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A Vision for Growth

Forward Together— to *WCG Next*

By Ted Johnston
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Our denomination's president, Joseph Tkach, noted in a recent letter that the WCG has experienced a remarkable "journey of transformation and reformation—from where we were, to where we are (WCG Now), and continuing forward together to where God is taking us (WCG Next)."

Dan Rogers, Superintendent of U.S. Ministers, emailed U.S. pastors concerning this journey: "God... calls us to envision our future in his service—to sense where he is leading, and to make plans to follow him there. This we have been doing; and it has led us to a vision for our church in the United States that we refer to as WCG Next."

Why go forward?

Why this emphasis on going forward? Because we seek to be faithful to the God who continues to transform us. His timing in this is perfect. We find ourselves in a time of cultural change on a scale perhaps unprecedented in history. And the Spirit sends us into this rapidly changing world to live and share the changeless, priceless gospel of God's grace in

Jesus. This challenge calls for Christians who are willing to change—to try new things, to innovate. Surely the members of the WCG are a people who are willing to change. That's God's gift to us.

And now God calls on us to "run" with the gospel, using new approaches and new methods—going to diverse places, cultures and generations. To do that, we must continue our journey—refining our understanding of the gospel, transforming denominational and congregational ministries and other structures, and starting new ministries and new congregations.

We do not seek these changes for the sake of change; but for the sake of the gospel and the benefit of the people that God leads us to reach. This is what WCG Next is all about. This article summarizes our understanding of what God has prepared for us. It also makes a simple, but important appeal: Let's go there together!

The WCG Next vision

God is calling us forward. But what will it look like when we get there? WCG denominational and congregational leaders have been meeting, praying and planning in search of God's vision for us—we refer to what we see as WCG Next. It's summarized in our vision statement:



Ted Johnston

Going forward with Jesus: making disciples who make disciples; in new generations, new cultures and new places.

Each phrase has significant meaning:

- **Going forward**

WCG Next is about our future and a strategy to go there together. We serve a God of forward movement, who invites us to go with him in his service.

- **With Jesus**

WCG Next is not about what we do for Jesus, but what we do *with* him—participating in the ministry he has in our world.

- **Making disciples who make disciples**

Jesus' ministry is about fulfilling his Great Commission to make disciples (Matthew 28:18-20), motivated by his Great Commandment love for God and for people (1 John 3:23; 4:21). As our world changes, our ministry methods must change as well.

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• In new generations

As a reflection of God's lavish love for all people, WCG Next emphasizes ministry to, with and through all generations —young and old alike. Generations Ministries (GenMin) will play a key role in this emphasis; equipping ministers, parents and members of all age groups for ministries that disciple the young, strengthen families, and train and provide opportunities for the next generation of leaders. GenMin will host increased numbers of camps, mission trips and retreats that help congregations start and develop intergenerational ministries.

• New cultures and new places

Diversity is a WCG distinctive. We are multiracial, multicultural and worldwide in scope. WCG Next expands this diversity by reaching out to new cultures and locales. The CAD Ministry Development Team will equip existing congregations for this growth.

And Church Multiplication Ministries (CMM) will equip individuals and congregations for planting new kinds of churches to reach people in new cultures and places.

But is it the right vision?

You may be asking, How do we know WCG Next is God's vision for us? Though we can't predict the future, God graciously indicates what he has prepared for us by blessing our initial steps forward. As Jesus said, "By their fruits you shall know them"—and several WCG Next initiatives are already bearing fruit:

- GenMin camps have grown from one national camp to 16 regional camps reaching over 1200 campers and 700 staff members. Hundreds of young lives have been changed.

- GenMin seminars have equipped hundreds of children's and teen ministry leaders and workers. Many new congregational ministries have been birthed.

- GenMin Servants Passage is training and coaching over 500 congregational leaders and workers as they participate in an extended journey of growth in ministry by means of church-based "mentoring communities."

- CMM seminars have introduced dozens of congregations to the potential for

new church planting. A vision for church multiplication has been birthed.

- CMM seminars and personal coaching have equipped dozens of individuals to serve as assessors and coaches for new church planters. Several new church plants are underway, and the infrastructure to help them is being built.

What do we see ahead?

We're on our way forward, but WCG Next calls for accelerating progress through deepened partnerships between congregations, district pastoral networks and denominational ministries. What will these partnerships accomplish? Here is the fruit that we envision being produced over the next few years:

- GenMin camps. Expand to at least

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24 camps with a capacity for 2,000 campers in order to serve each U.S. district pastoral network more effectively. We envision nearly all U.S. congregations using a GenMin camp as a catalyst for intergenerational growth.

