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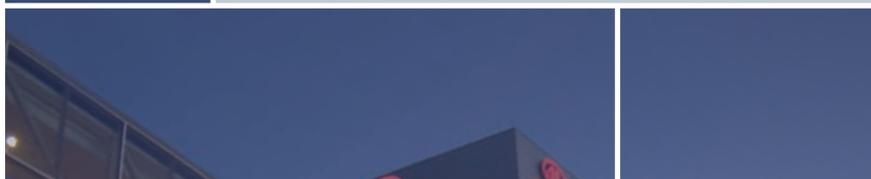
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CULTURE OF EXCELLENCE



Spiritual Formation: Learning From the Steve Jobs Story

Months after his death, Steve Jobs, Apple co-founder, remains an intriguing topic of conversation. How can we forget him? His technological inventions define our era. He dropped out of college, spent time in India, then returned to Silicon Valley and set up a workshop in his parents' garage. With his friend, Stephen Wozniak, he launched a revolution. Ten years later, Apple had grown into a \$2 billion company with four thousand employees. But that gets us ahead of the story.

Jobs' formative years were shaped by the actions of his unwed parents, a loving adoptive family, a caring teacher, and an imperceptive pastor. Boredom and rebellion at school would have earned him the label "delinquent," except for a teacher who suspected she had an exceptional child in her classroom.

But his pastor was not as perceptive. At 13, haunted by a picture of starving children from Biafra in a magazine article, Jobs inquired of his pastor if God knows everything. When the pastor insisted that God does know everything, Jobs pointed to the picture and asked, "Well, does God know about this and what's going to happen to those children?"

The pastor responded simply, "Steve, I know you don't understand, but yes, God knows about that."

The answer left Jobs disillusioned. That day he walked away from church and never returned.

These childhood experiences set the trajectory of his life. Self-motivated and driven to achieve, Jobs was said to be ruthless, intimidating, obnoxious, and offensive, so much so that at age 30, he found himself out of a job.

Would this period of failure count for something? Yes. It made Steve Jobs wiser and more mature. His remaining years as Apple's CEO reflected a life redefined by personal experience. In his final days, Jobs confessed: "Remembering that I'll be dead soon is the most important tool I've ever encountered to help me make the big choices in life. Because almost everything — all external expectations, all pride, all fear of embarrassment or failure — these things just fall away in the face of death, leaving only what is truly important."

Jobs wasn't a professing Christian, but Christians can learn from his story about how life's early experiences shape us; about looking past people's exterior to see their potential; about the impact of a leader's words in the life of a young person seeking to understand life's complexities; about organizational leadership, brokenness, and balancing competence with character. These are matters of spiritual formation, and they are critical in our efforts for Christ's kingdom.

Steve Jobs — on Excellence

Commitment to excellence was one of Steve Jobs' core values. His adoptive father was skilled in mechanics and carpentry, and his favorite thing to do was to hang out with the young Steve, tinkering

with old cars in the garage. Does that ring a bell?

By his dad's standards, when they fixed the backyard fence, as much attention was given the side that wasn't visible as to the side that was. Small wonder that with Apple products, the part the customer cannot see is as perfectly developed as the part they *can* see (according to Jobs). His motto was technologically exceptional, yet simple; intricately designed, yet beautiful. Tools for work and play, but impressive to look at.

In his article about Steve Jobs from which I draw these thoughts, Gordon MacDonald speaks about the Apple standards: exceptional quality, simplicity, and beauty, and how these should mark the life of Christians. As the apostle Paul underscores, this is all about excellence: "Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable — if anything is excellent or praiseworthy — think about such things" (Philippians 4:8, NIV).

I knew very little about Steve Jobs prior to reading the MacDonald article. So knowing what I know now, when I reach for my iPod and iPad, I'll be thinking of excellence. I pray you will, too.

— *Whaid Rose*
Denver Office

Adapted from "The Soul of Steve Jobs," by Gordon MacDonald, *Leadership Journal* (Winter 2012). Read the article in its entirety at www.leadershipjournal.net.



Annual Leadership Meeting

Ministries directors and district superintendents met in Denver, Colorado, April 22-24 at the DIA Crowne Plaza Hotel. A major focus of the two-and-a-half day meeting was retracing our steps as an organization in crafting and embracing the Conference vision. Whaid Rose, who hosted the meeting, walked the group through "the vision journey" that has brought us where we are. There was a strong sense of unity around the vision and recommitment to its further implementation.

