

**Stan Holder**  
Administrative  
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# GETTING CONNECTED



Highlighting Churches of God ministries in Maryland, Delaware, DC and the Virginia Peninsula

**November - December 2019**

## **Church of God Delmarva-DC Region**

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## **Law Abiding Citizens**

Have you ever taken a moment to observe all the laws that we must obey as we operate a motorized vehicle? We have speeding laws, school zone laws, child restraint laws, pedestrian laws, DUI laws, driving while texting laws, passing laws, parking laws, signage laws and road markings laws just to name a few. Don't get me wrong, I am a man with great appreciation for laws, well ... actually ... most of them (*sigh*).

### **DID YOU KNOW ...**

- In order to take a bath in Boston, Massachusetts you must have a doctor's written prescription.
- Wearing suspenders is illegal in Nogales, Arizona.
- Singing out of tune in North Carolina is against the law.
- It is illegal to set a trap for a mouse in California without a hunting license.
- Idaho law makes it illegal to give your sweetheart a box of candy weighing less than fifty pounds.
- You are not permitted to swim on dry land in Santa Ana, California.
- You cannot whistle on Sunday in Louisiana.
- In Connecticut, the law states that if you are a Beaver, you have the legal right to build a dam.
- A Belvedere, California ordinance was written this way; "No dog shall be in public without its master on a leash."
- In Idaho, you cannot fish for trout from the back of a giraffe.
- In the Pine Island District of Minnesota, a man must tip his hat when passing a cow.
- It is illegal to lasso a fish in Knoxville, Tennessee.
- On Market Street in San Francisco, the law requires that elephants must be kept on a leash.
- In Colorado Springs, Colorado, the law upholds a dog's right to one bite.
- Indiana has a law against taking a bath in the Winter.

As you can see, we are surrounded by laws ... even a few stupid ones. The truth is, without laws we would be in some more kind of mess wouldn't we? Is not anarchy the price we pay for lawlessness? Knowing this, most people want to live their lives within the context of our laws because anarchy is not an option.

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Laws are there for our protection, not our harm. God gave us natural laws such as the law of gravity to keep us from floating into outer space. Government has written civil laws such as traffic laws to keep us from getting run over. So it is with God's Law. His Law is for our good, not our harm. To me, God's Law should be the final word on any subject. As we have often seen, Congress has the power to change civil laws, but certainly not God's Law. I think that is what bothers me so much about the present political climate we are in. Just because a political leader wants it, or a social group demands it, or a political party endorses it or even if Congress should decide to redefine it, it still doesn't make it right. Congress has done many "good" things for America, but Americans need Congress to do the "right" things for America. It has been said that "good is the enemy of right!" Good is not always right, but right is always good.

Are you a law-abiding citizen? Do you treat you fellow man with respect and dignity and love your neighbor as yourself? Whatever you do, live according to the Law of God. God's Law is perfect and complete. We can't add to it or take away from it. If God calls it sin, then it is sin. If God says it is wrong, then it is wrong. If God says that I should do this or that, then guess what? I should do this or that. As children of God, we are called upon to be law abiding citizens. It is our obligation to obey both the civil and the spiritual. People who are caught disregarding civil law get a citation. Perhaps God should pull us aside again and remind us of His Laws again. Selah

**Don't Forget to Register for our  
End of Centennial Year Celebration**



Delmarva-DC Invites You  
To Join Us For

# A Christmas To Remember

❄️ \$25 per person ❄️

MONDAY 6PM **2** DECEMBER 2019

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

Retired Ministers, Spouses &  
Widows are FREE  
Please CALL to register!

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**Register at:**  
[www.cogdelmarvadcdc.com](http://www.cogdelmarvadcdc.com)  
or call 410-531-5351 and ask for Angie

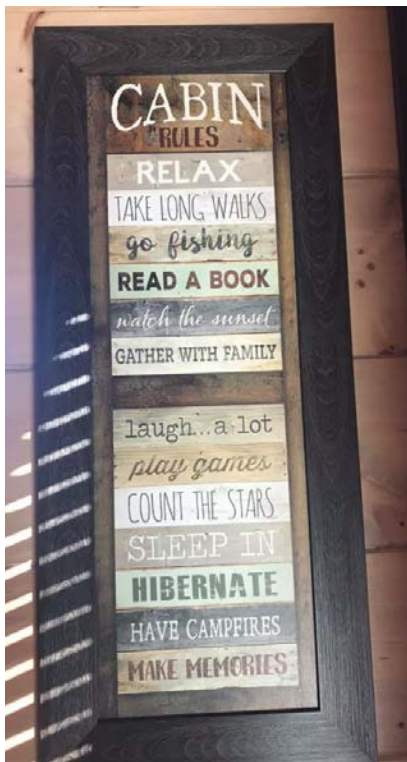




*Teresa Holder, Director*

## Girls Trip

On October 16, 2019, a group of Delmarva-DC ladies went on a 4 day trip to Pigeon Forge, TN. We visited the Home for Children and Iris B. Vest Center, worshipped at the International Women's Conference in Kentucky and indulged in a little shopping. It was a beautiful time of sisterhood. Can't wait to connect again!



