

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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Our Lets-Make-a-Deal/The-Price-Is-Right television giveaway programs are unique to American culture. As commercial and over-the-top as they are, I must confess that in at least a couple of respects this cultural trait mirrors something of God's methods. I see two parallels: (1) The recipient receives something free, and (2) the giver distributes from the abundance of his resources.

Theologically, we would call the first "grace," and the second "omnipotence." What God gives us is completely unearned, and the way He gives is from the abounding provision of the Almighty, All-Sufficient One.

From the moment of my entry into the saving life Jesus has given me through the Cross, all the way through my lifetime of learning to walk in His love and power . . . it's all grace. He gives it. Nothing earned. Nothing is actuated by my strength or power. As the hymn writer put it, "He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again."

And, of course, the second feature of this tandem-truth is the resource from which He gives. It's boundless, measureless, unlimited, unending, abundant, almighty, and eternal.

Speaking personally, Marsha and I have been recipients of this grace and these resources in so many, many ways over the years. However, none quite so dramatic as the gift of allowing us to serve alongside some of the most dedicated, gifted, anointed, and humble men and women of God here in Delmarva-DC. Your friendship and support have truly been an expression of God's grace to us - something we could never earn or deserve, but you have given freely. We are grateful!

Add to the "grace" of this assignment the enormous God-ordained resources we enjoy, not the least of which are the gifted pastors and laypersons of Delmarva-DC. You are the Church of God's greatest resource. And, thanks to the stewardship of former overseers/bishops, councils, and Delmarva-DC church leaders, we enjoy a beautiful regional office, parsonages and eastern shore campground - with no indebtedness. Thank God for His incredible supply in these and other important ways.

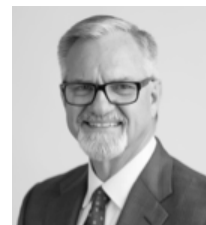
It doesn't take me long to lapse into a boisterous praise to our great God of grace and resourcefulness when I ponder his blessings to us.

What about you? Let me encourage you by my own testimony of God's supply: Be comforted and emboldened in your faith. God has gifts for you and in quantities you never dreamed. These gifts are infinitely more valuable than the materialistic toys pursued so desperately by the world. He has gifts of peace, strength, joy, fulfillment, and a sense of significance in life that will draw you out of bed each morning like a magnet.

He's looking for people who will come in simple dependence upon His grace, and rest in simple faith upon His greatness.

At this very moment, He's looking at you and me. I look forward to our continuing ministry partnership.

- Pastor Darrell Rice



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UPDATES

Our deepest sympathies to . . .

. . . **Lorinda Roberts** (Columbia, MD) and family upon the passing of her grandmother, Nancy Ann Todd Lewis (1921 - 2017) of Cleveland, TN, on June 12, 2017.
. . . **Mark Sparks** (Westminster, MD) and family as they mourn the passing of his father, Kevin Sparks (1958 - 2017) of New Castle, DE on June 23, 2017.
. . . **Billy Humphrey** (Baltimore, MD) and family upon the passing of his grandmother, Wilma Jean Blevins (1929 - 2017) on June 26, 2017. At the time of her death she was living in Albany, GA.
. . . **Enrique Avalos** (Dagsboro) and his wife, Kerri, upon the passing of Kerri's mother, Patti Fraley, on July 28, 2017.

Please pray for . . .

. . . **Robert Clagg** (Columbia, SC), Delmarva-DC retired minister, recently underwent hip surgery in South Carolina.
. . . **Julie Massie** (North East, MD) is expecting to have knee replacement surgery in July.

Transitions . . .

. . . **Gary Wilson** (Georgetown, DE) was appointed lead pastor of Eastern Shore Community Church of God in Georgetown, DE effective June 25, 2017.

CAMP MEETING WORLD MISSIONS OFFERING EXCEEDS \$50,000

Dr. Martin Taylor, World Missions Representative, received the offering on Sunday evening, June 25, for Georgetown, Guyana. The cash offering was nearly \$30,000 and pledges more than \$20,000 for a total exceeding \$50,000 for the project.

Special thanks to all churches and individuals contributing to the Delmarva-DC vision to "Send the Light" to Georgetown, Guyana and the entire Caribbean.

PROJECT # 102-9435-003 - Georgetown, Guyana

WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE - SEPTEMBER 15 - 16, 2017

Pastor Greg Copley and the Chesapeake Christian Center Church of God (Pasadena, MD) will host the 2017 DelmarvaDC World Missions Conference. Speakers include Pastor Tony Stewart (CityLife Church of God/Tampa, FL), Jonathan Augustine (Eastern Europe Missionary) and Bishop Joseph Persaud (Guyana Administrative Bishop).



Pastor Tony Stewart
Friday PM Speaker



Bishop Joseph Persaud
Georgetown, Guyana

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.

