



Orlando Convention Update on April 20, 2014 (by Ray Reynolds)

CONVENTION: April 18-20, 2014

WHY DO WE DO L2L?

5 reasons why we do L2L at Gulf Shores:

- 1) Building a spiritual foundation (Bible bowl, great Bible themes, etc.).
- 2) Positive leadership training and developing of skills.
- 3) Great social activities with a spiritual emphasis.
- 4) Bringing the whole congregation together (19 kids, 23 adults).
- 5) Reinforcing good spiritual decision making.

Most recent statistics of L2L congregations (2013):

- 38% youth remain faithful with youth group.
- 54% youth remain faithful attending events.
- 85% youth remain faithful participating in L2L.

WHAT GOES ON AT L2L CONVENTION?

Some stats concerning our convention:

- 2,112 participants this year at convention.
- 55 congregations (Bahamas, AL, FL, GA, LA).
- 6 locals (Creekwood, Eastern Shore, Gulf Shores, Regency, Robertsdale, Spanish Fort).

Some stats concerning ALL conventions:

- 19,800+ participants this year at conventions.
- 463 congregations at six sites.

HOW DID WE DO AT CONVENTION?

- They did an AMAZING job and worked hard!
- Those who did year-round events were given awards.
- There were 2 ceremonies (Friday & Saturday night).
- ALL our young people came home with awards!
- ALL of our Bible bowl teams were finalists (Top 8).
- 4 from our group made the high score in Bible bowl testing (Top 10).
- For a full list, please check TWITTER @GSCOCL2L!

WHAT ABOUT THE NEXT CONVENTION?

- The next convention will be April 3-5, 2015.
- Year-round events are on-going (January-December).
- 2015 Theme = "ONE"
- Bible Bowl = "Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians"
- Registration deadline = January 20, 2015
- Bible Bowl & PEARLS tests = February 11-13, 2015
- Celebration/Planning Session (May)
- Enrollment/GS Registration (August)

WHAT CAN WE TAKE AWAY FROM ALL OF THIS?

- What can we learn from Adam & Eve? They hid when God called.
- What can we learn from Moses? He made excuses when God called him.
- What can we learn from Jonah? He ran away when God called him.
- What can we learn from Isaiah? He embraced the call of God!
- Will you say HERE AM I, SEND ME?