



# Church of the Open Bible

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## OUR 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY HAS ARRIVED!

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### Biographical Sketch of Steve & Joyce Bolhous

Stephen Bolhous and his wife, Joyce, have been married for 41 years; they have worked together in pastoral ministry for 40 years, serving rural and city churches in both the United States and Canada.

Pastorates served:

- 1969 – 1973 – Bedford, Ohio
- 1973 – 1976 – Minneapolis MN
- 1976 – 1984 – Browntown VA
- 1981 – 1984 – Fort Valley VA
- 1984 – 1996 – Fonthill, Ontario
- 1997 – – Welland, Ontario



Stephen is a fourth generation Church of God minister; Joyce is also descended from a long line of Church of God ministers. Stephen & Joyce have three adult married children, who are each very active in local church ministry, and nine grandchildren. Their family is a source of on-going delight.

Stephen has written for the Truth Seekers Adult & Teen-Age Sunday School Quarterlies, as well as articles for publication in the Restitution Herald and local newspapers where he has served. He served on his denomination's new hymnal committee from 1975-1980. He was Chairman of the denomination's Board of Directors from 1993-1996. He has also served on the regional board of the

Canadian Bible Society, south central Ontario branch.

Stephen and Joyce both have a great love for music. They have both been active in the music ministry of the churches they have pastored. In addition both were members of the Front Royal Oratorio Society; Stephen has been a member of the Niagara Symphony Chorus and served as accompanist for several years to the E. L. Crossley Secondary School Choir. In recent years he has begun writing worship songs which are used in his local church.

In 1996 God led Stephen and Joyce to plant Freedom in Christ Ministries. The congregation is located in a low-end socio-economic neighborhood of Welland, Ontario, where many people are trapped in addictions and mindsets of defeat and despair. God is slowly but steadily building a Spirit-filled congregation at this site. Broken lives are finding release from their bondage and tasting the sweet freedom Jesus gives—praise His Holy Name!

**We Welcome All Our Guest and  
Visitors Today!**

**We Pray You Will be Blessed By The  
Fellowship, Message and Organ Concert!**

**THANK YOU FOR COMING TO HELP US CELEBRATE OUR 50<sup>TH</sup>  
ANNIVERSARY!**

**WE ARE WARMED BY THE FACT THAT MANY OF YOU CAME  
MANY MILES TO BE WITH US!!**

**(Our prayers for your safety as you return home)**

**FRANK ROPER** has affixed this plaque to the organ; a further explanation will be given at the organ dedication this afternoon.

**TO GOD BE THE GLORY  
IN MEMORY OF  
RUBY ROPER KORODE**

***“Faithfully Serving For 50 Years!”***

**MARK AND KAREN** updated our bulletin board with a beautiful gold background and black lettering – the wording is straightforward and to the point. MANY have faithfully served for 50 years. Some of those are now “sleeping” waiting for the Lord’s return, some have

moved elsewhere to serve and some are still here! Thanks Mark and Karen for a very appropriate bulletin board as we **celebrate TODAY our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary!**

**MIKE SITTEK'S GRANDFATHER** is not doing well. Frank wrote 9-4 that he's in the hospital in Prague with bladder cancer, he's diabetic and they're fearful of kidney failure. Your prayers are requested.

**BOB JONES'** laser eye surgery went well with only mild discomfort.

**LEON DRISKILL** (former pastor in the Church of God) is very ill. He's not had food or liquid in about 10 days.. Keep this family in your prayers.

**DORIS SCHULD** has again been working on some of our tattered hymnals so as to preserve them for some more years. Thanks, Doris.

### *Happy Grandparent's Day!*

(This is Peyton & Beulah Cain, Pastor's deceased g-parents)



*"Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them to thy sons, and thy sons' sons;" ~Deuteronomy 4:9~*

Did you know that grandparents are raising 4 million children in 3 million households? Would you be surprised to learn that more than 5 million children live in a household with a grandparent present?

It seems that grandmas and grandpas, formerly in the business of "spoiling" grandchildren, are taking on additional responsibilities that involve raising their children's children.

Above seen in Wally Winter's e-newsletter that came 9-7-06

**PRAY FOR:** Leon Driskill, Becky Schroth, Skip Reed, Gene & Gloria Faehrich, Karel (Michal Sitttek's g-father), Quick INS inspection approval of ABC campuses, Ralph Childs, W.C. Blankenship (heart), Susan May, Lucinda (by ASzekely), Jean Szantes (cancer, by Arlene), Pastor Don Ward, Ken Cramer, Tammy (Koston) Lisiecki, Leslie & Stanley Hervert (by Grace), Ruth Schuld, Susan (Stine) Bradley, Edith Speer, Jack Hearp, Kathy Reed+3 children, Craig Blankenship, College students: Laura Schuld, Andrew Weaver, Shut-ins: Carol Reed, Evelyn Pennington, Amy Dunbar Puehler Military: Rodger Schuld, Missionaries in other countries: Gaston Ucanay-Peru, Mauro Apolos Gonzalez-Uruguay, Lupe Badillo-

Mexico, Tracy Zhykhovich-Russia, Pastors in Malawi & Mozambique, Lesly Bertrand and the Pastors in Haiti. / Churches:, Knightstown Family Fellowship IN, Korean Extension Steve & Sam An, RRCC, ABC, Golden Rule, Grace Brethren and for the peace of Jerusalem, Ps. 122:6; Isa. 62:6, 7

**SEPTEMBER 2009**

**12-13 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!**

20 Sunday School staff meeting

27 Mildred Dennis, guest speaker

**SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45A.M.**  
**WORSHIP 10:45A.M.**

Sunday School

Taught by David Cheatwood

Worship Hour: Welcome – Pastor Cain

Various Remarks / Announcements– Pastor Cain

Comments on Anniversary Flowers

Greetings From Our “Mystery Guest,” David Krogh  
(Representing the General Conference / ABC)

Special Music / Offering

Reading of Email Greetings

226 Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

Remarks / Presentation by Vickie Brewer, NE Conf. Treasurer

165 Crown Him with Many Crowns / Prayer

Guest Speaker: Pastor Steve Bolhous,

*“Remembering For The Future”*

208 How Firm A Foundation

Prayer: Pastor Steve Bolhous

Dinner – All Are Welcome!

After Dinner: Organ Dedication & Concert,  
Pastor Dale Ramsey

