

Getting Connected

A monthly newsletter highlighting the ministry of the Churches of God in
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I believe in the second coming of Jesus Christ. I believe that He who literally and physically ascended from the Mount of Olives forty days after His resurrection, shall come again in like manner, personally returning to this earth according to the prophets and His promise.

Because I believe this, I can live unconfused within the chaos of our society's decline. I can live sustained beyond whatever stress or trial I may face, for I have a view of the future that gives a point to human history and an anticipated triumph beyond all tribulation.

I believe His return is imminent. It is unpredictable and immediately possible at any moment. I believe this has been the stance of the Church from the earliest day until now, and that expectancy is to be constant and undiminished until the trumpet sounds and He descends from heaven with a shout.

Because I believe this, I reject any system of human reason or dogma which preempts anticipating His returning TODAY or which attempts to excite interest by predicting a day or date of His coming. My expectancy does not require the fuel of humanly devised systems of prophecy, however scriptural their pretense, for my heart is nourished by His own words alone: "Behold, I come quickly."

I believe He is coming for His Church as a Bridegroom seeking a bride of virginal purity and unswerving devotion. I believe that His commitment to His Church is complete; until He comes we may rest in His promise never to forsake us, to nourish and keep us, and to bring the obedient along a path of growth and holiness so as to assure our readiness to meet Him at His coming.

Because I believe this, I choose to live each day and govern my activities as a wise servant who expects His Master's return, and not as one who presumes that His Lord is delaying His coming. I will to walk with Him in constant fellowship, purify myself even as He is pure, and live as one whose heart daily utters the prayer, "Even so, come Lord Jesus."

I believe at His coming all His Church shall be caught up into His presence, shall join Him in His judging the earth as He establishes His righteous Kingdom upon the whole earth, and that our decision in this present age determines who those shall be that will reign with Him as priests and kings unto our God.

Because I believe this, I serve Him now as one engaged faithfully in His Kingdom enterprises, doing the business of the Master in reaching to the lost, teaching the unlearned, and extending His life and love by every means; knowing that the night is coming when no more work shall be allowed, and that the dawn of the ultimate day will bring a final accounting at His coming.

With such a hope as this, I am moved to live expectantly, walk purely, and serve faithfully, in the assurance that He who has prepared a place for me is coming again to receive me to Himself.

- Pastor Darrell Rice



UPDATES

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Please pray for . . .

. . . **Robert Fletcher** (Cumberland, MD), retired minister, is scheduled for triple bypass heart surgery on July 16, 2018 in Morgantown, WV.
 . . . **Billy Balderson** (Wilmington, DE) was recently hospitalized for treatment related to infections rising from back and neck surgeries.
 . . . **Faye Roberts** (Atlanta, GA), mother of Landon Roberts, who recently underwent surgery after months of treatments for throat cancer.
 . . . **Stacey Johnson** (Laurel, DE) recently underwent surgery and is recovering at home.

Congratulations to . . .

. . . **Rick Felton** (Brandywine, MD) upon his election as chaplain of the Norfolk State University Greater Northern Virginia Alumni Association chapter. He is a proud graduate of Norfolk State.
 . . . **Dr. Stanley Murray** (Baltimore, MD) upon the celebration of his 30th year of pastoral ministry on July 1, 2018, with special anniversary services at Baltimore Central Church of God.
 . . . **Matthew Green** (Smithsburg, MD) and **Rob Leins** (Bel Air, MD) upon their attainment to the rank of "Ordained Bishop" at the ordination ceremony June 24, 2018 (Georgetown, DE).
 . . . **Michael Cooper** (Baltimore, MD), U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel, upon his retirement from military service (28 years) on June 28, 2018 in ceremonies at Conmy Hall, Ft. Myers, VA.

Transitions . . .

. . . **Landon Roberts** (Columbia, MD) accepted the appointment as Youth and Discipleship Director of Western North Carolina effective August 13, 2018 - following the General Assembly.
 . . . **Brett Seals** (Farmingdale, NY) was confirmed by the DelmarvaDC Regional Council to serve as the 2018 - 2020 Youth and Discipleship Director after serving in the New York State Office. He and his wife, Heather, and their children will assume their new assignment August 13, 2018.

HOLD THE DATES - MINISTERS' MEETING AND RETREAT

As fall plans develop please mark the following:

- Thursday, September 20, 2018 - Regional Ministers' Meeting (Severn, MD)
- October 7 - 9, 2018 - Ministers' Retreat (Lancaster, PA)

Check the website - cogdelmarvadcc.com - for more dates and information.

RETIRED MINISTERS, SPOUSES AND WIDOWS RETREAT - AUGUST 16 - 18

Dr. Harold and Betty Bowman will host their annual retreat for retired ministers, spouses, and ministers' widows August 16 - 18, 2018, at Heritage Community Church (Severn, MD). A special feature will be a trip to the Museum of the Bible. For information please contact the regional office or email Dr. Bowman - hbowman@cablespeed.com.

