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"Test all things; hold fast what is good" (1 Thessalonians 5:21).

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"Advocating Christ the Savior"

Ministerial Council Letter

July 2026

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

For those of you who were able to attend this year's Campmeeting, I hope you had a blessed time and good fellowship. You certainly couldn't have had a better week of pleasant, dry weather and comfortable temperatures. Most of you with whom I visited seemed to rate it a success and said that they look forward to next year's camp.

For those who were unable to attend, I want to provide a brief summary of the Ministerial Council Board meeting to keep you apprised of what was on the hearts of the ministers and to announce new ideas that we are going to pursue this year.

First of all, we are planning to hold three zoom sessions again and are looking for input from our ministers and from all of you. We need a host church for the January 2027 session. Last year's session, held at the St. Vincent church in the Caribbean, was a huge blessing for those who attended it in person. The fellowship time and face to face sharing joined with the training was worth the sacrifice to attend. The hospitality of the church in St. Vincent was appreciated. Please contact me through the publishing house if your church is interested in hosting this coming January 2027 session. We also need ideas for topics that can be discussed during the three sessions. Let us hear your ideas.

We elected a new vice president of the board, Ezra Ledger, who is replacing Steve Boone. Steve has served as president and vice president since the new Ministerial Council was restarted several years ago. We also voted in Craig Moore, who many should know from his days in Idaho and who is currently residing in Missouri. He will replace Ezra as our current secretary. Please welcome these brothers to their new positions and support them in their efforts to carry out their new duties.

We further discussed the possibility of having a panel discussion of just the ministers about issues that are a concern to them. The sessions will not include the general audience, though they are invited to participate in the three zoom sessions. We discussed that this type of forum is currently missing and would be a benefit.

We further discussed the publications that are reviewed by our publications committee; including the quarterlies and tracts offered. This committee needs more volunteers to serve and assist with writing and editing our publications. It meets on a monthly basis.

We look forward to this new year and ask for your input about how we can improve upon our services provided to each of our ministers as well as all of you. May God bless you and provide you with peace and comfort in these trying times.

Thomas Kendrick, Ministerial Council President
General Council Churches of God, (Seventh Day)

Ministerial Council Board (MCB) Unofficial Minutes 2026 Ministerial Council Annual Meeting 10 a.m. MDT, Friday, July 03, 2026

1. Call to order with prayer and Scripture

- The vice president, Bro. Steve Boone called the 2026 Annual Meeting of the Ministerial Council Board (MCB) to order at 10:07 a.m. MDT. Noting that the president Bro. Tom Kendrick who had joined the meeting online was having difficulties with his computer speaker.
- The vice president offered an opening prayer, followed by reading a scripture from 1 Corinthians 1:26.
- He extended welcome to everyone joining the meeting both in person and online and indicated his appreciation to one and all.
- The Meeting's agenda was accepted as presented.

2. Review and approval of 2025 Annual MCB Minutes

- The minutes of the Annual Meeting of the MCB meeting held on July 4, 2025 was read by Bro. Ezra.
- There were no Correction/Amendments to the minutes
- The Confirmation of Minutes as read was moved by Bro. Craig Moore and seconded by Bro. Wes Higgins, and motion was moved and carried.
- There were no Matters Arising from the minutes.

3. Roll Call – Introduction of ministers attending (Request ministers to introduce themselves. Name, country, church name. Ask, "Did you attend any of the Ministerial Forum (MF) and which ones?") The following ministers were in attendance:

Present in Person—

- ❖ Steve Boone: Pastor – Marceline Church in Missouri, USA and Vice President MCB. He attended all 3 MF. He also mentioned that he was fortunate to attend the forum in St. Vincent and the Grenadines (SVG) and appreciated the opportunity to fellowship with the brethren in SVG.
- ❖ Andy Fauth: from Nampa, Idaho, indicated that he fellowships with the Meridian Church of God 7th day and that he does individual and community ministries.

- ❖ Craig Moore: from Marceline Church in Missouri, USA.
- ❖ David Moore: Head Elder at the Seventh Day Sabbath Fellowship of Macon, Missouri. He attended 2 of the MF.
- ❖ Wes Higgins: Pastor at the Celebration Church of God, Ontario, Oregon, USA. And he attended at least two of the MF.
- ❖ Roger Boone: Elder at the Marceline Church in Missouri, USA and he attended 3 of the MF.

Present via Zoom—

- ❖ Tom Kendrick: Pastor – Marceline Church in Missouri, USA and President MCB; He attended 2 of the 3 Ministerial Forum (MF). He indicated that he was to moderate the 3rd session, but was unable to attend due to hospitalization of his son.
- ❖ Prakash Nanda: Pastor for the church in Pradesh, India. He indicated that he is new to the group but pastors several small congregations in India.
- ❖ Terry Siddens: attends the Marceline Church in Missouri, USA. He attended all 3 MF and served as moderator for the 3rd meeting.
- ❖ Ezra D. Ledger: Elder at the Light of Truth Church of God 7th day, in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. He attended all 3 of the MF, as well as to serve as host for the annual in person forum in SVG.
- ❖ Randall Avery: serves an evangelist, active member of the Shiloh Church of God 7th Day in Maryland. He attended one MF.
- ❖ Josko Kibet: Pastor from Kenya and he attended one MF. (He shared that he was currently participating in the Bucket Ministry Mission in Nairobi.
- ❖ Jonathan Carson

4. Headquarters Happenings:

The headquarters happenings were shared by Sophia Fleming, Administrator of the General Council. Sis. Sophia informed that the headquarters had a very productive year. Noted that assistance was provided to the Publication Committee, the Ministerial Committee Board as well as the Education Committee of the Maranatha College. As per the Maranatha College, the first online course was prepared and uploaded. She noted and thanked Bro. Josko for being the first test student to successfully complete the course.

