



THE CONGRESS NEWSLETTER

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Freed to Live for Christ

Tribute To Retired Bishop Victor P. Smith

LOCATION:
*Renaissance Concourse
Atlanta Airport Hotel
Atlanta, GA*

DATE:
July 24-29, 2014

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**BISHOP VICTOR P. SMITH (RETIRED)
AND SISTER ELMA SMITH**

THEME SCRIPTURE:
Romans 6:22

THEME SONG:
*"Deeper Deeper"
HF #372*

BIBLE QUIZ:
Romans 1-6



**MINISTER
DANIEL KENNEBREW**
National Congress Vice President



**DEACON
JAMES A. "TONY" ROSS**
National Congress President

**Pre-Congress Highlights of the 74th Annual Session
of the National Sunday School and H.Y.M. Congress
*of the Church of Christ (Holiness) U.S.A.***



But now being made free from sin and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.
- ROMANS 6:22

Praise be to God, we are no longer slaves of sin, but we are free. We have been liberated from the power of sin in our lives and we are "committed to God." Because we are God's servants, we have benefits. This benefits package includes rights to holiness and everlasting life. Somebody ought to testify and be glad that we are free and the death sentence has been lifted. We should have been sentenced to death, but Jesus has rescued us all. The wages of sin are still death, but because of the great gift of God through our Savior Jesus Christ, we have eternal life. Wow, what a benefit package, what a blessing! We should be celebrating our liberty and walking in the freedom he has provided. I'm excited about my freedom. How about you? Join us in Atlanta, Georgia as we, the Church of Christ (Holiness) U.S.A., come together to celebrate our liberty and freedom through Jesus Christ. We will have a grand celebration July 24-30, 2014. This is not the year to miss the national convention. I am expecting a great time in the Southeastern Diocese. Plans have been made just for you. We planned a robust program with you in mind. Yes you, you, and you! Show up and let's celebrate in the A.T.L. Join us and bring your praise!

*Deacon James A. "Tony" Ross
National Sunday School and HYM Congress President*



Dedication to God, his church, and his family have been the melody of Min. Daniel E. Kennebrew's life. He serves as the Vice President of the National Sunday School & HYM Congress on the national level. On the local level, he serves as the Minister of Music and Lead Teacher for CONNECT Young Adult Bible Study at Second Church of Christ (Holiness) USA, in Houston, Texas under leadership of Elder Huey Augustine, Sr.

A graduate of Dallas Theological Seminary with a Masters of Christian Education, emphasis in Leadership, Minister Kennebrew has written numerous Bible Study series, is a frequent contributor to The Truth (a spiritual periodical of the COCHUSA) and has been published in The African American Pulpit. As a career, Minister Kennebrew is a Business Lecturer at Prairie View A&M University, where he has been nominated numerous times and won the Dean's Excellence in Teaching & Service awards. He is married to Mishun and has two children, Samantha and Joshua.

OVERVIEW OF THE NATIONAL CONGRESS PROGRAM

THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2014

- 9:00 a.m. Operation Giveback - Service Project
Atlanta's Ronald McDonald House
Deacon Steven Hill, Coordinator
- 12:00 p.m. Congress Executive Board Meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Young Adult Ministry (YAM) Service
- 10:00 p.m. Kerry J. Allen National Scholarship Board
"Bowling for Scholarships - Malice in the Palace"

FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2014

- 9:00 a.m. Bible Quiz Team Preparation
- 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. COCHUSA Children's Convention (Ages 5-13)
- 9:30 a.m. Praise and Worship
Greetings National Congress President
Welcome Host Diocese
- 10:00 a.m. C.C. Carhee Bible Quiz
- 12:30 p.m. COCHUSA Drama Presentation
- 1:00 p.m. COCHUSA Wellness & Health Fair
M.R. Conic Foundation
COCHUSA Youth Convention (Ages 14-18)
COCHUSA College & Financial Aid Expo
- 7:00 p.m. Rainer B. Wilson Fellowship Dinner

