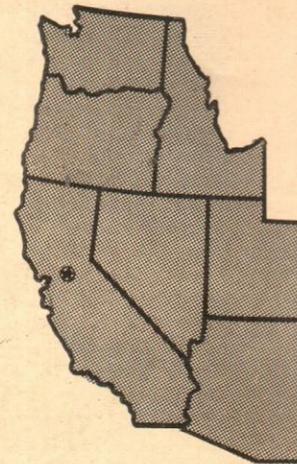
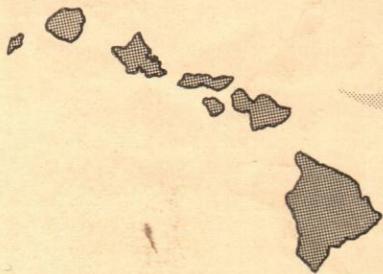


West Coast District



September 1980

PROGRESS REPORT

1980 WEST COAST DISTRICT BIBLE CONFERENCE--TACOMA, WASHINGTON

THEME: "WALKING WITH GOD"

Program Committee Chairman, Ken Jenkins, and his wife, Carol, did a superb job! Overseer Ken Lawson presented them with gifts of appreciation for all of their hard work. The congregation gave the Jenkins' a standing ovation, expressing their gratitude for a job well done.

Again, THANKS, Ken and Carol!



A portion of the congregation of about 500 that attended the conference at Tacoma. For a more detailed report, see pages 4, 5, and 6 inside.





A REFRESHING

WEEK

Robert Coulter

Did you miss it? More than 500 attended the Bible Conference held on the campus of Pacific Lutheran University. They were glad that they were there. We are sorry that some of you missed it. Your presence would only have made the entire occasion more enjoyable.

The program of the Conference was built around the theme, "Walking With God." Its emphasis was directed toward the enrichment of the family through the Dobson series of films entitled, "Focus on the Family," Christian service through the instructions of the daily workshops and Bible orientation. The latter was accomplished by a course known as "Walking Through the Bible." This involved remembering the contrast of certain Bible books and stories by learning motions which help to portray the stories. The entire membership of the conference devoted Friday to this course and its accompanying motions as aids to remembering.

I had a particularly interesting assignment in the children's daily devotions, before their classes. I was asked to tell a missionary story. The object was to identify the kind of work we are doing in our mission fields. The children selected a special project to which they gave an offering each morning.

This little program resulted in the children of the conference contributing \$25 to help feed some of the hungry children in the neighborhood of our mission in Southeastern India.

The West Coast District Bible Conference was one of five which I attended throughout the busy summer schedule of conferences. I found its setting on the tranquil campus of the University and its leisurely schedule of activities inspirational and refreshing. I appreciate the effort that went into scheduling the program and facilities.



**Just Wishing For
More Tithes & Offerings
Is Not Enough...**



They Come From Faithful Giving



TACOMA -- 1980

At the 1980 West Coast District Bible Conference near Tacoma, Washington, the theme "Walking with God" was enhanced greatly by every aspect of the program. But the factor that tied it all together and made it such a valuable experience was the joyous mood of the approximate 500 folks who attended. Attendance the first evening was 274. By the next evening there were over 300 people at the conference and on the last day there were 502 enjoying activities.

What can be said to share with those who were not there the joys of this conference? You would just have to talk with someone who was there. They could tell you details of a fine week of learning, sharing, laughter, and tears--a week of praise, worship, music, and fellowship!

Probably at the top of the list was the Dobson film series "Focus on the Family." These films of insight into real life situations for our families were both entertaining and sobering. They touched us and revealed our own urgent needs.

Evening services and daily workshops were valuable. We learned about witnessing, our church history, prophecy, finances, Spiritual growth, home Bible studies, and church programs and goals. There were sermons from Trinidad Padilla, Mike Vlad, Gerry Pedersen, John Ouvrier, Ken Lawson, Ray Straub, and Robert Coulter. We enjoyed an excellent children's program and a super music presentation on Sabbath afternoon.

The food was okay, the rooms were adequate, the recreation limitless, the weather perfect, and almost all week long beautiful Mt. Rainier loomed picturesque on the near horizon.

The presence of Conference and Agency representatives was a delight. THANKS Elder Coulter, John Roina, Ken Moldenhauer, Steve Kurtright, and Jerry Griffin for your presence.

All of the ministers of the West Coast District were present and worked hard all week--both in presenting workshops and sermons and, in general, providing assistance to the program and folks who were present.

The youth program was A-OKAY! THANKS Jeff Towery and helpers for a good job. This was a most delightful group of FYCers both in their behavior and in their enthused participation in a very balanced schedule of spiritual and recreational activity.

The "Walk Thru the Bible" seminar on Friday was fun and informative. Once we realized that "almost" everyone was participating, we relaxed and joined in the motions, fun, and learning.

To Ken Jenkins, Program Committee Chairman, and your host of helpers, THANKS for touching our lives and for caring enough to work so hard for our comfort and enjoyment.

Conference 1980 is now precious memories and is only surpassed by the thought that "Lord willing" such joyful experiences can be ours again in 1981 in Denver and in 1982 in another beautiful setting in the West Coast District.

BEGIN PLANNING for the next conference right now. Start putting away a few dollars here and there. Plan your vacation time to coincide with conference time. You'll find it will be worth your while!



"Cornerstone," a group from Harrisburg, Oregon, presented several special numbers. Pictured are: Lori Dailey, Peggy Kuryluk, Vona Ogren, Gordon Kuryluk (at the piano), Jeff Kropf, and Harold Ogren.



Loren Stacy, a ministerial student at Summit School of Theology in Denver, provided special music.

Pictured above are three of the evening speakers: Robert Coulter, John Ouvrier, and Ray Straub. Pictured below is Victor Burford leading the congregation in prayer.



A real highlight of the conference was a program on Sabbath morning by the children.





