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PRESIDENT'S CORNER – PASTOR PETER PEER

Another CGBCI conference is past, and it is now another piece of our history. We are grateful for God's blessing on our 2024 Conference. Our special thanks to all those who were part of the effort that made conference a success. We want to express our thanks to Pastor Larry Williams our conference president, to Jonathan Edwards and Christopher Knight for their hard work in making YCON a success, to the McAllister family who were in charge of the children's conference, and to Joyce Weigle and Stephanie Knight who provided nursery care. Your executive panel for 2025 is already hard at work to make next year's conference at the Marriott Northwest in Columbus, Ohio an even greater success.

Brethren, we are living in the end of the end times. In Matthew 24:12 Jesus, speaking of the end times said, "And because lawlessness will abound the love of many will grow cold." With lawlessness growing exponentially in our world these days, it is imperative that Christians not allow their love for God to grow cold.

Accordingly I have chosen as our conference theme for 2025 "Aspire to Something Higher." My great burden and passion for us all is that we might aspire to a higher level of victorious Christian living.

So I appeal to all pastors, all churches, all church members starting now at the commencement of a new conference year to make this year:

- A year of consecration
- A year of seeking God's face
- A year of renewed Spiritual discipline
- A year committed to the practice of the faith we profess

Together let us raise our aspirations in the Christian walk. At conference I suggested that our aspirations cover at least three areas of Christian living:

A. Aspire to an Intense Communion with our Lord by a:

1. Dedicated devotional life
2. Deliberate commitment to God's Word
3. Dedicated prayer life

B. Aspire to a Greater Love to the Saints by:

1. Praying for one another
2. Being kindly affectionate with brotherly love
3. Preferring others above ourselves

C. Aspire to Be Separate From the World by:

1. Living above the noise of the world
2. Being blameless and harmless children of God
3. Shining as lights in the world

Brethren, I know that you, like I, are appalled by the things we see happening in our nation. But let us not despair, let us not lose heart. God is still on the throne and I am confident that these things must come to pass. As Amir Tsarfati of Behold Israel is want to say, "What? You thought the end times would be easy?" My brethren, "look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near." Luke 21:28.

YOUTH CONFERENCE – PASTOR CHRIS KNIGHT & PASTOR JONATHAN EDWARDS

The 2024 edition of YCON was a success! Despite the challenges of not being able to do YCON the same as in years past, the LORD was gracious to us and blessed our time together. Pastors Chris Knight and Jonathan Edwards led 16 students through the 5TH chapter of Romans as we taught on how to have "Access by Faith." We had many great times of worship, games, a beach day and fellowship.

As we turn our attention towards next year's conference in Dublin, OH, we want to let you know that we have both agreed to be the co-directors of YCON again. Our theme for next year will be "VERTICAL FOCUS" from Colossians 3:2, "Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth." YCON is open to all students in grades 6-12.

If you're interested in helping as a counselor in 2025, please contact Pastor Chris Knight as soon as possible. Thank you!

CHILDREN'S CONFERENCE 2025 – PASTOR IKE GRAHAM

Christian Climber will be leading 1st through 5th graders on an adventure to "Climb Up!" There will be nursery for infants (0-2) and a pre-school division. If you are able to help with Children's Conference, Christian Climber is looking for assistance with games, songs, crafts and Bible lessons. Special appearances each day by the Enchanter will amaze and astound! If you are able and willing to help Christian Climber, please contact him at ikeg327@gmail.com or call 330-749-0545.

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