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2014

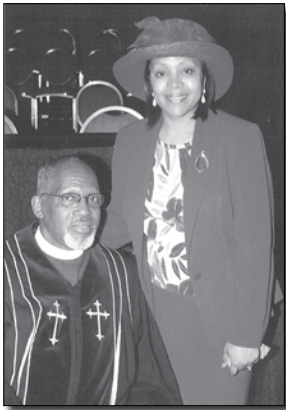
- 9:00 a.m. COCHUSA Children's Convention (Ages 5-13)
Praise & Worship Service, Congress Praise Team
- 9:15 a.m. M.R. Conic Oratorical Contest
CM&I Presentation
- 10:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. COCHUSA Youth Convention (Ages 14-18)
time? COCHUSA Conference Session I
- 11:45 a.m. COCHUSA Conference Session II
- 2:00 p.m. Bishop Charles Price Jones Music Contest
Kerry J. Allen Scholarship Board Presentation
- 3:00 p.m. Youth of the Year Presentation
- 3:30 p.m. Chorale Festival Presentations
Fine Arts and Crafts Presentations
- 4:30 p.m. Final Congress Business Session
- 7:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service

SUNDAY, JULY 27, 2014

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 6:00 p.m. COCHUSA Children's Choir Concert & HYM Presentations

Celebrating A Magnificent Flow

— A LIFE OF FAITH, LOVE, OUTREACH AND WORSHIP —



On July 23, 2014, the Southeastern Diocese of the Church of Christ Holiness U.S.A will be honoring our own Bishop Victor P. Smith. It is with great pleasure that we honor this humble man who went outside of the church walls into drug houses, projects, and into the streets ministering the hope of Jesus Christ for more than 40 years. This husband,

father, servant-leader, and champion for communities and also served as Bishop of the Southeastern Diocese from 1986 to 2006.

As we pay tribute to Bishop Smith, we also honor his wife Elma Smith, a woman of virtue, character and faith who has been by his side in ministry and stands firm in faith for his healing.

At this time we need your financial support. This is a SEED that can be sown into an awesome man of God in support of his recovery and his family. There are a few ways you can offer your financial support.

- 1) Make a donation by visiting:
<http://www.hcmdecatur.org/bishop-victor-p-smith-benefit/>
and click the “Donate” button or mail your donation to:
SE Diocese
c/o Support for Bishop Smith
2901 Wesley Chapel Rd.
Decatur, GA 30034
- 2) Donate by purchasing space for an ad in the “Celebration Book” where you can share a word of encouragement to Bishop Smith and his family along with your financial seed.
- 3) Join the group of “Lifetime Supporters”! by giving a minimum of \$10 per month that goes directly to the family.

We pray that you would do your individual best in this concerted effort of paying tribute to a man who has touched the lives of many. For more information visit and like our Bishop Benefit Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/BishopVP-Smith> and click the **Donate** button for ways to give.

Thank you in advance for sharing your love for Bishop Smith, Elma Smith and family.

*God Bless, Team Bishop
feliciahirston@gmail.com*

THURSDAY NIGHT
JULY 24, 2014

FEATURED
ARTIST:

K.J. Scriven

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY
SERVICE (YAM)



Make sure you are in the house for this extraordinary worship experience. God is able to do something new and fresh and still get His glory. Watch God turn a typical praise and worship service into something extraordinary. Join the COCHUSA YAM for a night of worship through the arts, song, dance, the spoken word and much more. It will be an experience like none before, and you are welcome to freely worship in your way that still glorifies our God. We are confident you will be blessed! The theme is “This is the Way I Worship!”

Our featured artist is Grammy award winner K.J. Scriven from Fayetteville, North Carolina. K.J. is an exciting and prolific Christian artist who brings a fresh style to gospel music. His strong but sincere message of the

gospel of Jesus Christ demonstrates that he uses all of his heart, soul and his guitar to bring worship and righteous living to all generations. Not only is he an artist; he is also an incredible songwriter. His credits include songs written and/or produced for Shekeniah Glory, James Fortune and Grammy award winner Tye Tribbett. In fact, K.J.’s Grammy was awarded for the work he did on Tye Tribbett’s song “What Can I Do,” a song featured on the album “Greater Than.”