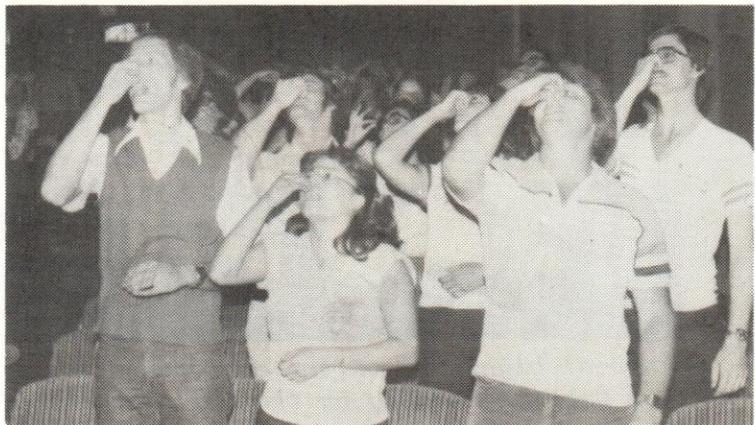
WALK THRU THE BIBLE MINISTRIES presented the "Walk Thru the New Testament" seminar at the West Coast District Bible Conference.

As seen in these pictures, this seminar creates an active and responsive group! These sessions provided a long day of vigorous action, learning, and fun. From all reports, everyone had a good time.

Other "Walk Thru the Bible" seminars cover:

1. the Old Testament
2. the Prophets
3. Personal Bible Study

Watch for these seminars in your local area and attend one or more if you can. They are exciting and very informative!





TO CLAP MY HANDS OR NOT TO CLAP MY HANDS? WHAT A DILEMMA!

Like it or not, handclapping--applause seems to have replaced the voiced applause AMEN in many of our church activities. The reactions to this new phenomenon are both varied and interesting. Some insist on immediate church legislation from some authoritative segment of the church to ban handclapping and brand it as an "apostacy from the true faith!" Others find it a delight, are not a bit uncomfortable, and applaud the fact that applause has replaced the AMEN. It seems easier for them. Still others respond with their standard HO-HUM and

simply seem bothered that they have, of late, been awakened from their naps in church by this new "voice of approval."

Does this handclapping vs. AMEN deserve a theological review? Does it call for a legislative decision from a board of authority? How can we determine our method of handling a delicate difference of opinion? What is to be done? What does the Bible say?

AMEN - This word literally means "true." It is said as a response signifying agreement to a truth. Traditionally it has been said as an ending to both private and public prayer. It offers a personal assessment by the meaning, "so be it." It signifies personal approval.

The word "AMEN" appears approximately sixty times in the entire Bible and in the following breakdown of uses:

1. Congregational response (Israel) as an oath of agreement. (Deuteronomy 2:7)
2. Personal, individual response as an oath of agreement. (Numbers 5:22)
3. As a congregational and personal signal of praise to God. (Nehemiah 8:6; Psalm 106:48)
4. As an ending to a statement, prayer, chapter or book, and often as a seal of approval. (Psalm 72:19)
5. As a reference to Jesus Christ. (Revelation 3:14)
6. As a prophetic response. (Revelation 5:14; 7:12; 19:4)

A caution is given in I Corinthians 14:16 for those who respond with an AMEN and don't understand what they are agreeing to. Yet the whole content indicates more warning to those who provide the program than against those who respond to it with an AMEN and who lack understanding.

Research in the Scripture, then, shows no command, nor even a clear example of our present day "holy" response of saying AMEN at the end of a song, a poem, or even during a sermon! The Bible simply relates the word in varied uses as a voiced signal of agreement, conclusion, or oath of commitment.

HANDCLAPPING - Note the following uses:

1. Disapproval and derision. (Job 27:33: "Men shall clap their hands at him and shall hiss him out of his place." See also Lamentations 2:15).
2. Approval and joy. (Psalm 47:1: "O clap your hands all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph." See also II Kings 11:12).

Other uses reveal the enemies of Israel being punished for clapping their hands at Israel's discomfort. Job was rebuked by his miserable comforters for his handclapping in time of stress. In symbolism, the flood (Psalm 98:8) and the trees (Isaiah 55:12) clapped their hands.

The Biblical information seems about in balance regarding both voiced AMEN's and handclapping. There definitely is NOT any basis on which to issue any injunction against nor restriction of saying AMEN or clapping our hands as an expression of approval, consent, or joy. People in the Bible did both! The Scripture relates it as being okay in both instances.

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COMMITMENT TO FAITHFULNESS

Emma Northern lives alone near Vacaville, California. She faithfully reads her Bible, studies, reads all of the literature and magazines the church provides, and supports the church financially. She is 88 years old and is totally committed to live for God! She is a delightful person and an inspiration to those who know her.

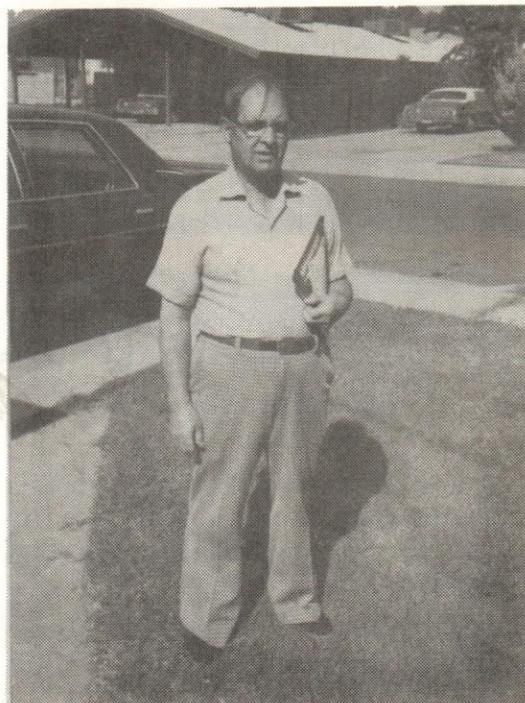


E. A. Straub works at his office in the Lodi, California church almost daily. He usually has three speaking appointments monthly in churches in central California. He has served faithfully in the ministry of the church for about 44 years and is still actively performing his ministry to the church and its people. He's a faithful servant, indeed!

