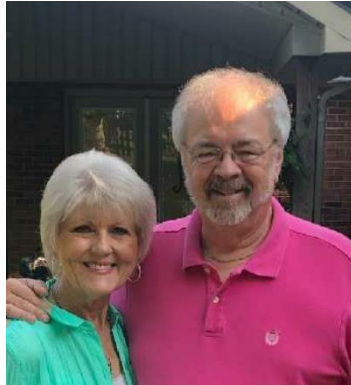


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**Rev. Ben and Diania
Murphy**

Ben and Diana Murphy Retire From Full Time Ministry at Wise FCOG

Bro. Neace,
Diania and I would request that you use the state media to express our deepest thanks to the entire membership of The Church of God in Virginia for the warmth, fellowship and friendship that they

have shown to us over the past twenty years. On August the ninth, 2020, I retired from full- time ministry and we have moved to Henderson, Kentucky to be closer to family. When we moved to Virginia in July, 2000, we were immediately welcomed by the entire church across the state. We were never treated as visitors or newcomers. Our experience in Virginia has forged friendships that will ever linger in our hearts and minds for the rest of our lives. There have been so many highlights throughout these years and so many wonderful people that I could thank for being very special, but the state letter could never contain all that is on my mind. Let me just mention a few. I know that I will surely leave out some very special folks and events. But I begin at the beginning and wish to first thank Rev. Don Neace, former State Minister for recommending us to Wise. Thanks also to Rev. Bobby Dunn and Jackie who became instant friends during our early days in Wise. My thanks also to Rev. Jim Milner, Sister Goode, Donn Sunshine and the entire State Credentials Committee for allowing me to serve with them for the past 12 years. Special thanks of course to our congregation in Wise for twenty of the best years of our lives. And to you Bro. Neace, I am truly thankful. You and I have crossed a lot of bridges together since you entered the ministry while I was pastor of your grandfather's church in Murphysboro, Illinois. The Neace family has been like family to me since I first met your uncles John and Don in the late 1950's. Thanks, Bob for always being there for me. Again, it is with mixed emotions that we leave the COGVA, but we know without a single doubt that God is directing us to a new chapter in our lives. Keep us in your prayers as we certainly will be in prayer for The Church of God in Virginia. In His Pathway,
Rev. Ben Murphy
1101 Landing Meadows Dr. Henderson, KY 42420

Neace's Pieces



In the narrative of Luke 18: 1-8, we hear the words of Luke as he relates the parable of the persistent widow. The parable's expressed purpose was that

we "ought always to pray, and not lose heart" (Luke 8: 1b ESV) The story involves only two characters. A widow who needs justice from her adversary and a judge who did not fear God or regard man.

Hmm... Interesting in light of our current climate.

A widow seeking justice... A marginalized person who understands her situation is greater than she is. One who needs help in dealing with the injustice to which she has been exposed. The scriptures do not tell us the nature of the injustice. I do not believe the nature of the injustice matters. What matters is we recognize an injustice has been committed, and she has a rightful expectation that those in authority and position to avenge her of her adversary will do just that – avenge her of her adversary. Adam Clarke tells us this passage might better be translated from the original language as "Do me justice against, or vindicate me from, my adversary." (Adam Clarke's Commentary on the Holy Bible, pg.

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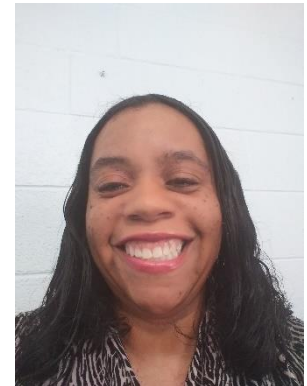
This widow woman is not looking for revenge as it might be translated in some texts. She is looking to be avenged of her adversary. There is a difference – Revenge is the desire to even the score, or to exact a feeling of satisfaction by harming someone in retaliation for something done wrong. To avenge someone is to seek justice on behalf of someone else. Not exacting vengeance but bringing about justice or make things right.

