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## BACK TO THE BASICS

The Apostles' Creed

# FROM THE EDITOR



**Travis J. Johnson**  
Editor

In July of 1961, the Green Bay Packers football team gathered for the start of their training camp. Still haunted by their loss to the Philadelphia Eagles in the previous championship game, the team was determined to win this time around. Led by their legendary coach, Vince Lombardi, it was always Lombardi's philosophy to treat his players as if they were starting from scratch, with no prior knowledge or experience. Despite being experienced professional athletes who had come close to winning football's ultimate prize, Lombardi believed that his team needed to "get back to the basics." So, as he began the 1961 season, he faced his grizzly squad of veterans and reached for a football and as he held it in his hands he uttered these words: "Gentlemen, this is a football." By teaching his team to get back to the basics, they would surpass all others in the league, mastering tasks that everyone else overlooked. Six months later, the Green Bay Packers beat the New York Giants 37-0 to win the NFL Championship.

By reaffirming and summarizing our essential Christian beliefs, the Apostle's Creed helps the church get "back to basics." As a concise statement of faith, it outlines Christianity's core theological convictions. Throughout history, the Apostle's Creed has been widely used as a catechism for new believers, especially as they prepare for baptism. Catechism is a teaching method used to instruct individuals in the basic doctrines and beliefs of the Christian faith. The Apostle's Creed, with its concise and systematic presentation of "the faith once delivered" (Jude 1:3), has been an invaluable tool for this purpose. Using the Apostle's Creed as a catechism, the church ensured that new believers understood the core truths of the Christian faith. It is my hope that this edition of *The Bible Methodist* will encourage us as Bible Methodists to get back to the basics of the Christian faith and develop a deeper appreciation for what unites us as believers. ■

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# THE APOSTLES' CREED

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our  
Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy  
Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered  
under Pontius Pilate; was crucified,  
died, and was buried: He descended to  
the dead: On the third day he rose again  
from the dead: He ascended into heaven,  
and sits at the right hand of the Father:  
From there he will come to judge the  
living and the dead:

I believe in the Holy Spirit: the holy  
catholic church: the communion of  
saints: The forgiveness of sins: The  
resurrection of the body: And the life  
everlasting. Amen.

# THE APOSTLES' CREED: THE BAPTISMAL CREED

By REV. JONATHAN ARNOLD

**THE APOSTLES' CREED IS A** precious part of my personal devotions, family worship, and pastoral ministry. It warms my heart to hear the whole church, a new believer, or my four-year-old son say from memory, "I believe in God the Father...and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord...[and] in the Holy Spirit." Of course, I want my children to believe "all Scripture" (2 Tim. 3:16), but the Bible is a big book (around 1,200 pages in



print), in which “some things are hard to understand” (2 Pet. 3:16), and not all things are “of first importance” (1 Cor. 15:3). Augustine explained that the Creed, in its beautiful simplicity, ensures “that the memory of slow persons might not be distressed; that every person may be able to say, able to hold, what he believes” (Sermon to the Catechumens, 1). For centuries, the church has recognized the Apostles’ Creed as a thoroughly scriptural statement of the Christian faith, ideal for catechesis, confession at baptism, and daily use in the Christian life.

## THOROUGHLY SCRIPTURAL

First and foremost, the Apostles’ Creed is a thoroughly scriptural statement of “the faith once for all delivered to the saints” (Jude 1:3). The faith was “delivered” or “passed on” to the saints by Christ’s holy apostles, whose sacred task was to lay a foundation for the church (Eph. 2:20; cf. 2 Thess. 2:15). In turn, the first mark of the church after Pentecost was a devotion to “the apostles’ teaching” (Acts 2:42; cf. Eph. 2:20). The apostolic teaching included matters “of first importance” (1 Cor. 15:3) such as the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ (1 Cor. 15:4), and centered on his Lordship over all creation (Acts 10:36; Rom. 14:9; Php. 2:10–11).

The seeds of an apostolic Creed can be found in Scripture itself. Key passages include Peter’s proclamation in Matthew 16:16; the central confession that “Jesus is Lord” (Rom. 10:9; 1 Cor. 12:3); Paul’s summary of the gospel in 1 Corinthians 15; the Christ hymn of Philippians 2:6–11; and the creedal statement in 1 Timothy 3:16. Because the Apostles’ Creed adheres so closely to the record and writings of the apostles, a legend developed and persisted for centuries that each of the twelve wrote one line of the Creed on the day of Pentecost to preserve the unity of the faith before going their separate ways.

