

# THE LEGACY OF ROYAL RANGERS

Recently the 2010 *Assemblies of God Heritage* magazine feature cover story was the "The Legacy of Royal Rangers: Mentoring Future Men." The article, written by Flower Pentecostal Heritage Center's director Darin Rodgers, outlined the phenomenal success of Royal Rangers since its inception in 1962 by Johnnie Barnes. This ministry today crosses denominational, national, and ethnic lines and ministers to over 2.5 million boys. The article highlighted the expansion of Royal Rangers with the following quote:

In 1973, a delegation from the Congregational Holiness Church—Terry Crews, Ronald Wilson, and Charles Dial—came to Springfield to meet with then-general superintendent Thomas Zimmerman, Johnnie Barnes, and Paul Stanek. As a result of those meetings, guidelines were created for chartering non-Assemblies of God groups as Royal Rangers outposts. The Congregational Holiness Church became the first denomination to charter groups in 1975. Wilson served as their national commander for seven years. Today, Wilson remains a staunch supporter in his role as general superintendent of the Congregational Holiness Church.

We are thankful that the Congregational Holiness Church has been a pioneer denomination in initiating and maintaining this life-changing boys' ministry since 1975. Every CHC is encouraged to find a way to establish and maintain the Royal Rangers ministry that lives of boys and men will be changed now and for eternity.



Commander Johnnie Barnes and CHC Commander Ronald Wilson at 1983 banquet

## VIRGINIA DISTRICT: Unity, Vision and Growth

South Boston, Virginia—On April 17 the Virginia District conference was held at the Trinity Congregational Holiness Church in South Boston. Following special greetings by Superintendent Gary Shepherd, Bishop Ronald Wilson shared PowerPoint presentations entitled, "The History of the Congregational Holiness Church" and "The Holy Land – Land of Promise." Mission USA Administrator Danny Jones presented a short PowerPoint presentation entitled, "Why America Must Be Evangelized Now." After district department announcements, the Trinity CHC served a wonderful meal to all delegates. Reverend Grant Dyer, pastor of the New Covenant CHC of South Boston, was presented a special award as Virginia District Pastor of the Year by district Brotherhood Director Chris Holmes.

Right: Virginia District Pastor of the Year Grant Dyer and Rev. Chris Holmes



Below: Berry Hill Revival CHC of South Boston pastored by Rev. Danny Brizendene



Right: April 17 Virginia District conference delegation

