

Getting Connected

A monthly newsletter highlighting the ministry of the Churches of God in
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The echo of the angelic announcement concerning Jesus rings in our ears:
"He shall be GREAT and shall be called the Son of the Highest!"

By virtue of the inescapable GREATNESS of our Savior, a resounding
"therefore" rises in my heart today.

We have a **GREAT SAVIOR** . . .

. . . **Therefore** we are possessors of a great salvation which encompasses
every dimension of human need and deserves to be broadcast to every
circle where people hurt.

. . . **Therefore** we are encouraged to expect great victories, knowing that
great battles are necessary for conquest, but confident because He is
leading us.

These two **"therefores"** provide a focus I ask you to share with me today and
into this whole new year.

The first has to do with our **faith** as believers - moving forward in prayer,
intercession, and giving, because the possessing of possibilities requires it.

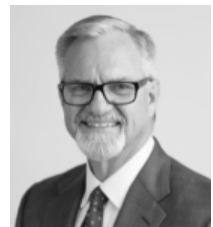
The second has to do with our **reach** as believers - extending ourselves to
touch others, because He has so mightily touched us with His grace and
goodness.

LET 2017 BE A YEAR OF GROWTH AND HARVEST!

- Growing in our walk with Jesus - staying close to Him.
- Growing in the Word of God - deepening in understanding.
- Growing in faith, prayer and boldness in giving.
- Growing in loving, serving, and helping those we can.
- Reaching by every means and media to touch our city or town.
- Touching the lost in the confidence His power will save.
- Caring for people who long for someone who will.
- Showing the love of Jesus in ways which gain us the right to be heard, so we can tell of His salvation.

Walk with me and think with me over this thought: There is
nothing too great for us to expect since we have so great a
Savior and Lord. 2017 is indeed a year of growth and
harvest!

- Pastor Darrell Rice



Concert of Prayer

Saturday, January 21, 2017: 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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UPDATES

Our deepest sympathies to . . .

. . . **C. Michael Smith** (Baltimore, MD) and family upon the death of his father on December 7, 2016 in West Virginia.
. . . **Robert Clagg** (Seaford, DE) and family upon the passing of his wife, Georgena Clagg, on December 19, 2016.
. . . **Sandra Shawyer** (Princess Anne, MD) and family upon the passing of her mother, Deloris Hays of Smithsburg, MD on December 22, 2016.

Please pray for . . .

. . . **Philip Morris** (Salisbury, MD), retired minister, will undergo triple bypass heart surgery on January 11, 2017 in Salisbury.

Congratulations to . . .

. . . **Rick Lairsey** (Preston, MD), evangelist, graduated Lee University on December 17, 2016, with a Master of Arts in Ministry Leadership and Church Administration.

GENERAL OVERSEER TIM HILL'S REVIVAL INVITATION (JANUARY 10 - 12)

A great opportunity for you to participate in the FINISH Commitment will be to join with the Church of God International Offices family in a three-day revival, scheduled for Tuesday, January 10 through Thursday, January 12, 2017. This revival, entitled "**Agree 17,**" will include morning chapel services led by Dr. Mark Rutland and evening prayer meetings led by me and Dr. Doug Small, the International Prayer Coordinator for the Church of God. These services, beginning at 10:45 am EST and 7:15 pm EST, will be live streamed at www.churchofgod.org so that everyone can participate. As we come together in agreement and to intercede as a global church, I believe that we will hear from heaven and that God will begin to heal our land. - **Timothy M. Hill, Presiding Bishop/General Overseer**

GEORGE PLANTS CELEBRATES 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF PASTORATE



Reverend George Plants was recently honored on his 40th anniversary as pastor of the Jennings, MD Church of God. The celebration included a great day of fellowship with friends, family and guests with special music and speakers. The church also celebrated Pastor Plants' 80th birthday on the same day.

READ 2017 SIGN-UP

As a part of the FINISH Commitment, Dr. Timothy M. Hill, General Overseer of the Church of God, announces that the daily scripture reading program--READ INITIATIVE will continue for the coming year as READ 2017. This daily Bible reading program coincides with the FINISH Commitment and the goal of global scripture distribution.

If you desire to receive or to continue to receive the daily email of scriptures, please go to www.churchofgod.org/read2017 and sign up with your email address.

DR. MARK L. WALKER - MINISTERS' CONFERENCE SPEAKER

Dr. Mark L. Walker, Mount Paran North (Marietta, GA) Senior Pastor, will focus on the theme, **LOGOS - The Power Of God's One Word**, in the annual ministers' conference February 27 - March 1, 2017, at the DoubleTree Resort in Lancaster, PA. Registration information is enclosed.

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AGREE SEVENTEEN

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"If two of you agree here on earth concerning anything you ask, my father in heaven will do it for you." - Matthew 18:19

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21
10AM - 3PM

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CONSECRATION WEEK
JANUARY 16-22, 2017

FAST:
JANUARY
16-18

PRAY:
JANUARY
21

GIVE:
JANUARY
22

THIS IS OUR TIME

FOCUS 2017

KidMin Leadership Conference // March 2-4
Marriott // Knoxville, TN

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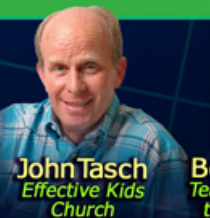
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Creative Scripture
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Mary Bellofatto
Counseling and
Healing in Action



John Tasch
Effective Kids
Church



Becky Fischer
Teaching Kids About
the Supernatural

SPECIAL EMPHASIS: Special Needs Ministry



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FINISH Commitment: A Global Church Focus on the Great Commission Finish