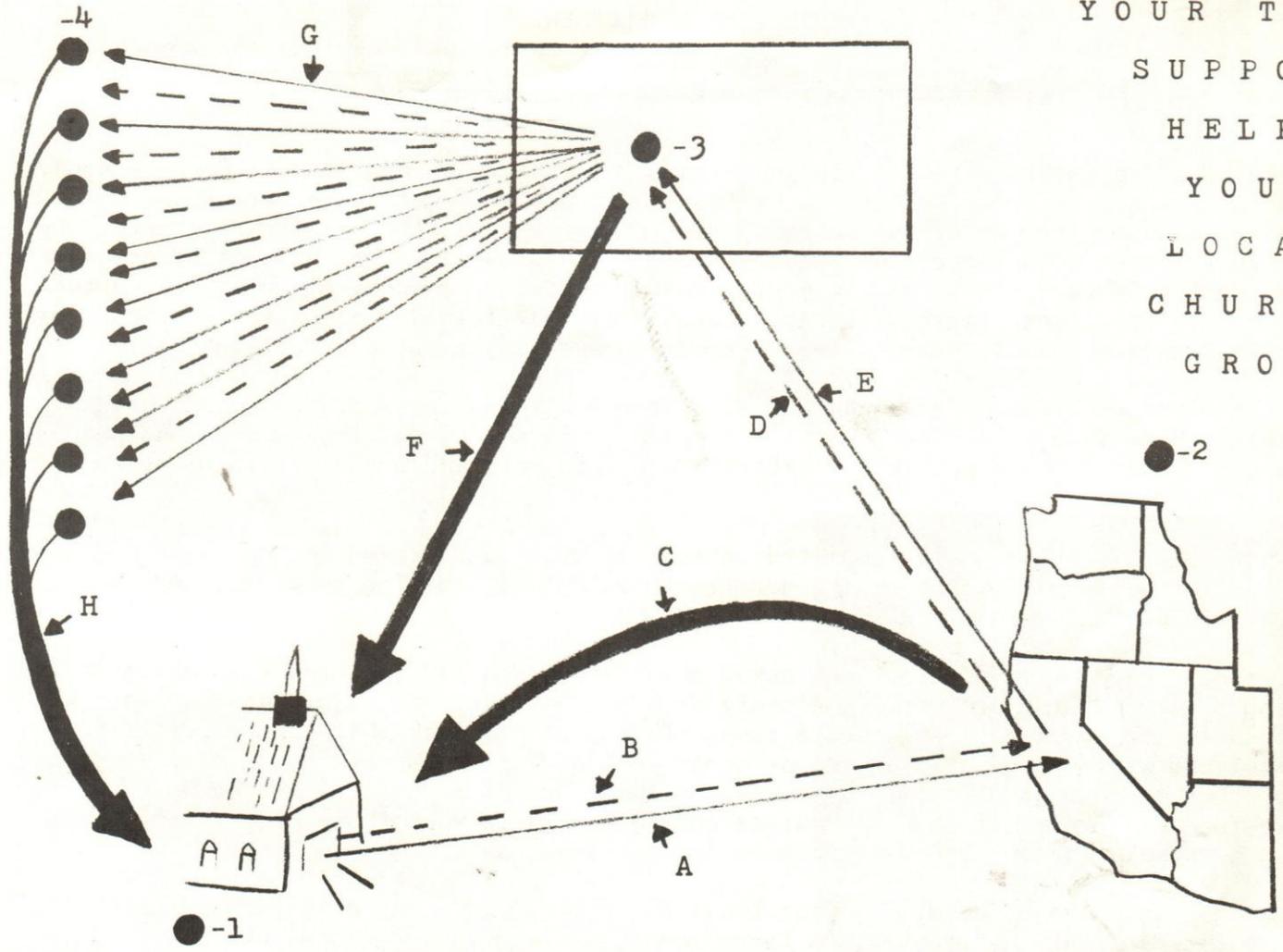
"BUT HE THAT SHALL ENDURE UNTO THE END,
THE SAME SHALL BE SAVED." (MATTHEW 23:13)



On a monthly basis, tithe support has been received from Brother and Sister Harry Johns of Omak, Washington. They faithfully send their tithe to support the ministry. Recently Sister Johns passed away. On the back of the funeral notice received in the District Office was this message: "Mr. Johns asks you to know that at such a time his tithe should stop, he has gone to be with his wife." What a commitment to faithfulness. Thank you, Brother Johns, for inspiring us!



YOUR TITHING
SUPPORT
HELPS
YOUR
LOCAL
CHURCH
GROW



The above diagram is NOT a battle plan to free the hostages in Iran!
IT IS A DIAGRAM TO SHOW THE FLOW OF FINANCES IN THE CHURCH OF GOD
(SEVENTH DAY). BY STUDYING THIS, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO UNDERSTAND DE-
TAILS OF THE CHURCH'S FINANCIAL STRUCTURE.

- 1. Local Church
- 2. West Coast District
- 3. General Conference
- 4. United Missions Agencies
 - Media Outreach
 - Women's Association
 - Spring Vale Academy
 - Publications
 - Christian Education
 - Faithful Youth Challengers
 - Missions Abroad
 - Summit School of Theology

- A. All tithe sent to District Office
- B. All United Missions support sent to District Office
- C. 84% of tithe used to benefit local churches in pastoral and program management
- D. All United Missions support sent to Denver
- E. 16% of tithe sent to Denver
- F. Denver provides services to benefit local churches and growth
- G. Denver supports agencies with 2% of tithe and all United Missions support
- H. Local churches receive all the benefits and materials the agencies provide

● The LOCAL CHURCH keeps and manages all offerings received locally, designated for local purposes.

