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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 unburdened 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).

Critical 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 A to Z – from anointing 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” (Titus 2:14).

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 Him glory (John 15:8), and to love Him forever. Yes, by His grace, may it be so!

– Greg Lincoln
GC President



District News

Central

Contributor: Ronald Rousseau, Superintendent



Elevating worship. On November 7-9, Noe Damas, Central District Worship Coordinator, visited the Denver and Aurora congregations in Colorado. His goal is to coordinate with district worship leaders and worship ministries to encourage ways to elevate worship. He does this by providing clear paths to success and supporting them with their needs. Noe and his family held two workshops at the churches.

Southeast

Contributor: Jo Allison Krome



Youth Retreat

On December 19-21, 119 youth (ages 12-18) and chaperones gathered for our winter retreat in Adrian, Georgia. With the theme of “Foundation,” we

separated into seven teams, led by Santos and Sara Velasquez, Keila and Tamar Hernandez, and Jo Allison Krome. We made flags, built foundations, and prepared skits based on seven words beginning with the letter C that we used as an overview of Bible history.

The “Foundation” theme was powerfully presented through a reflection, PowerPoint presentation, and messages prepared by Keila Hernandez, Terrell Walker, Jo Allison Krome, and Cesar Medrano. Youth from Stone Mountain, Georgia, and Tarboro, North Carolina, led our worship segments. Abby Ortiz prepared a take-home craft key chain to remind us that God is there for us and loves us, and to trust His path for our lives.

Southwest

Contributors: Maria Beard and Victoria (Tory) Capetillo, SWD Media Ministry Director



Refinement for Women

On December 13, more than 300 women and young girls from across the district gathered in San Antonio for a full-day Women’s Conference, focused on God’s refining work. The day featured worship, prayer, fellowship, and Spirit-led biblical teaching.

Key messages included “Engaged by Grace: God’s Hand on My Story,” by Neysha Jagrup, and “The Refining Fire: Becoming Who God Sees,” by Abigail Gaona. Jessica and Olivia Pila led a guided group activity, Refined to Engage. A special youth session for girls (ages 13-18) was led by SWD Youth Director Judith Salazar and Abigail Gaona. Afternoon sessions encouraged attendees to step into their God-given purpose and live fully engaged for Christ.

The conference concluded with worship and remarks that left women and girls spiritually renewed and united. The 2026 theme, “Radiate: Shining With God’s Glory,” and the 2026 Women’s Retreat (October 23–25 at Camp Buckner in Burnet, Texas) were also announced.

Photo: Mayra Hernandez (El Paso)

Unity and Renewal

The Tree of Life congregation in El Paso hosted the Area 6 Super Sabbath on December 19-21 under the powerful theme “Where Are You?” The weekend was a meaningful time of worship, reflection, and spiritual renewal.



The celebration began Friday evening with a message from Brother Jordan Hernandez, followed by inspiring sermons from Pastors Josue Gutierrez and Esau Hernandez. Taken together, the messages emphasized the urgency of living fully for God and keeping Him at the center of our lives. Through heartfelt worship, the Word, and rich fellowship, a strong spirit of unity and renewal was evident among all who attended.

The weekend concluded Saturday evening with a leadership meeting, where local leaders received valuable information and had the opportunity to ask questions and share insights. We are deeply grateful to the Tree of Life congregation for their dedication and hospitality in making this event such a blessing. Above all, we praise the Lord for His continued faithfulness to His people.

Photo: Tory Capetillo



TwoGether: Strengthening Marriages

More than 33 couples gathered December 5-7 with the Truevine congregation in Austin for a blessed and uplifting Marriage Retreat themed “TwoGether.” The weekend focused on strengthening marriages through God’s design and purpose.

The retreat featured inspiring messages from Central District Superintendent Ronald Rousseau and his wife, Lupita, along with Brother Alo Sanchez and

Moises and Pete Capetillo. Each message encouraged couples to remain united, grow together in faith, and pursue a God-centered marriage.

Couples also enjoyed a special Gala Night filled with fellowship, games, and powerful testimonies shared by Brother Ivan and Sister Mara Villeda. We are excited to begin what we hope will be a new annual Marriage Retreat for the Southwest District.