Messages from the 2010 Global Leadership Summit were shared as another major focus. These were shared to inspire and train,

as well as to encourage attendees to participate in the 2012 summit in August. The messages presented from the global summit will be shared with a wider audience via Whaid Rose's weekly Culture of Excellence e-mail. Included will be information on the upcoming Global Leadership Summit for those who may be interested in registering.

The reports from various directors and superintendents indicate good blessings throughout the Church, as well as many challenges ahead. Attendees left the meeting feeling encouraged, hopeful, and reenergized for the tasks ahead.

TAKE NOTE ✓

Spring Vale Academy Job Openings

- Director of Development
- Director of Admissions
- Dean of Girls
- Math Teacher
- Bible Teacher
- Maintenance Manager
- Assistant Dean of Girls
- Assistant Dean of Boys

Qualifications are listed at www.springvale.us.

Contact Mark Caswell, 4150 S M-52, Owosso, MI 48867;
mcaswell@springvale.us.



LifeSpring Dates

June 1 - CBS and DCM applications open for fall term

July 23 - CBS and DCM application deadline

July 2 - August 2 - Fall scholarship applications

July 2 - September 4 - Fall term registration opens

September 16 - Fall term classes begin

CBS: Certificate of Biblical Studies

DCM: Diploma of Christian Ministry (prerequisite: CBS)

LITES

The LITES year has ended, but before returning home, the team organized an event to support the local pro-life clinic by collecting new and used baby items from the community. Team members assisted with the program for the Dakota Youth Retreat, held April 27-29 in Alfred, North Dakota. The team also enjoyed serving at Acquire the Fire in Kansas City, Missouri, as well as visiting Pine View nursing home and getting their feet wet in the work of evangelism.

The last semester's classes included Experiencing God, The Case for Faith, and the video series *TrueU: Is the Bible Reliable?* For those interested in the LITES program, applications are being accepted (available at lites.cog7.org). Deadline: July 1. First day of classes: September 3.



*LITES Team 2011-2012
(L to R): Monica Schlenker, Jonathan Wallace, and Beatriz Vences*

Spring Vale Academy

• **Sound & Action** will be on the East Coast this summer. Check out www.springvale.us to find a concert near you. Come and enjoy!

• SVA is accepting applications from students for the upcoming **2012-13 school year**. Apply before July 1 to beat the rush and pay no registration fee. Dorms open August 15.

• **Going global!** After a lengthy process, Spring Vale can again have international students. Now young people the world over can benefit from this extraordinary opportunity.

• It's not too early to start planning for the first annual **homecoming event** in October 2012. All kinds of things are planned, continuing in March 2013 with Alumni Weekend.

Keeping Tabs

Do you know what your children and youth are being taught in their Sabbath school classes? They need to be taught basic Bible truths that provide a good foundation for life as they grow toward maturity.

Are you aware that Bible Advocate Press provides Bible lessons for all age groups, except preschool*? The BAP staff is committed to publishing lessons that help children and youth establish a relationship with the Lord and become more Christlike. These lessons are also suitable for isolated families to acquire for children in their homes.

For information about the curriculum for the third quarter of 2012, consult the April-May issue of *Churchright*, or click on Publications/Bible Curriculum at cog7.org.

**Note: We are looking for individuals to help us develop lessons for preschool children. Make your interest known by writing to leroy@cog7.org.*

Woman of Wonder

Twenty-seven ladies attended the Woman of Wonder (WOW) retreat April 20-22 in Oviedo, Florida. The presence of the Lord constantly directed us in everything we did. We started on Friday night with thanks and adoration to the Lord and a special time of bonding as sisters in Christ. Sister Marina Anderson, our first presenter, took us on a journey reminding us how special we are in the sight of God.

After prayer and breakfast on Sabbath morning,



we attended a workshop on how a Christian woman should handle stress in her life, presented by Sisters Sharon Henry and Michelle Lindo-Rice, concurrent with an interactive presentation by Sister Carol Wilson on “The Wonderful Gift.”

Our speaker for the day, Sister Jeddie Larry, spoke on “A Woman and a Mission.” She took us on a mission we have never experienced before, one we pray will always linger in our hearts.