● TOTAL STRUCTURE AND FLOW IS GEARED TO BENEFIT THE LOCAL CHURCH.

YOUTH CAMP DEVELOPMENT
NEWS UPDATE

In spite of temporary setbacks, the development of the ranch near Grants Pass, Oregon, continues actively! Our setback was a four-month delay in getting a permit to begin construction of the shower and restroom facility. FINALLY, the permit was granted and within a few days construction began. Elder Nelson Caswell is acting as contractor on this particular project. He is spending Sunday through Wednesday of each week on this building. Our thanks to the Portland Church Board for loaning Nelson to the ranch for awhile. Nelson travels home on the weekends to assume his pastoral obligations.

At the first work day on this new building, those working were Archie Lawson, Nelson Caswell, Mike Vlad, Ivan Taunton, Calvin Ogren, Del Lawson, Darrick Lawson, and Ken Lawson. Four of these people are FYCers who worked hard and are really excited about the youth camp.

As soon as this building is completed, attention will be directed to the kitchen facility and to the final touches on the dormitories. Both the dining room, kitchen, and dorms are partially complete.

There have been a lot of questions asked about the ranch and the manner in which it is being developed. We are working closely with Mr. Herrick, who is giving the ranch to the church to develop it as a youth camp. This does not mean that other activities cannot and will not be held on the property such as family camps, senior citizen camps, etc. But the number one goal is to develop the ranch as a youth camp. To do that, we have to meet a very strict Oregon State code for camps. When these code restrictions have been met, we can then use the camp for other valuable camp programs.

When the ranch was offered, the West Coast District Board accepted this generous gift. We rejoiced at the opportunity. A large committee from various local churches was appointed to guide the development. Mr. Herrick found it difficult to work closely with this committee, so for now it is inoperative. It may be reactivated later. Mr. Herrick requested to work with two or three people until the initial development stage is over. This will involve the completion of the dormitories, kitchen, dining room, shower and restroom facilities, and the water purification system. When these are completed (hopefully by early June, 1981), we will be ready to operate our first full-fledged youth camp.

There have been requests for preannounced, large turnout workdays. We have had a couple of these and while some work was accomplished and the fellowship was super, we have discovered a need to have smaller work crews with a few specialists doing specific jobs when they are needed. While it seems to some that very little is being done and no planning is behind the camp development, there is ample planning and substantial work is being done by specific individuals who have expertise in the various facets of construction work. These people are being solicited to go work at the campsite.

Of great need (more than our time in work days at the ranch) is our financial support. We do hold the deed to ten acres of the ranch. When we have our first youth camp, we will receive the deed to all of the area on which the buildings stand--some fifty to sixty acres. Our investment at the ranch is secure. It needs and deserves your support. Numerous individuals have sent in checks, some smaller checks, some in the amount of \$250.00, a few \$500.00 checks, and others even larger. An approximate total of \$8,550 has been contributed thus far. Most of this has been spent on materials needed. Our sincere and heartfelt THANKS to everyone who has contributed to the youth camp development.

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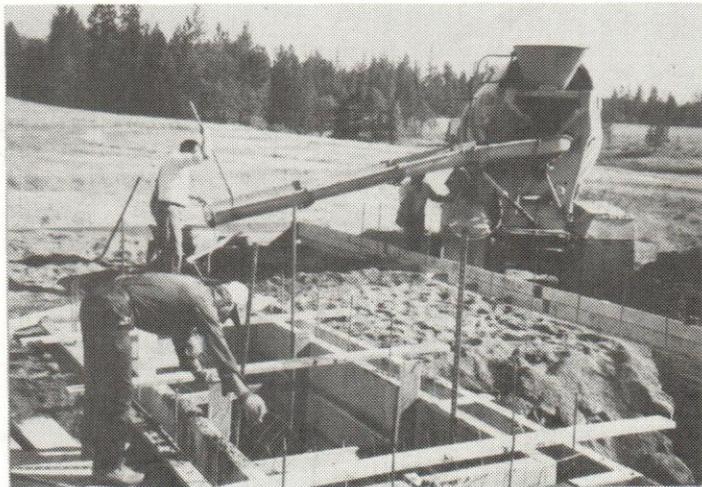
The shower and restroom facilities will be located near the dormitories.



An inside view of the largest dormitory. It's ALMOST READY!



Work begins on the new building at the youth camp.



The first concrete arrives!

TO COMPLETE THIS BUILDING . . . YOUR \$\$\$ SUPPORT IS NEEDED NOW!



Ye old dorm!

What does conference mean to our youth? These pictures show the livelihood of meeting new friends and seeing the old ones again. With all of the fun and games came a spirit of unity and love amongst friends. We witnessed the warm presence of Christ in our workshops and fireside services. I guess the test of any Christian-oriented program is whether or not God's loving spirit actually touched the hearts of those involved. The reports I have gotten is that many came back to their local churches very "fired up" and some expressed interest in the opportunity to be baptized.

There were approximately 100 young people involved in the fireside services which were led by Larry Zaragoza. The workshop leaders (Eric Straub, Abel Zaragoza, Loren Stacy, Mike Vlad, Jeff Towery, and Steve Kurtright) did an excellent job of instructing important issues.

I guess one of the many things that impressed me was the excellent quality of music that we were privileged to hear. Sabbath afternoon we were blessed with one and a half hours of very good, quality music.

Now all of this becomes a pleasant memory in our minds. The future holds bigger and better opportunities to meet again. Plans are being made for a winter retreat this year and a summer camp and General Conference in 1981!

