

# CHURCHRIGHT

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## SHINE in Haiti - 2013

The General Conference is pleased to announce plans for the distribution of funds received for disaster relief in Haiti. They include medical and dental missions through CoG7's own SHINE team, as well as collaboration with other ministries and relief organizations already active in Haiti.

Initially, disbursement of these funds was delayed due to concerns about corruption and government bureaucracy in Haiti. Other non-profits report that their Haiti relief funds too are being held, pending assurance that their use accomplishes real and lasting relief. Since those initial concerns, the delay has been largely due to the need to honor donor intent by making sure that these funds are used solely for the purpose for which they were given.

SHINE will minister in Haiti March 25 – April 1, 2013. Those who wish to participate must submit a completed application by December 17. Visit the SHINE website for more information: [shinecog7.org](http://shinecog7.org).

Your prayers for this effort are appreciated, your participation encouraged. The Church-at-large will be kept posted of the ongoing progress of this mission. May many experience Christ's love and compassion — even saving faith — as a result.

— Whaid G. Rose

## Conference Tour 2012-2013

# The Unity of the Spirit

Be consumed  
by the passion!



### First Stop: Houston, Texas

The Conference Tour is underway! The first stop was Houston, Texas, on September 8, and a crowd of more than 800 from area churches participated. By the time you get this issue of *Churchright*, the Tour will have visited Dowling, Michigan.

Next stops include El Paso, Texas; New York City; Chattanooga, Tennessee; and Phoenix, Arizona. More cities are on the schedule for 2013.

We hope to see you along the way!



#### Tour Leaders

Whaid Rose

Israel Steinmetz

Samuel Holland

Darrel Walters





## Missions Ministries

For the past six months, I've served as acting G. C. Missions director. This work has enriched my friendship and fellowship with CoG7 ministers and leaders around the globe — something I'll always treasure.

In the past ten years, our Missions program experienced much growth, by God's grace, as the harvest was apportioned into seven world zones and linked closely with the International Ministerial Congress (IMC). Fresh efforts like Pioneer Missionary Training, SHINE, Disaster Relief Fund, and Cristo Viene attracted more funds and delivered more ministry into each of those zones. And the IMC grew from just over twenty national conferences to nearly forty!

The search for a new Missions director is on, and notice of his appointment is expected in November. Meanwhile, I want to do all I can to maintain the momentum we've developed in getting our church behind the gospel and getting it out there, as Jesus said.

So I'm asking . . . if you've been a donor to Cristo Viene, Disaster Relief, or Missions Abroad's gen-

eral fund, please keep on giving. If you've been praying for our mission teams in forty countries, don't quit. And if you've noticed the recent growth in our global church, help us keep that ball rolling. Together, we can do that much, and who knows how much more God will add to the Church!

— Calvin Burrell  
[www.cog7missions.org](http://www.cog7missions.org)

*November is  
 Missions Emphasis*

*Our church's International Ministerial Congress convened near London, UK, August 25-29. Highlights of the week included presentations and Bible studies reflecting the theme "Unity Within Diversity"; admissions of Chile, Paraguay, and Venezuela to congress membership; and election of officers (see photo, below): Carlos Ceron (Mexico), treasurer; Ramon Ruiz Garza (Mexico), president; Henry Harley (Jamaica), second vice president; Calvin Burrell (US), first vice president; Heber Vega (US), secretary. Growth in Latin America, contacts in new parts of the world, and the enthusiastic participation of the delegation from the IMC's largest member-conference, Nigeria, inspired new zeal for the purpose and mission of the IMC.*



## ASLEEP IN JESUS

### Delvin L. O'Banion

Long-time G. C. minister Delvin L. O'Banion passed away August 19, 2012, after a brief illness. He was born in Gentry County, Missouri, July 26, 1924, and grew up in the Stanberry area. After graduating from high school, Elder O'Banion served in the US Army during World War II, which included a tour of duty in Italy. Following military service, he attended Union College in Lincoln, Nebraska.