Her plight is aggravated by the reaction of the one who had opportunity and means to bring deliverance to her from her injustice. The judge is described in scripture as unjust. It seems he is not willing to hear her case because it either is not profitable to him, or he just does not care. He does not fear God, nor regard man. He seems not to care about the responsibilities that come with his position and the fact God has placed him in a position to extract justice from unjust situations. He also seems not to care about those to whom he is accountable. Other judges, other members of society, even God Himself. And yet, Jesus tells this parable, again, for this purpose – we are to pray, and not lose heart. In this teaching, the lesson is not only that we pray, but that we not lose heart. In most Bibles I used to reference this article, the heading to this parable is "The Parable of the *Persistent Widow*". When Jesus gets to the place where the widow
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Our Mental Health Matters to God

Over the 22 years that I have been a Christian, I have noticed that churches do not talk about mental health much. There appears to be a great deal of emphasis on maintaining one's physical health: eating right, exercising, and getting enough sleep. Even though physical health is important, God is more concerned about what is going on inside of us. 1 Samuel 16:7 says: "But the Lord said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at his physical stature, because I have refused him. For the Lord does not see as man sees; for man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart." In other words, a person can appear to be healthy and well based on his or her physical appearance, but on the inside the person is unhealthy and hurting. Our God is a God of completion and when He saved us through His Son Jesus, He did this so that we could have a high quality of life and enjoy spiritual, mental, emotional, and physical health. When we as a church do not take a stand against mental health issues and discuss them in church, we are giving the impressions that God is not concerned about our mental health and that mental health is not important. Meanwhile, there are people in our congregations right now who are suffering in silence with mental health issues such as depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder etc. because our discomfort with talking about them makes them feel uncomfortable. It's okay to ask for prayer for a physical health issue like diabetes or

cancer, but when someone asks for prayer for depression or anxiety, it is dismissed because Christians aren't supposed to feel depressed or anxious. The impression is given that if they feel this way, then they are weak, there is something wrong with them or they are not true Christians. Due to my experiences of seeing churches not talk much about mental health, God led me to start a seven part series on mental health. These sermons are designed to bring awareness of mental health issues to our leaders, church members, family members, friends, and others. They are also designed to encourage dialogue about these issues and to remove the stigma behind them. People with mental health issues should not have to suffer in silence and get help from outside of the church in order to deal with them. They should not feel stigmatized and discriminated against because they struggle with depression, anxiety, and/or other mental health issues. The church should be the one place where they feel comfortable and can experience the love, grace, and mercy of God. It should be the one place where they can talk to someone about their mental health issues and be able to receive the prayer, support, and resources they need. Our mental health matters to God and it is time that it starts mattering to us.



Rev. Tamara Wilson
Randolph Road CHOG

I.Y.C. Comes to Gordon Road CHOG



On July 31st, Gordon Road Church of God Sr. Youth Group attended the International Youth Convention in real IYC style! We were not registered to attend the IYC event to be held in July in Orlando, Florida, but when we found out that it was cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic and would be available to all youth groups virtually, we soon got on board! Youth Leaders Al and



Crystal Deihl along with Makenzie Mills and Theodore Dean planned an evening full of IYC excitement for our youth, their friends and their families.

The evening began with a Chick-fil-A Feast which was followed by three sessions of Praise and Worship music and dynamic

messages. After each session, we had “break-out” conversations which allowed our youth to reflect on how the sermons



challenged their hearts. The theme for the event was taken from Ephesians

3:20 ~ How God is able to do “Immeasurably More In Us, Immeasurably More For Us and Immeasurably More Through Us.

The awesome speakers for the IYC event were Zane Black, Steve Collier and



Megan Marshman. The worship leaders were the IYC youth council who put their



talents together to minister to us through praise and worship music. At

the conclusion of our service, Pastor David Smith, invited the youth to the alter for a time of prayer and shared the (Continued on page 5)

Sign of the Times



Pastor David and Susan Smith

The Gordon Road Church of God in Spotsylvania, Virginia has a new sign along busy Gordon Road advertising our presence and ministries to the community. The previous sign was a sturdy 6'x8' professionally painted sign with a lighting system for nighttime viewing the church's presence and serving well for nearly 20 years. With a desire to focus more on outreach, the church decided to upgrade its signage.