She reminded members that articles are still needed for inclusion in the ACTS magazine and for the creation of tracts. She however, expressed thanks to those who have submitted articles, and also thanked members for their participation in the Ministerial Forums.

Sis. Sophia also highlighted the important role that the Actsforgod.org website is having for different religious materials, including the digital studies, children's worksheets, and the link to the Ministerial Forums. She further reminded members that the website is a very useful tool for the Council and recommended that ministers take some time to review the same.

She noted that the WhatsApp group created for ministers has been very useful and has been the medium for several discussion points. She however noted the need for Ministers to provide up to date email addresses in order to effectively communicate with ministers and provide up to date information.

She informed that a translating software was added to both the ACTS and Maranatha College websites. This software will allow users to change the language to their preferred choice. She further noted that this is very useful especially for the digital studies and requested that members provide feedback on this software.

Sis. Sophia shared that the Daughters of the King, which is the church women's group, has their own WhatsApp group. As such, she will send an invitation to the pastors so that women in their churches can join the Daughters of the King women's group.

5. Report of Publications Committee (PC)

The current members of the PC are: Wes Higgins, Les DeSouza, Ezra Ledger, Rodney Boone.

As per the Publication Committee, members informed that work has been done on the review and updating of several tracts and quarterlies. Additionally, work has commenced on two (2) new tracts: The Lord's Supper Service and the Sabbath.

The committee shared that there were some challenges that occasioned delays in the finalization of the Fundamentals Lesson study series, however progress has been made for its completion.

The Committee expressed its gratitude to Sis. Sophia and the Staff at the Administrative Office for providing guidance and logistical support to the committees.

The Committee urged ministers to submit information and other materials for review and for possible use as articles for the ACTS magazine and/or the preparation of tracts.

A call was made requesting volunteers to serve on the Publication Committee. Rodney Boone is stepping down from the committee. Steve Boone volunteered to serve on the committee. Any other ministers who are interested in serving can get in contact with the General Council office.

6. New Business

Discussions were held on the goals for 2026 – 2027. It was noted that the quarterly Ministerial sessions have been very useful and enlightening. General sessions are normally held in April, October and January, with the session in January being the in-person session.

The Marceline church volunteered to host the January 2027 (in person) home church session. It was recommended that once a date and topic are decided on, invitations for this session be sent out early so that members can make adequate preparation to attend.

It was also suggested that letters be sent out to ministers inviting churches to express their interests in hosting this session and to provide suggestion for possible topics.

The following topic suggestions were made: The Holy Spirit; The Feast Days; Personal Fulfillment of the Great Commission; Disciples Making; Everlasting Covenant of God.

The Committee also recommended that a meeting of licensed ministers only be held periodically to serve as a forum for ministers to discuss doctrinal and other issues affecting the ministry and the church. This closed meeting could be held semi-annually online via Zoom. It was noted that the current ministerial forums are opened public events that are advertised to everyone, as such these sessions are not the best to discuss certain issues.

Bro. Craig Moore informed the meeting that he developed a mobile App that could be used for the General Council members. This App has several features including messaging, prayer wall, announcements, etc. It is initially being developed for Android phone and he invited members to express their interest to be a test user before the app is rolled out to the general public. Members interested in being test users could contact Bro. Craig via email. The Committee members agreed that this is a great initiative.

7. Elections

The president informed that there is currently one position to be filled, that is the post of vice president of the MCB. Bro. Steve Boone nominated Bro. Ezra Ledger for the new vice president, and this nomination was seconded by Bro. Terry. Bro. Ezra accepted the nomination. There being no other nominations, Bro. Ezra was elected vice president by acclamation. The motion was moved and carried.

The president informed that Bro. Ezra served as the secretary to the MCB, as such with his election to the post of vice president, the post of secretary became vacant, therefore a new election was held for this post of Secretary.

Bro. Steve nominated Bro. Craig Moore for the post of Secretary to the MCB. The nomination was seconded by Bro. Ezra. Bro. Craig accepted the nomination for the new secretary.

There being no other nominations, the chair moved to accept Bro. Craig as the new MCB Secretary by acclamation. The motion was moved and carried. Bro. Craig Moore was elected the new secretary to the MCB.

8. Date and time of next annual meeting.

The members agreed that Friday July 2, 2027 at 10:00 a.m. MDT will be the date and time for the next annual meeting of the MCB.

9. Adjournment with prayer

- a. Motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Bro. David Moore and seconded by Bro. Craig Moore, the motion was Moved and carried.
- b. Closing prayer was offered by Bro. Wes Higgins.
- c. The president thanked members for attending and participating in the meeting.
- d. Meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m MDT.