Be on the lookout for details regarding next year’s retreat, to be held in El Paso, Texas.

Photo: Tory Capetillo



Pastor appreciation. On October 25, the El Paso Central congregation joyfully celebrated Pastor Appreciation Month. We honored our pastor, Rubén Beard, and his wife, Susana (center), along with our co-pastor, Santiago Trejo, and his wife, Graciela (right). During the service, the children’s department shared heartfelt art and crafts they had created especially for this occasion. We were also blessed by the presence of Minister Eduardo Villalba and his wife, Socorro (left).

SWD Upcoming Events

February 6-8 - Houston Super Sabbath

February 27 - March 1 - SWD Leadership Meeting

West Coast

Contributors: Jennifer Stucker and Aaron Carbajal, WCD Media Ministry Director

Women’s Ministry: Partnering in Costa Rica

On December 2-10, Cindy Baker (Marion, Oregon), Jennifer Stucker (Marion, Oregon), and Sarah Castro (Arizona) traveled to San Jose, Costa Rica, to partner with Transforma, a ministry dedicated to empowering women through education, discipleship, healing,



and economic opportunity. Transforma accompanies individuals and families experiencing extreme poverty, domestic violence, migration vulnerabilities, social exclusion, and limited access to education or dignified work.

We visited Barrio Sinai to deliver groceries to single mothers and their children. This community is known for significant hardships, including drug activity, human trafficking and criminal influence, and occult practices. Many residents experience severe social and spiritual challenges, and missionaries often avoid this area because of these extreme conditions. Our team of fourteen women courageously walked door-to-door, greeting women, entering their homes, and praying over them and their children.

We also visited a newly built classroom that will be used for young students. Standing together in this space, our team prayed aloud, simultaneously lifting “thunder prayers” over the students, the ministry, and the community.

Before ministering at our women’s retreats, our team walked through the Beauty for Ashes retreat study for ourselves. We then hosted four sessions at two different churches, pouring into the local women through teachings on the woman at the well, Christ’s constant presence, Jesus as the Son of the Living God, and the adulterous woman.

Through Scripture, testimony, small group ministry, and creative reflection, women encountered the love of God, released past burdens, and discovered hope, dignity, and restoration in Christ.

One-on-one ministry times were deeply personal and powerful. Our team prayed for women facing trauma, emotional pain, relational struggles, domestic violence, sexual exploitation, spiritual warfare, financial hardship, anxiety, insecurity, and loss. Through these moments of listening and intercession, women received comfort, encouragement, and renewed hope.

We also had the privilege of praying for and encouraging the Transforma ministry leaders, who carry significant emotional and spiritual burdens as they minister to women in crisis and poverty. Our time

reminded us of their resilience and the beauty of the global church supporting one another in Christ.

We joined the ministry leaders in serving students and families during a special graduation night. Students received certificates of completion, awards, and family gifts. Children were blessed with clothing, special treats, and school supplies.

Our time in Costa Rica revealed the transforming power of God’s love, the strength and resilience of the women at Transforma, and the beauty of partnership in the body of Christ. We are grateful for every story restored, every heart encouraged, and every seed planted.

To God be the glory!

– Jennifer Stucker



Super Sabbath. On December 6, about 300 brethren from Arizona, California, and Nevada gathered in Tempe, AZ, to celebrate the annual West Coast Super Sabbath. The theme of the day, “A Worshipping Church,” emphasized the event’s central purpose. GC President Greg Lincoln and Executive Director Daniel Flores served as guest speakers. The day was filled with worship, fellowship, and communion. Most importantly, it was an edifying experience marked by powerful sermons that encouraged each member to commit their lives more fully to worshipping the Lord. We look forward to seeing everyone again at next year’s Super Sabbath!

WCD Upcoming Events

May 22-24 - Men’s Retreat, Oakhurst, CA: “Epic Friends”

June 12-14 - Women’s Retreat, Oakhurst, CA: “Beauty for Ashes”

ASLEEP IN JESUS

Nick Nimchuk

1933 - 2025

Nick Nimchuk (92) was born to Mike and Dora Nimchuk on December 4, 1933. He passed from this life on December 31, 2025.



