

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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I come from a long list of gardeners. I wasn't much for wanting to help in the springtime when Dad was preparing the ground to receive seed. I wasn't very eager to make the rows, plant the seed, or cover it up again either. I must also admit that I didn't enjoy weeding the garden or picking the harvest when it was ripe. I was best at divulging in the feast that followed all the hard work that others had put in to making the garden fruitful. There is nothing more tasty than a nice plate of fresh garden veggies. My mouth savors just thinking about it.

I kind of get the same feeling upon my arrival in Delmarva-DC. I feel like I have just pulled a chair up to a big family table to enjoy a feast provided by the hands of so many before me. I am a blessed man! The leaders that have come before me like Darrell and Marsha Rice have left a beautiful legacy for me to build upon. The ministers and laity in this region have sacrificed so much in order for someone like me to come along and benefit from. Yes, I am indeed blessed.

I believe that my job first and foremost is to serve you. The greatest person in the room is not the guy with the biggest title. It is the guy with the busiest towel! I am not here to be served. I am here to serve and I fully understand the full weight of that responsibility. I am not worthy of such a blessing to be your Bishop, but I accept it and I embrace it. I also understand that I can make myself unworthy very quickly by ignoring the basic principle that God has placed me here to serve you. With God's help and the resources that He provides, I plan on doing that very thing.

I invite you to grab a towel and come along with me. I could use a lot of help and I know that I certainly need a lot of partners. There is a field before us that has a harvest ready to be reaped. We are surrounded by millions of people in need of a Savior. May the words of this old song ring true to us again. "My house is full, but My fields are empty. Who will go and work for Me today. It seems my children all want to stay around my table, but who will go and work in My field? Who will go and work in my field?"



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WELCOME TO OUR NEW YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP DIRECTORS

The Regional campus is alive with activity from the recent arrival of our new Youth Discipleship Director, Brett Seals. Delmarva-DC welcomes Brett, Heather, Kennedy, Luke, Preston, Claire, Bailey and Anna!

The Seals family come to us from New York where they served the Churches of God there in the same capacity. Brett and Heather bring a rich background of ministry experience to Delmarva-DC. During their 24 years of marriage, they have served as Lead Pastors, Associate Staff members, State Evangelism Director, Council and Youth Board members and District Overseer. Brett is presently working towards a Master of Arts in Church Ministries from the Pentecostal Theological Seminary. Welcome!



CHURCH PLANTING & SENIOR ADULT DAY

- Our Church Planters met August 25th for training and interaction. Pastors Chris Lockemy and Ryan Shawyer challenged the church planters to keep the vision fresh and examined what you must do if your church is in need of revitalization. The next Church Planters gathering will be on Saturday, February 23, 2019.
- Senior Adult Day will be held Saturday, November 10, 2018 at Heritage Community Church. Every Pastor has been mailed information relative to this meeting.

DELMARVA-DC UPCOMING DATES

Hispanic Camp Meeting	Frederick ICC	September 15, 2018
Minister and Spouse Retreat	Lancaster, PA	October 8 - 10, 2018
MIP and CAMS Seminar	Regional Office	October 6, 2018
Delmarva-DC Minister Meeting	Heritage CC	October 20, 2018
Hispanic Ministries Marriage Retreat	Hagerstown, MD	November 2-3, 2018
Senior Adult Day	Heritage CC	November 10, 2018
Minister and Spouse Christmas Banquet	Heritage CC	December 3, 2018
Prayer and Fasting Emphasis	Region Wide	January 2019
Delmarva-DC Concert of Prayer	Life Source Int.	January 26, 2019
Day of Harvest	Region Wide	January 27, 2019

DELMARVA-DC
MINISTERS & WIVES RETREAT

Replenish 2018

John 4:14 KJV
But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. —Jesus

October 8-10, 2018
DOUBLETREE RESORT / LANCASTER, PA
\$365 per couple / \$300 for single

HOST & RETREAT FACILITATORS
Stan & Teresa
HOLDER

DELMARVA-DC REGIONAL MINISTER MEETING

Saturday, October 20, 2018 - 9AM

**Heritage Community Church
8146 Quarterfield Road
Severn, MD 21144**

**Ministers wives and WM leadership will meet at 9AM
with Teresa Holder and the Delmarva-DC Women's
Board.**

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- **Heritage Community Church** (Severn, MD)
- **Lifeway Church of God** (Bridgeville, DE)
- **Milford Church of God** (Milford, DE)
- **New Hope Church of God** (Waldorf, MD)
- **Park Lane Church of God** (Feddersburg, MD)

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Certified NCD Coaches for Delmarva-DC

- We have a team of trained coaches, pastors from our region, who are ready to guide you through the NCD process successfully.

Certified NCD Coach & Trainer, NCD International

- Andy Stevens, NCD Leader for Delmarva-DC COG



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