In its final form, the Apostles’ Creed weaves together many strands of Scripture into an exquisite tapestry of faith. Augustine explained, “These words which you have heard are in the Divine Scriptures scattered up and down: but

thence gathered and reduced into one” (A Sermon to Catechumens on the Creed). Martin Luther likewise taught, “We did not create or invent [the Apostles’ Creed]—nor did the church fathers. Instead, just as a bee makes honey by gathering together many lovely, delightful, dear flowers, so this creed is gathered from the books of the dear Prophets and Apostles. That is, it is finely and succinctly distilled from the entirety of Holy Scripture for children and simple Christians” (Sermon on Trinity Sunday 1535). In fact, the Creed can be constructed almost verbatim from words and phrases in Scripture:<sup>1</sup>

**I believe in God the Father**—“for us there is one God, the Father” (1 Cor. 8:6; cf. 2 Cor. 1:3; Mt. 28:19; John 14:1; 1 Pet. 1:20–21)

**Almighty**—“Almighty” (Gen. 17:1; cf. Jer. 32:17)

**Maker of heaven and earth**—“God created the heavens and the earth” (Gen. 1:1)

**And in Jesus Christ**—“and one Lord, Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 8:6; John 14:1; Acts 2:38; cf. 1 Cor. 8:6)

**His only Son**—“his only Son” (Jn. 3:16; Mt. 28:19)

**Our Lord**—“our Lord” (Rom. 1:4; cf. Rom. 10:9; 1 Cor. 12:3; 1 Cor. 1:2)

**Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit**—“conceived in her...from the Holy Spirit” (Mt. 1:20; cf. Lk. 1:35)

**Born of the Virgin Mary**—“the virgin’s name was Mary” (Lk. 1:27; cf. Mt. 1:23)

**Suffered**—“Christ also suffered once for sins” (1 Pet. 3:18; cf. 1 Pet. 2:23)

**Under Pontius Pilate**—“before Pontius Pilate” (1 Tim. 6:13; cf. Mt. 27:2)

**Was crucified**—“they crucified him” (Mk. 15:25; cf. Acts 2:36)

**Died**—“Christ died” (1 Cor. 15:3; cf. Rom. 5:8; Jn. 19:30)

**And was buried**—“he was buried” (1 Cor. 15:4; cf. Lk. 23:35)

**He descended to the dead [or “into Hades”]**—“he had also descended into the lower regions of the earth” (Eph. 4:9); “he was not abandoned to Hades” (Acts 2:31; cf. Ps. 16:10; Rom. 10:7; Mt. 12:40; 1 Pet. 3:18–20; Rev. 1:18; Jn. 5:25)

**On the third day he rose again from the dead**—“he was raised on the third day in accordance

with the Scriptures” (1 Cor. 15:4; cf. Acts 10:40)

**And ascended into heaven**—“he parted from them and was carried up into heaven” (Lk. 24:51; cf. Eph. 4:10)

**And sits at the right hand of the Father**—“he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high” (Heb. 1:3; cf. Acts 2:33; Psalm 110:1)

**From there he will come**—“Jesus...will come in the same way” (Acts 1:11)

**To judge the living and the dead**—“to be judge of the living and the dead” (Acts 10:42)

**I believe in the Holy Spirit**—“and of the Holy Spirit” (Mt. 28:19)

**The holy...church**—“the church...holy and without blemish” (Eph. 5:27)

**The...catholic [*katholikos* (“through the whole”); universal or worldwide] church**—“the church [singular] throughout [*kata*] all [*holos*] Judea and Galilee and Samaria” (Acts 9:31); “one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles” (1 Cor. 12:13; cf. Eph. 1:21; 4:4)

**The communion of saints**—“called to be saints together” (1 Cor. 1:12); “we have fellowship [*koinōnia*, communion] with one another” (1 Jn. 1:7)

**The forgiveness of sins**—“the forgiveness of sins” (Col. 1:14; cf. Acts 13:38; Acts 2:38)

**The resurrection of the body**—“the resurrection from the dead” (Php. 3:11; cf. Acts 24:15; Php. 3:21)

**And the life everlasting**—“in the age to come eternal life” (Mk. 10:30; cf. Dan. 12:2)

**Amen**—“Amen” (Rev. 22:21)

Some object to the word “catholic” in the Creed. There is no reason for concern. The word was used to describe the church long before the Roman Catholic Church had any formal existence (e.g., Ignatius to the Smyrnaeans, 8.2), and is derived from a compound of two biblical Greek words that appear together in Acts 9:31 (*kata* [“through”] and *holos* [“the whole”]). For Protestants, the word “catholic” is polemical: by retaining it in the Creed, we say, “Sorry, Roman Catholics—the true catholic church is bigger than you!” For Wesleyans, catholicity is a cherished hallmark. John Wesley preached an entire sermon on the virtue of “Catholic Spirit,” and Methodist theologian William Burt Pope celebrated that “Methodist theology is...Catholic in the best sense.”