- GenMin mission trips. Provide training and opportunity for short-term mission trips that bring all generations together in outreach that leads to long-term, intergenerational mission work within congregations.

- GenMin retreats. Partner with district pastoral networks to host multiple annual retreat events where members of all ages gather with families and friends in an intergenerational setting to experience and celebrate the joy of our shared life in Jesus (see top of page 4).

- GenMin seniors' ministry. Provide new ways to minister to, with and through adults in their retirement years.

- GenMin young leader development. Identify and develop young leaders to serve WCG congregations and denominational ministries. We are already addressing this urgent need through Servants Passage, Ambassador College of Christian Ministry (ACCM) and training initiatives from CAD's Ministry Development Team. As we go forward, we hope to expand our assistance to congre-



WCG Next is a vision for transformed lives in new generations, new cultures and new places. Here's what some of our WCG brothers and sisters are seeing already as they've participated in the initial steps we've taken toward WCG Next with the assistance of Generations Ministries (GenMin) and Church Multiplication Ministries (CMM).



dren's ministry in my congregation. Now we're building on this foundation, and GenMin is helping us build with 'gold, silver and costly stones' (1 Cor. 3:12)."

—John Peterson, Marion, OH pastor



"CMM shows us our future in a whole new light—giving us ways to gather, choose and empower church planting leaders. These are strong foundations for the next decades."

—Glen Weber, Vancouver, WA and Portland, OR pastor



"CMM new church planting training is giving WCG new focus and hope for our future." —Alberta Ecker, San Bernardino, CA, pastor's wife

"I'm so grateful for Servants Passage, it has helped me see clearly my calling to ministry within my church" —Horace Hammond, White Plains, NY, member



"Camp was an 'incubator' that birthed a chil-

gations and ministries in identifying, recruiting and equipping younger leaders.

- CMM church planting. Our goal is to plant at least 12 new churches in the United States each year. We hope to reach this target by 2010.

Funding WCG Next

The bulk of funding for GenMin and CMM initiatives and events

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currently comes from the denominational budget. Since 19 percent of the denominational budget comes from apportioning a percentage of our

congregations' donation income, we thank our members and congregations for this financial support. It's accomplishing a great deal! But for us to expand the scope of our WCG Next work, we need funding beyond our current levels.

And so we've set up the WCG Next domestic mission fund. Dan Rogers recently wrote to U.S. pastors to explain how their congregations may contribute to this fund as part of their congregations' mission outreach. If you'd like to know more about the fund, we encourage you to talk with your pastor or read our WCG Next flyer posted online at <http://fly2.ws/iC9B0fv>.

Going forward together

WCG Next is a vision that sees all of us (members, congregations, pas-

toral networks and denominational ministries) going forward together into a future of new possibilities, opportunities and challenges. This forward progress will not always be easy (good things seldom are!) and it will necessitate innovation and experimentation.

Sound intimidating? Perhaps, but in the WCG we're no strangers to change, are we? So let's embrace the changes God will bring our way as we travel forward together to WCG Next.

We are seeking even greater clarity concerning this vision, and we invite insights and comments from WCG members. Feel free to email them to me at WCG.Next@wcg.org. We'll prayerfully consider all ideas as we seek the Lord's will for us.

Coming Event

As this article goes to press, GenMin, in partnership with the district pastoral network serving southwestern Ohio, northern Kentucky and parts of Indiana, is putting the finishing touches on the first of what we hope will be many GenMin family retreats. Members from all over are invited! This event is named *Encounter 2008*. It will be held Oct. 9-12, 2008 near Cincinnati, OH. Look for more details here and in *Christian Odyssey*. Our goal for future years is to provide Encounter retreats in multiple locations throughout the U.S.



One family. Sharing Jesus' love and life together.



What's happening?

Read more at www.wcg.org/together

Kansas City Children's Church, An All-Member Project

Since youth ministry is one of our ministry priorities, children's church at the Kansas City, MO, congregation is an all-member project. Members are encouraged to get to know the children and teens of all ages, address them by name, build friendships with them, and to pray for them.

To assist in this, we have a "Wall of Faith," a wooden display with the names and pictures of all our children and teens. Also displayed are the baptism dates of those who have been baptized. The "Wall of Faith" was made by Terry Anderson, a member of the congregation (see the *Together* website for a picture).

