

RETIREE CONNECTION

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SETTLERS OR PIONEERS?

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It is impossible to change the past. However, just as the current Church of God Reformation Movement is largely the product of the die cast by our predecessors, this generation will form the castings to mold the Movement for tomorrow.

The difficulty with pioneers is that all too often they become settlers. We are also tempted to look back in our history for a “golden peak” and endeavor to revert back to a past experience or at least try to duplicate it. Efforts to return to a past decade are as futile as energy expended by an adult struggling to become an infant. Continued change, growth, and development is the evidence that we are a movement—not a denomination. Even if it were

possible to reproduce the church of the first century, it would obviously be immature and inadequate to serve today’s world. To strive for the New Testament pattern in doctrine, evangelism, and fellowship is essential; but a world-wide reproduction of the congregation at Corinth, for instance, would be a catastrophe.

There are disturbing voices in the religious world today making appalling predictions. Some say that the church is totally irrelevant and suggest a churchless Christianity. Others declare that the institutional church is as archaic as a museum collection of fossils and predict its demise. Critics who would write the obituary of the church speak of the late twentieth century as the “post-Christian age,” asserting that biblical concepts are neither intellectually acceptable nor culturally valid.

A desire to insure even the survival of Christianity has initiated various plans for Christian

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

FROM JULY 2021 THROUGH DECEMBER 2021

for those celebrating their 50th, 55th, 60th and 60+ years

73rd

Thomas F & Dorothy I Pickens Jr 8/13/1948

71st

Charles G & Mary A. Justice 7/23/1950
Clifford & Ernestine Mc Daniel Jr 8/27/1950
Leonard E & Sylvia L Roache 12/10/1950

70th

Sidney M & Jean R Johnson 8/19/1951
Paul E & Dorothy L Hunter 9/5/1951
Hans Gerhard G & Helen M Steinke 11/3/1951
Robert O & Marilyn B Deal 11/22/1951
Harold M & Evelyn J Goodpaster 12/15/1951

69th

Clifford W & Ruth L Mc Donald 8/2/1952
Donald L & Beatrice Shields 8/16/1952
John W & Phyllis I Snyder 8/16/1952
Dale E & Ruth L Hency 9/8/1952
Gene & Reba M Miller 9/30/1952
Galen E & Mary V Courtright 12/13/1952
Cecil W & Frankie Watson 12/20/1952

68th

Douglas E & Ruth A Welch 7/8/1953
Billy J & Jeanette Wiles 7/16/1953
Paul & Lois J Floyd Sr 7/23/1953
A Ralph & Helen M. Little 8/1/1953
Charles W & Bernell W Sandlin 11/26/1953
Ronald T & Marlene A Swanson 12/19/1953

67th

Ralph S & Gertrude Farmer 8/6/1954
Donald E & Patricia L Mink 8/15/1954
Wayne L & Beth R Harting 9/16/1954
John M & Susan J Wrightsman 12/4/1954

66th

Glenn E & Judith Ann Skinner 7/31/1955
S Gene & Ruth J Morton 8/6/1955
Merrill D & Jo Ann Smith 8/7/1955
Ronald M & Alta C Jack 8/20/1955
Philip S & Barbara L Bruzzese 10/15/1955
Stanley W & Mary L Weisbrod 10/29/1955
Jerome W & Minnie F Humphries 12/26/1955

65th

Wesley L & Rebecca A Rouse 7/14/1956
John W & Betty L Little 8/5/1956
Janice L & Lawrence Olick 8/10/1956
C Daniel & M Lee Harden 8/11/1956
Myron M & Myra C Myers 8/17/1956
Stanley W & Marion M Hoffman 8/18/1956
Robert L & JoAnn Boyd 8/19/1956
Gerald G & Jo Rene M Nevitt 8/19/1956
Joyce J & Leroy E Lakey 8/26/1956
Leon R & Linda N Newton 8/26/1956
Darlene & Robert N Esau 12/2/1956
James R & Nancy L Bradford 12/8/1956

64th

Frank C & Elizabeth A Duncan 8/14/1957
James K & Billie J Brewer 8/17/1957
James A & Betty Lou Albrecht 8/25/1957
Joyce M & Dennis Sherwin 9/1/1957
Richard J & Floretta V Latham 9/8/1957
Betty L & Roy F Murry 10/26/1957
Karl & Adele Kaefer 12/13/1957
Dean C & Sandra K Schield 12/28/1957