--Jeff Towery
Youth Worker



Hurry! Grab your stuff!
We're going to Bible Conference!



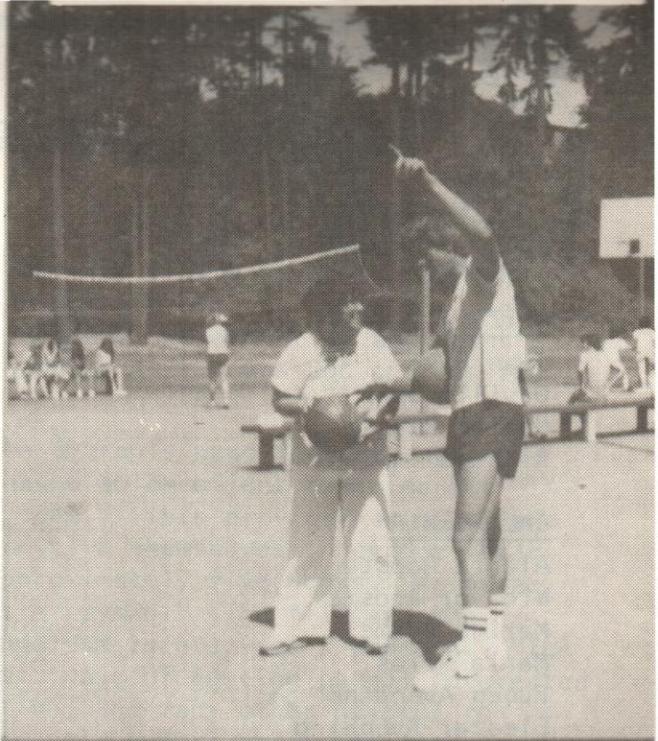
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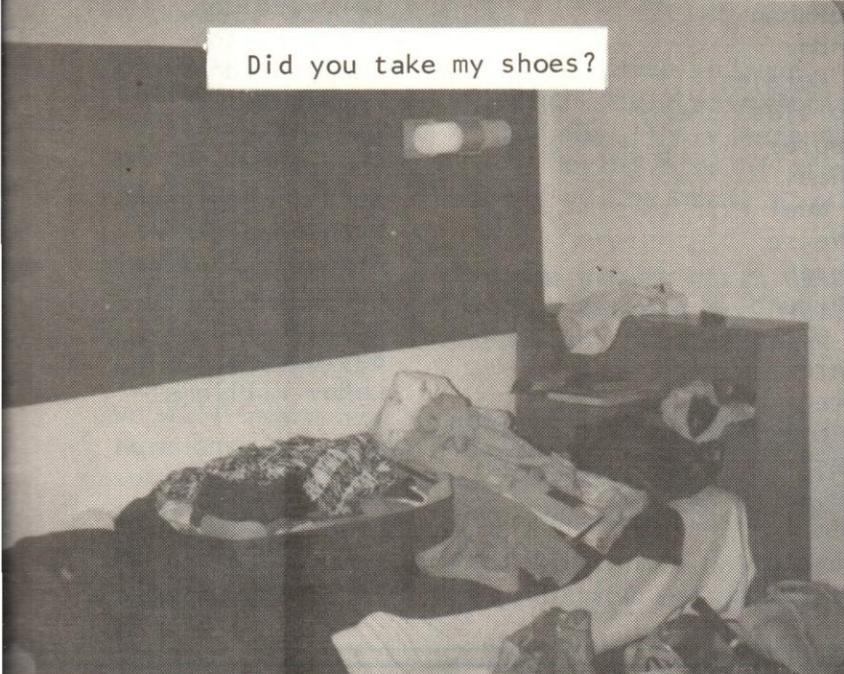
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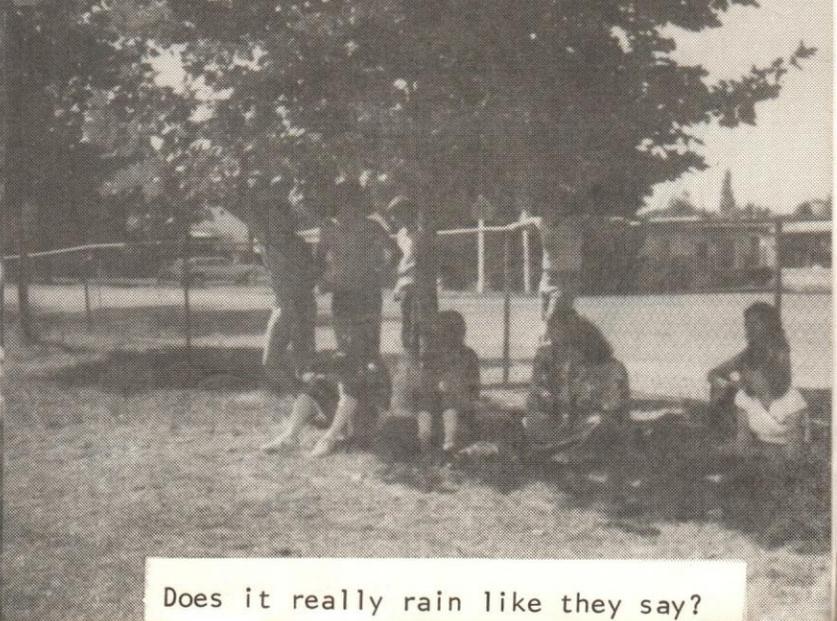
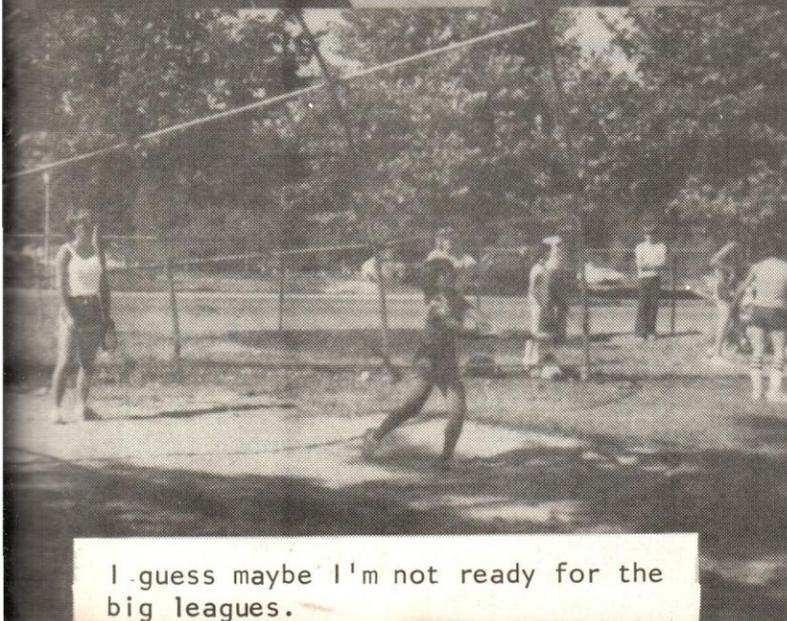
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Did you take my shoes?