The weekend was a great blessing. We look forward to the next woman’s retreat in Florida in 2014.

— *Alorna Largie*

NAWM Retreat

“In Pursue-uit” was the theme of our first bilingual National NAWM Retreat held in Portland, Oregon, March 30 – April 1. Peak attendance on Sabbath was 94 beautiful souls.

The worship team led by Debbie Hawkins was excellent, and their gracious efforts with the Spanish selections will not be soon forgotten. Workshop leader Eva Delgado was delightful and well versed in the Word. Oregon’s own Mary Jean Knoll, the keynote speaker, delivered the message in grand style. On sleepy Sunday morning Amber Riggs awakened us with encouraging words on LifeSpring and our need to support and encourage this ministry’s efforts.

The highlight of our retreat was the love and camaraderie of the sisterhood and time spent in earnest prayer for our dear sisters experiencing life’s difficult trials. Thanks to all who served to make this retreat a great success — especially to the district representatives for their individual contributions and work throughout our time together.

— *Grace Sanchez*
NAWM Director

Bequests in Personal Wills Intended for the G. C.

Some have inquired about how to word a statement in their will to designate that all or a portion of their assets go to the General Conference of the Church of God (Seventh Day). A statement may be worded something like this:

“I want to give [a specific amount, a specific asset, or a percentage] of my assets to the General Conference of the Church of God (Seventh Day), address: P.O. Box 33677, Denver, Colorado 80233 (physical address: 330 W. 152nd Avenue, Broomfield, Colorado 80023); phone 303-452-7973; tax I.D. [this number will be provided by the G. C. office].”

If no specific designation is made, your gift will be considered unrestricted and used for the operations of the General Conference. If you want to designate your gift for use by one or more specific ministry(ies), you can add:

“Further, I want to specify that this amount be designated for the _____ G. C. ministry(ies) [one or more].” The General Conference ministries are LifeSpring, Publications, G. C. Missions, North American Women’s Ministries, SWORD, National Youth Ministry, and Spring Vale Academy.

Another option is designating that the funds be invested in the G. C. Pooled Endowment Fund, which restricts use of the principal amount. The investment earning may be designated for use in the General Conference operation and/or for one or more of the ministries listed above.

It is a good idea to notify the General Conference office when you include the G. C. or any of its ministries in your will so this confidential information can be kept on file. If you have questions, contact us at Office of Planned Giving, P. O. Box 33677, Denver, CO 80233; phone: 303-452-7973; or plannedgiving@cog7.org.



What will YOU do this summer?

CoG7 is a great place to meet with friends and improve your serve!

- ▶ Hunger Lock-In. Anytime before June 30. All donations benefit the Orphans and Widows Ministry.
- ▶ MISSION POSSIBLE. Reach out to the Yakama Indians June 17-24.
- ▶ Camps and retreats (see p. 7).

Check out more about these and other opportunities at <http://youth.cog7.org>.

This year's

"Change for Your World" offering

will support the quadrennial meeting of the

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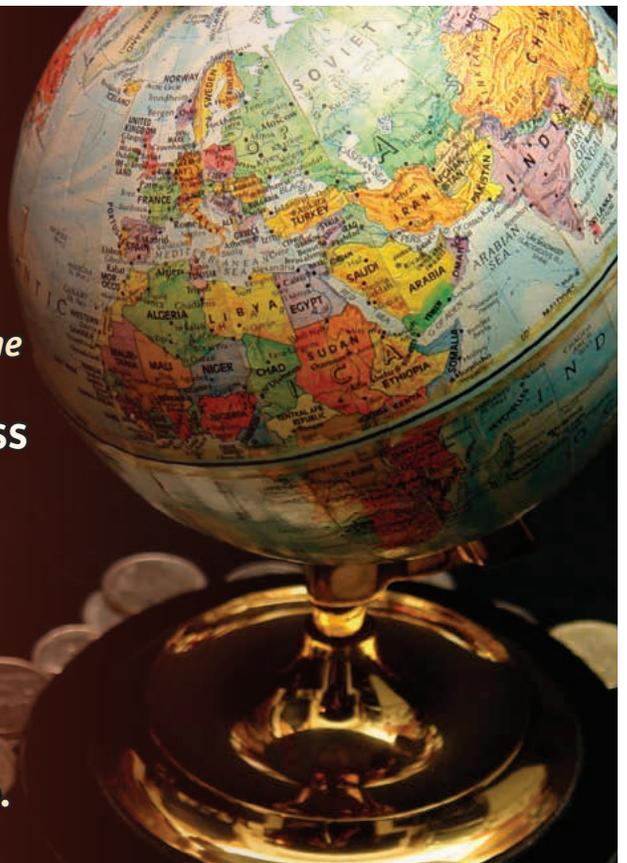
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National Youth Ministry

