the unique approach of each Gospel author, providing four perspectives on the one Jesus. Collaboratively, they investigated both the method and message



Students work together in the ACCM class.



of Jesus’ teaching.

Retired lawyer and Brisbane church member Max Smith said, “It was clear from the course that all Scripture, in particular the old covenant, must be considered and understood through the ‘Christ Event,’ the coming of Jesus, the Son of God. Knowing the history, the authors’ audience and the literary devices can help us understand biblical teachings and their application to each of us today.”

The learning process was helped by the interactive nature of the class and the opportunity to learn together. [Editor’s note: There will be another Life & Teachings class in Indian Wells, CA, July 30-31. See [www.wcg.org/events](http://www.wcg.org/events) for details and comments from students.]

*John McLean*

## Children’s ministry grows in Hickory, North Carolina

About three years ago in Hickory, NC, our youth ministry was down to three children and we began looking at what we needed to do differently. I asked my wife Emma Lee to find a curriculum for children that would make class preparation easier for our teachers. We also began looking for ways to include our children every week in every aspect of the life of the church, such as worship leading, ushering, praying, leading communion, giving “mini-sermons,” etc.

To include children, I do my best to engage the young people as well as the adults during my sermons.

The result is that our children and

teens are more involved in our church. They come up almost every week to sing and help lead worship. The children who play guitar and drums can almost provide the music by themselves.

Our children are ministering to the adults each week. When people come forward for prayer, the children often lay hands on the person being prayed for. We've gone around the neighborhood inviting people to visit our church, and children have been in the middle of that, too.

It took patience and a change in our way of thinking, but we learned that a polished and seamless worship format was not nearly as important as having our children involved in the congregation. We now have almost 20 children and teens in our congregation.

*Paul David Kurts*



### Helping Chernobyl children

While visiting my brother, John Halford, I was asked to speak about the work my husband Chris and I do with Chernobyl children. For the last four years we have chaired a branch of the Chernobyl Children Life Line, a charity dedicated to helping children suffering the effects of low-level radiation from the Chernobyl Nuclear Accident of 1986.

These children come to us in England with nothing, often not even a change of clothes, and it costs around \$1000 to bring each child.

The members of Christ Fellowship Church in Cincinnati, pastored by Rick Shallenberger, were interested in helping the children. They donated \$2,200 to pay for the airfare, clothes and other needs of two of the



**Ordination of Ellie Kurzawa:** Left to right: Pete Kendall, Lynn Rowe, Ross Jutsum, Ellie Kurzawa, Guy Ames, John Quade, and David Green.

12 children we are bringing over in June.

*Gerrie Bayley*

### Helping the homeless

J.O.Y. Ministries, Inc. ("Jesus, Only You") ministers to the homeless in Tampa, FL. On Friday nights, a group of people hit the streets equipped with sack lunches and love. They also provide items such as toiletries, backpacks, T-shirts and blankets, which are generally donated by the Tampa/Lakeland and Ocala congregations and some coworkers.

Ellie Kurzawa, Lynn Rowe, Todd Rowe, Leslie Mozon, and Donna Rowe are sometimes joined by other volunteers, such as Todd and Donna's 9-year-old son Randall.

The J.O.Y. Praise Band has recently gotten involved as well. In October and December, they played while a weekly meal was being provided to the homeless. The band now serves twice a month during a meal that is given in a downtown parking lot. They play for about 45 minutes with some motivational words between songs, inviting people to sing along or come forward to form a "choir."

The people who partake of the meal are afterwards offered prayer and a listening ear from the band members. The homeless in attendance are becoming more interested in what the band is doing, and seem to be gradually more trusting of the band's presence.

Band members are Lynn Rowe, Ellie Kurzawa, John Quade, Todd

Rowe, LeRoy Davis, Laura Quade, and Robert Quade, who just celebrated his 90th birthday.

On March 25, Ellie was ordained as an elder in the Tampa/Lakeland congregation (see photo above). She then led the congregation in the communion service and will serve as an assistant pastor.

*Laura Zager Quade*

### Member publishes novel

Frank Lewandowski has had his first novel published: *Light Years From Paradise—Einstein's Double-Take*.

The science-fiction tale depicts the struggle between good and evil, some Christian themes and an element of romance. The book is available at [PublishAmerica.com](http://PublishAmerica.com), [BarnesandNoble.com](http://BarnesandNoble.com) and [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com).