After college, participating in an evangelistic tour throughout the US both confirmed his desire to make the gospel ministry his life's work, and led to his marriage to Wilma Presler of Colorado on July 25, 1954. They had three children: Dennis O'Banion (Conroe, Texas); Wanda Taylor (Independence, Missouri); and Phyllis Tuller (Colorado, deceased). Elder O'Banion's ministerial service included pastorates in Fresno, California; Denver, Colorado; Eureka, South Dakota; New Auburn, Wisconsin; McAlester, Shawnee, and Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and Joplin, Missouri. He also served on the General Conference's board of directors and as a Central District superintendent and member of the License and Credentials Committee. Elder O'Banion loved the Lord, loved the Church, and loved to serve, and he endeared himself to many through his caring ways and sense of humor. During his retirement years, Elder O'Banion kept busy delivering pizza, driving an airport shuttle, cleaning computers, and working for an insurance company, which he used as an opportunity to share his faith with others.

He is survived by his two children, eight grandchildren, and ten great-grandchildren. A funeral service was held in Denver, Colorado, Friday, August 24, 2012, with interment in the Eastern Plains of Colorado. An additional memorial service was held in Missouri on September 8. Elder O'Banion's service, warmth, and love for the Lord Jesus will long be remembered by the leaders and members of the General Conference.

## CoG7 NEWS



**SED Leadership Conference:** On June 29, 2012, the Port St. Lucie CoG7 hosted the Southeast District Southern Area Leadership Conference in Ft. Pierce, Florida. Attending Church leaders briefly talked about their congregations, and the district superintendent gave a presentation on the future direction of the district. Pastor Al Haynes moderated a forum on matters of concern to the local churches and the district, which included planning, collaboration, and resolution, with emphasis toward future fellowship in the district. **Note:** Be sure to visit the new website for the Southeastern District ([www.cog7-sed.org](http://www.cog7-sed.org)).



**Sis-Q Senior Adult Retreat:** Nestled in the hazy foothills of the Siskiyou Mountains, 51 senior campers enjoyed a wonderful retreat from their day-to-day lives in late August. Old friendships were renewed and new friendships were made, interspersed with times of worship and recreation. Thanks go to Dale Lawson, Larry Zaragoza, John Lemley, Rich Foreman, and David Kauer for thoughtful messages reminding us how we should be "Living in Joy" because we have a Savior who is with us throughout our lives.

## NAMC in Portland

All ministers and lay pastors are invited to the Ministerial Council at the Red Lion on the River, Portland, Oregon, October 29 - November 3.

Our council emphasis will be the Holy Spirit — ten hours of study and discussion. We'll find time to consider ministerial ethics, sexual abuse, spiritual warfare, parliamentary procedure, L and C Committee business, LifeSpring School, our linguistic and ethnic diversity, and other NAMC business.

Our week together promises its best on Sabbath, November 3. Nearby congregations are invited to join the ministers in the Red Lion at 3:00 p.m., for 100 minutes of corporate inspiration and personal fellowship to follow. Surprises happen!

The Pacific Northwest is a great place to visit, and our \$79 room rate at the Red Lion on the River makes this a good time to bring spouses and others. It's not too late to reserve a room by calling 1-800-RED-LION and register for meals at [cog7.org/namc-register](http://cog7.org/namc-register).

Shall we gather at the river October 29?

## Hunger Lock-In

Thanks to all the churches that participated in our spring Hunger Lock-In activity and foreign missions fundraiser: Owosso, Michigan; Conroe, Texas; San Antonio (Ceralvo), Texas; El Paso (Central), Texas; Phoenix (Mission), Arizona; Phoenix (West), Arizona; Visalia, California; Harrisburg, Oregon; and Spokane, Washington. Together we collected approximately \$1,700 to send to the Orphans and Widows Ministry.

— Kurt Lang, Director  
National Youth Ministry

## Youth Sabbath

On June 30, 2012, the youth of the CoG7 in Orlando, Florida, held our annual Youth Sabbath. The difference between the love of the world and the unchanging, unending love displayed by our heavenly Father was present in every selection.

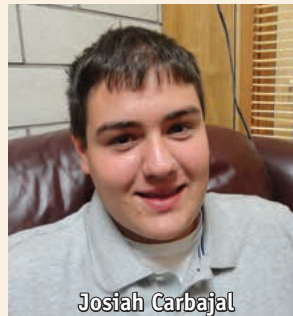
Youth came from various parts of Florida to attend, and for that we are thankful. The day was filled with worship, praise, dance, monologue, and a powerful message to end our divine service.

We look forward to our next youth Sabbath as we continue to give the glory to our soon-coming King!