A group of dedicated volunteers teach and nurture our youngest members, a group of about 31 children and teens. Janice Bass oversees the teaching of children in pre-school through sixth grade. She is assisted by Elaine Meyer, Pat Harrison, Karen Anderson, Bob Owens, Perry Haden, Sarah Healy, David Lane, and Linda Lane.

Elaine Meyer oversees the pre-kindergarten children, with the assistance of Carla Ross, Peggy Johnson



and Susan Little. The Teen Church Coordinators are Walter and Barbara Leatherman.

Vacation Bible School was held June 10 through July 8, with classes every Sunday. The theme this year was "Training for God's Service."

On July 29, during a graduation ceremony, children were given certificates for participating in children's church and VBS. Francois Healy was also presented a graduation certificate as he graduated to teen church.

The week of July 9, Elaine Meyer hosted an outreach VBS at her home in Raytown, MO. Fifteen children between the ages of 3 and 10 attended. Most were from Elaine's neighborhood and did not attend any church regularly. At the end of the week, nine children decided that they wanted to be a part of God's family by receiving Christ.

We have been blessed by a number of baptisms this year. On March 18, eight were baptized. Three more were baptized on June 10. We thank and praise God for his work in the lives of our precious young people. *Dick Mann*

GenMin Connection seminar

Ted Johnston, Generations Ministries director, held a *Connection* seminar in Harrisburg, PA, on Aug. 18. Twenty-five pastors, youth ministry workers, parents and grandparents spent the day exploring the ministry environments and strategies that celebrate and develop the connection that young people have with the triune God in Jesus.

Connection discusses WCG Trinitarian theology and its application to ministries with and through children, teens and young adults. If you would like to schedule a *Connection* seminar in your area, email Ted.Johnston@wgc.org. Additional information is available online at <http://fly2.ws/j2mtsgh>.

Community Event in Uniontown, Ohio

Despite the small size of our church in Uniontown, OH, Grace Community Fellowship (GCF) made a large impact on the commu-

nity around the church.

GCF hosted a yard sale on August 24-25 in which they earned \$2300 and ended the weekend event with a community block party on Sunday the 26th. Proceeds of the sale will be used to send some chickens and a cow to the families of children the church is sponsoring through World Relief in Uganda and also to support the Lake Township Senior Center, where the church meets each week.

During the block party there was a raffle drawing. For this raffle, area merchants gave certificates for products and services: a boy's bike, a girl's bike, a set of free tires, manicures, pedicures, massages, movie passes, dinners at area restaurants, etc. Throughout the block party, visitors enjoyed entertainment from the GCF Praise Band, a Celtic musical group, and the Junior Praise Band



from our sister church in Cleveland, OH (Edgehill Community Church).

The guests also enjoyed activities, carnival games, face painting, and a bounce house for the kids. Members of the church pulled together to help run many of the activities. The food was offered free during the block party because of donations made by local vendors and organizations.

Although we only had a few visitors on Sunday, we did learn how to have more effective cultivating events in the future. *David Kaiser*

Church Building Dedication in Atlanta, Georgia

To dedicate is to set aside for a special purpose. We know that God is everywhere, but we also reserve special places where we enter

into communion with him. The practice of dedicating places of worship is older than Christianity itself (e.g., 1 Kings 8).

For more than 40 years, the Atlanta WCG congregation worshiped in rented facilities. The dedication of Living Hope Christian Fellowship's (LHCF) site and building represent a significant milestone and an unmatched spirit of cooperation. The "help your brother" spirit is prevalent in our congregation and was dramatically demonstrated during the preparation for the opening day ceremony.

The inaugural service was held on a beautiful Sunday morning, Sept. 23. More than 130 people participated in the exciting, thrilling, and long-awaited dedication service of the new LHCF church site and building in College Park, GA, southwest of Atlanta.

We are blessed to be under the leadership of Charles and Deborah Young. Pastor Young stood on the doorsteps, praised God and thanked those in attendance for their prayers, support, and faithfulness for the work done to make this a reality. He said, "May God to whom we dedicate this new church guide and prosper Living Hope Christian Fellowship in its service to Jesus Christ. We can see that faithfulness marks the work done here and that God will reward our many sacrifices."