K.J. Scriven believes that music is a tool that prepares the ground of people’s hearts so that eventually a seed of truth can be planted. But a prepared ground with no seed planted yields no fruit. So music without ministry is unproductive and pointless. K.J. Scriven is living proof that God can take an empty vessel and fill him with an anointing to be used for the glory of God.

Don’t miss this ministry opportunity. We will have other very unique presentations on this Thursday night service. Come out and support Young Adult Ministry (YAM) and see the hand of God move in a very spectacular way! You will be blessed.

*Min. David Kennebrew and Sis. Angela Pierre
YAM Coordinators COCHUSA*

Rainer B. Wilson Fellowship Dinner

RESERVE NOW!!!

FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2014 • 7:00 P.M.
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Individual Tickets: \$40.00

It is with GREAT pleasure and much excitement that the coordinating team for the 2014 Dr. Rainer B. Wilson Fellowship Dinner would like to invite you out to an evening gala of a variety of musical genre from our own accomplished recording artist formerly from the Western Diocese, Dr. Ruth Bass Green. Her talents are recognized far and wide, nationally and internationally. This PROMISES to be a enjoyable evening with music performed from gospel to classical, contemporary to spirituals, hymns and others.

Our graduates will be honored during this event. Sis. Tiandra Anderson-Bland will be coordinating those efforts. Be on the lookout for her instructions.

Lastly, we would like you to be arrayed in WHITE. The attire for the evening is Dressy-Casual (Semi Formal). Have you ever attended White Party? Simplistic and Beautiful!!!

Register online now! Tickets sold on websites, Congress and COCHUSA.

Tables of 8-10 can also be reserved for auxiliaries, churches, families, friends, etc.

For more details and to make reservations, contact:

Danyel Castilla

601-968-7206

463 North Livingston • Ridgeland, MS 39157

sethspen2@yahoo.com

We hope to see you there!

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL & HYM CONGRESS

The Rainer B. Wilson
Fellowship Dinner

FRIDAY
JULY 25TH 2014

Location: Renaissance Concourse Atlanta Airport Hotel
Time: 7 pm Doors Open at 6:30 pm
Cost \$ 40

A NIGHT IN CONCERT WITH



DR. RUTH BASS-GREEN

GRADUATES RECOGNITION

Dinner Attire: White

For More Info Contact Lisa C. Willis bycbaby@yahoo.com

RESERVATION FORM

Rainer B. Wilson Fellowship Dinner

Tickets are \$40.00 General Admission - Friday, July 25, 2014 • 7:00 p.m.

Please purchase your tickets online at www.cochusa.org or www.cochusacongress.org

GRADUATE INFORMATION

(If you are a graduate, please provide the following additional information.)

Name of School _____

Degree Received _____ Diocese _____

GRADUATE SURVEY INFORMATION

Please forward ticket request form with check payable to National Sunday School & HYM Congress to:

Sis. Francia Ware • 1517 East 83rd Street • Chicago, IL 60619

All seats must be reserved at \$40.00 per ticket.

For more information, please contact Sis. Lisa Willis, Coordinator

E-mail bycbaby@yahoo.com or call (773) 370-1724

GRADUATES

In order to be recognized at the event, please send your graduate survey and photo to rbwfellowship@yahoo.com.



National Sunday School &
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“Freed To Live For Christ”



HIGHLIGHTED RULES

Saturday, July 26, 2014 • Atlanta, Georgia

At the time of entering the contest, each contestant must:

- Have written his/her own oration.
- Be in the 11th or 12th grade.
- The subject of each contest's oration will be the current theme of the National Sunday School and HYM Congress.
- Each contestant will deliver orations from memory at each level.
- Each contestant shall submit a copy of his orations to the Supervisory Committee at the time of the contest at each level.

• Each contestant shall be judged in the following categories: Originality of thought, Orientation, Coherence, Deliberation, Articulation, Gesticulation, and Time.