Could this be a message from the Lord?



I guess maybe I'm not ready for the big leagues.

Does it really rain like they say?



WELCOME TO THE FELLOWSHIP!

ARIZONA

Jean Duke
Orville Duke
Marian Pepple
Richard Tallent

CALIFORNIA

Alicia Acosta
Nicavor Acosta
Marina Adame
Maria Arias
Ruben Avendano
Eleazar Avendino
Hugo Barillas Gil
Gary Bray
Ricardo Cabrera
Aida Carillo
Esther Chavez
Marcos de Cabrera
Sofia de Delatorre
Marie de Pleites
Sharon Diaz
Neal Dralle
Alejandro Durand
Angelica Estrada
Darlene Eubank
Evelyn Fairchild
Larry Fauth
Mario Gaitan
Marta Gaitan
Milagro Garcia
Elvira Gonzales

Flores Gonzales
Victoria Gonzalez
Marcos Guerrero
Yolanda Guerrero
Kaye Helvey
Andrew Hildebrand
Ben Hildebrand
Mary Hildebrand
Peter Hildebrand
Avenorno Israel
Alesandro Jara
Angelita Leyva
Frank Lyon
Jerry McMahan
Mary Mendez
Adelina Morales
David Morales
Belle Napier
Donald Neal
Dorothy Neal
Julius Nease
Wayne Ogren
Rachel Orduno
Nicolas Ortiz
Flora Perez
Mary Perez
Josefa Portillo
Joe Reyes
Maria Reyes
Luis Romo
Maria Sanchez
Anita Torres

Mary Valencia
Pedro Vasquez
Cynthia White

HAWAII

John Ouvrier, Jr.
Matthew Ouvrier
Jonothan Smith

IDAHO

Dorcas Moorehouse

NEVADA

Robert Clark
Gloria Ramirez

OREGON

Stephanie Caswell
Leroy Falcon
Vicky Falcon
Tammy Gardner
Agnes Hall
Carla Knoll
Sherri Rack
Randall Robinson
Oran Shapitka
Kimberly Sheffield
Tammy Sheffield
Arla Wallen
David Widmer
LeRoy Williams

WASHINGTON

Diana Lawson
Nancy Lawson
James Reed
Priscilla Salinas

DISTRICT BOARD ELECTIONS

AREA 2	Spokane Nampa (8:00) Walla Walla	December 13th 7:00 p.m. By phone
AREA 4	Harrisburg Grants Pass	December 13th 7:45 p.m. By phone
AREA 6	Visalia San Jose Stockton Oakland Lodi	December 14th 7:00 p.m. In Stockton
AREA 8	Phoenix Bloomington Tucson San Diego	December 14th 5:30 p.m. (Bloomington time) By phone



NEWS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

LODI, CALIFORNIA

Have you ever been "Stuck in Lodi?" If you haven't, you ought to--and when you are, come and worship with us! God has really provided wonderfully for our church. We aren't by any means a perfect church, but we are a church that loves God and desires to let our community know it!

In the past few months we have really been aware of the church's need for outreach and evangelism. Realizing the need for training, we purchased an excellent training kit from Christian Communications entitled, "The Caring System." This provided an excellent opportunity for the membership of the Lodi church to involve themselves in evangelistic training for effective outreach. The course lasted approximately five weeks. We began the program with a film called, "But . . . I'm Just a Layman." The film and the course emphasized the fact that church growth and evangelism is everyone's concern. "The Caring System" taught us how to develop a prospect list, ways of getting people interested in church involvement, what to look for during visitation, and many other helpful resources. We now have organized a "Caring Committee" to help nurture and assimilate the prospects into the church.

We were very proud of our FYC group in June. Our local FYCers hosted a very moving rally called "Apocalypse Now" which dealt with world conditions and events which will lead up to the Second Advent of Christ. There were about 250 people in attendance. At the close of the rally we had a very moving time of prayer at the altar. The offering at the rally went toward the development of the newly acquired youth camp in Oregon. Over \$1,000 was raised!

God has blessed us with some growth which has caused us to add a classroom for an expanded Sabbath School program. Our Seekers are meeting monthly, our Young Adults are starting a series of discussions called, "Future Shock," and we just finished a pretty impressive softball season!

We will begin our Midweek Fellowship on September 3rd with a series on "Spiritual Gifts." More and more we realize the importance of allowing God to work through us, using our spiritual gifts for the edification of the body. This excellent series will help us to gain greater insight into the spiritual gifts of the Holy Spirit.

The next time you come to California, plan to get "Stuck in Lodi" and share with us what God has done and is doing for you and your congregation!