The ribbon-cutting ceremony was performed by Doris Grier, the oldest member present that day. The crowd entered the sanctuary beginning with Pastor Young, followed by the oldest to youngest while singing, "We Come This Far By Faith." The worship service began with additional comments from Pastor Young, followed by songs of praise. We were blessed by two outstanding selections from Minister Shana Cheeks and the Atlanta Faith Singers.



New church building for Living Hope Christian Fellowship, College Park, GA. Photo by Donald Jones.

Howard and Wanonia Blakeney from The Harvest Church in Marion, SC, joined us for this special occasion. Pastor Blakeney delivered an inspirational and entertaining message to the worshipers.

While enjoying food provided by the congregation after the worship service, children played outside under a tent and ran around the vast church grounds. Many little ones played themselves out and were fast asleep before their parents could leave the parking lot.

Memories of the experiences of our inaugural service will forever be etched in the minds of those who were there. The dedication of our new facility, the first U.S. WCG church constructed from the ground up, is a historic occasion.

From the Philippines: Faith and hope in times of crisis

Redimer Ramos felt something unusual about his family being together for lunch on that fateful Wednesday. Corazon, his wife, normally had her lunch at the public market in the town of Santa Maria, the Philippines.

Redimer and Corazon are fish vendors. Their nine children were peacefully eating lunch with him and his wife. They expressed their gratefulness to God for having a house where they can sleep and eat together, bond together, and pray together. It did not occur to him that it would be the last time his family would be together in their small house.



Mono Aquino, Jodenel Javier (partially hidden), Redimer and Corazon Ramos where the Ramos family house used to be.

Within minutes, the rain became stronger, leading to a sudden flood that swept away their home. It was a blessing that they were able to run for their lives to higher ground.

Each time I came to deliver some relief goods and cash coming from benevolent individuals, local government officials and some members, they were always tearfully grateful to God for the love of those people, particularly the WCG members. They were always thankful to God, for in spite of the loss of their house in the flash flood, the children were safe and alive, though bruised, tired, and haggard.

This disaster also includes an inspiring account of selfless service. Mono Aquino and Jodenel Javier risked their lives to save the children of Lourdes Diaz from drowning. The two girls, ages 5 and 3, were in their bamboo-built house. Seeing that the house was about to be washed away by the rushing water, Mono tied himself with plastic rope and asked Jodenel to pull the rope as soon as the children were secured with him. Mono braved the debris in the rushing waters and grabbed the girls. Both young men are members.

The Ramoses are among the 15 families who lost their homes. The local church hall became the temporary evacuation center for the members, where they were given some food and clothing. Many of those evacuated were young children.

We thank God for what he provides, and we thank him that there was not a more tragic loss. The rains have stopped, but the community now has a different landscape. The members now face the challenge of starting over and moving on. But because of their faith in God, their hopes remain strong.

Remigio Cruz and Eugene Guzon

Goats for Rwanda

On July 27, Judith Lawrence, member of the WCG congregation in Montreal, returned from a 3½ week mission trip to Rwanda organized by Youth With a Mission (YWAM) Winnipeg.

Judith did something on her own in addition to this trip, because she knew of a simple way to fulfill a need for food on the part of some poverty-stricken families. Judith also offered a way for many others to be involved in the mission trip, even though they could not travel to Rwanda with her.

Judith knew that for a family to own a goat can mean the difference between life and death, wealth and poverty. Since a goat in Rwanda costs only \$35, Judith thought she could raise enough money to buy three or four goats.

Along with her family, Judith held a hotdog barbecue at church one weekend, where the French and English congregations could learn of this aspect of the mission and contribute. In addition, flyers were delivered to 30 homes surrounding Judith's home, offering the opportunity for those who knew Judith to participate in this venture. Several neighbors contributed enough for one goat each. To her amazement,

Judith went to Rwanda with over \$1700 for goats, a sum that would provide many more goats than she initially imagined.

For the giving of the goats, Judith worked through Amon Munyaneza, director of Africa Mission Alliance. This Christian agency did the work necessary to locate the goats and the families to whom the goats could be given. The goats were given only after the recipients were taught how to care for them, and they agreed to give the first kid to another family in need.

It is exciting to recognize how what appears to be the expression of a simple desire to help a few people can multiply and grow much bigger than originally anticipated, offering not only an immediate opportunity to give and share the gospel of Christ but for that gospel to continue to be declared through the daily life and benefits of a goat in someone's yard. Beyond that, when the kids are given to other families, the message of God's love continues to be offered, and will be in an ever-widening circle of benefit and influence.