• Each contestant in the contest at level four shall register with the National Sunday School and HYM Congress on the opening day of the Congress.

For more information on contest rules, visit: www.cochusacongress.org or contact Tekesia McClendon, Coordinator via e-mail: toliviam@aol.com

OPERATION GIVEBACK: *We Care*

We are excited about this year's Operation Giveback service project. Please help us spread the word. This year every member of COCHUSA can participate in the service project for the Atlanta Ronald McDonald House. We have 2 shifts for our young people to work and offer their volunteer services.

First: Thursday, July 23, 2014 • 7:00 am - 10:00 am

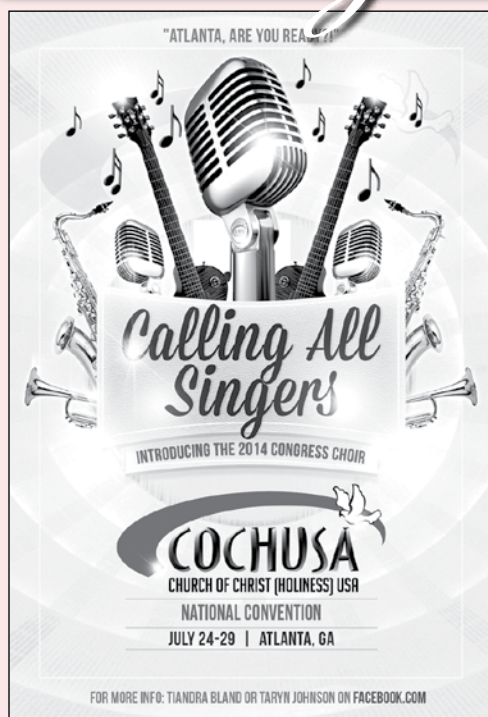
Cook a meal with the breakfast club and bless the kids and families that are at the Ronald McDonald House.

Second: Thursday, July 23, 2014 • 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Prepare snacks with the Bakers Club for the kids and families there at the Ronald McDonald House. How can the rest of us help and contribute? We are calling for the COCHUSA family of crafters, knitters, sewers, creators of fine art items like hats, scarves, blankets, throws, shawls, etc., to create pieces to bless the families and kids who are at the Ronald McDonald House. If you are not so crafty, you can still purchase items to donate to bless these families. We want COCHUSA to be a blessing and create a life-long memory for families as we show the love of God to those in need and are facing health challenges. Please bring or ship your items. If you have local church, district or diocese members who won't be attending the convention but still would like to be a blessing, please encourage them to help us with this project. COCHUSA, let's show our love and let's be a blessing.

Atlanta Ronald McDonald House Charities
795 Gatewood Road NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30329
For more information contact Deacon Steven Hill at 302-981-4924
e-mail: smarhill@yahoo.com

Congress Music Ministry



Praise God from whom all Blessings flow! It is time for Convention 2014, “Freed to Live for Christ.” The Congress Music Ministry welcomes all who would like to minister with a “Joyful Noise.” We want males, females, sopranos, altos, tenors, and bass singers to join us this year in Atlanta, Georgia. We are truly excited to open up the convention and minister mightily with our gifts for our God to his people. Rehearsals are as follows:

**July 24, 2014: Praise Team (1pm-3pm)
Congress Choir (3pm-5pm)**

July 25, 2014: Congress Choir (10:30pm)

Again, the congress music ministry teams consists of Taryn Johnson (Assistant Director), Kevin Golden (Musical Director), and Min. Geoffrey Golden (Praise and Worship Leader). We are here to serve you. The praise teams ministers on Friday and Saturday. The Congress Choir ministers on Saturday evening at worship service. We are asking the Congress choir to wear any combination of black, gray, white, champagne, and/or peach on Saturday evening. Ladies and gentlemen, please be tasteful and in order when it comes to attire. Ladies, please wear skirts or dresses that are below the knee, with no revealing garments. Remember, let's be the praise we sing about. For more information, please contact your diocese music ministry leaders or me, Tiandra, at (314) 496-3613 or elycia13@yahoo.com. See you in Atlanta!