Pastor Dave and his wife Susan stand beside the very first message on the new sign inviting community members to "Drive Thru..." and receive a free ice cream on "Free Ice Cream Fridays". This is a combined effort with previous "Drive Thru Prayer" times the church has conducted on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. The

church has been reaching out to the community this way for several months with success. Pastor Dave began these efforts with the encouragement that the church would not consider success by how many cars pull into our driveway, but by how much we trust what God is doing in the hearts and minds of our neighbors, and perhaps more importantly what God is doing in us.

(I.Y.C. Continued) Communion message. Makenzie and Theodore served the elements for everyone to partake of the Lord's Supper.



The IYC finale was our "silent walk," which is

always a very special experience during an IYC event. This was a time for our youth to reflect on the IMMEASURABLY MORE God



wants to do in them, for them and through them. Each one was given a glow

stick at the beginning of the walk which represented their lives being the "light in the darkness." We joined in a large circle in the church parking lot where we connected our glow sticks to each person's beside us.

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(I.Y.C. Continued)



As we raised our circle of light together, (I.Y.C. Comes to Gordon Road Continued) Pastor David led in prayer for us to shine brighter as we stay connected with each other and with the Lord. This was truly a life-changing experience!

We are so thankful for the IYC sponsors – Mid-America Christian University, Anderson University, Warner Pacific University and Warner University – for making the virtual resources available for all youth groups to have the opportunity to attend this year’s convention, even during these unprecedented times. We also want to thank David and Racheal Baez for assisting with the technology and photography, and Pastor David and Susan Smith for their participation and support for this event. We are also thankful for all the encouragement from the parents of our youth as they all accompanied their youth for the evening and continue to support them in their walk with Jesus. We are already talking and praying about the possibility of attending IYC 2021!

(Neace’s Pieces (Continued))

wears down the judge, He says to hear what the unrighteous judge said. “...because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice...” (vs. 5) While it is true there is a lesson for persistence in

prayer, I cannot help but believe the premise is true, not only on a spiritual plane, but secular as well. In other words, while there are many injustices that surround us in today’s world, we should encourage one another to “not lose heart”, to not give up, and be persistent in our pursuit of justice.

Our country is at a monumental moment in her history. A moment when the future of our republic stands in jeopardy. In the midst of all that we see going on around us, it behooves the church to rise to a level of consciousness whereby the saints of God are looked to and sought after as a source for wisdom and guidance rather than ridicule and disdain.

I am not one to kick the church in the midst of controversy. After all, she is referred to in Scripture as the Bride of Christ. But I am cognizant that the church has not always lived out her mandate to “Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; bring justice to the fatherless, plead the widow’s cause. ““Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. (19) If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be eaten by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”” (Isaiah 1: 16-20)
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(Neace's Pieces Continued) As I read, study, and have conversations with a great many resources and people, the above point concerning the churches need to do more in leadership in the divisive areas or racial and economic disparity becomes more and more stark. As I have shared before in many settings, I am committed to do all I can as a leader in the Church of God in Virginia to address issues as I am able. One of the ways I am finding beneficial are reading books that often make me uncomfortable, and yet seek to help me visualize the plight of others unlike me. Some resources have taken the time to effectively expose the failures of many leaders within the church in the United States. However, before I go to far down that road of failure in the lives of church leaders throughout our country's history, I must be reminded of the failures of great leaders within the confines of scripture, too. Abraham had trouble telling the truth at all times, Noah got drunk, even the Apostle Paul persecuted the church and gave sanction for the death of the early saints.

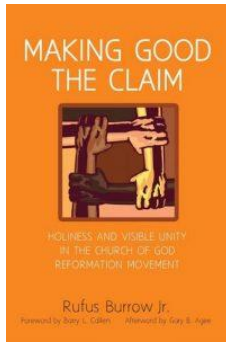
The point is no one who follows Christ will be able to say, "I always got it right." But, for those who are adamant about the mandate mentioned earlier about seeking justice and correcting oppression, we must come face to face with that which the church has not gotten right, and be about the ministry of reconciliation Paul talks about in 2 Corinthians 5:19b

COGVA currently is offering opportunities to dialogue using one of the resources mentioned in a list being provided in COGVA News. Pastors have been asked to read, "Divided by Faith: Evangelical Religion and the Problem of Race in America" by Michael Emerson & Christian Smith. You are welcome to read this book with us, and are invited to join us via ZOOM on Thursday, September 10 at 7:00 p, EST. The link to the ZOOM is:

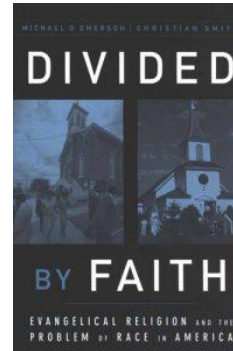
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85832932725>

As I close this long issue of Neace's Pieces, I ask for your prayers as a State Minister, local pastor, daddy/husband, friend and mentor to others that I might "get it right" for this and future generations.

Resources on Race Relations

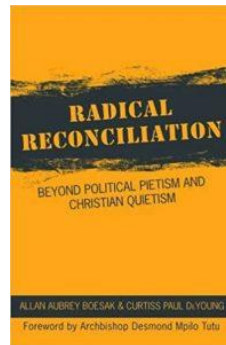


Making Good the Claim: Holiness and Visible Unity in the Church of God Reformation Movement
Rufus Burrow Jr.
(Wipf and Stock, 2016)

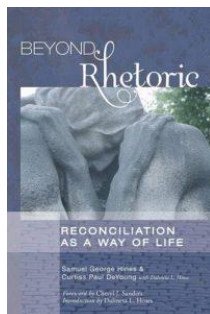
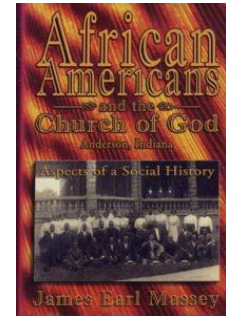


Divided by Faith: Evangelical Religion and the Problem of Race in America
Michael Emerson & Christian Smith
(Oxford University Press, 2001)

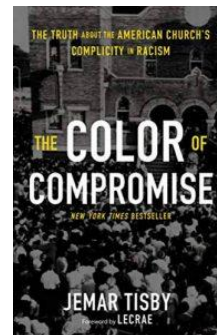
Radical Reconciliation: Beyond Political Pietism and Christian Quietism
Allan Aubrey Boesak & Curtiss Paul DeYoung
(Orbis Books, 2012)



African Americans and the Church of God: Aspects of a Social History
James Earl Massey
(Anderson University Press, 2005)

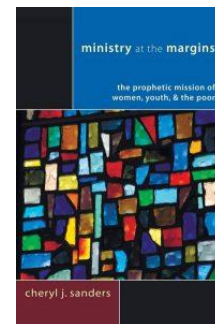


Beyond Rhetoric: Reconciliation as a Way of Life
Samuel George Hines & Curtiss Paul DeYoung
(Wipf and Stock, 2011)



The Color of Compromise
Jemar Tisby
(Zondervan, 2019)

Ministry at the Margins
Cheryl J. Sanders
(Wipf and Stock, 2010)



RESOLUTION ON RACE FROM THE 2015 CHURCH OF GOD GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION ON RACE

Whereas the Apostle Paul stated in Romans 12:15 that we should rejoice with those who rejoice and weep with those who weep, and as we acknowledge the fact that we are one body and that there should be no division in the body, so that if one member suffers all the members suffer with it, and

Whereas in the wake of the fatal shooting last week of a pastor and eight church members during a prayer meeting at Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina on June 17, 2015 by a gunman motivated by his specific hatred of black people, and in the broadest of terms people of color, and desire to start a race war, and

Whereas recognizing tensions created by several highly publicized incidents involving police shootings, and

Whereas in observance of the 20th anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing on April 19, 1995, a racially-motivated act of terrorism resulting in the death of 168 persons, as the General Assembly of the Church of God we resolve to express our

compassion and concern in the following six ways:

Leadership—we call on pastors and leaders to follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit to live out a countercultural lifestyle that works to expose and repent of the sin of racial division and acknowledges the suffering of our brothers and sisters in Christ.

