

# Getting Connected

A monthly newsletter highlighting the ministry of the Churches of God in  
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In his classic allegory, *The Holy War*, John Bunyan pictures the intense conflict between Christ and Satan for the possession of the human soul. When Satan takes *Mansoul* (the city representative of you or me), that dragon assigns an aide to *Mr. Understanding*, whose castle of spiritual perception has been shadowed by a tower of Satan erected to block its windows.

"To compensate for the darkness imposed upon you, I will give you help," promises the *Liar*. Satan introduces this helpful aide: His name is *Mr. Mind*.

It is clear that Bunyan, the mightiest penman of his era in church history, whose *Pilgrim's Progress* has stirred, shaped, and stabilized millions in the faith, distrusted the mind of man.

Make no mistake. John Bunyan was no anti-reason, anti-intellect, anti-learning bigot. Neither am I. But like Bunyan, I distrust the human mind. I'm not challenging its sincerity of intent, its brilliant potential, or its marvelous functioning.

I simply distrust its capacity to save us.

Pool the resources of earth's intelligence, but you won't generate salvation. You won't produce a savior.

Many in high circles seem increasingly certain that *information* and its high-tech, strategic availability holds the key to the race's survival - and possibly its glorious success. The authentic Savior - Jesus Christ, Son of God and Lord of Glory - controverted all human preconceptions about messianic deliverance when He surrendered to death on a Roman cross. The result? Resurrection possibilities for all mankind! Life eternal! It was a plan that never would have been devised by the human mind or carried out by human reason (see 1 Corinthians 1:18 - 25).

God's great salvation plans - indeed, His personal dealings with each of us - force us away from vain trust in even the finest concoctions of our cranium. "*My thoughts are not your thoughts*" He insists. And that insistence that our minds' analyses will never penetrate to the ultimate answer is an insult to all but the *real* thinking man or woman. The truly enlightened individual learns, however slowly, that our upside-down world-minded patterns can only be set right side up by a different sort of perception.

Years ago, one cigarette company coined a phrase lauding the merits of its filter-tip. This scientifically produced wonder was guaranteed to produce pleasure, and any thinking person would seize this cylinder and puff his or her way to paradise. While rejecting the product, I want to take their phrase and offer you the "*thinking man's filter*."

It's a human spirit breathed to life by the Holy Spirit of God.

Place Him between your mind and your actions. Filter what you think through His purifying, life-producing wisdom before you do anything.

Who knows? You may become an instrument of salvation to a person, a family, a circumstance, a business . . . a city . . . or, dare we believe it? . . . a nation.

You don't *think* so?

Then funnel that idea through your spirit, and let the Holy Spirit touch it with life. He'll help your heart believe it and quench the futile murmurings of your gray matter.

Don't let Mr. Mind have the last word.

- Pastor Darrell Rice



2018 General Assembly July 30, 2018 - August 3, 2018  
Orlando, Florida

## UPDATES

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#### Please pray for . . .

. . . **David Price** (Williamsport, MD) underwent back and neck surgery on May 29, 2018 and is recovering at home.  
 . . . **Barbara Woodring** (Newark, DE), wife of retired minister Reverend **Calvin Woodring**, underwent surgery on April 25, 2018. She will require follow-up radiation treatments this month.

#### Congratulations to . . .

. . . **Lorinda Roberts** (Columbia, MD) upon completion of her doctorate in educational ministries from The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (Louisville, KY). She graduated and received her diploma and doctoral hood on May 18, 2018.

#### Our deepest sympathies to . . .

. . . **Alan and Janis Greijack** (Dagsboro, DE) upon the passing of grandson, 18-year-old **Avery Burkhardt** of Hedgesville, WV, on May 14, 2018.  
 . . . **Pam Kestner** (Baltimore, MD) upon the death of her father, **Pastor Raymond Shockley** of Key West, FL on May 19, 2018.  
 . . . **Mary Morris** (Salisbury, MD) and family upon the passing of her husband, **Reverend Philip C. Morris, Sr.**, on May 28, 2018.  
 . . . **Cynthia Ackerman** (Lock Lynn, MD) and family upon the death of her brother, **Gary Allen Stanfield** of Stratford, OK, on May 18, 2018.