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The Christian Youth

Hello everyone! This year has been a great year for The Christian Youth. Youth Camp went better than we could've ever asked for. Our total attendance was less than we have had in past years, but the quality of camp was amazing. Rodney Boone was our teacher. Hearing and seeing the way he comes at the subjects he presented to us, had everyone, including some of the adults that sat in on class,

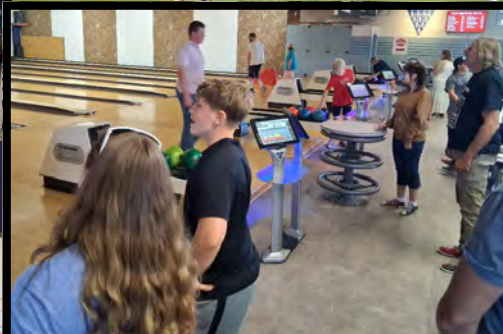
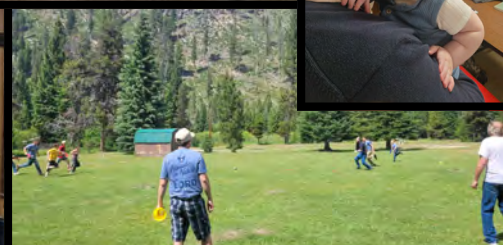
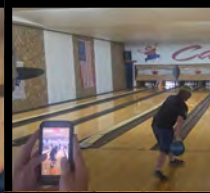
thinking about it in ways that they hadn't prior. Craig Moore was our speaker. He connected the theme of camp (Vine and Branches) and how we can apply it in our everyday life in a way I had never thought about before. And the activities done by Joseph Slawson were a blast. He did a great job of mixing the athletic activities with the intellectual activities, allowing everyone to thrive in an area they enjoy most. The food was delicious. The cook, Amelia Kelly "Aunt Millie", made amazing food. The biscuits and gravy, pizza, chicken potpie, and scones were some of my personal favorites, but everything was simply splendid. And the camp appointed mascot, Kent "Baby Kent" Kelly, did an excellent job at keeping all of the campers spirits up and the adults arms tired. Overall, it was one of the best camps I have attended.

Campmeeting was tons of fun. The youth class was great, (I was the teacher) the responses I got to the questions I'd ask showed just how sharp-minded the attendees were. And the questions that they'd ask me caused all of us to talk over it and come at it from all sorts of directions.

Everyone had a blast on the outing. We went to a park first. At the park we played card games, and some sports. For the main activity we went bowling which was loads of fun.

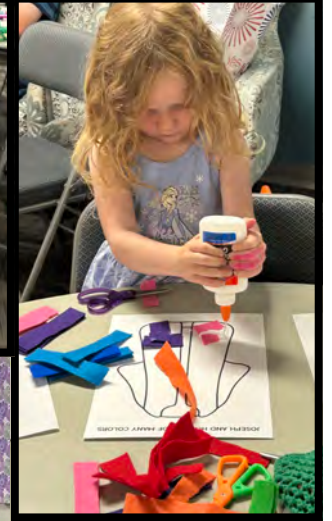
With all of this said I'd say that the best part was not camp or the bowling. I really do think it was the memories we made and the relationships made with God as well as one another. I can't wait for next year, it is gonna be AWESOME!!

- Michael Slawson



Children's Corner

The kids at this years Campmeeting had a great time in class learning about David and Goliath, Joseph and His Coat of Many Colors, Noah's Ark, and more. They also did some fun crafts and enjoyed some delicious snacks. Thank you to all the kids who came to class and to everyone who helped out during the week. We hope to see you at Campmeeting next year!



*Here is one of the fun puzzles the kids did at Campmeeting. Read David and Goliath in 1 Samuel 17 to see how God saved the Israelites. After reading it, do the puzzles below. The words go in all directions, including backwards.
Hope you enjoy it!*

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DAVID

GOLIATH

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SLING

PHILISTINES

MOUNTAIN

DISMAYED

STONES

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JESSE

AFRAID

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ISRAEL

FIGHT

FOREHEAD

SHEEP

BATTLE

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Play this puzzle online at: <https://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/9778206/>

name of God. When we use the name of God in anger, we use His name in vain. We misuse the name of God when we make a vow under God to love and cherish our spouse and then don't carry through. When a Christian business portrays itself as "a Christian business" and cheats or lies to their customers, their hypocrisy misuses the name of God. We misuse the name of God when we joke about it in a hypocritical way, or when we treat His name irreverently.

Lesson Questions:

1. What are some names of God revealed in Scripture? Genesis 1:1; 14:18-20; 17:1; 22:14; Exodus 3:14-15; 17:15-16
2. Which of these names most strengthens your faith as you think on its meaning?
3. How does Mary, the mother of Jesus, speak of God's name? Luke 1:46-49. How does David describe His name? Psalm 111:9
4. Why is God worthy to receive glory and honor? Psalm 33:9-11; 135:13; Revelation 4:11
5. Describe how the Jews in Jeremiah's time profaned the name of God. Jeremiah 34:8-16
6. How did Israel profane God's holy name and cause others to blaspheme? How did God remedy that? Ezekiel 36:19-22, 36. See also Romans 2:23-24.
7. What does the Bible say about swearing and profanity? Ephesians 4:29-32; 5:1-5. The Hebrew and Greek words for profane speech both carry the meaning of defiling, polluting, or treating as common.
8. How did Jesus enlarge upon the meaning of the third commandment? Matthew 5:33-37; Mark 7:6-9; Luke 6:46-49

* "H1961 - hÖyâ - Strong's Hebrew Lexicon (NKJV)." Blue Letter Bible. Web. 20 Jun, 2023. <<http://www.blueletterbible.org/lexicon/h1961/nkjv/wlc/0-1/>>.

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Lesson 1: The Ten Commandments

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all.

Ecclesiastes 12:13

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 5

Memory Verse: *Jesus said to him, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'*" Matthew 22:37-39

Introduction:

As we read through the Ten Commandments, we see it divided into two divisions. The first four describe our relationship to God and the last six our relationship to man.