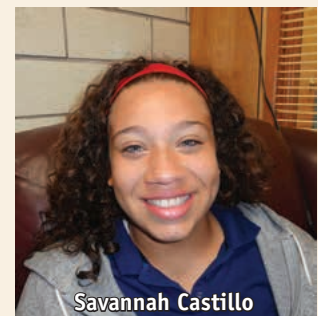
— Ayeisha Nelson  
Youth Vice President

## Future Leaders Scholarships

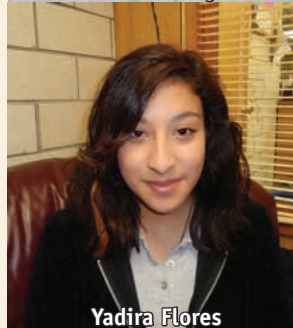
Congratulations to the following recipients of the Future Leaders Scholarship, awarded through a collaborative effort between Spring Vale Academy and the General Conference:



Josiah Carbajal



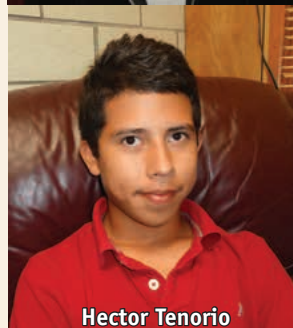
Savannah Castillo



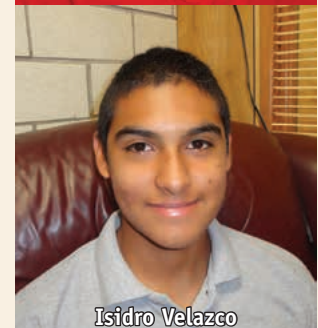
Yadira Flores



Matthew Nienhuis



Hector Tenorio



Isidro Velazco

## TAKE NOTE ✓

Spring Vale Academy's  
First Fall Homecoming  
October 19-21, 2012  
Visit SVA's Facebook page  
([facebook.com/springvale.us](http://facebook.com/springvale.us))  
or call 989-725-2391.

## CALENDAR 2012

**October 6** - Edmonton (Parkland County CoG7) Super Sabbath, Pastor John Camero; contact 780-963-0389; [www.CoG7.ca](http://www.CoG7.ca)

**October 12-14** - SWD Women's Retreat, Camp Cimarron, OK; contact: Karen Velez (405-620-4975) or MaryLou Molinar (972-955-7884)

**October 19-21** - Octoberfest at Jasper, AR CoG7; contact Jason or Stephanie Overman (870-446-5736; [jasonoverman@hotmail.com](mailto:jasonoverman@hotmail.com))

**October 19-21** - Michigan Men's Retreat, Miracle Camp and Retreat Center, Lawton, MI; contact: Steve Rodriguez (989-284-6157)

### LifeSpring Dates

**October 29** - winter course registration opens

**November 15** - winter Certificate of Biblical Studies application due

**November 28** - winter scholarship applications due

**January 13, 2013** - winter classes begin

## LifeSpring 2011-2012 Graduates

Congratulations to the following people who completed their Certificate of Biblical Studies: Manny Adame, Martin Cicero, Jody Crowson, Gordon Feil, Gerson Gonzalez, Aaron Henderson, Kurt Lang, Dan Melendez, Ezra Modeste, Felipe Orduno, Richard Palmer, Makayla Schlenker, Isai Urizar, Evelyn Valle, Aubrey Williams, and Peter Youngs.

Diploma of Pastoral Ministry: Manny Adame, Juan Arzet, Martin Cicero, Elisandro Del Toro, Jr., Gordon Feil, Kirk Grant, Aaron Henderson, Devaroo Higgins, Kurt Lang, Hugo Reyes, and Peter Youngs.

View pictures of our recent graduates at [www.facebook.com/LifeSpringSchool](http://www.facebook.com/LifeSpringSchool).

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LifeSpring Emphasis*

**We are LIFESPRING.**

We are a **family** of students and teachers, prayer and financial partners, women and men, pastors and lay leaders.

We are equipping the body of Christ for **effective service** in our **families, communities, and local churches.**

We are **investing** in this generation and generations to come.

We are committed to the challenge of developing **Christian leaders** who are **wise, biblically grounded, and Spirit-led.**

**We are LifeSpring. Join us!**

Become a student, prayer partner, or financial partner at [LifeSpringSchool.org](http://LifeSpringSchool.org).



## PMT - Level 1

Is God calling you to catch a vision of reaching the world around you? Do you desire to serve on the foreign mission field? Then Pioneer Missionary Training - Level 1 could be just for you!