LEE UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES CENTENNIAL - 1918 - 2018

Lee University reaches the 100-year mark with special celebrations that include an alumni choir at the Church of God General Assembly on Wednesday evening, August 1. In addition, a full week of special events are planned in conjunction with the annual homecoming - October 28 through November 4, 2018. For more information - <http://www.leeuniversity.edu>.

SEND THE LIGHT TO GEORGETOWN, GUYANA

Georgetown, Guyana is one of the **Send the Light to the Cities** effort. Send the Light to the Cities is a belief and strategy focusing on major cities around the world with the people and resources God gives so they serve as lighthouse cities. WM director Dr. David M. Griffis says, "We will evangelize, plant birthing churches, and provide an evangelism and training center in each one of them." Delmarva-DC churches have responded with more than \$125,000 (halfway to our goal) to launch this aggressive strategy. Please continue to pray and support this need.

2018 Delmarva-DC Regional Camp Meeting Ministry Service Awards

5 Years (2013-2018)

Robert Groves III, Phoenix, MD Living Hope Ministries
Anastasia Guemo, Ft. Washington, MD National
Robert Leins, Bel Air, MD New Covenant
James Shreve, Baltimore, MD Lansdowne Worship Center
Krystal Shreve, Baltimore, MD Lansdowne Worship Center
Josh Robinson, Washington, DC Capital Center Good Hope
Lucner Pierre, Georgetown, DE Primitive
Dexter Coburn, Waldorf, MD New Hope
Kenrick Samuel, Mt. Rainier, MD Metropolitan

10 Years (2008-2018)

Dorothy Strickland, Baltimore, MD New Hope
Carroll John, Rockville, MD Rockville COG
Prabhula John, Rockville, MD Rockville COG
Brenda Cherry, Odenton, MD Odenton COG
Dorrice Burns, Milford, DE Milford COG
Theo Hobbs, Berlin, MD Ocean City Lighthouse
Miriam Dobson, Boonsboro, MD Family Worship Center
Richard Dobson, Boonsboro, MD Family Worship Center
Kenneth Lewis, Milford, DE Milford COG
Paul White, Baltimore, MD Christian Fellowship Church
Todd Carter, Easton, MD Easton COG
William Wheatley, Rock Hall, MD Rock Hall COG
Michael White, Odenton, MD Odenton COG
Cynthia Watson, Largo, MD Kingdom Solutions
Clarice Moyer, Stevensville, MD Kent Island

15 Years (2003-2018)

Anthony Neal, Georgetown, DE Booker Street
Sandra McGinnis, Oakland, MD Fresh Fire
Tommy McGinnis, Oakland, MD Fresh Fire
Aaron Jones, Waldorf, MD New Hope
Sharon Jones, Waldorf, MD New Hope
Timothy Hammond, Ft. Washington, MD National
Carlton Cannon Jr., Seaford, DE Clarence Street

Adrian Newton, Cambridge, MD Refuge Temple
Michael Ledlich, Baltimore, MD Edgemere
Frank Ambrosino, Baltimore, MD Edgemere
Alana Tyler, Fruitland, MD Crossroads
Matthew Green, Smithsburg, MD Mt. Pleasant
John Miller, Waldorf, MD Voice in the Wilderness
Michael Ferrante, Westminster, MD Crosswind
Patrick Benjamin, Washington, DE Hope Tabernacle

20 Years (1998-2018)

Beverly Sargent, District Heights, MD Life Builders
Dwayne Walker, Princess Anne, MD Walker Memorial
Jennie Cushing, Westminster, MD Crosswind
Michael Livingston, Westminster, MD Crosswind
Timothy Fisher, Hagerstown, MD Covenant Life
Jude Nowak, Baltimore MD Edgemere
Joseph Shaffer, Waldorf, MD New Hope
Billy Humphrey, Baltimore, MD Pathway
Ivan Ackerman, Oakland, MD Loch Lynn COG
Cynthia Ackerman, Oakland, MD Loch Lynn COG
Lorenzita Gabor, Annapolis, MD Crownsville
Lamai Khunchum, Ft. Washington, MD National
Christopher Kirwan, Glen Burnie, MD Life of Victory
Lanae Kirwan, Glen Burnie, MD Life of Victory
Jane Lairsey, Cambridge, MD Souls Harbor
Laureine Novas, Ft. Washington, MD National
Daniel Rogers, Baltimore, MD Dundalk Community
Beulah Mitchell, Mt. Rainier, MD Metropolitan
Doris Jenkins, Bridgeville, DE Divine Destiny