The Ten Commandments are not just a part of the Law of Moses. Look at how they are described in the introduction in Exodus 20. The LORD is not just telling Moses to go and relay a message to the people. The Lord is speaking these words directly to the Israelites. At the end of the Ten Commandments in Exodus 20:19, the Israelites were terrified after hearing from God in this manner and they asked for Moses to be the mediator between them and God. The giving of the Ten Commandments was a high point in the life of Israel. The Ten Commandments, along with Aaron's staff and manna, were placed inside the ark of the covenant (Hebrews 9:4).

The same level of importance is placed on the Ten Commandments by Jesus and then later by Jesus' apostles. When the rich young ruler asked what he needed to do to inherit eternal life, Jesus quoted the commandments relating to loving his neighbor. Jesus challenged the Jewish leaders for their hypocrisy and failure to worship the Heavenly Father from the heart. When Paul gives a summary of what it means to live as a Christian in Romans 13:8-9, he summarizes several of the commandments. Over and over in the New Testament, we see the commandments restated in various ways.

The Ten Commandments were important to God's people in the Old Testament. They also were taught by Jesus and were key to God's people in the New Testament, and they need to be a central teaching for us today. There is, in mankind, a rebellion against authority; the desire for freedom to do what we want when we want. The Ten Commandments are often rejected because they are wrongly seen as a form of bondage to the law. In this first lesson, we will learn the history of the Ten Commandments and demonstrate their importance to us today.

Lesson Questions:

1. When and where were the Ten Commandments written down? Exodus 19:1; 31:18; 34:1; Deuteronomy 5:22; 10:4 page 2
2. The Ten Commandments were written in stone by the finger of God (Exodus 31:18). How does the way in which the Ten Commandments were given affect our view of God's law? Exodus 32:15-16; Deuteronomy 4:15; Psalms 111:10; Ecclesiastes 12:13
3. Why were the Ten Commandments called the "two tablets of Testimony" in Exodus 31:18? Exodus 24:12; 25:16; Romans 7:7
4. What was the purpose of the Ten Commandments? Exodus 19:5-6; Deuteronomy 5:29, 33; 7:6-9
5. What did Jesus teach about the law? Matthew 5:17-20; Luke 16:17
6. In what sense are the commandments like a mirror? Psalm 19:7-8, 11; Romans 7:7-9
7. In Romans 7:22-23 we see that we can delight in the law, but that our sinful nature does not delight in God's law. How can we truly delight in God's law? Psalm 1:1-3; Romans 7:22-23; Galatians 3:3-5; Philippians 1:6
8. Discuss what commandments of God that people of this present world reject so that they may keep their own traditions.
9. The Ten Commandments define our relationship to God and to our fellow man. How does the law bring greater clarity to what it means to love God and our neighbor? Romans 13:8-10; Galatians 5:14
10. In what ways were the series of commands and ordinances that were given by God to Moses different from the Ten Commandments? Deuteronomy 5:31-33; 31:18, 24-26; 33:4; 2 Kings 22:8

Lesson 4: The Third Commandment

"You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain."

Exodus 20:7

Scripture Reading: 1 Chronicles 16:8-36

Memory Verse: *Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together.* Psalm 34:3

Introduction:

If you were to say that one commandment was not as important as the others, would you say it was the third commandment? Why does God tell us it is wrong to misuse the name of God? We need to understand why this is important and what it means to disobey this commandment.

Names mean something. This is true especially with the name of God. The proper name of God, which is often translated as LORD in our English Bibles, is YHWH in the Hebrew Bible. God explains His name to Moses in Exodus 3:15, *"Moreover God said to Moses, 'Thus you shall say to the children of Israel: 'The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. This is My name forever, and this is My memorial to all generations.'"* This is the name that God is to be remembered by for all generations. Beyond that, God revealed who He is to Moses in that same passage when He describes Himself as *"I AM WHO I AM"* (Exodus 3:14). *"I AM"* is translated from the verb that means "to be." And He says to tell the people of Israel that *"I AM has sent me to you"* (Exodus 3:14). By these words God was describing His nature. He is not a god of man's creation like other gods. He is beyond our comprehension. He is all powerful. He is all-sufficient. He is self-existent. He is perfect. He is the God of justice. He is the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is I AM. These concepts of the LORD God are described throughout Scripture. By these descriptions, we learn to trust in Him and to receive encouragement and rest in challenging times. Because of who He is, He is worthy of honor above any other god and we should not dishonor Him with how we use His name.

The commandment says we are not to take the name of the LORD in vain. We need to understand what it means to obey this commandment. We can abuse and misuse the name of God in three ways: by swearing, by lying, and by hypocrisy. When we use the name of God as a swear word to strengthen the importance of what we are saying, we blaspheme the

When the temple was finished, the ark of the covenant was brought into the temple and placed in the Most Holy Place. In 1 Kings 8:9, the contents of the ark are described. It did not contain an image of God. Inside the ark were the two tablets of stone that Moses put there at Horeb.

In John 4:19, when Jesus was speaking to the Samaritan woman at the well, she opens up a discussion about where to worship. Jesus says God is not concerned about places. He said in John 4:24 “*God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.*” When we try to introduce any other element, such as a shrine or idol, to our worship, we are wrong.

This second commandment is important because images dishonor God. The problem with statues or shrines or pictures is that they conceal most of the truth about the nature and character of God. The way we think of God is very important. If images were important to God, He would have revealed Himself that way. No statue or painting can do God credit. It would only diminish our view of God. God alone is to be worshipped and without any visible symbols of Himself.