63rd

N Eugene & Marjorie J Moses 7/13/1958
Phillip E & Betty J Moon 8/2/1958
Alvin Lewis & Juanita L Lewis 8/23/1958
Ronnie W & Marcia L Howland 8/29/1958
Clifford & Shirley J Black Jr 8/31/1958
Bessie M & John A Parsons 10/18/1958
Pearl J & Joan E Jenkins 11/22/1958

62nd

Larry G & Ruby N Smith 7/12/1959
James W & Brenda S Malbone 7/18/1959
Bernard A & Bonnie F Wingo 7/25/1959
Roger R & Delsie L Slack 8/9/1959
L Ruth & Walton A Carter 9/5/1959
Frank A & Judith A Curtis 9/6/1959
Thomas C & Joanne K Malbone 11/14/1959
Janette O & Wallace W Riehle 12/27/1959

61st

Luz C & Carol J Gonzales 7/17/1960
Tom J & Phyllis Herringshaw 8/18/1960
Matthew R & Judith E Boyles 8/27/1960
James W & Judith G Bradley 9/3/1960
Billy A & Mary Lou Davis 9/4/1960
Max E & Shirley Molihan 10/12/1960
Maxine C & Donald J Mc Call 10/15/1960
William D & Betty A Mottinger 10/22/1960
Betty J & Curt E Caskey 12/22/1960

60th

Ralph T & Judy D Shipley 7/1/1961
Jerry C & Janette Grubbs 8/6/1961
Kathleen G & Jonathan E Sandy 8/12/1961
Barbara J & John W White 8/26/1961
P Roger Brewer & Karen J Brewer 9/2/1961
B Ralph & Margaret A Toon 9/2/1961
Fredrick H & Kay M Shively 9/9/1961
Jordan D & Eunice D Smith 10/28/1961
Ronald J & E Joyce Fowler 12/17/1961
Robert L & Shirley A Younts 12/17/1961
Ronald E & Barbara J Holder 12/28/1961

55th

Russell H & Judy C Whitener 7/22/1966
Michael G & Nomey Peynado 7/27/1966
Robert E & Janet A Edwards 8/6/1966
Dale H & Janet M Brown 8/19/1966
Glenn G & Judith H Michael 8/20/1966
Bill C & Leona K Konstantopoulos 8/27/1966
Helmut & Isolde Krenz 8/27/1966
Larry K & Doris Gaw 9/3/1966
Marvin L & Janice M Middlebrooks 9/3/1966
Edwin G & Patricia J Anderson 12/23/1966

50th

Mark F & Barbara Brown 7/2/1971
David L & Sandra Gammello 7/30/1971
Terry B & Cheryl A Robinson 8/6/1971
Joseph L & Merry R Cookston 8/28/1971
Stephen M & Janet M Stull 9/3/1971
John H & Brenda L Aukerman 9/4/1971
Marilyn J & Peter W Hansen 9/18/1971
Edmund L & Janice C Cogar 9/25/1971

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unity. It has even been proposed that Christianity become a triune entity with three branches, Catholic, Protestant, and Charismatic. The world has never been more in need of the true message concerning the Church.

The immediate future can become the most exciting period in the history of Christianity. God is searching for a body of people who will be fashioned by the Holy Spirit to reveal his design of the Church in this age. Exhibiting God's ideal will demand more than slight modifications of procedures for organization and rearrangement of worship patterns.

Innovations, bizarre architecture, and modern techniques are obviously superficial. The change must be more profound.

There is an intrinsic need for a rebirth of Holy Spirit leadership.

Revival would be produced by a bold reaffirmation of the unique message of our Movement concerning the Church as a visible body of believers, free from Satan's bondage, deception, carnality, and sectarianism. A strong proclamation of the Word will project clear direction. The Spirit and the Word are God's agents for continued reformation.

Castings for the Church of the future demand new strategies. The Church must be more than a crowd watching a performance. Worship must result

in witness. Communion must lead to commitment. Motivation is required to involve all available human resources. Youth must be challenged to worthy goals and excited with hope for tomorrow. Pastors must be urged to train and equip the laity to excel in church leadership. The distinction between clergy and laity must be only that of function, not of status or hierarchical division. Women have an abundance of untapped energy and skill to contribute toward new ministries. Retired persons need to be inspired to render time and service for extending the Kingdom.

This is the day of opportunity for the Church of God Reformation

Movement. One hundred years of experience establishes confidence.

The message of "a united church for a divided world" is most pertinent. Our human resources, material

assets, academic skills and techniques are abundant. Communication facilities are fabulous. The refueling of the Holy Spirit is available. The Bible charts our purpose and direction. The "unfinished" Reformation Movement opens a new chapter with a future as bright as the promises of God!

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