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Statement of Beliefs:

1. The Bible to be the inspired Word of God, God the Father is the supreme Deity, Jesus Christ is the only begotten Son of God, and the Holy Spirit is the promised Comforter.
2. In the deity of our Lord Jesus Christ; His virgin birth; His sinless life; His miracles; His vicarious and atoning death; His bodily resurrection late on the Sabbath day; His ascension to the right hand of God in heaven; and His personal return to establish His kingdom and rule this earth in great power and glory.
3. The only means of being cleansed from sin is through repentance and faith in the precious blood of Jesus and obedience to our Lord's command to be baptized (immersed) in the Name of Christ for the remission of sins.
4. That by faith we may receive healing for our bodies.
5. The Scriptures enjoin the observance of the Ten Commandments, including the observance of the Seventh Day Sabbath (commonly called Saturday) to be observed from sunset on Friday until sunset on Saturday.
6. The Lord's Supper and foot washing should be observed once a year at the proper and appointed time.
7. In the resurrection of the dead, both of the just and the unjust, the just to eternal life and the unjust to eternal death.
8. The dead are in a state of no consciousness.
9. The true church organization taught in the Bible is local autonomy and that the Bible name for the church is THE CHURCH OF GOD.
10. That the tests of Christian fellowship are the Commandments of God and the faith of Jesus.

From the Council President

I want to thank all of you who were able to attend this year's campmeeting and learn more about the Lord's promise to His people to "*Heal their Land*" if the people would return to serving Him and following all His commandments.

I would further like to thank all those who had a hand in presenting the various programs, in the feeding of the flock both spiritually and physically, and all the other aspects of the camp that made this year the success that it was.

Financially, this past year has been a real struggle for the Council and the Council Board has had to make some hard decisions that reduced not only some of the services provided, but resulted in staff cutbacks. We have had to publish the *ACTS* on a bimonthly basis, reduce the circulation to exclude most of the foreign locations, and re-circulate some of the quarterlies from past years due to both financial and physical support of the quarterlies.

As we start this new fiscal year with fresh, inspired vigor from both the Board and all its members, let us renew the pledges we made at the camp to each do our part to restore the financial and physical support enjoyed in past years, grow the staff and the services as finances allow, and grow the Council in members, churches, ministers, and associates.

As you review this issue of what took place this year, think of what each of us can do to make next year's meeting even better. The success of each campmeeting is dependent upon the physical and spiritual efforts of those who attend as well as the prayers and fiscal support of those who are unable to attend. Any suggestions for improvements in any of the areas—including potential themes, speakers, seminar topics, etc.—are always welcome. Please send your ideas to the Publishing House in Meridian or speak with one of the Board members.

Let us remember that if we are obedient to our heavenly Father, He is more than able to help us overcome any obstacle we may face. We, as a Board, pledge to you that we will work hard to grow the Council and promote its services throughout the USA and all the various foreign churches affiliated with the Council. But to accomplish those plans, we need your support with prayer, with donations of both time and money, and your communication of your needs, your suggestions, and your accomplishments. Let us draw closer to each other as we draw nearer to God and His desires for us. May God bless each and every one of you.

See you again in the next issue and I look forward to fellowshiping with you next year at camp.

Tom Kendrick, *President, GENERAL COUNCIL CHURCHES OF GOD (Seventh) DAY Inc.*



GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS MEETING 2011

Meeting was called to order on July 5, at 9:25 AM by Chairman Tom Kendrick, Psalms 27 was read by the chairman.

List of Voters was read by Roger Boone and approved by the Council Board as read. MSC

General Business Meeting minutes for 2010 were read as written and approved as read. MSC

Daughters of the King report was given by Chairwoman Maryann Syvanen who announced a Silent auction in progress in the Multipurpose Building.

Roger Boone reported on the License and Credential committee and said the *Ministerial List* is available for the Council Board to OK.

Chairman Tom Kendrick explained the financial report and the need for sufficient incoming funds to meet the daily and monthly operating costs.

Camp Meeting attendance was discussed and the lack of funds donated thus far.

A list of additional voters was read and approved as read. MSC

The Chairman opened the floor for discussion on different avenues for the General Council to pursue and broaden our outreach.

Randy Sedlacek gave an overview of the printing and mailing of the Acts and Quarterlies and whether they are sent Domestic or foreign.

Income from the Quarterlies is around \$1300.00 per month.