Tiandra Bland, Congress Choir Director



ANNOUNCEMENTS

NATIONAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION

Online registration is now open and available for the 2014 national convention for the Church of Christ (Holiness) U.S.A. Click on the registration link at www.cochusa.org. Early registration will make your life easy once you arrive on site. Don't wait in long lines and you may be eligible for an early bird bonus???. Your pre-registration package will be there waiting for you. You can register for the RBW Fellowship Dinner, UCWM event, Brotherhood, general delegate registration and Children's Convention. Online registration is open until July 10, 2014 midnight. Don't delay! Register today!

Sister Angela Pierre, Registrar

FINE ARTS AND CRAFTS

Don't forget to pack your fine arts and craft items. We have several categories for you to participate in. Encourage all your local churches, districts and diocese members to bring some kind of craft item for display. Make sure your youth and young adults participate. We have four age divisions, and who knows, maybe your Diocese will win bragging rights and win the most items displayed award. Encourage your kids and youth to bring their Sunday School arts and craft items or maybe some of their VBS craft items. We are looking for participation from each diocese. If you have any questions, please contact Sister Cheryl Winn at e-mail sheafirst@hotmail.com, 530-713-0052 cell.

2014 CHILDREN'S CONVENTION THEME "KIDS UNDER CONSTRUCTION" (AGES 6-12)

Bring your young people and allow them to network and meet and make life-long relationships with kids from all around the country. We have special pricing and discounts for families with multiple kids.

**Cost: \$25.00 - 1st child • \$10.00 - 2nd child
\$5.00 - each additional child**

This will be an experience they will never forget. Don't let them miss out on all the fun, food and much more! You can register online at www.cochusa.org. There will be fun Bible learning, children's choir, peer projects, fun games and exciting ministry opportunities. Make sure your kids get the most out this year's national convention experience.

Friday, July 25, 2014 • 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday, July 26, 2014 • 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

For more information, please contact Sister Sylvia Broxton Riddick, 510-684-8278 cell or gdsldady@yahoo.com

NAOMI DOLES MICHELL SELLERS NATIONAL YOUTH MISSIONARY GRANT (NDMSNYMG)

The National SS&HYM Congress is proud to announce that the NDMSNYMG will be available for 2014-2015. The grant was created by the Congress and the World Mission Board to honor the life-long commitment of missionary Naomi Doles Mitchell Sellers. Her legacy will live on, and the work she did will never be forgotten. Grant applications and rules are available on the Congress website, www.cochusacongress.org.

CHILDREN'S TALENT SHOWCASE

SUNDAY, JULY 27 • 6:00 P.M.

In order for this to be a GREAT success, we need children ages 3-11 years old to participate. Please be attentive to the announcements when rehearsals will be held. There will also be one representative from each diocese that has performed at their local church. Come and enjoy an hour of music and talent from our children!!! Should you have any questions, please see Sister Cherrita Speech.

SOUTHEASTERN DIOCESE HOSTING POINTS OF INTEREST TOUR 2014 AFRICAN AMERICAN HERITAGE TOUR

THURSDAY, JULY 24, 2014 • 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

COST: \$25.00 PER PERSON

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: JUNE 15, 2014

Register today for an exciting tour featuring Our Legacy Tours of Atlanta, Georgia. This tour opens the doors to our past and gives a clear picture into our future. On this tour you will follow the trail of Atlanta's African American history while illuminating black life and achievements in the city from pre-Civil War to present day. You will have a chance to view the historical landmarks of our legacy such as the birth home of Dr. Martin Luther King, the Ebenezer Baptist Church, MLK Historical Site, the tomb of Dr. and Mrs. King, have lunch at the CNN Center food court, and visit Atlanta's University Center.