SAVE THE DATE - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2017 - GO CONFERENCE

On Monday, November 6, Pastor JC Worley, Delmarva Launch/Re-Launch Coordinator, will host the first **GO "Planting/Revitalization" Conference** at the Germantown, MD Regal Cinemas (the Sunday gathering location for GO Church). Speakers include Dino Rizzo, Matt Keller, Dale O'Shields, and Jimmy Rollins. More information in next month's *Getting Connected*. Save the date - 11/6/17.

Service Awards Presented Wednesday, June 28, 2017 - Camp Meeting Awards Luncheon

2017 REGIONAL CAMP MEETING MINISTRY SERVICE AWARDS

5 Years (2012-2017)

Jeraldine Leonard, Abundant Life
Mark S. Kestner, Church of the Living Water
Robert E. Shatzer, Mt. Calvary
Leo Jeffrey Artwell, Washington Metropolitan
Marvin Wayne Stultz, Boonsboro
Marvin Veliz, Del Evangelio Completo
Richard A. Pante, GO Church
Rodney Donaldson, Boonsboro

10 Years (2007-2017)

Dolly Faye Morris, Georgetown Booker Street
Enrique Avalos, Dagsboro Hispanic
Jean F. Pearce, Dover
Marian Lorraine Morris, Georgetown Booker Street
Lori J. Bledsoe, Powerhouse
Linda D. Hobbs, Berlin Ocean City
Tiffaney D. Izzard, Life Builders Harvest Temple

15 Years (2002-2017)

Kenneth L. Harper, Channel of Grace
Sharon Bernard, Loch Lynn
Jason P. Evans, Riverside Community
Patricia Gail Evans, Riverside Community
Sandra K. Hamby, Damascus Lighthouse
Troy L. Hamby, Damascus Lighthouse
Regina E. Jones, Life Builders Harvest Temple

Aaron Joseph, Gateway
Kevin S. Linton, Brooklyn Pathway
Jo Ann Shaw, Lansdowne Worship Center
C. Leon Powell II, Mt. Calvary
James Allan Gilliam, Christian Fellowship
Kathleen K. Prout, Berlin Ocean City
Alice Shifflett, East Baltimore
Christopher B. Lockemy, Epic
Deborah B. Grey, Washington Metropolitan
Henry Watts, Severna Park
Tokqueen Watts, Severna Park
Mary J. Fraker, Edgemere

20 Years (1997-2017)

James R. Izzard, Jr., Life Builders Harvest Temple
Joseph E. Simpkins, Life Builders Harvest Temple
Peggy Outten, Salisbury Parkway
Dennis Dupont, Heritage Community
Lovell Wilson, New Hope Ministries
Glen A. Garner, Hagerstown Virginia Avenue
Wayne A. Dukes, Dagsboro

25 Years (1992-2017)

Edwin Spence, Temple Hills Refuge Temple
Brian W. Shepard, Life Community
Estrela Alexander, Odenton
Wiley Ray Williams, Brooklyn Pathway

Cary W. Sharpe, Heritage Community
Robert W. Groves, Jr., Phoenix Living Hope
Robert E. Shockley, Lewes Light of the World
Lajuana D. Caldwell, Life Builders Harvest Temple

30 Years (1987-2017)

Allan B. Leonard, Sr., Abundant Life
Sue Ann McDermott, Life Source International
Gregory L. Copley, Chesapeake Christian Center
George Tsakalas, Baltimore Metropolitan
C. Stacy Johnson, Victory Tabernacle
Steven M. Hall, Heritage Community

35 Years (1982-2017)

Kim Mark Tephabock, Dagsboro
Alan M. Greijack, Dagsboro
Sandra L. Shawyer, Princess Anne Walker Memorial

40 Years (1977-2017)

G. Keith Maxwell, Easton
George W. Plants, Jr., Jennings
Ricardo B. Cachedon, Shepherd's House

45 Years (1972-2017)

Joseph L. Mitchell, Washington Metropolitan
Melvin Darrell Rice, Regional Office

50 Years (1967-2017)

William A. Reid, Salisbury Parkway

Bishop William A Reid honored for 50 years of credentialed Church of God ministry. In addition, the Regional Council announced the naming of the campground hospitality room – the Andrea Reid Hospitality Room. With Love and Appreciation, Darrell Rice



Natural Church Development

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BALTIMORE / WASHINGTON, D.C.

“SAVE A CITY”

July 27-29, 2017



Location / Who

Baltimore MD / Washington DC
July 27-29, 2017

- Youth & Young Adults
- College Students
- Youth Pastors, Pastors and other leaders

The purpose of the Baltimore/ Washington DC experience is to offer students and young adults a short-term life altering ministry experience that affects the participant's worldview

Activity

- Minister through feeding the homeless, evangelism/ witness children's and youth ministry, outreach events, and worship services.
- Partner with local churches and ministries in these cities for lasting impact.
- See and experience Baltimore Inner Harbor as well as Historic monuments and sites in Washington DC.

Cost / Register

- \$35 per person (includes t-shirt & food)
- For housing information: Baltimore Dream Center Pastor Billy Humphrey billyhumphrey@me.com 443-306-4814
- If you prefer a hotel contact: Comfort Inn & Suites 6921 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd Baltimore, MD, 21225 866-925-8676

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