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Informative, Moving and A Little Bit Scary

The 2005 ALS Association Advocacy Conference

From Monday, May 9th through Wednesday, May 11th, thirteen advocates from Missouri, Kansas, and Nebraska represented the Keith Worthington Chapter at The ALS Association's 2005 National Advocacy Conference in Washington, D.C. Joining almost 700 other advocates from across the country, they called on Congress to step up the fight against ALS. Jerry Hoggatt, whose wife Fran died from ALS last year and Board member Pete Hartweger represented the ALS community in Kansas. Deanna Brekken, who has ALS, and her husband, Dick, as well as Board member Pete Story represented Missouri. Judy Trebold, who has ALS and her husband Dave, daughter Michelle Thornburg, son-in-law Jeff Thornburg, and son Mike Trebold were the Chapter's Nebraska advocates along with Craig Thomas, who has ALS, and his wife Erin, and Chapter President Mary Lu Euler.

The activities began on Monday, May 9th with an opening session, "The Roll Call of the Chapters." After a reception, everyone traveled to the Jefferson Memorial for the Candlelight Vigil, one of the conference highlights. On Tuesday, May 10th, advocates attended a session led by ALSA's Science Director Dr. Lucie Bruijn, leaders from the National Institutes of Health, and other federal agencies on the exciting new possibilities in our quest for therapies and a cure. Later sessions were in the form of workshops aimed at helping advocates make the most of their Capitol Hill visits along with information on the new prescription drug benefit, lifespan respite care, how to navigate the Department of Veteran Affairs and strategies for doing advocacy year-round. The advocates put a face on ALS and stressed the importance of federal support for ALS research, care and services through individual meetings with members of both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives on May 11th.

The Advocacy conference became a "little bit scary" mid-morning on Wednesday when the advocates were on Capitol Hill and there was an emergency evacuation due to an airplane that entered D.C.'s no-fly zone. The evacuation was temporary, and the advocates were able to return to their scheduled meetings soon thereafter.

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Upcoming Events . . .

- July 16:
Getting There to Fight ALS- Airplane, Motorcycle and Car Show in Wichita, KS.
- July 17:
ALS Pro-Am Pairings Party in Wichita, KS
- July 18:
ALS Pro-Am Golf Tournament at Wichita Country Club in Wichita, KS

- August 13:
Walk to D-Feet ALS in Pittsburg, KS
- August 27:
Walk to D'Feet ALS in Emporia, KS
- September 23:
A Night at Lou's, an ALS concert at Sokol Hall in Omaha, NE

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Photograph at Right of the 2005 ALS Advocates:

Top Row from Left to Right: Mike Trebold, Jeff Thornburg, Jerry Hoggatt, Dave Trebold, Pete Hartweger, Mary Lu Euler, Erin Thomas, Dick Brekken, & Pete Story.

Bottom Row from Left to Right: Michelle Thornburg, Judy Trebold, Craig Thomas, & Deanna Brekken.



Below are some observations by this year's advocates:

Re: The Congressional Visits - - - - -

"The meetings with the representatives went very well. We spoke to everyone and made our points [the legislative priorities] clearly. We got some great responses back." -Craig Thomas, Nebraska

"The meetings went well. The Nebraska congressmen were very supportive of ALSA. As busy as all the representatives were, the meetings were not rushed nor were they trying to get us out of there fast. I felt as if they would have sat there all day. They were attentive and we really had their focus." -Michelle Thornburg, Nebraska

"It was apparent during our congressional meetings how happy the congressmen were to see how informed and prepared we were. They truly enjoyed seeing us." -Dick Brekken, Missouri

"Things went well on Capitol Hill. Pete Story is writing letters to those we visited. We enjoyed every aspect." -Deanna Brekken, Missouri

"Kansas Representative Dennis Moore was great. He met with us for 30 minutes and was very responsive to our issues. In our other visits we met with legislative directors or assistants, most were supportive of the priorities we presented." -Pete Hartweger, Kansas

"We did well with our Nebraska contingents. Senator Nelson is very supportive of the cause. Overall, it was great." -Mary Lu Euler, Nebraska