Theme contest. The first five youths (middle school/high school) who contact the National Youth director after reading this and indicate what the 2012 theme of the NYM is will receive a prize bag! You can e-mail youth@cog7.org or send a text to (541) 517-1079. You must indicate the correct theme and reference "Churchright NYM Contest." Contact us today!

New logo. Congratulations to Ian Aguilar from Hudsonville, Michigan, for submitting the winning design for our new NYM logo, to be unveiled this summer. Ian won a prize bag from the NYM, as well as \$100!

Special thanks to these participants of the contest: Alaina Sheffield (Orangevale, California); Luke Hise (Marion, Oregon); and the Sacramento (71st St.), California CoG7 youth group (Alex Fox, Hector Centella, Jr., Genesis Castillo, Conchita Valdez, Selena Perez). Keep an eye out for our new logo!

Questions? Contact Kurt Lang, NYM director, at youth@cog7.org. More Information is available online at <http://youth.cog7.org>.

Welcome, Rick!

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Rick Frye as director of operations for the Denver office. Rick joined our team in April 2010 and has graciously accepted the challenge of this additional assignment. I have known Rick for many years and can attest to his Christian faith, professionalism, and personal integrity. He was raised in CoG7, and his wife, Pam, is the daughter of Glen and Barbara Palmer.

The primary focus of Rick's role is the effective operation of the Denver office. Please join me in prayers of blessing for Rick, his family, and our staff.

— Whaid G. Rose

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CALENDAR 2012

June 1-3 - Edmonton campout at Pembina River; contact: Orville Rose (olhrose@gmail.com)

June 10-16 - Dover Family Camp at Camp Cimarron, near Kingfisher, OK; contact Jared Ullrich (jared.ullrich@yahoo.com or 918-864-5589)

July 27-29 - Eastern Canada District Conference, Kingston Banquet and Conference Centre, Kingston, Ontario; guest speaker: Israel Steinmetz; contact: Samuel Holland (samuel.holland@cog7.org)

August 22-26 - Senior Adult Retreat, Sis-Q Meadows, Cave Junction, OR; contact: Dale Lawson (503-769-6636; 541-791-6636; office@marioncog7.org)

August 25 - Calgary Super Sabbath; contact: Orville Rose (olhrose@gmail.com)

August 31 - September 3 - XXV Annual Hispanic Ladies Retreat, Los Angeles, CA area; contact: Blanca Orduño (714-478-3803) or Sylvia Corral (209-869-0777)

September 14-16 - SW District Seniors Retreat; theme: "Are You Ready?"

Youth Camp and Retreats

June 15-17 - NE District Youth/Young Adult Retreat, Camp Hebron (near Halifax, PA); contact: Mark Sullivan (mark.sullivan@cog7.org)

June 17-24 - MISSION POSSIBLE, Yakima, WA; contact: Kurt Lang (kurt@cog7.org)

June 27-July 1 - Refuge in the Rockies, Colorado; sponsored by Colorado Springs CoG7; contact: Troy Gedack (office@cscog7.org); preview: www.youtube.com/watch?v=0E7iSfpniMw

June 28-July 2 - Molalla Youth Camp, Cascade, ID; sponsored by Meridian, ID church; contact: Allison Boone (allienicole89@hotmail.com)

July 8-15 - Michigan Youth Camp, Long Lake Outdoor Center; contact: Aaron Coulson, camp director (coulson.a.n@gmail.com)

July 9-15 - Central California Youth Camp, Capital Mountain Christian Camp (near Weimar, CA); contact: Larry Zaragoza (zman52@msn.com)

July 22-29 - SIS-Q Meadows Senior Youth Camp, Cave Junction, OR; contact: Harold and Vona Ogren (HOgren@msn.com)

August 9-12 - Dakota Youth Retreat, Crystal Springs, ND; contact: Jesse and Wanda Hopewell (701-428-3667)

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