The pickup and drop-off will be at the Convention Hotel Renaissance Concourse Atlanta Airport. The cost is \$25.00 per person for the tour, and lunch is on your own at the CNN food court. Three buses will be available on a first come basis. Spots are limited, so make your reservation today! If you plan to go on this tour, you must complete the registration form. (See online form at www.cochusa.org) Make checks payable to Southeastern Diocese. Mail all registration forms and payments/checks/money orders/cashier checks to:

Southeastern Diocese c/o Sis. Deitre Terrell
4319 Laurel Summitt CT SE
Smyrna, GA 30082

Please include number of persons/attendees and total amount sent for the tour. For more information you can contact Mrs. Deitre Terrell at 770-436-4839.

The graphic features a collage of images related to the tour. At the top, it says "African-American Heritage Tour" and "Thursday, July 24, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm". Below this are several photos: the birth home of Dr. King, the MLK National Historic Site, the Ebenezer Baptist Church, the tombs of Dr. and Mrs. King, and the CNN Center's food court. At the bottom, it says "Atlanta University Center".

COCHUSA WORKSHOPS

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 2014
COCHUSA CONFERENCE SESSION I
10:30 a.m.

- WORKSHOP A** “Living to Be Free”
Min. William Bland and Sis. Tiandra Bland
- WORKSHOP B** “Making Drama Happen”
*Sis. Janice Williams,
 Salem Baptist Church Atlanta, GA*
- WORKSHOP C** “Controlled Freedom” (tbd)
- WORKSHOP D** “Help Can We Talk, I Got a Question”
 (Three Phases of Ministry)
Bishops Wives Forum, Sis. Pearl Lindsay

COCHUSA CONFERENCE SESSION II
11:45 a.m.

- WORKSHOP E** “Breaking Bad: Free From Addictions”
Dr. Tamika Carter
- WORKSHOP F** “My Bible, My Boo, and My Bank:
 How To Make It All Work”
Eld. Anthony Miller
- WORKSHOP G** “Caught Under the Influence
 of the Spirit” (tbd)

CONGRESS YOUTH SUMMIT 2014

If the son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.
 – JOHN 8:36

This year the National Sunday School and HYM Congress has added to our agenda the very first Congress Youth Summit for 2014. We have specifically programmed our convention time to include planned activities for you and your peers, our youth! All junior high/middle school 6-8 graders sign up and be one of the first to register on site for this special event. Join us and your peers for the start of something awesome. “The revolution for freedom in Christ.” Not just any regular meeting. Be part of a summit that will change everything! A summit is a strategic conversation that brings different perspectives within a system together to talk about the big picture and big questions. You are traveling with a group of mission-critical people to the summit for a mountaintop experience that in time will change your life, increase your faith, strengthen your character and enhance your life and walk in Christ in many ways. You can be free, you can be victorious, your faith can grow and be increased but above all your life will change and be enhanced as we walk in Christ and glorify God.



Required Reading: *7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens*
HIGHLIGHTS:

- Landmark Thursday - Dreams, Struggles, and Success
- Blueprint Friday - Laying Out the Plan for Success and Service
- Saturday - Apps for Youth — The Word has one for that!
- Youth Social - Late night cookout and game night

Deacon Reginald Castilla

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BOWLING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS
 "MALICE IN THE PALACE"
 ATLANTA, GEORGIA
 THURSDAY JULY 24, 2014
 10PM-1AM
4 MAN BOWLING TOURNAMENT

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COCHUSA CONGRESS PRESENTS
 NATIONAL BISHOP C.P. JONES
MUSIC CONTEST
 2014