Lesson Questions:

1. What does the second commandment prohibit? What does it require of us? Exodus 20:4-6; Deuteronomy 5:8-10
2. Does God forbid us from making likenesses of created things? Exodus 25:18-22. Read also Numbers 21:8-9; but see 2 Kings 18:4.
3. Who did Aaron intend the idol to represent? Exodus 32:1-8. Were other commandments broken during this incident?
4. Why does God forbid the worship of any image? Exodus 20:5; Isaiah 43:10-15
5. Why was Moses instructed to destroy the images of the Amorites, Canaanites, and Hittites? Exodus 34:13-17
6. Why did God bring His people out of Egypt and place them in the land of Canaan? Psalm 106:8; Ezekiel 20:9
7. What was the sin of Jeroboam and how did it lead people to sin? 1 Kings 12:25-30. See also 2 Kings 10:29.
8. What does the New Testament say about idolaters? Ephesians 5:5; Romans 1:23; 1 Corinthians 6:9
9. What are modern-day examples of how we make graven images?

Lesson 2: The First Commandment

“*You shall have no other gods before Me.*” Exodus 20:3

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 6:1-15

Memory Verse: *And God spoke all these words, saying: “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before Me.”* Exodus 20:1-3

Introduction:

God brought the Israelites out of slavery and out of bondage in Egypt. He also brought them out of the spiritual bondage to false idols. He did this to make Israel a holy nation and a kingdom of priests. God through Moses in Deuteronomy 7 says this very well. It was not because the Israelites were more numerous that the LORD loves them. Instead, it is because the LORD their God is the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and keep His commandments and repay those who hate Him.

It is very appropriate for God to speak plainly as He begins the Ten Commandments. He begins with “*I am the LORD your God*” (Exodus 20:1). By this God declares His authority to enact this law. He asserts Himself to be the only object of worship. They are to obey these commandments because God is the LORD, the creator of the universe. He is worthy of worship. He rewards obedience and punishes disobedience.

He was their God and in a covenant relationship with them. Today, through Christ, baptized believers are in a covenant relationship with Him. We also are to obey because He brought us out of our slavery to sin just as He took the Israelites out of the land of Egypt (John 8:34). By redeeming us, we owe our service to Him. With Christ having rescued us out of bondage to sin, He is entitled to the best service that we can give to Him (Luke 1:74).

The first commandment says, “*You shall have no other gods before Me*” (Exodus 20:3). It is concerned with the object of our worship. It is to be the LORD God and Him only. The Egyptians had many gods and so did other neighboring nations. Disobedience to this commandment for us is when we give glory and honor to any creature which is due to God only. Pride makes a god of self. Covetousness makes a god of money and possessions. Sexual sins make a god of the human body. Whenever something is loved, served, or feared more than God, we will in effect make it a god.

The last words of the commandment are “*before Me*.” Page 4
By this, God makes it clear that He will know if we put other gods before Him and also that He will not overlook this sin.

Lesson Questions:

1. What did Jesus say was the first and great commandment of the law? Mark 12:28-30
2. Why should God be revered and worshipped? Deuteronomy 4:39; Jeremiah 10:10; Isaiah 45:22-23; 44:6; Revelations 1:8; 15:3
3. Are we able to comprehend the power and wisdom of God? Jeremiah 10:12-13; Isaiah 45:5, 12
4. Given our position compared to God’s, what should be our attitude toward Him? Job 40:3-5; Isaiah 55:8-9; James 4:14
5. How did the first commandment get broken before Mount Sinai in Genesis 31:19, 30?
6. What was David’s reason for worshipping God alone? 1 Chronicles 16:23-27
7. What statement regarding other gods does Paul make? 1 Corinthians 8:4-6
8. How was the rich young ruler breaking the first commandment? Luke 18:18-23
9. Before his conversion, was Zacchaeus disobedient to the first commandment? Luke 19:8-10
10. What does Jesus say of worshipping the god of mammon? Matthew 6:19-24

Excerpts from The Ten Commandments

“You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.”
Exodus 20:4-6

Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 4:1-25

Memory Verse: *Oh come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker.* Psalms 95:6

Introduction:

At first glance it may seem that the first two commandments are saying the same thing. Although idolatry was a common feature of the worship of other gods, the two were not identical. It is possible to make images of God, and it is also possible to worship other gods without making images of them.

God, in His wisdom, saw the need to make this distinction between the first and second commandments. In the first commandment, we learned that God alone is to be worshipped. In the second commandment, we see that God alone is to be worshipped and without any visible images of Himself. The second commandment prohibits the making of false idols, but also prohibits the making of idols of God.

We are not to know the true God through looking at images of Him. No matter how dramatic they portray our God, they will fall short of us understanding God. We are to know God through His creation (Psalm 19:1). We are to know God through His Scriptures (Psalm 19:7-8). And, we are to know God through His Son, Jesus Christ (John 1:18). We are not to know God through images or idols of any kind.

When God gave Solomon instructions to build His temple, He did not allow any images to be made of Himself. He instructed images made of created things, including the sea and cherubim and palm trees and flowers. His point was that He alone was to be worshipped and without any visible images of Himself. With this second commandment, we are directed to not have images or statues or pictures of the one we worship. Isaiah 40:18 says

Daughters of the King

The Annual Daughters of the King Meeting Unofficial Minutes

Meridian Campmeeting

July 1, 2026

The meeting was opened with 12 women sharing about who had affected and changed their Christian walk.