Lewandowski has written about three dozen plays and skits that have been performed at Grace Family Church, the WCG congregation in Richardson, TX.

### Red Cross honors member

Every year, the American Red Cross recognizes local heroes with its Acts for Courage awards. This year, an award was given to Aubray Neal, a member of the Akron/Canton WCG church. He heard screams for help and went onto his 12th-floor balcony to find his badly burned neigh-



bor on her balcony and smoke pouring from her apartment. Neal credits God with giving him the strength to pull her across the open space between the balconies. Neal's neighbor is now living with her family.

*Dave Kaiser*

## Giving thanks to God

On Nov. 20, SonLight Christian Fellowship—in cooperation with two local outreach ministries—provided

a Thanksgiving meal to dozens from our local community who are homeless or needy. The ladies of the church put together a delicious meal at the American Legion in Loudon, NH, where we meet for services on Sunday mornings.

For the past five years, SonLight Christian Fellowship has invited the community, especially shut-ins, to our annual Thanksgiving Luncheon.

*Marlene Friedrich*



**More stories and photos are on our website**



## Upcoming events

Read more at [www.wcg.org/together](http://www.wcg.org/together)

### Life & Teachings of Jesus

Jesus was a teacher, and he often shared his lessons through stories. So it makes sense for us to learn about him through stories. But sometimes these stories don't quite make sense, or we draw odd conclusions from them.

The purpose of studying Scripture is to get to know Jesus, who he was, and his message for us. Ambassador College of Christian Ministry (ACCM) offers courses to help us do just that, most notably the class *The Life & Teachings of Jesus Christ*. Taught with theological insight and fervor, these courses unwrap the greatest story of all, enriching our lifelong spiritual walk.

John 14:9 says, "Anyone who has seen [Jesus] has seen the Father." Through Jesus we see what God is really like. After completing the *Life & Teachings* class, the view improves. This course coaches people to get the most out of their reading by addressing the need to analyze and interpret it.

Learning about Jesus, and in turn getting to know the Father, is a lifelong process. Group learning experiences allow insights to be shared. The resurrection of Christ as written in the Gospels opens up the confidence and comfort to share the good news, the best news, Jesus Christ.

The class will be taught in Indian Wells, CA, July 30-31. See [www.wcg.org/events/lifeteachings.htm](http://www.wcg.org/events/lifeteachings.htm) for details.

### Urban mission in Cincinnati

Christ Community Church (WCG) will be partnering again this year with Cincinnati Urban Ministry Outreach for a mission to the children of the Moosewood/Millvale communities during July 15-21. We will spend four days with the children, playing games, having fun, and worshipping with them using puppets, drama, object lessons, and music.

We are opening up missionary opportunities to 10-12 additional teens and young adults outside of our congregation. In addition to ministering to the children, a new purpose of our mission is to train teens and young adults in an effective urban ministry experience that transforms lives, influences churches, honors God and allows participants to take this experience back to their community.

The cost is \$300 per missionary. This includes lodging, meals, and travel between the hotel and the mission site. Application and \$50 deposits are due on April 15. We will provide a payment schedule to all who pay the deposit by then.

If interested, please contact Wane or Julie Creager for an application. They can be reached at 513-779-9757, or by e-mail at [creag12@yahoo.com](mailto:creag12@yahoo.com).

### Festival on Sardinia Island, Italy—Aug. 25–Sept. 1

The Italian church invites members and friends from all around the world to join them in this year's


Summer Festival on the world renowned island of Sardinia, in the town of Alghero.

The dates are August 25 through September 1. There will be worship services, seminars, prayer meetings, entertainment, youth activities, excursions and free time for visiting and enjoying the beautiful Sardinian beaches or other tourist attractions and to fellowship with the members. Simultaneous translations into English will be provided.

Cost per person per day in a four-star hotel (double occupancy, including breakfast and the evening meal) is 70 Euros (approximately \$92). We also booked a good number of apartments close to the beach and with swimming pool starting at 520 Euros (\$684) for the whole period. Alghero can be reached by plane or ferry. In order to get discounted rates and availability on specific dates, bookings would need to be made right away.