#### Transitions . . .

. . . **LaJuana Caldwell** (Silver Spring, MD) accepted the appointment to the Viers Mill Church of God after serving as interim pastor the last 3 months.  
 . . . **Dwayne Dixon** (Centreville, MD) announced the recent appointment of **Reverend Leroy Pope** to be Youth Pastor of the Centreville Community Church of God.

## BALTIMORE DREAM CENTER AFFILIATES WITH CITY OF REFUGE

Pastor Billy Humphrey and the leadership of Brooklyn's Pathway Church of God (Baltimore) recently expanded the reach of their benevolence ministries by becoming an affiliate of City of Refuge Ministries based out of Atlanta and lead by Church of God Pastor Bruce Deel. The goals of **City of Refuge BALTIMORE** remain the same as the former *Dream Center* now with greater opportunities for expansion and funding.

## PHILIP AND MARY MORRIS SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Upon the passing of Reverend Philip C. Morris, Sr. on May 28, 2018, the family requested those wishing to express condolences in a tangible way in lieu of flowers to make contributions to the Philip and Mary Morris endowed scholarship fund at the European Bible Seminary. Send contributions to the regional offices or directly to Church of God World Missions - Project #710 - 5800 - 019.

## CAMP MEETING WORLD MISSIONS OFFERING - SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 6:00 P.M.

The first camp meeting offering will be for world mission - specifically for Georgetown, Guyana. Bishop Martin Taylor, World Missions Representative, will share this incredible opportunity for involvement in the world harvest on Sunday evening, June 25. Before we give anything to provide for our needs and/or the needs of the camp meeting, the focus will be on reaching our world in a sacrificial world missions offering.

Each church is asked to bring a "Send the Light" offering (PROJECT #102-9435-003).

## LEE ALUMNI GOLF TOURNAMENT - JUNE 18

The annual Lee Alumni Golf Tournament is set for Monday, June 18, 2018, at Eisenhower Golf Course in Crownsville, MD, with shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. All proceeds fund Lee University scholarships for students from Delmarva-DC. Check website for info - [cogdelmarvadc.com](http://cogdelmarvadc.com).

# CAMP MEETING 2018

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DELMARVA-DC

**June 24 - 27**

**RAYMOND E. CROWLEY WORSHIP CENTER**

Eastern Shore Campground, 14192 Cokesbury Road  
Georgetown, DE 19947

## SUNDAY EVENING

6:00 PM - Dr. J. David Stephens

## MONDAY-WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

7:00 PM - Dr. Billy Wilson  
*Empowered*

## MORNING SERVICES

9:45 AM / 10:45 AM - Monday-Wednesday

9:45 AM - Pastor Michael McDermott  
*Bible Study*

10:45 AM - Pastor James R. Izzard, Jr.  
*Facilitator: Interpretation/Reflection*

## WEDNESDAY YOUTH

5:15 PM - Youth Pre-service

6:15 PM - Feed Delmarva-DC Food Drive

6:30 PM - Pizza

## SPECIAL SERVICES

ORDINATION SERVICE - Sunday PM

MEMORIAL SERVICE - Monday PM

DOUBLE HONOR RETIREE RECOGNITION - Tuesday PM

SERVICE AWARDS - Wednesday Luncheon (Jimmy's Grille)

SUNDAY PM



**Dr. J. David Stephens**  
2nd Assistant General Overseer  
Cleveland, TN

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY PM



**Dr. Billy Wilson**  
President, Oral Roberts University  
Tulsa, OK

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY AM



**Pastor Michael McDermott**  
Life Source International Church  
Baltimore, MD

MONDAY-WEDNESDAY AM



**Pastor James R. Izzard, Jr.**  
Life Builders Church of God  
Forestville, MD



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## CAMP MEETING

## YOUTH NIGHT

Special Guests:  
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27TH  
RAYMOND CROWLEY WORSHIP CENTER  
14192 COKESBURY ROAD  
GEORGETOWN, DE 19973  
TIME: 5:30 TO 7:00PM

Devotion with  
**Shambræ Robb**  
*Ebenezer Church of God*



**MULTIPLE YOUTH CAMP SCHOLARSHIP GIVE AWAYS!**

**GAMES...DEVOTION...PIZZA...FEED DELMARVA DC FOOD DRIVE...INFLATABLES**