This year's team will serve in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico, December 20-30. Cost (**not** including travel to Guadalajara): \$455 USD (includes housing, food, insurance, and transportation within Mexico).

For an application and more details, contact Kurt Lang (541-517-1079 or [youth@cog7.org](mailto:youth@cog7.org)); Christy Lang ([sword@cog7.org](mailto:sword@cog7.org)); Monico Muffley ([pastormonico@juno.com](mailto:pastormonico@juno.com)); or Martha Molina-Muffley ([tuzimex4@yahoo.com](mailto:tuzimex4@yahoo.com)).

Applications must be postmarked by **November 1, 2012**. Visit <http://sword.cog7.org> for information on scholarships available from SWORD, and check [http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis\\_pa\\_tw/tw/tw\\_5665.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_5665.html) for travel notices.

## Online Bookstore

An online bookstore is now available on the General Conference website. We are starting with a few BAP books, and more will be added in time. You can make your selection and pay with your credit card. Visit [cog7.org/store](http://cog7.org/store).

## Lessons for Fourth Quarter 2012

**Adults.** *Gifts of the Holy Spirit* looks at Ephesians 4:13-15 and other texts to learn about the special gifts required for a church to live as a healthy, united body equipped to do the Lord's work.

**Senior youth.** In *The Prophets: Learning from Their Example* students focus on several dedicated servants of God who delivered His messages during extremely difficult times.

**Junior high youth.** *Witnesses to God's Love* offers a review of John's Gospel. John tells how Jesus lived among the people, teaching the message of salvation, then giving His life for the sins of the world.

**Intermediate (grades 4, 5, and 6).** Lessons in *Parables Jesus Told* help students learn about one of Jesus' methods of teaching: telling stories His listeners could relate to. Students will learn about Jesus' ministry and mission as revealed through one of His beloved disciples.

**Primary (grades 1, 2, and 3).** *Back to the Beginning: A Look at Genesis* begins with lessons about the Creation and continues to Abraham. Students will know God as the God who keeps all His promises, including sending Jesus to give His life for our salvation.

### Prices and ordering

- Adult student book: \$3.80; teacher's guide, \$5.
- Junior high and senior youth student books: \$3.20; teacher's guide, \$4.
- Primary lessons sets are provided as e-mail attachments at \$15 for a set or on a disk for \$19.
- Intermediate lesson sets are also provided as e-mail attachments at \$20 for a set or on a disk for \$24.

Order from Bible Advocate Press, P.O. Box 33677, Denver, CO 80233; 303-452-7973; or [bap.orders@cog7.org](mailto:bap.orders@cog7.org).

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**2013 Biennial Convention**  
**July 1-6, 2013**  
Hilton Hotel and CenturyLink Center • Omaha, Nebraska

# October is Clergy Appreciation Month

*Make the most of this opportunity!*

Appreciate your leaders who teach you the Word of God. Think of all the good that comes from their lives, and follow the example of their faith (Hebrews 13:7, paraphrased).

Two couples are celebrating 50 years of doing good and being examples of faith.



Carl and RowEna Palmer celebrate two golden anniversaries this year: their wedding anniversary (October 7, 1962) and Carl's fifty years in ministry. Before receiving his minister's license in 1965, Carl preached and held revivals. He and RowEna began their pastoral ministry in Milwaukie, Oregon, in 1965, where Carl pastored for seven years. From there, they moved to Meridian, Idaho, to teach at Maranatha Bible College.

Two years later Carl worked at the Church publishing house as secretary, but still taught at the college part-time until they were called to Spokane, Washington, in 1985. He has been the pastor there for 27 years.

Carl and RowEna have three children — David Palmer, Carla Decker, and Karen Edwards — and nine grandchildren.



Glen and Barbara Palmer celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 29. Soon after being married in 1962, Glen worked with Elder Frank Walker and Charles Monroe to plant a church in Boise, Idaho, beginning a life of ministry that is now also approaching the 50-year mark.

Glen became the pastor of the Lodi, California church on January 1, 1966. He and Barbara moved in 1969 to Fort Smith, Arkansas, and pastored there for one year. In October 1970 they moved to Denver, Colorado, where they ministered until moving to Harrisburg, Oregon, in 1994.

Glen and Barbara have three children — Teri Caswell, Pam Frye, and Darren Palmer — and ten grandchildren. They continue to minister in Harrisburg, where Barbara recently retired from a fulfilling career at Harvest House Publishers.