The WCG has three congregations in Rwanda, and Judith plans to contact them before her next trip, and perhaps integrate some activity with them. The WCG-affiliated Bengali Evangelical Association has a similar goat-giving program for Bangladesh.

Dennis Lawrence



Group Tour and Cruise Plans for 2008

Trip being planned for Bulgaria and Greece

We are planning an unusual group tour activity for 2008. In a recent update to our pastors, Joseph Tkach wrote about a group in the Eastern European nation of Bulgaria that has partnered with our international denomination. The leader of the group, Nikolay Nikolov, would like to invite a group from the U.S. and other nations to come to Bulgaria to interact with them and perhaps hold a public meeting to invite interested people to hear the gospel and learn about the Worldwide Church of God.

We are tentatively planning a trip during early September 2008. The European tourist rush will be over, but the weather should still be mild, and prices are more affordable in September than during the summer months.

This group tour will provide an opportunity for a “mission” style trip to assist Nikolay and their small church as they minister to their community. We also plan to spend three or four days in the Black Sea resort community of Burgas, where we will have worship services and bus tours to some of the region’s historic sites.

We are pleased to announce that my wife Norva and I will be joined by John and Pat Halford as tour hosts. The Halfords and Kellys have coordinated many tours for the WCG and Travel Gallery, including a rewarding and exciting tour of Russia in 2003. We will work hard to insure that this will be a memorable trip.

We are currently talking with Austrian Airlines, which means that we would fly into Vienna. There is a same-day connecting service to Bulgaria.

After our stay in Bulgaria, we plan to go to Greece, where we will spend a few days experiencing the wonders of ancient Greece and some of the most intriguing places visited by the apostle Paul almost 2,000 years

ago—Thessalonica, Athens and Corinth. It has been several years since we had a tour to Greece, but Greece is an exciting destination.

If we use Austrian Airlines, the return journey home from Athens stops in Vienna, where we can add a three-day optional extension for those who would like to experience one of the most interesting and historic cities of Europe. For those who need to travel home right away, there will be a connecting flight back to the U.S. and other destinations.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact John Siston at Travel Gallery right away. We don’t have prices yet, but in order to proceed with planning, we must first know what kind of interest there will be in such a trip. So we are now forming an interest list. If you think you might be interested, please contact John at john@travelgallery.com or call him at 800-858-6999.

In order to put together a tour, we will need to have a minimum number of participants, so your response is important to our planning. By the time we have a sufficient interest list, we should have additional information to assist you in making a decision.

A magnificent cruise to Hawaii

Over the years, our church group tours have included numerous cruises. We have cruised the Caribbean many times and the Alaska inside passage several times. We have traversed the Panama Canal and enjoyed the fall colors of New England. By the time you read this, we will have completed our cruise on the Mexican Riviera.

Next year we would like to explore the opportunity to cruise from the west coast of the U.S. to the Hawaiian Islands. This is a 14-day cruise with several days at sea, allowing great times for worship services. The projected dates for this cruise will be Oct. 15-29, 2008.

After reaching Hawaii, there will be ports of call at Hilo and Kona on the Big Island, then Kauai, Maui and Honolulu. This kind of cruise provides opportunity to experience Hawaii in a way a normal vacation does not, since most people fly to Hawaii and stay on only one island.

We have been asked many times to expand our itineraries from the well-liked seven-day cruises, to ten-day cruises. Now we would like to explore a 14-day cruise for those who would like to have this opportunity.

A longer cruise is more expensive than our seven-day cruises, but we would like to see if there is sufficient interest. We have been quoted a very good pricing structure with a beginning cost of \$1,545 per person for an inside cabin (including port fees).

When considering the expense of a Hawaii vacation, keep in mind that your flight will be to San Diego, rather than the more expensive airfare all the way to Honolulu.

If you would like to consider this Hawaiian cruise opportunity, as with the Bulgaria and Greece group tour, we are forming an interest list. Please contact John Siston at john@travelgallery.com or call him at 800-858-6999.

Caribbean cruise

If there is sufficient interest, we can also plan a seven-day October Caribbean cruise. If you are unable to consider the Bulgarian group tour or Hawaii cruise, but you would like to think about a more affordable Caribbean cruise, please let John Siston know of your interest.

We are not asking for commitments at this time, but I do want to emphasize the importance of your response if there is even a slight interest. If we don’t have enough participants, we will not proceed with our plans.