Prayer—we pray for healing, repentance, unity and peace, and we plead for God's mercy on our nation and on those who are compliant with the racial violence and racial disparities being manifested in the church and in the systems of this world;

Lament—we mourn in solidarity and sympathy with the people of Emanuel AME Church and the families, congregations and communities affected by the traumatic impact of these incidents, and we confess our past and present failure to walk faithfully and consistently in the light of our belief in a God who has no respect of persons;

Forgiveness—we affirm radical forgiveness of the persons whose motivation for doing harm to others is racial hatred and discrimination, acknowledging what Jesus taught and showed us by His death on the cross, that love is stronger than hate;

Justice—we acknowledge that ministers in our own General Assembly and fellow congregants have been victims of racial profiling, we stand for justice to be administered on their behalf in a fair and impartial manner, we urgently call for justice in all cases of racially-motivated violence,

and we support those agencies and officials who enforce the law and administer justice equitably to ensure the safety and security of all of our citizens, congregations and communities;

Vision of reconciliation—we commit ourselves as people of Christian faith to envision, strategize and work toward the realization of a reconciled church, nation and world.

Let it be further resolved that we, the people of the Church of God Reformation Movement, come to a thorough awareness that there is a disparity between our vision for reconciliation and the actual experience of many of our brothers and sisters;

And, let us learn to listen to the stories our brothers and sisters share, express in word and deed our feelings of empathy, and commit to walk together as we boldly stand against every form of racism.

Continued Resources for Race Education and Dialogue Resources

Before the Mayflower
Bennet, Lerone

A Black Theology of Liberation
Cone, James

The Cross and the Lynching Tree
Cone, James

Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass
Douglass, Frederick

The Souls of Black Folk
DuBois, W. E. B.

Troubling Biblical Waters
Felder, Cain Hope

Waking Up White
Irving, Ebby

Called to Minister, Empowered to Serve
“Ethics of Holiness and Unity in the Church of God”
Mary Ann Hawkins, ed.

I Saw the Church
Strege, Merle D.
(Warner Press, 2002)

Up from Slavery
Washington, Booker T.

Social Activism and the Church (sponsored by NACOG)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZP4UEZaQFgw>

Mental Health and the Church (Sponsored by NACOG)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1XCK0XW2-1s>

Holy Post Race in America
https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=11&v=AGUwcs9qJXY&feature=emb_logo

Meaningful Conversations on Race
https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=3&v=Xv_G8BD8eKI&feature=emb_logo

COGVA Giving

Abingdon	\$500.00				\$500.00
Atkins	\$200.00				\$200.00
Big Stone Gap					\$0.00
Birdsnest					\$0.00
Blacksburg First					\$0.00
Blacksburg Slussers	\$83.33				\$83.33
Bluefield					\$0.00
Boones Mill					\$0.00
Boykins					\$0.00
Bristol					\$0.00
Chesapeake					\$0.00
Chilhowie	\$432.74				\$432.74
Christiansburg	\$975.21				\$975.21
Cloverdale					\$0.00
Dublin	\$787.38	\$ 287.54			\$1,074.92
Emporia					\$0.00
Fredericksburg	\$1,983.00				\$1,983.00
Glade Spring					\$0.00
Goodview					\$0.00
Hampton Joynes Rd	\$100.00				\$100.00
Lynchburg Greenview	\$126.73				\$126.73
Lynchburg Mnt. View					\$0.00
Marion	\$200.00				\$200.00
Martinsville					\$0.00
Newport News Cmnty					\$0.00
Newport News First					\$0.00
Norfolk Bellamy Ave	\$214.00				\$214.00
North Tazewell					\$0.00
Norton	\$406.50				\$406.50
Reedville					\$0.00
Rich Creek					\$0.00
Richmond First					\$0.00
Richmond 21st	\$200.00				\$200.00
Roanoke First					\$0.00
Roanoke Staunton Ave					\$0.00
Rural Retreat	\$142.65				\$142.65
Salem					\$0.00
Saltville Allison Gap	\$179.44				\$179.44
Saltville Broadford					\$0.00
Saltville Chatham Hill	\$25.00				\$25.00
Saltville MtnView					\$0.00
Spotsylvania					\$0.00
Staunton	\$279.98				\$279.98
Suffolk					\$0.00
VA Beach	\$200.00				\$200.00
Wise					\$0.00
Wytheville					\$0.00
Individual Donation	\$ 780.00				\$780.00
Faithlife giving					\$0.00
Brotherhood Mutual Covid Refund					\$0.00
Insurance Reimbursement					\$0.00
Total	\$7,815.96	\$287.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,103.50