Others hesitate to confess that Christ “descended

to the dead” or “descended into Hades,” especially since some translations say that Christ “descended into hell.” But as W.B. Pope explains, the English “hell” was used in the past to mean nothing more than the Hebrew “Sheol” or the Greek “Hades,” “without reference to punishment endured in it” (*Compendium of Christian Theology*, 167). The church has never held that Christ suffered in hell. Rather, the descent clause means that in his human soul, “our Lord triumphantly descended into the lower world, and took possession of the kingdom of the dead” (*ibid.*, 168).<sup>2</sup> The 39 Articles of Religion (a primary doctrinal source for Methodists) explicitly affirms the descent (Article III), and maintains that the Apostles’ Creed, as well as the Nicene and Athanasian Creeds, “ought thoroughly to be received and believed: for they may be proved by most certain warrants of holy Scripture” (Article VIII).

## A TOOL FOR CATECHESIS

Second, the Apostles’ Creed is intended for catechesis—systematic instruction in the Christian faith, especially in preparation for baptism. Wesley observed that baptism and teaching are “the two great branches” of the Great Commission, and that while children may be baptized first, adults should be instructed prior to baptism to ensure that they understand the faith and have responded appropriately (*Notes on the Bible*, Matthew 28:19). The three articles of the Apostles’ Creed address this need by expanding on the baptismal formula of Matthew 28:19: “baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

The Creed tells us, first, that “the Father” in whose name we are baptized is the Father of Jesus Christ and the same person who created all things in the beginning. Second, “the Son” is the same person as Jesus Christ our Lord, the one who became incarnate for us and our salvation, and is coming again to make all things new. Finally, “the Spirit” is the third person of the Trinity, the one who sanctifies and gives life to the church.

While the Nicene Creed makes crucial affirmations about the God of the gospel, the Apostles’ Creed focuses on the gospel of God, which is what needs to be emphasized with catechumens—those being taught in preparation from baptism

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and church membership. Philip Schaff contends, “[The Apostles’ Creed] is by far the best popular summary of the Christian faith ever made within so brief a space. It still surpasses all later symbols for catechetical and liturgical purposes, especially as a profession of candidates for baptism and church membership. It is not a logical statement of abstract doctrines, but a profession of living facts and saving truths. It is a liturgical poem and an act of worship” (*Creeeds of Christendom*, Volume I).

## A BAPTISMAL CONFESSION

Third, the Apostles’ Creed is intended for confession at baptism. Once the catechumen is instructed in the faith, they are asked to confess it with their mouth. Augustine quoted Romans 10:10 to his catechumens: “with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.” When spoken from the heart, confessing the Creed is a salvific act.

Confessing the Creed is one of three parts of the Baptismal Covenant in the Sunday Service for the Methodists in North America (Wesley’s adaptation of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer). First, the baptized renounces Satan, the world, and the flesh. Then, they confess faith in the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (the Creed). Finally, they vow that, being baptized in this faith, they will keep God’s holy will and commandments all the days of their life.

The Methodist Episcopal Church (the first Methodist denomination) produced a catechism that expounded the Apostles’ Creed and Baptismal Covenant, which was to be frequently recited and “accompanied with instruction on the nature and obligations of Christian baptism.” Saying the Creed at baptism was as important as saying marriage vows at a wedding. It shaped the believer’s whole life after baptism, which is why Christians of the past were regularly reminded, “Remember your baptism!” (see Romans 6:1–4).

## A RESOURCE FOR THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

Finally, the Creed is a resource for the daily Christian life. It is included in the Methodist and Anglican Order for Morning and Evening Prayer. Luther likewise taught his disciples to say the

Creed every morning and evening. Augustine told his catechumens, “Receive, my children, the Rule of Faith, which is called the Symbol (or Creed). And when you have received it, write it in your heart, and be daily saying it to yourselves; before ye sleep, before ye go forth, arm you with your Creed.” Saying the Creed is a way of “arming” oneself—“taking up the shield of faith” to “extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one” (Eph. 6:16).