Re: The Conference - - - - -

"We got great information on the disease, updates, and research. It was excellent. There were so many great questions being asked. Truly informative." -Michelle Thornburg, Nebraska

"We enjoyed the meetings. It was enlightening for us to see the enthusiasm." -Deanna Brekken, Missouri

"We had a great time, things went smoothly. The sessions were very informative." -Craig Thomas, Nebraska

"I wish they would have allowed more time at the end of the sessions for questions and answers. Some great information came as a result of the questions asked by patients and families." -Michelle Thornburg, Nebraska

"My family wants to thank the ALS Association for giving us the chance to be ALS advocates as a family. We are very lucky that we were all able to go. It was an awesome experience to meet people from across the US with the same issues." -Michelle Thornburg, Nebraska

Re: The Chapter Roll Call - - - - -

"Although I have been associated with The Keith Worthington Chapter for nearly two years (on the Services Committee and most recently the Board), I had not spent a lot of time with patients- until Advocacy Day. The first-day Roll Call provided me with such an opportunity. The courage displayed by patients (in various stages of the disease) when introducing their chapters was overwhelming. I now feel like I am truly part of this fight." -Pete Hartweger, Kansas

Re: The Candle Light Vigil - - - - -

"The candlelight vigil was emotional and very good." -Dick Brekken, Missouri

"I was amazed at how many people came to the candlelight vigil." -Deanna Brekken, Missouri

Re: The Emergency Evacuation of the Hill - - - - -

"Jerry and I were standing across from the Capitol and when we looked over toward the Capitol, we saw hundreds of people running towards us. We then rushed up the stairs of the Reserve Offices Association building to notify the other advocates. Soon, the police rushed in and told us all to evacuate immediately." -Pete Hartweger, Kansas

"We thought the evacuation was a joke at first, but then we realized it wasn't. We were upstairs eating lunch. It was pretty scary at first." -Craig Thomas, Nebraska

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Research Update - From ALSA's National Office

Early Motor Changes in ALS Mice Paves Way for Testing Candidate Drugs

By Roberta Friedman, PhD, ALSA Research Department Information Coordinator

May 24, 2005

[QUICK SUMMARY: Mutant mice that recreate the symptoms of ALS in the laboratory display an early, subtle change in their walking gait that should help investigators find new treatments for ALS.]

In a published report in the May 2005 issue of *Muscle and Nerve*, researchers at The Jackson Laboratory funded by The ALS Association (ALSA) demonstrate that treadmill gait falters long before overt symptoms appear, in mice that have symptoms similar to ALS. The early and subtle loss of motor function should help scientists to target crucial aspects of ALS much sooner in the disease process using mice that model the disease.

The treadmill test of mouse gait is simple, rapid, and measured by computer. As such, it can be used as a screening tool for therapeutics, the scientists write.

Patients with ALS often are not diagnosed until problems are well apparent. New treatments may provide the best impact if they are applied as early in the course of the disorder as possible. "We need to find therapeutic targets to not only arrest disease, but to prevent irreversible damage from developing," said Kevin Seburn, an investigator in the study.

ALSA Science Director Lucie Bruijn emphasized the value of the gait analysis system for researchers. "It is already being used not only for the mouse but the ALS rat and is being considered for use in other neurodegenerative diseases."

Seburn and colleagues used mice bearing a mutation analogous to one responsible for some inherited cases of human ALS. These mice show similar symptoms to ALS. The mutation is in the enzyme copper zinc superoxide dismutase 1 (SOD1).

Jackson researchers and colleagues pioneered the gait analysis

system as part of the ALSA funded program

<http://www.alsa.org/news/article.cfm?id=547>. To test the system, the investigators used a different strain of ALS mice than previously available, with less genetic variability. The resulting mice display ALS-like changes about a month later compared to the prior SOD1 mice.

Despite the later onset, the researchers can see the earliest signs of disease in these mice ever reported in a mouse model of ALS, thanks to the gait analysis system. They write, "We describe the earliest functional deficits (8 weeks) that have been reported for SOD1 transgenic mice, at least to our knowledge." Even earlier changes may be evident if younger ALS mice are tested in the treadmill assay, the scientists write.

