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*This publication is designed to inform, inspire, and ignite special services to our Retired Ministers and Widows. If you are doing something in your area that is proving to be successful and a blessing, this paper will always be open and available to you to share it with others.*



## ***In Loving Memory***

*The Reverend Ronald C. Riddle, Midlands SpiritCare Representative, passed away November 16, 2003. His life and ministry were great blessings to many individuals and to the Church of God denomination as a whole.*

*Brother Riddle began his ministry while serving as a member of the Armed Forces. He preached on street corners in Alaska and pastored the South Omaha Church of God in Omaha, Nebraska for 30 years before retiring. Brother Riddle was also active in jail, nursing home, and hospital ministries. His ministry was based upon*

*Isaiah 61:1-3 which reads, "The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the Lord for the display of his splendor (NIV)."*

*Brother Riddle has four children, 13 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. All of his children are members of and continue to work in the local Church of God in Omaha, Nebraska. Reverend Ronald S. Riddle, son of Ronald C. Riddle, is also currently pastoring the South Omaha Church of God.*

*Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Brother Riddle will be greatly missed!  
—Reverend Paul F. Henson*

## ***You Are Special . . .***

*If God had a refrigerator, your picture would be on it.*

*If God had a wallet, your photo would be in it.*

*God sends you flowers every spring and a sunrise every morning.*

*When you want to talk, God will listen.*

*God could live anywhere in the universe—God chose your heart.*

*And what about that Christmas gift God sent you in Bethlehem?*

*Face it, my friend, God's crazy about you.*

*Written by Paul F. Henson*

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# Milestones

## Anniversaries

- Jacques & Nicole Houle**  
December 15
- James & Lillian Turnipseed**  
December 18
- John & Nellie Black**  
December 19
- Paul & Frances Shoemaker**  
December 19
- Lewis & Irma Stover Jr.**  
December 24
- Kenneth & Cora Rouse**  
December 31

## Birthdays

- Phyllis Bean**  
December 6
- Annie Weech**  
December 10
- Bill White**  
December 19
- James Turnipseed**  
December 27
- Calvon Kidder**  
January 6
- Cora Rouse**  
January 13
- Terry Williams**  
January 19
- Felipe Montanez**  
January 22
- Claudine Bridges**  
January 27

*May each of you have a joyous special occasion!*

*There is more in us than we know. If we can be made to see it, perhaps, for the rest of our lives, we will be unwilling to settle for less.*

—**Kurt Hahn**  
*Founder, Outward Bound*

This issue of *Contact* was prepared by Amy Crisp under the direction of Reverend Paul F. Henson.



**Danny and Gerry Colter**

## Featured Representative

*Our featured representative this issue is Reverend William P. (Danny) Colter. He and his wife, Gerry, live in Chattanooga, Tennessee. They retired from full-time pastoring in 1997 and have been active evangelizing and serving as interim pastor in various churches since that time.*

*Brother Colter was first credentialed in 1952. He married Gerry in 1955. He attended Lee College (now known as Lee University). Since that time, they have evangelized in several states and pastored nine churches in the states of West Virginia, Arkansas, Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee. He has served on many boards and councils throughout the years and has also served as the State Evangelism Director of South Georgia.*

*Brother Colter works in conjunction with the state overseer and evangelism director of Tennessee to help serve the retired ministers and widows of the state. They hold a meeting each month and have a fellowship meal at least four times a year. Brother Danny Colter makes this comment about retirement, "We truly thank God for the opportunities He has given us to serve Him and His church. We are retired—but we're not retired! And we love it!"*

*We thank you, Brother and Sister Colter, for serving the retired ministers and widows of the state of Tennessee with such dedication and love.*

## Prayer Requests:

- ♦ Reverend Paul Henson is making good progress with his rehabilitation. He continues to improve by faith believing that each day will bring him closer to full recovery. The Henson's greatly appreciate your prayers.
- ♦ Dr. Jack Bridges, Northern Ohio SpiritCare Representative, recently underwent hand surgery. Also after returning from an out-of-town trip, they discovered that their home had been burglarized. Please remember Brother and Sister Bridges in prayer.
- ♦ Reverend Paul and Frances Shoemaker still need your prayers. Brother Shoemaker is our Florida-Tampa SpiritCare Representative.

To: All SpiritCare Representatives

From: Paul and Geri Henson and CMC Staff



# Merry Christmas!

May God bless you this holiday season and throughout the upcoming year! Our prayers are continually with you.

We appreciate you, your spouse, and the great ministry you contribute to the kingdom. Thank You!

Would you like to share what you are doing out on the field?  
If so, please call or notify us in writing.