25 Years (1993-2018)

Mazie G. Carter, District Heights, MD Life Builders
Calvin Wilson, Aberdeen, MD New Life Fellowship
Mickey Sellers, District Heights, MD Life Builders
Esther Freeman, Pasadena, MD Chesapeake Christian Center

30 Years (1988-2018)

Roger Locklear, Baltimore, MD Christian Fellowship

35 Years (1983-2018)

John Thorne, Crisfield, MD Crisfield COG
John Cahall, Easton, MD Easton COG
Ronald Soulsman, Salisbury, MD Parkway
Curtis Campbell, Ft. Washington, MD National
Clifton King, Mt. Rainier, MD Metropolitan

40 Years (1978-2018)

Charles Teagle, Odenton, MD Word of Life
Lucy Teagle, Odenton, MD Word of Life
John Kalfayan, Fruitland, MD Crossroads

45 Years (1973-2018)

A. Paul Harne, Hagerstown, MD Virginia Avenue
William Kilby, Silver Spring, MD Silver Spring COG
Richard Wertz, Crofton, MD Mt. Carmel

50 Years (1968-2018)

Calvin Woodring, Newark, DE Living Waters
William Tull Jr., Milford, DE Milford COG
Paul Cushing, Westminster, MD Crosswind

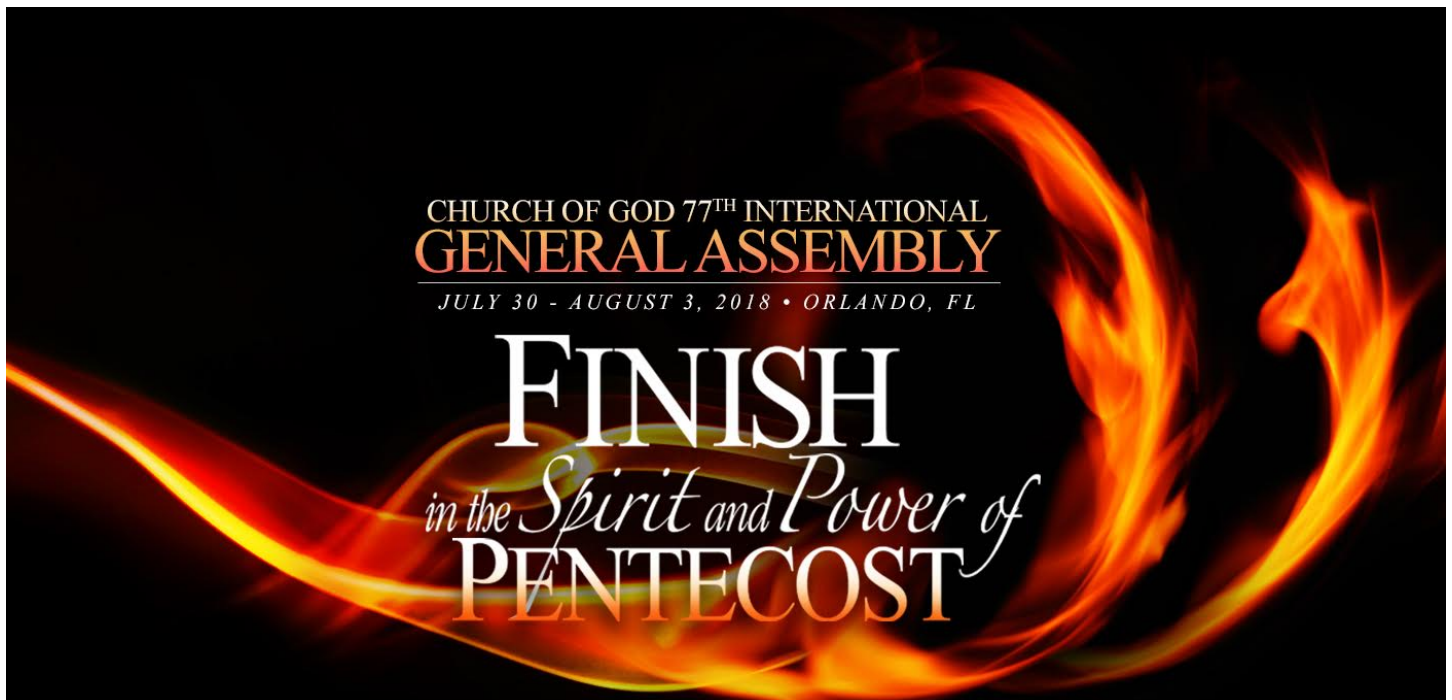
55 Years (1963-2018)

Harold Bowman, Severn, MD Heritage Community

60 Years (1958-2018)

Daniel Moore, Baltimore, MD Lansdowne Worship Center
Ernest Page, Seaford, DE Clarence Street

*Be devoted to one another in
brotherly love. Outdo yourselves
in honoring one another.
Romans 12:10*





SAVE A CITY

July 25-29, 2018

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