If interested, please request further information by writing to Worldwide Church of God, CP 67, 24030 Brembate di Sopra (BG), Italy. Or send email to [wcgitaly@tin.it](mailto:wcgitaly@tin.it) or phone +39 035 54 70 810.

### Festival on Majorca Island, Spain—Sept. 29–Oct. 7

The Spanish church invites members and friends to a festival Sept. 29-Oct. 7. More details will be in our next issue—or you may go to [www.wcg.org/events](http://www.wcg.org/events) now. 



## Births

**Melody Erin Garbarino**, Dec. 1, first daughter and second child of Doug and Brianna (Lake) Garbarino, of Clackamas, OR.

**Caden Alexander McManama**, Jan. 4, first child of James and Denise (Purkapile) McManama, of Orange City, FL.

**Sydney Charlize Miller**, Sept. 25, first daughter and second child of Robert and Shiela (Honbeck) Miller, of Greenville, SC.

## Elder ordinations

**Byron Ball**, Morristown, TN

**Michael Frederick**, Peoria, IL

**Ronald Hickman**, Cincinnati, OH

**Ellie Kurzawa**, Tampa/Lakeland, FL

**Key Har Naing**, Myanmar

**Joseph Rosales**, Fresno, CA

**Robert Roulds**, Peoria, IL

**Ricardo Sayo**, Agdangan, Philippines

## Graduation

**Don Engle**, pastor in Wichita, KS, completed his Master of Arts in Ministry degree Dec. 14, from the graduate school of the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago.

## Anniversaries

**Thomas and Zadi Conklin** will celebrate their 40th anniversary on April 7. They attended in Kalamazoo, MI, from 1976 to 1989, and have been in the church in Indianapolis, IN, since 1990. They have two children and six grandchildren. Thomas volunteers in the Indiana Guard Reserve.\*

As noted in the March-April issue, **Erv and Irene Wright** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Sept. 29. See the *Together* website for a photo.

## Birthday

**Christina Ward** celebrated her 94th birthday on Dec. 24 with her family. Mrs. Ward and her late husband, Fred, attended in Tacoma and Seattle, WA. Mrs. Ward has been a joy and a blessing to all who know her, especially those in the Everett and Seattle/Bellevue, WA, churches.\*

## Obituaries

**Albert Buehler, Sr.**, of North Babylon, NY, passed away of cancer on Dec. 18. He was the father of four sons, former spouse of Theresa, a father-in-law, brother, grandfather of five, and uncle to many. He was a 25-year member of WCG.

**Gary John Eads**, 57, of LaPorte, TX, died on Feb. 22. Gary was a member since

the early 1970s. He attended Community Christian Fellowship in the Houston area. Surviving are his wife, Elizabeth, two daughters, a son, and several other relatives.

**Andy Graves** of Albion, PA, had a stroke in June and died on Feb. 8. Survivors include his daughter Donna and son-in-law Ted Johnston. Andy was a member since 1966 and served as a deacon and an elder.

**Levon Gunter**, 75, a longtime WCG member, died Sept. 20. Levon is survived by his wife of 52 years, Helen. He was the father of four surviving children, 12 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

**Ruth T. "Dolly" (Vatic) Hayden**, 83, of Hollis, NH, died Feb. 5. She was preceded in death by two husbands, two brothers,

and a daughter, Cynthia Jean Dolloff. Since 1967, she was a member of the Loudon, NH, congregation of WCG, SonLight Christian Fellowship. Survivors include a son, two stepsons, a stepdaughter, eight grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

**Parle Higgins**, 85, of Cordova, AL, died Aug. 18 from a massive stroke. She was a WCG member for 38 years. Parle is survived by her husband of 62 years, Hardy, one son, Larry, his wife, Jo Lynn, and three grandchildren. Parle was a member of Good Hope Community Church, near Cullman, AL.

**Clifton "Cliff" R. Moody**, 69, of Ashland, NH, died Jan. 19. Baptized in 2002, Cliff was

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a member of the Loudon, NH, congregation. Cliff is survived by his wife, Carol, a son and three daughters.

**Elsie Alice (Taylor) Walker**, 88, of Marshall, MO, died Jan. 19. Elsie was a longtime member of the WCG in Columbia, MO, and worked many years at Marshall Rehabilitation Center. Survivors include two sons and a daughter-in-law, a sister and sister-in-law, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.