Old Business:

Marilyn Sheldahl gave the treasurer's report. Our finale CD was cashed in to help provide for current needs.

Many of the needs covered were discussed, including:

- The needs of the orphanage
- Internet for Josko, who translates for the country.
- Repair of the sandy Shack which was deemed unsafe
- Purchased a small trailer for a future Snack Shack, It still needs shelving. The trailer was given to the General Council with The Christian Youth having first right of use including the week prior to and during Campmeeting and the week prior to and including Youth Camp.
- Storm damage requiring tree removal. We helped with cash to the General Council.
- A house repair in Jamaica
- Cleaning of the kitchen prior to Campmeeting.
- Youth Camp scholarships.
- Trash cans, shelves in the walk-in cooler, tetherball, and t-shirts

As of June 30th, we had a balance of \$2,995.00.

New Business:

- Changes to the by-laws and what it means to Daughters of the King. The by-laws were approved during the 2026 general business meeting of the camp.
- Callie Bayes moved that we continue to have Katie Day design the themed t-shirts for Campmeeting next year. s/c. Alice Day will verify that Katie will still do them.
- Joyce Boone said that when at St. Vincent she heard that the women there felt isolated and started a WhatsApp to chat. We have a Daughters of the King one that everyone is encouraged to join.
- Sophia Fleming moved that we continue the live auction and the silent auction for next year. s/c
- The cost of Breeze would be \$90.00 every three months for our share. It would help create a list of members and aid in emails.
- We proceeded with the election of officers.

Quinet Boone moved that Linda Palmer remain president. s/c

Joyce Boone was nominated for vice president. Millie moved that we accept her to the position. s/c

Committee Women Elected:

Melanie Moore—2 years

Haley Boone—2 years

Callie Bayes—2 years

- It was moved that Alice Day become our Secretary/Treasurer and the other three become the committee women serving for two years this time and then following elections committee women will serve a three-year term. s/c

Haley Boone adjourned with prayer.







Headquarters Happenings Jul-Aug 2026

By Sophia Fleming
G.C. Administrator/General Manager

2026 Unofficial Annual Meeting Minutes

July 1, 2026

Meeting Facilitator: Earl Rice, President;

Meeting Secretary: Sophia Fleming

1) Called to Order: 9:50 a.m. by the president with prayer followed by the reading of Matthew 18:19-20

**Read the names on the registry. (Voted on by the Board members.)*

Registration Committee: David Moore and Roger Boone

Names on the registry were read and approved by the Board.

2) Approval of Minutes: Minutes read by Doris Stucker. Motion to approve minutes. m/s/c

3) Reading of Committee Reports:

a) Treasurer Report: Sophia Fleming, Treasurer

i) Motion to approve financials as presented. m/s/c

b) The Christian Youth Report: Solomon Archer, Chairman

The Christian Youth Board met monthly and sometimes twice a month over the last year. They were able to have their Northwest Youth Camp and felt that it went well. They will be doing their youth outing on July 2nd.

c) Daughters of the King Report: Linda Palmer, President

The DOK purchased a trailer and has donated it to the General Council. It will be converted to use for The Christian Youth's snack shack during Campmeeting. Although it will be available for other uses throughout the year, it is to be reserved for The Christian Youth each year for their use during Campmeeting and Youth Camp. The DOK also used the funds they raised to assist the Council with tree removal; shelving and minor repairs to the walk-in cooler; kitchen cleaning and supplies. The DOK also assisted with two youth scholarships to assist youth to go to Youth Camp.

d) Ministerial Council Report: Steve Boone, Vice President

The meetings were held in the past year. The Publications Committee reviewed quarterlies and approved one new tract on the Sabbath. The Ministerial Council established a ministerial discussion group on WhatsApp for the international ministers. The Ministerial Council held three quarterly forums, topics included family relationships (October), an in-person session in St. Vincent and the Grenadines (January/February), and characteristics of a true prophet and gifts of prophecy (May).

e) License & Credential Committee Report: Steve Boone, Committeeman

Ten regular meetings were held, plus subcommittee meetings for reviewing applicants and preparing the Article 12 amendment. Four licensed ministers were invited to credentialed status (having served five years). Two new ministerial applicants were licensed, Pastor Nanda (India) and Pastor Williams (Canada). No new organizational affiliation applicants were received. Five-year license renewals are underway and nearly complete; licensees were asked to submit a survey detailing their ministry activities over the past five years. New candidates are now being interviewed as part of a more rigorous vetting process and background checks are being incorporated also. The ministerial license application form is being updated to better reflect the General Council's fundamental beliefs and to modernize it. The Article 12 bylaw amendment has been drafted, approved by the Ministerial Council Board, and is ready for a vote.

f) Maranatha College Report: Earl Rice, Chairman

Systematic Theology (written by Alva Huffer) has launched and is being used by students from multiple countries, including Kenya. A second course has been completed and is ready to be uploaded. The Board of Education is currently working on mission and vision statements for Maranatha College.

g) President's Report/Facility Subcommittee Report: Earl Rice, Chairman

The General Council was able to purchase a new zero turn lawnmower this year. With the help of funds from the DOK, we were able to do some renovations to the walk-in cooler; they also assisted with funding the removal of five trees; more trees will likely need to be removed in the upcoming year. All current tenants are slated to renew their contracts. Due to the possibility of the development of the neighboring vacant property and how it may affect the irrigation ditch, and the current high costs of some needed building materials, there has been no updates to the park plan for the area at the north end of the property.