The General Council Publishing house was broken into at the rear of the building thru the water heater/electrical room door, and then they broke a hole thru the sheetrock into the press room, unlocked the door and made entry. They stole a laptop and CD writer and a desktop computer and monitor, along with various cables and accessories. All items were listed and the repair and replacement cost was given to the Insurance Co.

Adult quarterlies are online now for Foreign Churches to download and pay for them thru PayPal.

The time involved printing the Acts and Quarterlies was given to those present. The Quarterlies cost more to print than we receive for them.

Maryann Syvanen asked about outsourcing the printing. The General Council had already checked with different companies and found it would cost about one and one half times **more** to go that way. Someone asked about articles being sent in for the Acts and was told to send them in and they will be read and used as appropriate according to the content and the theme of the magazine.

Sending Acts to people who do not contribute to the General Council was a question voiced regarding postage etc.

Lloyd walker suggested a way to do outreach would be to give another 10% of the 10% you tithe, to outreach.

Sonny Faust made a pledge of \$100 per month for the Acts magazine.

Ideas were given by many different ones on ways to increase the incoming revenue.

Motion was made to remove from the mailing list those that do not contribute and that the Council Board will determine the hardship subscriptions.MSC

Proposal for funds for 2012 Camp meeting to be in the bank before Camp starts.

There will be youth fundraisers for the 2012 camp meeting.

ELECTIONS:

License & Credentials Board nominees are:

Lee Roy Stucker, Ken Walker, and Sonny Faust. All were voted in.

Article 4 was read by Chairman Tom Kendrick before nominations and election of Board Officers.

Nominations for Chairman:

Tom Kendrick, nominations cease was voiced.

Tom Kendrick was elected Chairman.MSC

Nominations for Vice Chairman:

Rodney Boone and Jim Flannery. Body elected Rodney Boone.

Council Board nominations opened. Jim Flannery was elected for a 3year term.

Roger Boone suggested having a singing group of the talent shown at this camp, tour the valley and promote the General Council, and expand the area as progress was made.

Motion for 2012 Camp Meeting dates to be Monday July 2 thru Sabbath evening July 7th.
MSC

Meeting adjourned at 12:03 pm, 2011.

Don Smith, *sub. Secretary*



GENERAL COUNCIL Board 2011: Roger Boone, Rodney Boone, Tom Kendrick, Jim Flannery, Ken Walker, Warner Sheldahl, Don Smith



Daughters of the King

Business Meeting / July 5, 2011

Meeting was called to order by President, Mary Ann Syvanen and opened with prayer. Minutes of the 2010 business meeting were read by Secretary/Treasurer, Marilyn Sheldahl. M/S/C to accept minutes as read. Treasurer's report was read by Marilyn and M/S/C to accept as read.

Old business:

Booth items were discussed.

We will rope off a section of the dining hall for our tea (or lunch together) on Friday. Quilt top that Wilma was going to prepare for quilting during campmeeting did not get done.

Face book is up and running. A volunteer was needed to keep it up and running so Callie said she would do it.

New business:

Motion made and passed to continue the booth.

Will make an area next year where we can have impromptu discussion groups in the dining hall.

Moved and seconded to help finance the children's classes for next year. Passed.

Motion made to donate \$2,000.00 for food next year for Camp Meeting (if funds are available). Seconded and passed.

Toni Kayner brought 433 yards of quilting material for us to make into quilts as a money making project. Motion was made and seconded to accept Toni's offer of the material. Passed. She asked that we provide her with at least 2 quilts a year completely finished. Some of the ladies will take material back to their churches for the ladies to make the tops and/or finish completely. She will buy each quilt back for \$500.00. This is a very generous offer by Toni to help us raise the funds that we need.

Doris made a motion that we continue the dues at \$10.00 per year. Seconded and carried. Encouragement was given to the ladies to participate.

There was a discussion on what kinds of items to make for the booth. We suggested that people with ideas of what they would like to see in the booth, let us know. That way we could see if someone would be willing to make it (Please let us know).

Election of officers were: Mary Ann Syvanen – President
Becky Lincoln – Vice President
Marilyn Sheldahl – Secretary/Treasurer
Quinet Boone – Committee Woman
Callie Palmer – Committee Woman

Quinet moved we adjourn and Joy Ling closed in prayer.