In our family, we often say the Apostles’ Creed before bed or at the dinner table. Each week in our Wednesday small group, we take a minute (literally—the Creed only takes around 45 seconds to say) to confess our faith. I often ask, “Which word or phrase stood out to you today?” Sometimes it’s “he suffered”—a precious reminder as we struggle through life. Often it’s “he shall come again to judge the living and the dead”—something that I need to remember every single day (and how would I, if I didn’t confess the Creed?).

I’ve had the privilege of introducing the Creed to each of the three churches that I’ve pastored. When I encounter someone who is skeptical of creeds, I remember the words of one older parishioner: “I’ll admit that when we started saying the Creed every week, I had a hard time with it. But as I listened to the words and really thought about it, I realized, ‘This is good! This is our statement of faith! This is what we’re supposed to do as a church! We’ve been missing something all these years!’” He was onto something important: confessing the faith is part of what makes us a Christian; confessing the faith together is part of what makes us a church. With the Apostles’ Creed, even children and simple Christians are able to state their faith and carry it with them. ■

- 1 *The following content is available as a PDF handout at <https://holypojoys.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/07/Apostles-Creed-Scriptural.pdf>.*
- 2 *For a contemporary biblical defense of the descent, and why it is essential to the Christian faith, see “He Descended to the Dead”: An Evangelical Theology of Holy Saturday by Matthew Emerson or Crux, Mors, Inferi: A Primer and Reader on Christ’s Descent by Samuel D. Renihan.*

# WORLD MISSIONS

## NEWS UPDATE



**R.G. Hutchison**  
Missions Director

### **SUMMER MISSIONS RALLIES AT REGIONAL CAMP MEETINGS [1-3]**

**Summertime is camp meeting** season throughout the Bible Methodist Connection of Churches, and we are grateful for the warm welcome that each regional conference extended to our mission's director, missionaries, and delegates from abroad. This year, it was a privilege to have the Muir family with us at all four camp meetings. We were also thrilled to have a delegation leader from Papua New Guinea and the Philippines at the Southwest Regional Family Camp. THANK YOU to each of you who came out to show your support for Bible Methodist Missions!

### **PHILIPPINE BIBLE METHODIST NATIONAL PRESIDENT VISITS THE U.S. AND CANADA [4-5]**

**For the first time in 13 years,** we were honored to receive a visit from Rev. Brendel Macadangdang, who is now in his 18th year as the National President of the Philippine Bible Methodist Church. He traveled with Dr. Hutchison to visit the Southwest Regional Family Camp, as well as several local Bible Methodist Churches in the Great Lakes and Heartland

Conferences. He also visited with Filipino relatives and friends in Toronto, Canada and in Honolulu, Hawaii. Many Filipinos are now living and working in nations all around the world, and opportunities abound to come alongside them and encourage them in the Lord.

### **THE "T-FAM" MAKES AN EXPLORATORY TRIP TO NEPAL**

**Our beloved "T-Fam" recently** made a two-week trip to Nepal where they explored some possible opportunities for ministering to the people group to which they feel called. Thank you to each one who prayed for them. It was a successful trip, and they were able to have meaningful conversations with some key local people who helped them to learn more about the region in and around the city of Kathmandu. Please continue to pray as we discern the Lord's will about taking further steps.

### **DAVID MARTINEZ GRADUATES WITH A MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE [6]**

**Missionary David Martinez** graduated from Seminario Teológico Centroamericano (SETECA) in Guatemala City

with a Master of Arts degree in Biblical Studies. His thesis topic was "The Relationship of Jesus and the Temple According to the Gospel of Matthew". David continues to serve a vital role in the development and growth of Ezra Biblical Seminary in Mexico by creating digital materials for the seminary and teaching classes online.

### **AFRICA85 INITIATIVE TRAINING IN ZAMBIA, GHANA, AND CAMEROON [7-8]**

**The Africa85 team, together** with their ministry partners, continues to develop and nurture indigenous training centers in several different countries on the continent of Africa. In Zambia, Pastor Allegri recently conducted several days of intensive training in the Mayukwayukwa Refugee Camp where he has been working to train leaders to train others. During his visit, he taught a Shepherd's Global Classroom (SGC) course that surveys the New Testament. Meanwhile, BMM missionary Maricka Herrer, HIM Missionary Glenn Gault, and other team members have conducted SGC training workshops in the countries of Ghana and Cameroon in recent months. God continues to open more doors for training trainers throughout Africa.