DURING THE NATIONAL CONVENTION OF COCHUSA
 IN ATLANTA, GA
JULY 24-29, 2014

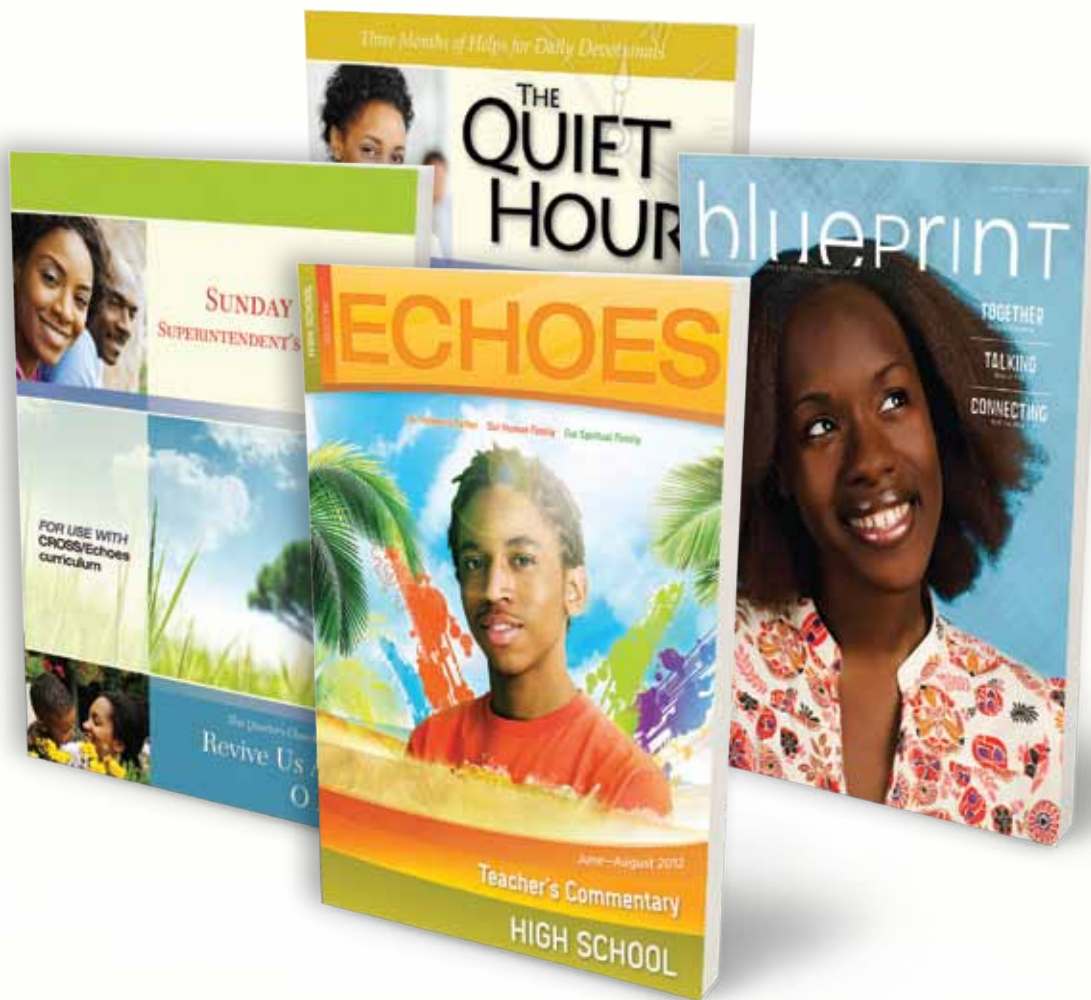
CALLING ALL GIFTED AND TALENTED INSTRUMENTALISTS AND VOCALISTS ON THE HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGIATE LEVELS!!! YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF COCHUSA IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE AND PRESENT 2 SELECTIONS DURING THE CONTEST. (ONE CLASSICAL, ART SONG, OR SPIRITUAL AND ONE C.P. JONES COMPOSITION).

ALL CONTESTANTS MUST SUBMIT AN AUDITION CLIP OF THEIR CLASSICAL, ART, SONG OR SPIRITUAL IN MP3 FORMAT BY MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2014 @ MIDNIGHT. IN ORDER TO BE CONSIDERED FOR THIS YEARS CONTEST.

TO REGISTER FOR THE CONTEST AND FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT US VIA EMAIL AT: CPJONES.MUSICCONTEST@GMAIL.COM

STONE ROSS, C.P. JONES MUSIC CONTEST COORDINATOR
 JAMES A. "TONY" ROSS, CONGRESS PRESIDENT

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- Toddler through adult

David Cook
transforming lives together