Secretary,
Marilyn Sheldahl

Daughters of the King



Quinet Boone, Kathleen Lincoln, Kim Williams, Sophia Flemming, Marilyn Sheldahl, and Vaneice Lincoln



DOK Board: Callie Palmer, Quinet Boone, Mary Ann Syvanen, Pres. Becky Lincoln, Marilyn Sheldahl



Setting up the Booth: Ruth & Sonny Faust, and Warner & Marilyn Sheldahl.



Above: Brittany Boone, Karina Muffley, Belinda Stierman, Martha Muffley, Allison Boone.

Welcome to Lunch at the Grove



Above: Linda Kendrick, Becky Lincoln, June Narber, Lola Ward, and Jennie Sienknecht.

Left: Marge McKinney

Below: Allison Boone, Annelise Lincoln, Melissa Muffley, Shannon Boone, Brittany Boone, Karina Muffley, Belinda Stierman, Samantha Murphy, Martha Muffley, and Amelia Palmer.



Above: Marian Dean, Leola Boone, Fern Helton, Opal Coulson, Faye Harris, Melba Cushings, Betty Stucker





Saluting Our Flag: Scott Sheldahl



Our Veterans of the Armed Forces: Joy Syvanen, Larry Childers, Roger Boone, Lee Stuedgen and Lloyd Walker



Summer Fellowship: Lloyd Walker, Marian Dean, Charles Ward, Lola Ward, Quinet Boone, Rhonda Mason, Vaneice & Greg Lincoln, Bob Lincoln and Gary Ogren Below: Gary Ogren, Jim Flannery, Marian Dean, and the Sheldahls, Marilyn, Warner and Tatum





Lloyd Walker, Art Cushing, Dennis LaPlant, Don Smith, Warner Sheldahl,



Saluting the Christian Flag: Luke Syvanen



Happy Seniors: Lloyd Walker, Sonny Faust, Art Cushing, Lee Stucker, Betty Stucker and Melba Cushing, & in the background you will see Mayne Harris and Dennis LaPlant



Lunch is nigh on ready... Warner Sheldahl, Roger Boone, & Tom Kendrick

Lets Play Ball, Hear a little Music and enjoy some Family Time...

That's Eddie Moreno on the Guitar and some of the Ward Family, Charles, Lola, Charity, Vaneice, Kathleen and Rhonda





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Snap



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Some Worker Bee's

From Left to Right: 1) *Smiling Faces: Welcome, today we are having...* Valerie Stucker, Vanessa Stucker, Danielle Gannuscio, Aaron Gannuscio and Leroy Fauth and yes, that is Linda Kendrick in the back.
 2) *In the Kitchen:* Becky Lincoln, Jennie Sienknecht, Linda Kendrick
 3) *Wiping down the tabels:* Leroy Fauth
 4) *Dessert, anyone?* Judy Spencer 5) *Doing the dishes:* Don Palmer
 6) *Helping Out:* Keegan Williams 7) *Dinner-Time in the dinning hall*
 8) *Helping Out:* Gabren Williams



Son Serf Beach Bash... The Class room

*“Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world”
Matthew 28:20.*



The Paint Station: Travis, Bennett, Evelyn, Shayna, Linda Palmer, and Drew



The Sand Box: Tieran, Micah, Amanda, Ellie, and in the back, Danae, Alaysha, Paige, and Erica



The Games: Travis and Gabren



The Snacks: Ellie, Page, Amanda, Erica, and Danae



The Crafts:



The Songs: Back Row--Keegan, Drew, Charity, Levi, Gabren, Bennett, Peter, Kathleen, Travis, Ellie Front Row--Shayna, Esther, Paige, Ashley, Elisabeth, Micah, Evie, Alaysha, Danae, Tieran



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More Youth in ACTION:

1) *Youth in Class* 2) *Anna Radd running snacks* 3) *Ready Set GO... ready for an outing* 4) *The Candy Shack*: Troy, Charity, Fernando
 5) *The Youth Group 2011* 6) *Reading God's Word*: John Slawson 7) *Youth Service*: Haley, Samantha, Annelise, Brooke, Melissa, Belinda, Brock, and Eddie Moreno 8) *Delivering God's Word*: Fernando Quintino

Eliminating Debt--Part 1

By Tom Kendrick

During our current financial crisis that is impacting our country, one of the most glaring issues is the accumulation of debt by our government, corporations, and individuals. How to reduce that debt is the current battleground between the legislatures and executive branch of government in our nation's capital. Without defining proper fiscal responsibility, there will continue to be problems and further issues which will appear to be irresolvable because they are not willing to make the sacrifices that need to be made or follow the principles for financial responsibility. These same principles and procedures are ones that we as individuals should follow and, if implemented, will help us to reduce and hopefully eliminate debt in our own situations in a relatively short period of time. This column is dedicated to describing the issues that get us into debt and resolving them according to Godly principles and simple application.