Cash Flow Analysis as of May—2026	Beginning Balance	Ending Balance
Designated Funds	Mar 31 st	May 31 st
Building Fund	0.00	0.00
Campmeeting Fund	2,833.07	2,766.64
Memorial Fund	450.00	450.00
Missions	14,173.37	14,560.45
Park Fund	3,960.00	3,960.00
Funds for Operating Expenses		
General Fund	-1,583.79	1,821.48
Repairs Fund (5% of Rent)	3,462.8	692.85
Average Monthly General Operating Expenses for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 = \$10,332.17		

- h) Headquarters Report: Sophia Fleming, Administrator
 Maranatha College was launched online and has had students from Kenya and other countries. A language translation software was added to both the ACTSforGod.org and the MaranathaCollege.org websites; this software allows the entire website text to be translated into one of the chosen languages. Sophia also shared about the work to help with the Jamaica Council recover from the recent hurricane. The Council is investing in a new software called Breeze that will help connectivity between churches and members; we have started using it to send group emails/texts, conduct surveys, process background checks, and help with camp registration. A WhatsApp community with breakout groups was launched for doctrinal discussions, announcements, and sharing ministry updates globally (participants from the US, Nigeria, Kenya, Brazil, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, and others). The General Council's web server was hacked with ransomware, taking systems offline for approximately two weeks. All images on the websites had to be reloaded. The main website and Maranatha College site are restored; the online store remains down. Sophia also mentioned that Byron Sanchez, a licensed minister and long-time contributor to ACTS, Maranatha College, and the Publications Committee, passed away from cancer this year. A significant donation was received to help offset overhead wages, enabling the possible creation of several part-time positions.

**Reading of new names on the registry*

4) Elections:

- a) Reading of Acts 6:2-3 by the president and election:
 b) Board Member Elections – (3-Year Terms) – **Earl Rice, President (2026 – 2nd Term); Tom Kendrick, Vice President (2026); Roger Boone (2026);** David DeVous (2027); David Moore (2027); Les DeSouza (2028); Craig Moore (2028).
 Nominees – President -Steve Boone (20), Tom Kendrick (3), (1 not valid for Earl Rice)
 Nominees – Vice President – Earl Rice, by acclamation
 Nominees – Committee – Tom Kendrick (7), Roger Boone (11), Bob Carver (7)
 c) Election of License & Credential Committee Members – (2-Year Terms) – **Jonathan Carson, Chairman (2026); Denrick Rose (2026);** Steve Boone (2027); Les DeSouza (2027); Wes Higgins (2027).
 Nominee – Jonathan – accepted by acclamation
 Nominee – Denrick Rose (12), Tom Kendrick (12) President tie breaking vote was for Denrick Rose

**Reading of new names on the registry. No new names were added.*

5) Old Business:

- a) Parking Lot in place of the grassy area south of the duplex and park area at north end of Property. (No Change)
 b) DOK Bylaw Change - Passed – 22 to 0
 i) Appendix A – as presented in the ACTS magazine – The bylaw change was presented and discussed in 2025; there were no concerns voiced. This change of amendment will be voted on during the 2026 Annual Meeting.
 c) The Christian Youth Restructuring (Committee had not met yet.)
 i) Concerns were raised about the 13–30 age group designation, with some feeling it may no longer be appropriate or relevant in today's society. Committee to include Craig and Melanie Moore; Mariah Wilson, David DeVous, Sophia Fleming, and any Youth Board members.
 d) L&C Licensing Structuring Amendment Change – Passed 21 to 0
 i) Appendix B – bylaw change as posted in ACTS magazine
 d) Article XI, Section 5 Amendment Committee (Committee did not meet.)
 i) Committee was to meet to discuss the changing of section of the bylaws in regard to when the Annual Meeting Minutes are approved by the Board of Directors at their next meeting following the Annual meeting instead of reading and approving the minutes during the following annual meeting. Committee was to include David DeVous, Wes Higgins, and Sophia Fleming.

6) No New Business

7) 2027 Campmeeting Dates:

- i) Proposed Dates June 28th-July 3rd. m/s/c
 ii) 2026 Annual Meeting Proposed - Wed, June 30, 2026, at 9:45 a.m. m/s/c

8) Adjournment m/s/c closed in prayer by Rodney at 12:12 p.m. MDT

Campmeeting Cash Flow Analysis as of July 25 th		
Previous Balance	\$ 2,293.07	
Donations Received 09/2025-07/2026	\$ 10,284.74	
Total Funds Available for the 2026 Campmeeting		\$ 12,577.81
Expenditures		
Maintenance (Includes Janitorial Wages)	\$ 969.12	
Meals (Includes Kitchen Staff Wages)	\$ 6,956.76	
Misc.	\$ 207.48	
Program (Includes Children and Activities)	\$ 2,040.68	
Supplies	\$ 106.51	
Estimated Utilities	\$ 800.00	
Total Expenses		\$ 11,080.55
Estimated Fund Balance after Campmeeting		\$ 1,497.26

Summary of Our Statement of Belief

THE BIBLE

God has revealed Himself through the Bible. Divine guidance of the writing, preservation, and translation of the Bible makes it the most accurate, complete, reliable, and divinely inspired revelation of God.

GOD

God, called I Am (YHWH) in the Old Testament and called Heavenly Father by Jesus in the New Testament, has always and will always exist. God created earth with all of nature and controls it for His purposes. God created people with free choice to live on earth in relationship with Him and gave people capabilities designed for living according to His purpose.