COGVA Budget August 1- Present

Categories	Budget	1st Qtr
		Expenses
1000 State Office		
1100 Business Office	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 245.32
1200 Insurance	\$14,000.00	\$ 3,375.50
1300 Office Manager	\$14,437.50	\$1,203.12
1400 Income Taxes	\$3,600.00	\$294.48
Subtotal	\$35,537.50	\$5,118.42
1500 Chair	\$400.00	\$
2000 State Minister		
Salary	\$12,000.00	\$1,000.00
Reimbursement Fund	\$5,000.00	\$
Subtotal	\$17,400.00	\$1,000.00
3000 Executive Board/Standing Ministries		
3100 Executive Board	\$400.00	\$
3200 Ministry of Church Service/Credentials	\$800.00	\$100.00
3300 Ministry of Christian Education	\$50.00	\$
3600 Ministry of Program	\$50.00	\$
3800 Ministerial Fellowship	\$50.00	\$
3900 Church Property Team	\$50.00	\$
Subtotal	\$1,400.00	\$100.00
5000 Property and Maintenance		
5110 Camp Bedford		
5110 Caretaker	\$5,250.00	\$437.50
5120 Campground Expenses (Maintenance)	\$1,000.00	\$
Capital Improvements	\$500.00	\$
Camp Bedford Mkt/Advertising	\$250.00	\$
5140 Utilities	\$3,500.00	\$235.76
Subtotal	\$10,500.00	\$673.26
5200 Camp Christi		
5210 Caretaker	\$26,565.12	\$2,213.76
5220 Health Insurance	\$7,000.00	\$580.00
5250 Utilities	\$14,000.00	\$532.16
5260 Maintenance	\$1,500.00	\$125.00
5270 Capital Improvements	\$50.00	\$
5280 Vehicle Maintenance	\$250.00	\$
5300 Legal Fees	\$500.00	\$
5400 Ministry Expenses	\$100.00	\$

Christmas Bonus	\$1,500.00	\$
Subtotal	\$51,465.12	\$3,450.92
Total Expenses	\$116,302.62	\$10,342.60
Total Income		\$7,815.96
Kingdom B. Transfer for State Minister Salary		\$1,000.00
Difference		\$(1,526.64)

Obituary for Dr. Bill Jones



Dr. Bill Jones

Dr. William W. "Bill" Jones of Vinton, Virginia, died on Tuesday, July 14, 2020.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 35 years, Elizabeth (Betty) Ann Proctor Jones; his father, James Millard Jones; his mother, Willie Maude Sheppard Jones; daughter, Jan Louise Jones Moses; and his son, William Wynn Jones.

Bill grew up in the mid-way section of Vinton, Virginia. He attended Roland E. Cook Elementary, William Byrd Jr. and William Byrd High School. Bill served in the United States Marine Corps, as a Corporal, from 1948 to 1952.

He went to Davis and Elkins College, Roanoke College, and the Medical College of Virginia where he received a BS in Chemistry and a DDS degree in Dentistry. Bill practiced dentistry on Pollard Street in Vinton from June 1959 to December 7, 2000, when he retired.

An active member of the community, Bill ran for Mayor of Vinton in 1966, and served as President of the Vinton Lions Club, as well as hosting the popular Lions Club Variety Show for several years which raised money for charitable causes. Always telling jokes to friends, family, and patients at his office, the role of entertainer came naturally to him, as he loved nothing more than making people smile.

With his dental practice firmly established in Vinton by the mid-sixties, Bill decided he needed a hobby, and he began taking flying lessons. Never one to do things halfway, Bill ultimately earned every available license short of a commercial jet license. He was rated for instrument flight, commercial flight, multi-engine flight, and acrobatic flight among other flight ratings.

As a certified flight instructor Bill shared his passion for flying with others by teaching at Woodrum Field (now Roanoke-Blacksburg Regional Airport) and at Virginia Western Community college. In 1971 Bill and wife, Betty, embarked on a cross-country flight in a single-engine Cessna aircraft, leaving Roanoke, Virginia and arriving in Los Angeles, California. He was an active member in the Flying Dentists Association, flying his family to events all across the United States.