As part of the ALSA funded project, Jackson Laboratory investigators contracted with Mouse Specifics Inc. and Clever Sys Inc to produce the gait analysis system. The treadmill test reveals gait change as early as eight weeks after birth. At this time, a longer stride for the mutant mice is evident, by analysis of video showing their foot placement while walking on the treadmill. Also, control mice improve their performance after a single session on the treadmill at that age, but the ALS mutant mice do not.

The scientists point out that the time course for treadmill problems parallels the appearance of the first signs of damage at the nerve muscle junction in other ALS mice. The early loss of connections between nerve and muscle precedes actual loss of the motor neurons. Overt signs of disease, such as tremor in the hind limb, appear weeks later in the mice, starting at 20 weeks of age. Bruijn said the findings provide important characterization of the new strain of mouse that should serve to model ALS in the lab.

2005 Joe McGuff ALS Golf Classic

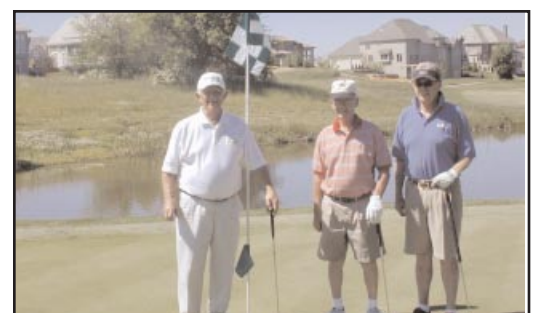
More than \$114,000 was raised at this year's golf tournament held on Monday, May 23rd at Nicklaus Golf Club at LionsGate in Overland Park, Kansas. 25 teams with celebrities such as Tom Watson, George Brett and Len Dawson enjoyed good food, weather, and a great day of golf.



Dr. Steven Henson and his team take the first place prize.



Joe and Kay McGuff



Bud Edwards and his teammates take a break from the game.



Teams gather for a clinic given by Tom Watson and his mentor, Stan Thirsk, before the golf tournament tee off.



Keith Worthington Chapter President, Mary Lu Euler, accepts a donation from the University of Kansas Phi Deltas.

ALS Gene Study: We Need Your Help To Fight ALS!!

Researchers at the Massachusetts General Hospital are seeking individuals with ALS, their family members and other control individuals for participation in the ALS Gene Study, conducted by Dr. Robert H. Brown, Jr. This NIH-funded study focuses on finding the causes of ALS through an examination of both genetic and environmental risk factors. The ALS Gene Study is an ongoing research study in collaboration with Northwestern University.

The purpose of this study is to identify 'susceptibility genes,' which are genes that may be associated with a higher risk of developing this disease. Also, the researchers wish to recognize possible environmental risk factors that may be involved in causing ALS.

Blood samples from individuals with ALS and their parents and/or siblings are currently being accepted for this research project. Participants will be asked to complete questionnaires about their environment and family history and for permission to review medical records pertaining to the onset and progression of the disease.

The Massachusetts General Hospital will cover all costs for participation, and the researchers are happy to help take arrangements for the blood samples to be drawn locally. Travel to Boston is not necessary to participate in this study.

Lastly, although there are no direct benefits for those involved in this research, the research team at the Massachusetts General Hospital believes that understanding the causes of ALS will lead to more effective screening, diagnosis, treatments, and eventually a cure.

To help find a cure, please contact:



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Requirements for participation:

- Be diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS, or Lou Gehrig's Disease).
- Be willing to give a blood sample (approximately 32 ml or 8 teaspoons).
- Be willing to complete questionnaires about your environment and your family history.

Ready, Set, Go Walk to D'Feet ALS!

The Keith Worthington Chapter will host 18 Walk to D'Feet ALS® events throughout Kansas, Missouri and Nebraska. We need your support! Form a team, join us on walk day in your area, and encourage all your friends to walk! Below is a list of Walks. For more information, please visit www.alsa-midwest.org.