**Women's Conference 2020**  
**April 27-28**

*More Information Coming Soon*



## DELMARVA-DC Youth & Discipleship Department

Bishop Brett & Heather Seals  
Regional Youth & Discipleship Directors



### Premier Winterfest (January 31-February 2, 2020)

This is the largest event our region does each year, providing a wealth of ministry and opportunity for our students to experience God. This event is designed for students who are middle school, high school & college. The venue is right here in our region at the Ocean City Convention Center. I have worked diligently to seek God and His direction for all who are coming to minister. I believe we have a tremendous line up in store as well: Mark Evans & Influencers Worship, Sharon Ramkhelawan, Brian Bullock, Christ Estrada, Curtis & Charmaine Bridgeman, Christian King, and Mani & Eli\_EI.







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### Premier Kidfest (January 31-February 2, 2020)

This event happens at the same time and at the same venue as Premier Winterfest. Premier Kidfest caters to our younger students, grades K-5. Again, I have sought the Holy Spirit for His direction concerning all who are coming to minister and I am anticipating extraordinary results. This year we have Pastor Tricia Mayer and her team ministering along with Brad Brown, a wonderful Christian Illusionist. For our fun time we have invited G.O.D. Squad, a collection of friends from around the region that will provide lots of exciting entertainment. These three days are sure to captivate the attention of your young students with the message of Christ.



**PREMIER KIDFEST 2020**  
**BELIEVE**

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life | John 3:16

Brad Brown    Tricia Mayer    G.O.D. Squad

January 31 - February 2

Ocean City, Maryland | Ocean City Convention Center  
Call 410.531.5351 For More Information  
[www.cogdelmarvadc.com](http://www.cogdelmarvadc.com)

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## Upcoming Regional Events

**CONCERT OF PRAYER**  
**ANSWER ME**  
*O Lord*

THAT THIS PEOPLE WILL KNOW THAT YOU, THE LORD, ARE GOD, AND  
THAT YOU HAVE TURNED THEIR HEARTS BACK AGAIN. —1 KINGS 18:37

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**January 25  
2020  
9AM-2PM**

**Life Source International**  
7000 Rossville Boulevard, Baltimore, MD 21237  
PH: 410-391-8000  
Host Pastor: Mike and Becki McDermott

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DELMARVA - DC REGIONAL OFFICE  
1919  
CENTENNIAL  
celebration  
2019



## Lee Alumni Scholarship Application 2020-2021

**Deadline: January 31, 2020**

Please contact Bishop Reid or Betty Moore for more information and to receive an application.

Betty.Moore@cogdelmarva-dc.org  
William.Reid@cogdelmarva-dc.org

## Send The Light To Tokyo, Japan

### Delmarva-DC Regional World Mission Banquets

Attention all Delmarva-DC Pastors and Spouses, please mark your calendar for an upcoming regional World Missions gathering in your area. Please note the schedule below. This meal is free to you and your spouse and the dress is casual. In order to prepare for the caterer, we need to have a final count for each region. Please confirm your attendance before January 31, 2020.

REGISTER BY: PH: 410-531-5353 - Ext. #8 EMAIL: [info@cogdelmarva-dc.org](mailto:info@cogdelmarva-dc.org)

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Debbie Brinson



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#### Schedule

Date	Region	Location	Time
Thursday, February 27, 2020	Eastern Shore	Easton Church of God	7PM
Friday, February 28, 2020	Western MD	Virginia Avenue COG	7PM
Saturday, February 29, 2020	Central MD	Heritage Community Church	10AM

## Delmarva-DC Region Invites You To **ten essential skills** EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM



Conference Presenter  
Dr. Fred Garmon



**leaderLABS**  
Developing the Leader in You



Conference Host  
Stan Holder

- Saturday, February 22 -  
8:30am - 4:00pm

International Community Church  
123 Byte Drive  
Frederick, MD 21702

Ministers & Spouses  
Conference \$15.00 (Lunch is provided)  
**\*\*Must register online\*\***

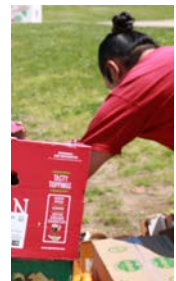
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BALTIMORE

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SEX TRAFFICKING,  
AND THE ESSENTIALS: FOOD, WATER, AND CLOTHING.

*what we do*



*get involved*

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## Regional Events

### More Information Coming Soon

Junior Talent

**March 7th**

Easton COG

Regional Men's Breakfast

**March 14th**

Heritage CC

Awaken  
Training Conference

**April 17-18**

*Pick a day in May that works for your Church to participate.  
We will Celebrate this global effort on Saturday, May 23rd.*

# GO FINISH

## TWENTY TWENTY

//// A Global Evangelism Challenge

5 EASY WAYS FOR CHURCHES & INDIVIDUALS TO WITNESS:

**A  
DESPERATELY  
NEEDED  
CHALLENGE**

### SHARE YOUR TESTIMONY ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Post a short personal testimony in written or video format. End your post with an invitation to pray for them, or meet for coffee if they would like to learn more.

### SHARE A WITNESSING TRACT WITH SOMEONE

Witnessing tracts are available on our website. Share one with a co-worker, or your waitress at a restaurant. Go the extra step and explain the meaning behind the tract.

### VISIT [WWW.SPREADTRUTH.COM](http://WWW.SPREADTRUTH.COM)

Download the app that allows you to share Jesus from your phone in multiple languages, or share the 6 minute video entitled "The Story" on your social media platform.

### INVITE A LOST FRIEND TO SHARE A MEAL

Sharing your faith with a close friend or family member can feel intimidating. Break down the walls by inviting them to share a meal. Simply share your heart and let God move!

### PLAN A CHURCH OUTREACH PARTY

Promote a free event at a park or another location outside of your church campus. Provide free food and family friendly activities. Encourage members of your congregation to build relationships and show love to those who attend.