JESUS

Jesus is the divinely born Son of God, and is the Son of Man, who is the divinely anointed Messiah. He was sent to fully reveal the Heavenly Father to mankind and to die an atoning sacrifice. He created the path to reconcile individuals into God's family. Today Jesus is the head of God's Kingdom on earth and the intercessor to God for each of God's children.

HOLY SPIRIT

The Holy Spirit is the power of God recorded working at creation and throughout the Old Testament. God worked by His Spirit through God's chosen leaders, His children, and governments on the earth to accomplish His plan and purposes. In the New Testament God's Spirit worked the divine birth of Jesus and empowered Jesus for ministry. God's Spirit guided the development of the early church and the spreading of the Gospel to known lands. Today the work of God's Spirit includes convincing people of sin, righteousness, judgement, and enabling people to accomplish God's will beyond human limitations.

CRUCIFIXION AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST

Jesus prophesied that He would be buried in the grave for three days and three nights to provide a sign that He is the begotten Son of God. From prophecy and the many timing references about activities around Jesus, we believe that He was buried on Wednesday evening and resurrected Saturday evening.

STATE OF THE DEAD

Death of this mortal life is a condition of "unconscious" waiting until the return of Jesus Christ at His second coming. During the end time, mortal bodies will be resurrected. Members of God's family will become immortal and those who have rejected God will be destroyed at their appointed time.

MAN'S CONDITION

Since creation people have naturally chosen rejection of God's sovereignty and pursue self-interest as their guide for living in God's creation. This has resulted in death for all. The result is that earth is a place of difficult labor and lives of hardship for the duration of separation from God. People cannot on their own reverse this separation.

MAN'S SALVATION

God shows his extreme love for people, His creation, and His design for life on earth by His provision to reconcile people into His family. God sent Jesus, who in love, became the reconciling sacrifice for everyone who believes in the reality of God and accepts inclusion to live in God's family. God's family will live eternally.

A HOLY LIFE AND SANCTIFICATION

God created people to live as members of His family, which includes pursuing His design for living on earth. God is holy and desires His family to live lives differentiated from those who pursue serving self and natural earthly desires. Focus on Godly living becomes the primary purpose of life. This purpose not only leads to pursuing the reality of God but also His desire that people love each other more than desire for self. The ability to achieve this purpose starts with reconciliation into a relationship with God when the Spirit of God becomes part of the inner person. Experiencing the reality of God's continual presence and activity enhances one's day to day living.

THE CHURCH

God designed creation for people to live in connected communities. This increases people sharing their love for God and experiencing Him. It also increases their love for other

people. The church is the primary community designed by God outside of family units. The name "The Church of God" is commonly used in the Bible to identify communities of Jesus's followers. The church is not only the local believer communities but also a collective community of all individuals that follow Jesus. The Spirit of God enables the church to accomplish God's work. Individual church communities are human organizations that need Godly leaders. God's Spirit directs the local group and enables it to do God's work. Such local churches are each responsible for their own teachings and activities. Degrees of fellowship, unity, and pursuit of common objectives establishes connection between individual churches.

ORDINANCES OF THE CHURCH

Jesus initiated practices of the church to strengthen the relationship of individuals to God:

Baptism by immersion is a declaration by a child of God expressing their acceptance of God's reconciliation into His family. This celebration by believers receives them into the church community.

The Lord's Supper/Christian Passover commemorates the sacrifice of Jesus to bring reconciliation to the children of God. Jesus instructed His followers to eat unleavened bread and to drink the fruit of the vine to remember His body and blood that was sacrificed. And to do this as they had commemorated the Jewish Passover.

The washing of feet ceremony at the Lord's Supper/Christian Passover is for the church, as a community, and for individuals to recognize and remember Jesus's instruction to serve each other.

THE TEN COMMANDMENT LAW AND THE SABBATH DAY

The Ten Commandments, given by God, are to teach righteous words and actions to all mankind. This standard of acceptable behavior reflects the necessary personal inward experience that leads people to know God and accept reconciliation into his family.

God established the sunset to sunset Seventh Day Sabbath as a gift to mankind to break from work, responsibilities, and burdens for one day a week. This gift not only rejuvenates but calls for remembrance of God who set it apart and of His love for creation.

When God established Israel as His personal people, Moses handed down civil laws to govern the lives of Israelites. When the resurrection of Jesus the Messiah instituted the New Covenant, God's nation became internalized by all believers located in all nations.

PRAYER AND DIVINE HEALING

Prayer is the opportunity to connect to God in spiritual communication, to worship and praise Him for His love and work on earth. It is the way to approach Him with needs and to express concerns for the needs of others. Prayer is to God, recognizing Jesus as mediator, and seeking to know and accept God's will in life. We believe in the "laying on of hands" of the elders and the prayer of faith for divine healing.

THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD

We believe that Jesus the Messiah will return to earth to set up the physical Kingdom of God, to rule in place of earthly nations that withstand God and His righteousness. His return will initiate the resurrection of the dead, the reward of the righteous, the earth made new and become the eternal home of the children of God. Afterwards the earth will be free from sin and the curse of death.

SIGNS OF THE TIMES

We believe that Bible prophecy has indicated the seasons of events that will occur near the return of Jesus. Those times will include increasing rejection of God and increasing calamities facing mankind. The current challenges that nations are facing are likely the work of God moving towards the soon return of Jesus. As such, more diligence is required to reach out to those around and to stand on the truth of God's existence and His offer of reconciliation to all.

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