Nick was raised on the family farm near Foam Lake, Saskatchewan. The family later moved to the farm in Hazel Dell, Saskatchewan. In 1957, he left the farm to work in the British Columbia mills. He married Dorothy Stiede on December 19, 1959, in Tacoma, Washington. They made their home in New Westminster, British Columbia, before moving back

to his Saskatchewan farm in May 1960. Four daughters were born during these years.

In 1965, the Nimchuks moved to Stanberry, Missouri, where Nick attended classes at Midwest Bible College. He also worked in the print shop of the Bible Advocate Press.

Upon graduation, Nick preached for the Church of God (Seventh Day) in Saskatchewan, Alberta, South Dakota, and British Columbia. He retired in 2002, and he and Dorothy eventually settled in Medicine Hat as a final move.

Nick leaves to mourn his beloved wife, Dorothy; daughters Karolyn (Lowell) Forbes; Virginia (Paul) Ling; Florence (Omar) Mellado; and Judi Nimchuk; nine grandchildren; nieces and nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends.

For a full version of Nick's memorial, please visit our online Memorials page at churchright.org.



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Lord's Supper

is Tuesday evening, March 31.



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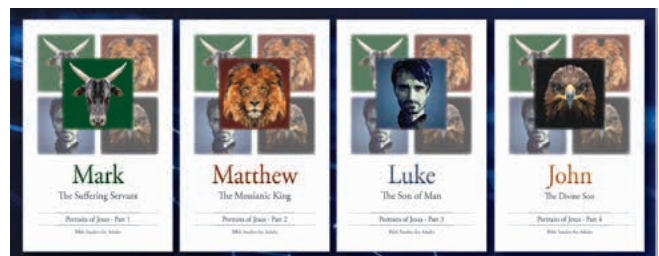
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Early Fall 2025 Graduates

Richmond Douglas - Associate of Christian Leadership (Pastoral Ministry), Summa Cum Laude

Eliasar Escobar - Associate of Christian Leadership (Pastoral Ministry)

Late Fall 2025 Graduates

Pete Capetillo - Bachelor of Arts in Christian Leadership (Pastoral Ministry), Summa Cum Laude*

Karlene Green - Associate of Christian Leadership, Cum Laude

Neftali Hernandez - Associate of Christian Leadership (Pastoral Ministry), Magna Cum Laude

* *Graduate was incorrectly recognized with an Associate of Christian Leadership at the commencement ceremony during convention in Salt Lake City, Utah. We apologize for this embarrassing oversight.*

Fall 2025 Dean's List* Recipients

William Aba, Stamford, CT; Pete Capetillo, Albuquerque, NM; Dan Davila, Justice, IL; Otoniel de la Cruz, Stamford, CT; Adiel de Leon, Lantana, FL; Otniel De Leon, Baxley, GA; Pedro Estrada, Pico Rivera, CA; Elias Gomez Marroquin, Worthington, MN; Armando Guevara Sr., Antioch, TN; Alvaro Hernandez, El Paso, TX; Neftali Hernandez, Spring, TX; Kurt Lang, Harrisburg, OR; Pablo Martinez, Sherman Oaks, CA; Wilfredo Mejia, Toms River, NJ; Dan Melendez de la Torre, El Paso, TX; Ottoniel Pérez González, Atlanta, GA; Justo Perez Marroquin, Homestead, FL; Jose Perez Vasquez, Bridgeport, CT; Ledy Portocarrero Agredo, East Elmhurst, NY; Oscar Retana, Moreno Valley, CA; Luis Rodriguez, McAllen, TX; Felix Uz Cubule, Ridge, NY.

* *Dean's List recipients earn eight credits per quarter with a minimum 3.5 GPA.*

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Calendar Events

February 10 - Late Winter registration closes

February 16 - Late Winter classes begin

March 30 - Early Spring registration closes

April 5 - Early Spring classes begin

Late Winter Classes

BIS 101 History and Literature of the Old Testament*

COM 121 Written Communication for Leadership

HIS 321 History of Western Christianity

LEA 111 Essentials of Vibrant Leadership*

THE 201 Christian Theology

Early Spring Classes

BIS 104 History and Literature of the New Testament*

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LEA 331 Church Administration

WOA 311 Prayer Ministry

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