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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING CHURCHES FOR THEIR SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN ATTENDANCE THIS PAST YEAR!

<u>CHURCH</u>	<u>ATTENDANCE INCREASE</u>
San Fernando	64%
Lodi	33%
Spokane	31%
Portland	23%
Walla Walla	22%
Roseville	22%
Marion	20%
Ontario	20%
Sacramento Spanish	17%
Phoenix	14%
Bloomington	10%

WEST COAST DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF INCOME AND DISBURSEMENTS
FEBRUARY - JULY 1980

CHURCH	INCOME		
	TITHE	OFFERINGS	TOTAL
San Diego	\$ 2,341.45	\$ 202.20	\$ 2,543.65
Ontario	3,695.15	318.84	4,013.99
Bloomington	9,842.00	723.20	10,565.20
Hemet	611.35	790.00	1,401.35
L. A. Spanish	12,801.72	476.77	13,278.49
Hawthorne Spanish	7,554.77	49.96	7,604.73
San Fernando Valley	11,011.69	1,196.73	12,208.42
Visalia	5,292.47	617.64	5,910.11
Stockton	10,868.53	867.05	11,735.58
Lodi	24,485.06	7,121.73	31,606.79
Sacramento	21,643.23	6,963.03	28,606.26
Sacramento Spanish	3,802.00	66.00	3,868.00
Roseville	1,130.00	40.00	1,170.00
San Jose	10,162.66	219.08	10,381.74
Oakland	1,900.65		1,900.65
Grants Pass	1,679.50	170.10	1,849.60
Harrisburg	27,497.41	5,386.02	32,883.43
Marion	17,753.24	2,232.85	19,986.09
Portland	10,881.52	1,589.66	12,471.18
Redmond	408.05	103.25	511.30
Oregon State Conference		197.00	197.00
Tacoma	3,987.51	231.50	4,219.01
Seattle	4,641.83	378.00	5,019.83
Kent	2,611.80	331.00	2,942.80
Walla Walla	7,852.88	748.23	8,601.11
Spokane	1,517.05	326.02	1,843.07
Nampa	9,932.42	1,339.70	11,272.12
Phoenix	6,014.28	732.20	6,746.48
Tucson	3,703.95	41.14	3,745.09
Las Vegas	133.32		133.32
Hawaii		331.00	331.00
Isolated	735.50	37.50	773.00
TOTALS	\$ 226,492.99	\$ 33,827.40	\$ 260,320.39

Church Loan Payments	\$ 2,489.60	
Youth Camp Development Fund*	1,583.48	
Hawaiian Work	7,196.80	
Ministerial Student Tuition Fund	134.42	
Northern Trust Fund	640.00	
Salary/Mileage/Expense Reimbursement	3,422.96	
BIBLE ADVOCATE Distribution Fund	11.00	
Widows & Orphans Fund	5.00	
Miscellaneous	412.15	
T. V. GUIDE Ad	205.00	
Transferred from Savings	<u>23,822.24</u>	39,922.65

Bank Balance January 31, 1980 (20,444.48)

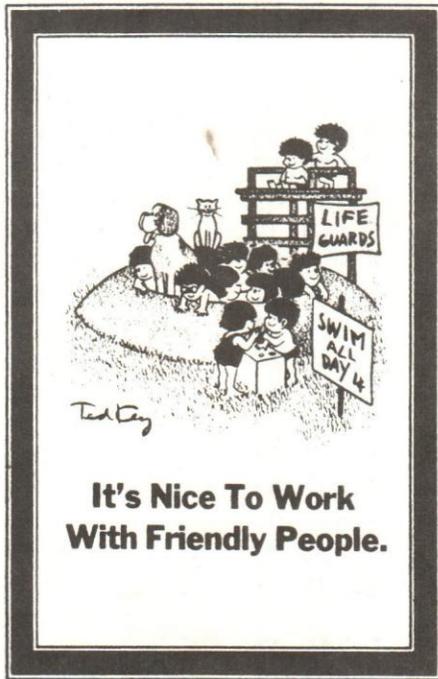
\$ 279,798.56

*some contributions are included above under church offerings

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	\$ 103,066.53	
Mileage	19,765.44	
Other Expense	<u>3,951.67</u>	\$ 126,783.64
Office Manager/Secretary	5,173.00	
Youth Worker	810.00	
Savings	12,350.23	
Withholding Taxes	516.30	
Youth Camp Development & Grant	2,321.00	
Northern Expense	959.67	
Social Security	6,782.09	
Hawaiian Work	12,863.39	
Tacoma Interest from Trust Fund	5,931.57	
District Board Expense	2,702.53	
Finance Committee Expense	612.09	
District Bible Conference Expense	2,153.15	
Office Equipment	332.65	
Telephone	2,296.47	
Office Supplies/Postage	1,732.57	
BIBLE ADVOCATE Distribution Program	8,091.03	
BIBLE ADVOCATE Expansion Program	2,582.00	
Office Rent & Utilities	1,565.09	
S.S.T. Summer Session	2,634.00	
Contact/Progress Report	757.43	
Workmen's Compensation	1,145.97	
Life/Retirement/Disability Insurance	3,004.35	
Moving Expense	1,339.71	
Office Maintenance	252.81	
Subscriptions & Books	58.35	
Office Equipment Repairs/Insurance	128.61	
District Liability Insurance	411.00	
Overseer's Expense	4,907.44	
Youth Work Expense	1,355.82	
Youth Planning Conference	1,430.00	
Special Speakers Assignment	5,437.90	
Ministers' Expense to Bible Conference	5,323.96	
Ministerial Student Tuition	1,570.05	
New Efforts	1,322.32	
Young Adult Ministries	3.90	
Sacramento Church	659.10	
T. V. GUIDE Ad	499.80	
Miscellaneous	549.59	
Workers Conference	1,437.91	
Withholding Taxes	<u>(659.40)</u>	103,345.45
General Conference		75,376.38
Bank Balance July 31, 1980		<u>(25,706.91)</u>
		<u>\$ 279,798.56</u>

