

CHURCHRIGHT

Doing church right

Convention 2027



Save the dates of June 28 - July 3, 2027, and plan to gather with us in Greensboro, North Carolina, for the General Conference Convention, Church business, Spirit-filled worship, focused Times of learning, family events, and making more memories with friends old and new are on the docket. It will be here before you know it!

Church on Fire

"He's on fire for the Lord!" At one time or another, you have undoubtedly heard that phrase used to describe a Christian and their walk with the Lord. Often new converts are characterized in this way. Having recently heard the good news of salvation in Christ, experiencing forgiveness of all their sins – their souls enlightened and their consciences cleansed – and having received the gift of the Holy Spirit, they now know the love of God. And they cannot help but proclaim the wonderful things God has done in and for them to all those whose paths they cross.

On fire for the Lord. What a wonderful and wholly appropriate way to live (Romans 12:1), not just for the new convert but for all who call upon Christ as Lord and Savior. The psalmist captures the passion behind this way of life: "What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits toward me? I will take up the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the Lord" (Psalm 116:12, 13, NKJV) throughout.

Crucial to note in the psalmist's proclamation "I will take up" is understanding that he is not simply conveying a one-time act. Rather, he gives an expression of lifestyle, as the verb tense here is imperfect and conveys intentional and ongoing commitment.

Every two months through Churchright we witness those who, in their own way, show they are on fire for the Lord. From 4 to 2 – from assisting services to Zoom prayer meetings – dedicated souls work tirelessly to plan, organize, and promote events that serve our Lord and His church. Their holy service, fueled by an inner fire for the greater things of God, makes these happenings a reality for the body of Christ.

Holy fire. May it burn within each of us, individually and collectively. The Scriptures reveal that for this very purpose Christ "gave Himself for us, that He might . . . purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works" (Ephes 5:26).

With renewed appreciation, may we give praise and thanksgiving to our God for those who so faithfully serve among us. And may we also sense that holy fire burning within us to be used of God, to bring His glory (John 15:8), and to love Him forever. Yes, by His grace, may it be so!

— Greg Lincoln
GC President