From his time as a football and basketball player in High School, to the end of his life, Bill loved sports and was a tough competitor. As a bowler he rolled 12 successive strikes at the Vinton Bowling alley, coming up one frame short of a perfect game. As a golfer Bill hit a hole in one at the famed Hilton Head golf course in Hilton Head, South Carolina. And as a cyclist, he was active in the early Blue Ridge Bicycle Club, organizing many club events and completing several 100-mile bicycle rides. As Bill grew older, he found new sports to keep him engaged, and participated in Virginia state and regional championships in Horseshoe Pitching and Corn Hole.

Bill and Betty had three children, William Wynn Jones of Fort Worth, Texas, Jan Louise Jones Moses, missionary to the Philippines and later of Fort Worth, Texas, and Wayne Scott Jones of Culver City, California.

After his first wife, Betty, passed in 1987, Bill was able to find love again with his second wife, Judy Parsons. Married in 1991 in a unique bicycle ride ceremony, together Bill and Judy raised two boys, Jonathan and Seth Parsons. Inspired by Bill's example, Seth became a Medical Doctor and now works as a hospitalist in Erie, Pennsylvania.

Bill is survived by his wife, Judy; his sons, Wayne (Mie) of Culver City, California, Jonathan Parsons of Roanoke, and Dr. Seth Parsons (Julie) of Erie, Pennsylvania; son-in-law, the Rev. Mark Moses of Fort Worth, Texas; daughter-in-law, Eva Pippin Jones of Crowley, Texas; nine grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; father-in-law and mother-in-law, the Rev. Edward and Dorothy Smith of Dublin, Virginia; and sister-in-law, Joy Smith of Dublin, Virginia.

Dr. Jones was a member of the First Church of God, Roanoke, Virginia.

Many thanks to Carilion Hospice, nurses Nancy, Sam, and René; and neighbor, Bill Wilkinson, who made Bill's final days very comfortable.

The family will receive visitors from 11 a.m. until 12 noon on Saturday, July 18, 2020, at the First Church of God in Roanoke with the funeral service beginning at 12 noon. The funeral service was live streamed on Facebook, at the First Church of God - Roanoke Virginia page. The Reverend Dr. Jim Milner and the Reverend Silas Oliver officiated. Burial followed the service at Mountain View Cemetery in Vinton

Memorials can be made to Camp Christi (Church of God Campgrounds), 4704 Roanoke Road, Christiansburg, VA 24073, where Bill loved to attend camp meetings and where his whole family spent a Christmas vacation there. Or to First Church of God, 5008 Hildebrand Road, Roanoke, VA 24012, towards video and sound equipment.

Obituary for Rev. Dr. Carl Woodie



Rev. Dr. Carl Woodie

Carl V. Woodie, DDiv, age 85, of Thaxton, VA, went to be with the Lord, on Wednesday, Sept. 2, 2020. He was born in Laurel Springs, NC on Dec. 21, 1934 and was married for 46 years to his wife, Peggy. Carl graduated from Sparta High School and earned a Bachelors Degree from Shenandoah Bible College, MDiv from Mid Atlantic and an Honorary DDiv. He pastored many churches over 60 years.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Oscar E. Woodie and Minnie R. Woodie; wife, Peggy Roten Woodie and son, C. David Woodie; sisters, Della Halsey, Betty Wickham; brother, Joe Woodie; grandson, Carl Steven Woodie.

Carl is survived by son, Allen V. Woodie (Sheryl); daughter-in-law, Terressa Woodie; grandchildren, Anna White, Vaughn Woodie (Heather), Hannah Overstreet (Stuart); great grandchildren, Colton M. White, Sylvia Wiggington, Elias Overstreet; brothers, Dale Woodie (Dora), Jack Woodie

(Mary), Bud Woodie; sister, Mary Wood; lots of special nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will be at 11:00 am on Saturday, September 5, 2020 at Mt View Cemetery in Vinton, VA, with Pastor Al Woodie officiating. Arrangements by Oakey's Vinton Chapel.



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