SO LONG ●●●



WELCOME ●●●

A SPECIAL THANKS to the following brethren who have served the West Coast District so well:

1. VICTOR BURFORD, former pastor of the church in Seattle, Washington, is assuming the pastorate in Toledo, Ohio, and will also be serving as overseer of the Northeastern District.
2. KEN KNOLL, former pastor of the church in Harrisburg, Oregon, has moved to McAlester, Oklahoma, and is pastoring the church there. He has also accepted the responsibility of serving as overseer of the Southwestern District.
3. JESUS DAVILA, former pastor of the church in San Jose, California, is now pastoring the church in Chicago, Illinois.
4. DAN CAMERO, former lay director of the church in Ontario, California, has moved to Alfred, North Dakota, to pastor the church there.

A SPECIAL WELCOME to the following people who now serve the West Coast District on a full-time basis:

1. MANUEL OCHOA - pastor of the Spanish church in Hawthorne, California.
2. JOHN LEMLEY - pastor of the church in Walla Walla, Washington.
3. RICK STRAUB - pastor of the church in Harrisburg, Oregon.
4. DAVID KAUER - pastor of the Tacoma/Seattle, Washington, church.

OTHER STAFF NEWS:

1. JERRY CAMERO, former pastor of the church in Phoenix, Arizona, is now pastoring the church in Sacramento, California.
2. LARRY ZARAGOZA, former lay director of the church in Spokane, Washington, is now serving as lay director of the church in Redmond, Oregon.
3. HUGH HARVEY is now serving as lay leader of the church in Ontario, California.
4. TIM KESTER is the lay director of the church in San Diego, California.
5. BILL STUBBS is serving as the lay director of the church in Phoenix, Arizona.

Then why the dilemma? I don't know! Except that we tend to resist change, feeling that our traditional practices are more "holy" than the way it used to be or is now becoming. What probably should be dealt with is our attitudes and lack of tolerance for the preference of others. Then we should not be offended or feel put upon because someone responds or worships in a particular manner not suited to our own personal tastes.

If you prefer to say AMEN, SAY IT! But let it be from the heart as a response of approval, agreement, and joy! If you prefer to clap your hands, CLAP THEM! But let it also be from the heart as a response of approval, agreement, and joy. Both have a biblical basis as an option of the respondent! There is NO injunction against either in the Bible, so let's NOT legislate in a pharisaical manner that which is purely optional and according to our own taste.

Nothing is worse in worship than hypocrisy. Some AMENS are simply done out of habit and handclapping could easily be the same. Some AMENS are used as a weapon to voice approval of a statement we think fits someone else. We loudly let them know we are thinking of their sins! Handclapping has its place, but could become a tremendous distraction to worship and learning. Yet, it has an appeal that may be more attractive and considerate in our day than a voiced AMEN. When a natural response, handclapping is a beautiful "voice" of approval, consent, and joy.

So, say AMEN or CLAP YOUR HANDS or REMAIN SILENT! But just be sincere, in good taste, and unoffensive to any and God will receive our praise, expressions of joy, and our worship!

---Ken Lawson

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YOUTH CAMP DEVELOPMENT NEWS UPDATE - (continued from page 10)

To have the ranch ready by June 1981--to be no longer just a cattle ranch but a "ready to go" youth camp--we will need even more contributions. To put on the finishing touches we will need twelve to fifteen thousand dollars soon.

A \$1,000 investment to develop a youth camp for the church is an opportunity indeed! We urge your support in whatever donation you can make. A dollar will help, but please write out a check to the YOUTH CAMP DEVELOPMENT FUND and send it to the West Coast District office as soon as you can.

This youth camp (which will be valued at a worth of well over one million dollars) belongs to the church--to all of the people. It is yours! It will be used as an asset for the spiritual strengthening of our youth and for all of us. This camp does not belong to the District Board, the overseer, or a committee. It is the property of the church. But as grand and noble as some ideas and suggestions have been for development, some ideas have not been economically feasible and some have not been conducive to youth camp operation. We welcome all ideas and input. These ideas will be sorted out and the best ideas put to work as they fit into the overall plan and as money is available. With your idea, how about a check also? To have this camp going soon, we need your support. Can we expect to hear from you? We will be praying that we do!

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Thanks

At the Tacoma Bible Conference, the Ladies Bazaar brought a profit of \$283.70. The offerings given to the youth camp, placed in Overseer Ken Lawson's BLUE BOX, amounted to \$736.04. This grand total of \$1,019.74 is currently being used at the ranch in the construction of the restroom and shower facility!

GOD GAVE US A MINISTRY ...



SPRING VALE ACADEMY STUDENTS deserve and need your financial support! We have 28 students at SVA from all over the West Coast District. A one-time donation or a monthly pledge to a particular student would be most worthwhile. Several students are in need and have requested support. At SVA this year are:

Karrie Sinclair	Richard Lang
Gene Sinclair	Steve Ling
Andy Hildebrand	Merideth Myers
Peter Hildebrand	Dean Schlenker
Karen Lang	Dan Tapia
Mary Mendez	Arla Wallen
Charvet Stoneking	Karen Dailey
Lavel Arnei	Susan Fauth
Karl Allison	John Kauer
Vicki Brenneise	Brian Larson
Cindy Caswell	Candy Schelert
Gordon Davis	Cindy Wallen
Valeria Foster	Nelson Williams
Melanie Hawkins	Gary Edwards

For a tax-free donation, give your support through your local church treasurer. This can be given to SVA STUDENT TUITION or you can contribute and name the student or students you wish to support. If you wish, you may contribute directly to the school and STUDENT AID fund. There are 98 students at SVA and the West Coast has 28 of them!

**"A High School That Teaches
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