*Ronald Kelly,
Group Tour Coordinator*



Births

Joshua Derek Haughton, Feb. 12, the second son of Derek and Marisol (Oblites) Haughton of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada; second grandson for Connie Duggins of Paramount, CA, and Margery Haughton of Smith Falls, Ontario.*

Wedding

Jonathan Martinez, son of Lydia Martinez, married **Susanna Day**, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Day, on July 22 in Lancaster, CA. They serve in the Antelope Valley con-gregation, where Jonathan is an Associate Pastor.*

Elder ordinations

Timothy Cenac, Kansas City, MO
Jeffrey Chandler, Jonesboro, AR
Annabel Dayhoff, Huntington, WV
Paul Langat, Kericho, Kenya
Grant Millar, Johannesburg, South Africa
Isaac Mose, Kangemi, Nairobi, Kenya
Peter Njoroge, Kangemi, Nairobi, Kenya
Nyunye Nova, Kakuma, Kenya
James Omuhaka, Kangemi, Kenya
Steven Weifenbach, Winston-Salem, NC
William Wells, Denver North, CO
Rodney Westfall, Castlegar, British Columbia

Graduations

Eric Warren, pastor in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada, was awarded a Master's Degree by Briarcrest Seminary in April. Eric's area of study focused on leadership and management with a specialty in organizational leadership.

Obituaries

Richard Carlton Burns, 84, of Cahokia, IL, born Aug. 14, 1923, in Indianapolis, IN, died Sept. 29 at his residence. Mr. Burns was a member since July 1962 and served many of those years as a deacon and then as an elder, a capacity in which he continued to serve until his death. He was a retired truck driver for Singer Co. and a World War II U.S. Navy veteran who served in the Pacific theater.

Surviving are his wife, Mary Anne, nee Stewart, Burns; his children Doug (Victoria) Burns of Cottage Hills, IL, Linda (Art) Dyer of Columbia, MO, Wesley (Jacqueline) Burns of Glen Carbon, IL, Liz (Tony) Bohn of St. Louis, MO, and Andy Burns of Brentwood, MO; 13 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and his church family, Christian Family Church, in Belleville, IL.*

Kathryn Jennings, 79, of West Union, IA, died Aug. 27 in Cedar Rapids, IA. Survivors include her husband, Kenneth; a son, David (Krystyna) of Tarzana, CA; a daughter, Christine (Bob) Clark of Lisbon, IA, a brother, Harlan Light of Alberta, Canada, four grandchildren, Dominika Jennings, Angela (Kent) Rosenboom, Kelly (Scott) Baxa and Jessica Clark; a great-grandchild, Kaitlyn Rosenboom; and a sister-in-law, Patricia Light, of Athens, OH. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Kenneth Light.

Kathryn served as pianist and deaconess at the WCG Family of Faith Community Church in Richland Center and La Crosse, WI, and Waterloo and Cedar Rapids, IA. Her husband, Kenneth, is an associate pastor at Family of Faith.*

LaVaughn McGhee, 88, of Lindale, TX, died Aug. 17. Survivors include sons David McGhee of Tyler, TX, Everett McGhee of Hawkins, TX, daughter Janice Lee Mundt of Mineola, TX, five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Joseph P. Russell, 83, died on June 9. He was a member since 1986. He was a veteran of the U.S. Army in World War II, serving in Germany, France and Austria. He was wounded in Germany. He married Doris Marie Tremblay of Van Buren, Maine, on July 5, 1947, and raised a family of six children on Long Island, NY. He was a devoted father

Birth Announcement

We'd like to let people know about your baby as soon as it arrives. Just fill out this coupon and send it to the address below. Please submit your announcements within six months. We do not print baby photos in *Together*, but we will put them on our website. See www.wcg.org/together for events, announcements, obituaries, etc.

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Last name		Father's first name	
Mother's first name		Mother's maiden name	
City and state		Baby's sex	
Baby's first and middle names		Date of birth month day	
Number of children you now have. Boys:		Girls:	

and husband who led his family in the way of the Lord. He is survived by six children, eight grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.*

Mary Zook, 91, of Gillette, WY, formerly of Cedar Rapids and Brooklyn, IA, died Sept. 2. Survivors include her children, Mary E. Wilson, Raymond Zook, Rita Zook and Jean Zook, all of Cedar Rapids, Earl Zook and Susan Zook, of Gillette, David Zook of Denver, CO, and Carol Wacker of Mount Vernon, IA. She attended the Cedar Rapids WCG before moving to a nursing home in Gillette.