# GREAT LAKES

## REGIONAL CONFERENCE NEWS



**David Ward**  
Conference President

### YOUTH CAMP [1-3]

**Our Great Lakes Youth Camp** was blessed by the ministry of Rev. Travis Johnson and the leadership of Doug Derscheid and Eli Albring. Overall enrollment was up with several first-time campers. Josiah Hilling was the weekly Bible Bowl top scorer while Sarah Miller won the Bible Bowl Championship.

### CONFERENCE [4-5]

**God blessed us with a smooth** and gracious Conference. All members of the Executive Committee were reelected to their positions, and Conference President Ward was elected to a four-year tenure. From left to right are: Secretary Rev. Gene Davis, Board of Trustees Chair Rev. James Durr, Derek Jones, Vice President Rev. Chris Hilling, President Rev. David Ward, Treasurer Dewey Murray,

Jonathan Langstaff, Pastor Steve Bills. Not Pictured, Doug Derscheid

### ORDINATION [6]

**We ordained Rev. James Raisch** in our first Sunday afternoon service. Rev. Raisch serves as Assistant Pastor at Pilgrim Bible Church in Cedar Springs, MI.

### EVANGELISTS [7-8]

**Our Great Lakes Conference** Family enjoyed a tremendous Camp marked by beautiful weather, sweet fellowship and the gracious moving of the Holy Spirit. Our workers were Rev. Gene and Angie Davis as Children's Workers, Jonathan and Jalena Glick as Song Evangelists, Rev John Manley and Rev Mark Mowery as Preaching Evangelists, and Eli Albring was our Camp Youth Leader.

### YOUTH PRAYER [9-10]

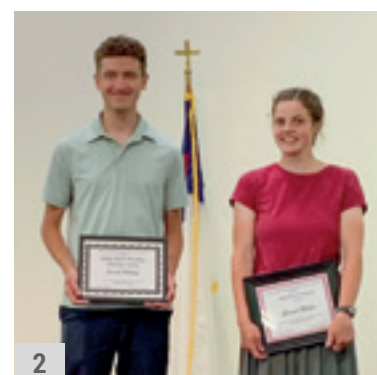
**It is a Great Lakes Conference** tradition for the Conference President to speak on the last Sunday morning of Camp Meeting. Another sweet tradition is for those Conference Youth in attendance to surround the Conference President both figuratively and literally in prayer. We deeply appreciate each of our Conference Youth.

### FAMILY EMPHASIS [11-12]

**The final Sunday afternoon** service had a distinct family emphasis. Pictured are the Children's Choir, under the leadership of Gene and Angie Davis, and the Youth Choir, under the leadership of Josh and Jodi Emery.



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# HEARTLAND

## REGIONAL CONFERENCE NEWS



**Chris Cravens**  
Conference President

### HEARTLAND FAMILY CAMP [1-7]

**Praise God for Campmeeting 2023!** The business of the conference went smoothly on Monday. Monday evening, Elder William Blair challenged us with the Conference Sermon. God blessed the Ordination Service with two ministers becoming Elders: Patrick Dewhurst and Doug Wiseman. The camp services were anointed of God. Large crowds gathered for prayer each day, hungry souls sought God regularly in response to the anointed preaching, teaching, worship and singing, testifying to the presence of the Holy Spirit among us! God certainly used

our workers, Evangelist: Dr. Rodney Loper; Bible Teacher: Dr. Steven Smith; Singers: the Jonathan Glick family; Children's Worker: Heidi Turner; Youth Evangelist: Rev. Mike Mater. Praise the Lord for the great offerings that were received! The goals for the annual operation of the camp and the special project were exceeded. To God be the Glory!

### HEARTLAND YOUTH CAMP [8-13]

**Two hundred and two young** people and over 100 support staff gathered at Beulah Grove for the Heartland Youth Camp. God certainly blessed the week with beautiful weather and a

wonderful sense of His presence. Youth President, Rev. Brian Wardlaw, led the camp activities and services. Rev. Deron Fourman challenged the youth to not run from God but to move towards God, listen to His voice, and say yes to His call. Several young people sought God's grace at an altar of prayer. The days were filled with fun and fellowship from early morning to late at night. Special recognition was given to the following campers: Bible Bowl Champion: Joel Ratcliff. Campers of the Year: Bradley Thomas and Ashley Going. President's Award: Jackson Weaver. Please mark your calendar for Youth Camp 2024, July 15-19.



