

# Getting Connected

A monthly newsletter highlighting the ministry of the Churches of God in  
Maryland, Delaware, Washington, D.C. and the Virginia Peninsula

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Humankind waits until all else fails. Then we pray.

Disciples of Jesus are **prayer-learners**: We learn to pray in prayer and by prayer. Like everything else with discipleship, there is a constant growth pattern available to us. Nothing happens fast, but the joy we experience is just in knowing **something is happening**.

Where are you, right now, in prayer learning?

It's a highly important question. Important to you, personally, and important to the body of Christ, collectively. In my own life, wanting to learn Christ's lifestyle with the Holy Spirit's help, I have found some challenging passages inviting my response to more prayer.

I see Jesus at prayer, and it moves me:

- He withdrew to be alone in prayer (Mark 6:46; Luke 9:18, 22:41);
- He prayed for extended periods of time (Mark 1:35, Luke 6:12);
- He prayed frequently (Luke 5:15, 16).

I hear Jesus teaching prayer, and it prompts me to action:

- He taught solitude in prayer (Matthew 6:6);
- He taught humility and tenacity in prayer (Luke 11:1 - 13);
- He taught faithfulness in prayer (Luke 18:1);
- He taught power in prayer (Mark 11:22-26).

Why do we get so busy at everything other than prayer? Why do we say so often, "Well, I've prayed, but what can I **do**?" Why does our flesh find it so painfully necessary to "sweat" it, rather than to "cast" it? (Psalm 55:22, 1 Peter 5:7). Why don't messages like those in the hymns "**What a Friend We Have in Jesus**" and "**Take Your Burden to the Lord and Leave it There?**" lay permanent hold on our soul? What can you and I do today-right now-that will begin to make a difference in this all-important area of our lives?

Answer: **Begin** - to pray and praise immediately when different situations arise. **Start now**.

**Speak** to Jesus about each matter that begins to trouble you. **Don't wait**.

**Cease** from the exhausting toil of carrying worries and cares on your own shoulders.

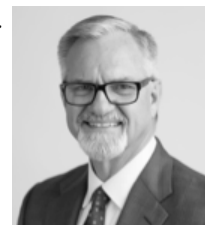
**Release them**.

**Seize** every opportunity to pray with and for people. **Take advantage**.

Let me suggest some possibilities for additional action: (1) This week, don't get into bed without first getting beside it. Review the day, and leave all unresolved matters with Him. (2) This week go to a prayer meeting or pray with one or two other Christian friends. The sharing in prayer will be a strength to you and to those you pray for. (3) This month, set aside half a day (say, from 8:00 to 11:00 or noon on a day off, or take an evening) and get alone with the Savior - in the Word and prayer.

You may be surprised to see yourself become a person of power in prayer . . . a person who comes to learn that when you have prayed, you have done the most completely adequate thing that can be done.

When you've done that, "**anything else**" will be taken care of by Him who "**does all things well**."



- Pastor Darrell Rice

## UPDATES

### Regional Council

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### Our deepest sympathies to . . .

. . . **Verna Wilson** (Frederick, MD) and family upon the passing of her husband, Pastor Lovell Wilson (founding pastor of New Hope Fellowship Church of God), on July 24, 2017.  
. . . **Janis Greijack** (Dagsboro, DE) and family as they mourn the passing of her mother, Ruth Alexander, on July 1, 2017.  
. . . **Christine Groves** (Joppa, MD), Pastor Keith Groves' (Bridge of Hope Community Church/ Joppa, MD) wife, and family upon the passing of Christine's mother, Evelyn Gwin, on July 17, 2017.

### Congratulations to . . .

. . . **Brian Shepard** (Lexington Park, MD) and Life Community Church of God on the purchase and pay-off (\$430,000) of 18 acres - 3 years ahead of schedule - for their future relocation.  
. . . **Aaron Jones** (Waldorf, MD) and Living Hope Church of God on the placement of a Veteran Memorial in conjunction with vConnections - a nonprofit resourcing veterans and their families. Formal dedication is set for September 10, 2017.

### Transitions . . .

. . . **Jerry Price** (Frederick, MD) announced his retirement from the pastorate after 39 years in Frederick, MD (Int'l Community Church of God). Retirement celebration scheduled for 8/20/17.

## CHURCH PLANTERS GATHER/LAUNCH - AUGUST 26

Bishop Mitch Maloney, USA Missions Director for the Church of God, will lead the Church Planters Gathering/ Launch on Saturday, August 26, 2017. This meeting is designed for ALL church planters, prospective church planters and anyone interested in planting a Church of God or joining a church planting team. Day is **FREE** but you must register by emailing [betty.moore@cogdelmarva-dc.org](mailto:betty.moore@cogdelmarva-dc.org).

## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES ANNOUNCE FALL GATHERINGS

Enclosed is information about the Faith Fire Freedom Celebrations. Marsha Rice, Delmarva-DC Women's Ministries Director, is recommending attendance at either Columbus, OH (9/8/17) or Sevierville, TN (10/6/17).

**EARLY BIRD RATE**  
\$39

**REGISTER:**  
[goconference.church](http://goconference.church)

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CONFERENCE

**DINO RIZZO**  
**MATT KELLER**  
**DALE O'SHIELDS**  
**JIMMY ROLLINS**  
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ASSOCIATION OF RELATED CHURCHES

**GOCHURCH**



**PASTOR TONY STEWART**  
CITYLIFE CHURCH OF GOD/TAMPA, FL  
FRIDAY NIGHT

**BISHOP JOSEPH PERSAUD**  
GUYANA NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE BISHOP  
FRIDAY PM & SATURDAY AM

**REVEREND JONATHAN AUGUSTINE**  
REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT FOR CENTRAL EUROPE EAST/THE BALKANS  
FRIDAY PM & SATURDAY AM

**J. MARTIN TAYLOR**  
MISSIONS REPRESENTATIVE

## DELMARVA-DC REGIONAL MISSIONS CONFERENCE

# SEND THE LIGHT

*"You are the light of the  
world—like a city on a hilltop  
that cannot be hidden."*

MATTHEW 5:14 (NLT)

**SEPTEMBER 15-16, 2017**

CHESAPEAKE CHRISTIAN CENTER CHURCH OF GOD  
PASADENA, MD — 206 WESTON WOODS DR. PASADENA, MD 21122

**FRIDAY - 7 - 9:30PM**

**SATURDAY - 9AM - NOON**

**SATURDAY - "MOST UNUSUAL BANQUET" NOON - 1:45AM**

FREE Lunch on Saturday to all participants / **MUST REGISTER** by September 11



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— PRESENTED BY —

**Regional World Missions Committee**

Ivan and Cindy Ackerman, Aaron and Sharon Jones,

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Kim and Priscilla Tephabock—Regional World Missions Coordinators



# DELMARVA-DC MEN & BOYS' CAMPOUT

DATE:

**9.8.17 to 9.10.17**

LOCATION:

**Eastern Shore Campground  
14192 Cokesbury Rd  
Georgetown, DE 19973**

**ONLY  
\$25  
PER PERSON**



**All Churches Invited to Attend!**

**Activities: Air Rifle, Archery, Bonfire, Punt-Pass & Kick,  
Hot Wheels Race, Skeet shoot and lots more**

**Please RSVP by Thursday 8/31/17**