The first topic we will undertake in this issue is the recognition of the amount of debt and other credit obligations that currently exist according to the three national credit reporting organizations that report our financial status to financial institutions on a daily basis. Those organizations are as follows: Equifax, TransUnion, and Experian. These reports are available once a year to each individual for free upon request. They can be obtained either by formally requesting them in writing, directly contacting them through the Internet, or through any of several intermediaries willing to obtain them for a small fee. The addresses are as follows:

Equifax
P.O. Box 740241
Atlanta, GA 30374

TransUnion
P.O. Box 2000
Chester, PA 19022-2000

Experian
P.O. Box 2104
Allen, TX 75013

The Internet addresses for each is just the name of the company followed by ".com".

Although these reports are a little hard to follow, they do provide data about any past debts and the current status of each, any pertinent payment history, and any other credit history reported by other financial institutions. The report includes the credit cards we possess, house and car payment information, finance companies with which we have/had loans, retail stores where we shop, etc. They may also include reporting errors that can be refuted by the individual and corrections made as the issue is further investigated by the three reporting companies. To rectify these errors, direct contact with any vendor or institutions that has provided incorrect data may be necessary.

It is best that all three reports are obtained since the sources for each can be different and any one of them might be used by financial institutions to determine credit worthiness. It is normally a good idea to have only a few open credit lines—including credit cards. A review needs to be made of any old cards still open that should be closed to ensure against any illegal or fraudulent activity chargeable to the current cardholder.

These reports are the primary data input to establish an individual's credit score in the determination of such things as home loan interest rates, credit card acceptance, car loans and other financing decisions as far reaching as insurance rates and employment status. It is essential that the reports are as accurate as possible. Once your current status is known, the next step is to improve that status in the most expeditious and proper method. We will show you how to begin this process in the next issue.

Income and Expenses 2010-2011

Income:	
Campmeeting	\$ 10,802
General Fund	\$ 6,319
Literature	\$ 8,002
Rentals	\$ 11,053

Total Income **\$106,176**

Expenses:	
Campmeeting	\$ 5,164
Insurance	\$ 9,936
Payroll	\$ 53,584
Postage	\$ 7,977
Printing Supplies	\$ 5,586
Utilities	\$ 9,922
Other	\$ 10,905

Total Expenses **\$103,074**

Income over Expenses **\$ 3,102**

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By Sonny Faust
- A Heart for God** *By Greg Lincoln*
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MISSIONS

We are constantly being encouraged by the good news that we receive from our overseas brethren. We have personally visited and found brethren that 1) are tirelessly toiling in the Lord's vineyard and 2) that can be trusted. They are gaining ground in the spiritual battle for souls and that is encouraging and exciting!

This year Elder Sonny Faust and I will go to Nigeria again and hold a two-week training session for ministers and leaders. They are constantly establishing new churches and have need for help in training the ministers. It is refreshing to find that there is no shortage of men desiring to enter the ministry for Jesus.

In the difference of cultures it is easy to see that religion and worship of God is of prime importance to them. In our busy society in America it seems that we just want to add Jesus and God to our already hectic lifestyle and it seems that Jesus gets what little time we have left over from our daily lives. In Africa their society is much slower, especially in the rural areas, and they make God the center point of their lives. I believe that is how America was in the beginning.

We want to thank the *Missouri Watchman* and *others* that have lent their financial support to make this trip possible, and we look forward to submitting another report after we return. Thank you for your prayers and support and please continue to pray for our Missions, overseas and here at home.

Elder Ken Walker



From the General Council and All of Us... See you Next Year!

Lucy Syvanen, Maddie Sheldahl, Rhonda and Ken Mason, Daniel Moore & Gramma Doris, Erica Muffley, Esther Syvanen, Ellie Palmer, Tatum & Warner Sheldahl, and *Your Publishing House Staff*: Sherry, Randy and Marilyn

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