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# SOUTHERN

## REGIONAL CONFERENCE NEWS



**Doug Eads**  
Conference President

### SOUTHERN CONFERENCE NEWS

**Christians through the ages** have shouted that “God is good!” Here in the Southern Conference, God has proven his goodness again and again this quarter. Our annual Youth Camp was well attended in early June. Campmeeting crowd increased and our financial goals were met. Rev. John Parker retired this quarter after spending six years as our Conference President. We are forever grateful for his and Cathy’s leadership, work ethic, and kindness. Rev. Doug Eads was installed as the new Conference President

on July 9th. In all of this, the hand of God has been clearly seen. It is with joy the Southern Conference can join the saints of the ages and say “God is good. He is very, very good.”

### CAPTIONS

- 1-2 Congratulations Rev. John Parker on your retirement.
- 3 Rev. Doug Eads was installed as the new Conference President.
- 4 Bible Methodist Connectional Chairman Rev. Blake Jones with newly elected Southern Conference President, Rev. Doug and Judy Eads

- 5 Children’s Church is a highlight of Camp. Good job, Priscilla Vernon and her team!
- 6 Madison Paulus received the Gelene Hodge Mission Scholarship.
- 7 A great group of teens serving in the Dining Hall during Camp was a wonderful help.
- 8 Welcome Daniel and Kendra Brandon to Talladega Bible Methodist as Assistant Pastor.
- 9 Welcome Cale and Kirsten Manley as the new Pastor at Ada Chapel Bible Methodist.

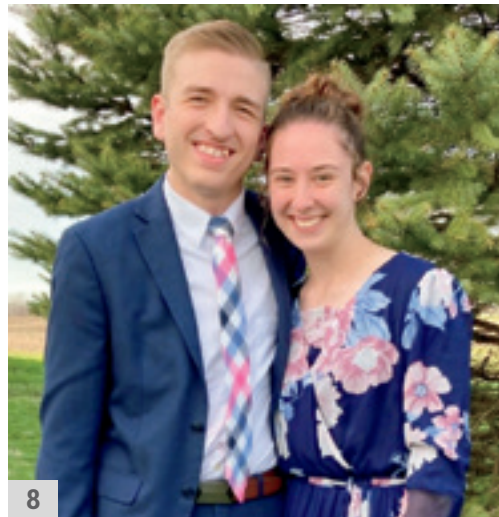


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# SOUTHWEST

## REGIONAL CONFERENCE NEWS



**G. Clair Sams**  
Conference President

### TREASURE VALLEY, CALDWELL, IDAHO [1-2]

**Caldwell hosted an exciting VBS for the children in their church. The theme took them to the old west.**

### OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLAHOMA [3]

**Pastor Darell and Liz Stetler** have pastored in OKC for 20 years. The church celebrated that anniversary with a special surprise service and a nice meal together.

### SOUTHWEST ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND FAMILY CAMP [4-6]

**The last week of July, the Southwest Regional Conference**

**gathered for their second Annual Conference at the Arrowhead Retreat Center in Cleburne, Texas. During the Conference session, the body elected Pastor Aaron Johnson as the Conference President Elect.**

### LADIES MEETING [7]

**Saturday afternoon the ladies** were invited to a snack and fellowship.

### ORDINATION [8]

**It was a rich honor to ordain** three candidates, from left to right: Ronald Pauleus, Sherwood Johnstone, Zane Hurst pictured with Dr. Paul Kaufman, who preached the ordination sermon.

### CAMP EVANGELISTS [9-10]

**Our annual camp was blessed** with a larger attendance than

**in the past few years. Dr. Paul Kaufman and Rev. Duane Quesenberry ministered excellently from God's Word, the Jonathan Glick family lead us in worship through music, the Gene Davis family led the children in worship, and Rev. Zane Hurst spoke to the youth.**

**During one service, those 25 and younger were invited to the platform, and close to half the congregation were tightly gathered at the front.**

### SOUTHWEST YOUTH CAMP [11-12]

**In late June, the Youth Department hosted a youth camp at Green Acres Retreat Center in Whitehouse, Texas. Rev. Marc Sankey was the evangelist. Bible College groups; God's Bible College, Hobe Sound Bible College, Union Bible College and Penn View Bible College helped with music.**



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**SOUTHWEST PROVISIONAL CONFERENCE NEWS**





# Christmas Cards for Missionaries

Each year we encourage everyone to send a Christmas card and a small love gift to each of the Mission Department personnel. This annual project has proven to be a great help to them for many years. Let them know that we support and appreciate them!

Send your support to: **PO Box E, Port Clinton, OH 43452**

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