August 13	Pittsburg, KS	September 24	Lincoln, NE
August 27	Emporia, KS	September 25	Columbus, NE
September 10	Springfield, MO	September 30	Omaha, NE
September 17	Wichita, KS	October 1	Salina, KS
September 17	Branson, MO	October 8	Attica, KS
September 18	Grand Island, NE	October 8	Joplin, MO
September 18	Kansas City, MO	October 8	Richmond, MO
September 24	Dodge City, KS	October 15	Manhattan, KS
September 24	Topeka, KS	October 15	Maryville, MO



If you have answers to any questions of the following questions, please contact the ALS office nearest you!

- Do you know of individuals who may be interested in organizing a walk team especially in your honor?
- Do you know of individuals who may want to help organize the walk?
- Do you know of businesses who may want to help organize the walk?
- Do you know of businesses who may want to donate items or monies to the walk or have a team?
- Do you have suggestions for possible volunteers?

A Report on the 2005 ALSA Drug Company Working Group Meeting

By Roberta Friedman, PhD, ALSA Research Department Information Coordinator

The 2005 meeting of The ALS Association (ALSA) Drug Company Working Group highlighted innovative techniques by biotech industries for finding new treatments for amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. The participants also learned details on the collaborative approach to prioritizing promising treatments for ALS.

Some 40 leading ALS clinicians, academicians and representatives from industry, the National Institutes of Health, and the Food and Drug Administration, came together on April 12 at this affiliate gathering at the American Academy of Neurology annual meeting in Miami. Participants from ALSA included Stevan Gibson, Vice President, Government Relations & Public Affairs, Ellyn Phillips, ALSA National Trustee and Chair of ALSA's Advocacy Committee and President of ALSA's Greater Philadelphia Chapter, and Dara Alexander, ALSA National Trustee and President of ALSA's Florida Chapter.

ALSA initiated the annual gathering in 1995 to stimulate and accelerate advances in treatment. The Working Group provides a forum for ongoing dialogue on the opportunities and challenges in translating laboratory findings on the disease process of ALS into clinical advances. Goals for this Spring 2005 meeting were to update industry representatives, scientists and clinicians about progress in prioritizing existing candidates for testing, and inform on industry approaches to finding new candidate therapies.

ALSA Vice President and Science Director Lucie Bruijn, Ph.D., opened the meeting by noting, "This is a time when true partnerships with industry are possible. Already progress is evident in the cooperative effort with the National Institutes of Neurological Diseases and Stroke, and other ALS organizations, as well as industry," Bruijn said.

Selection and Prioritization of Therapeutic Candidates for ALS

Bryan Traynor, M.D., of Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, explained how promising therapeutics for ALS are being prioritized. For 112 proposed therapeutics, experts have tried to determine what additional information is needed to enter an agent into definitive clinical testing, that is, a Phase III trial.

The group working on this project has purposefully sought a broad variety of molecular mechanisms of action in selecting candidates. They also sought compounds with the best evidence for safety and lack of toxicity. Experts in ALS, pharmacologists, clinicians, and researchers from NINDS, have reviewed the merits and drawbacks to all available drugs or compounds that have been suggested to protect nerve cells. Input has also come from the ALS community internationally to inform the decision process.

The goal is to produce a document that will guide the community where to invest the appreciable time and money required for clinical trials. The manuscript of prioritized candidate treatments will be submitted for peer review shortly. ALSA's Research Department will be issuing a request for proposals in the upcoming months to fund a pilot study or studies based on this effort.

Biotech Approaches to ALS

Representative biotech companies presented their approaches towards ALS therapies. Bruijn noted, "It is encouraging that so many biotech companies are paying attention to the disease."

Ann Sluder, Ph.D., with Cambria Biosciences, Mass., described the millimeter long worm, *C. elegans*, as a powerful tool that biotech

companies use to model many neurodegenerative diseases. The transparent worm has 959 cells, and the wiring diagram is explicitly understood. Genetics are easily manipulated, and the turn around to make a transgenic worm is days rather than months for a mouse.

Cambria Biosciences is now going to take the worm into the ALS arena, to try to learn more about Riluzole. The sole drug approved for use in ALS, Riluzole is only a small step towards effective therapy in the disease. Using well-described techniques and genetic approaches in the worm, investigators hope to identify additional targets that Riluzole may be acting on to change the disease course. This knowledge may potentially lead to improved therapeutics.

Frank Bennett, Ph.D. of Isis Pharmaceuticals in San Diego, discussed the company's flagship antisense approach to treating diseases. The strategy, to stop production of proteins by promoting degradation of specific RNAs (as RNA translates the genes into proteins), allows scientists to rapidly turn a gene discovery into a therapeutic. Isis has used this approach in other diseases: one antisense agent is already in clinical use in an eye disease, and several more are in clinical trials.

In an ongoing collaboration with leading ALS researchers, Isis is providing antisense agents for tests in animal models of ALS. Discussions are under way on how to bring this approach into the clinic. Working with ALSA funded researcher Don Cleveland, at the University of California, San Diego, Isis aims to get an RNA based therapeutic into clinical testing. Although this approach is currently designed to dampen the production of mutant SOD1 and is therefore effective for only a small percentage of ALS patients, it may have application for other forms of the disease as we learn more about the proteins involved. Secondly these studies provide an important proof of concept for the use of antisense in neurological disorders, Bennett emphasized.

Raymond Bartus, Ph.D., spoke about the prospects for a gene therapy for ALS, with the contribution toward that goal from his San Diego based company, Ceregene Inc.. Three decades of research show that the nerve maintaining factors such as nerve growth factor, and insulin-like growth factor (IGF-1), have potential for neurodegenerative diseases such as ALS. An appropriate trophic factor can attack the root cause of these diseases, even if we don't know what that is, Bartus said. Gene therapy can get these trophic factors into the target tissue without producing side effects from misplaced actions in the rest of the body.

A collaborative effort to put a gene therapy delivering IGF-1 into clinical testing is a new direction for the company <http://www.alsa.org/news/article.cfm?id=477>. Bartus and Ceregene were focused on Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's when they were captivated by the exciting work published in 2003 in the journal *Science*, on the potential for bringing a trophic factor directly to the ailing nerve cells in ALS. A collaborative research team involving Fred Gage, Ph.D., and colleagues at The Salk Institute for Biological Studies in San Diego, and Jeffrey Rothstein, M.D., Ph.D., of Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, reported that IGF-1 can be efficiently transported from muscle to motor neurons using a viral transport mechanism. This treatment increased survival of transgenic mice modeling the disease.

The biotech industry knows now that ALS is a promising target for innovative effort, according to Bruijn. "When results come from the academic labs and the companies see a way to move it forward," Bruijn said, "we at ALSA can help facilitate these partnerships."

Support Group News

For those affected by ALS, these support groups provide a forum to share information and practical experience, a safe place to allow emotions to speak, an educational gathering spot where speakers and caregivers address subjects of major interest, and a place to witness firsthand the constant miracle of people continuing to live productive fulfilling lives in spite of having ALS.

MISSOURI

Five individuals attended the Springfield support group on May 10th. The group spent time discussing upcoming events.

The newly formed Joplin support group met on May 25th with 11 in attendance. A physical therapist from Oxford Home Health spoke on safe lifting techniques for transferring patients.

Five people attended the first Columbia support group on May 4th. The group had a general discussion of the disease and how it affects patients and caregivers. This group will meet every other month at 1:30 p.m. The next meeting will be July 6th.

The Branson support group had its first meeting on May 18th. Ten individuals were in attendance. The group discussed numerous topics of interest. The Branson support group will meet every third Wednesday of the month at 1:30 p.m.

NEBRASKA

Fourteen people attended the May Columbus support group. The group listened to a family member share and reflect on her experiences at The ALS Association's National Advocacy Day in Washington, D.C.

Twenty attended the May Omaha support group meeting. Families who attended The ALS Association's National Advocacy Day in Washington, D.C., shared their experience on the Hill meeting with the state's Senators and Representatives.

KANSAS

Eight were in attendance at the Hutchinson support group held at the Grace Episcopal Church on Wednesday, May 4th at 2 p.m. They had a great meeting discussing symptomatic changes and how to deal with them followed by a showing of the ALS film on Home Adaptations.

The Wichita support group was held in the Grace Presbyterian Church parlor on Thursday May 5 with 15 individuals in attendance. A protegee of Dr. Gow's, a holistic physician and acupuncture therapist, demonstrated the art of Chinese self-massage and its impact on changing the Ying and Yang of the body's energy fields and its impact on ALS.

All three Kansas City support groups came together for a beautiful picnic on May 20th. Twenty-five individuals attended the 'All Kansas City Support Group Picnic' at the Loose Park Shelter. The group enjoyed great BBQ, conversation, and sun.



Great Weather! ————— Great Food! ————— Great Conversation!

A Familial ALS Study-

Investigators at the ALSA Center at Emory University are investigating the possibility of designing a clinical trail for persons at risk of ALS.

-The research team is looking for families where two or more members have or had a diagnosis of ALS.

-Based on phone interviews that will be conducted, researchers will determine if a second study will follow that would include a treatment trial to evaluate compounds intended to prevent or delay the onset of ALS in at-risk individuals.

-Interested parties should contact the ALSA Center at Emory University by calling 888-413-9315.

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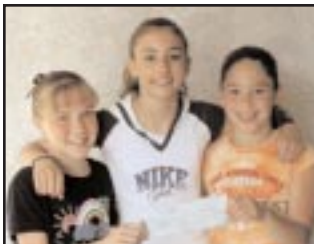
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WE THANK YOU!

A big thank you to April Rayer and her friends for selling over \$800 in Strike Out ALS red gel bracelets! The girls sold the bracelets at school, door-to-door and placed them on the counter at the family business - Rayer's Bearden Stained Glass & Gift

Gallery in Wichita, Kansas.

Pictured from left to right are Tessa Jacobs, April Rayer, and Alex Jones. Not pictured is Shelby Garrett.



Many thanks to the Bellevue West High School FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America) and their instructor, Mrs. Pat Hinkle. The club has designated The ALS Association as recipient of their philanthropy project of the year. Craig Thomas, a Fort Calhoun, NE, man who is affected by ALS, will be their assembly speaker. More to follow on Bellevue West's FBLA events.



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In Memoriam

We send our sympathy and support to the families and friends of those who have recently died after battling ALS.

George Blaha

Dennis Meredith

Paul Sowers

Virginia Dyche

Cornelius Sullivan

Carole Sass

Erma Edwards

Bill Wheeler

Memorials

Thanks to the families of the following for designating our Chapter for donations:

Virginia Dyche

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	6	Hutchinson	2:00 p.m.
	6	Columbia	1:30 p.m.
	7	Wichita	7:00 p.m.
	8	Kansas City Caregivers SG	12:30 p.m.
	12	Springfield	6:30 p.m.
	13	Branson	1:30 p.m.
	14	Omaha	7:00 p.m.
	20	Kansas City Day SG	2:00 p.m.
	21	Salina	7:00 p.m.
	23	Wichita Caregivers	11:00 a.m.
	25	Topeka	3:00 p.m.
	25	Columbus	4:00 p.m.
	27	Joplin	1:30 p.m.

Support Group Locations

<p>KC Evening SG 2nd Presbyterian Church 55th and Oak</p> <p>KC Day Turning Point 8900 State Line, Ste. 240</p> <p>KC Caregivers/ Survivors SG ALS- Must RSVP 8340 Mission Road, Ste. B4</p> <p>Wichita, KS Caregivers SG ALS Office 526 S. Market Street</p> <p>Wichita, KS SG Grace Presbyterian Church 5002 East Douglas</p> <p>Hutchinson, KS SG Grace Episcopal Church 20th & Main</p> <p>Topeka, KS SG Shawnee Co. Public Library 1515 SW 10th Avenue</p>	<p>Salina, KS SG Home of Nancy Persinger 409 Kirwin, 785.825.1833</p> <p>Omaha, NE SG St. Pius X Parish Center 6905 Blondo Street</p> <p>Columbus, NE SG Trinity Lutheran Church 2200 25th Street, Fireside Room</p> <p>Springfield, MO SG ALS Office 1721 W. Elfindale</p> <p>Jefferson City, MO SG Southridge Baptist Church, 1815 Vieth Drive</p> <p>Branson, MO SG Faith Lutheran Church 221 Malone Street</p> <p>Joplin, MO SG St. Mary's Parish Center 524 W. 25th Street</p>
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