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GETTING CONNECTED

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



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My Redeemer Lives! Job 19:23 – 25

"Oh that my words were now written! Oh that they were printed in a book! That they were graven with an iron pen and lead in the rock forever! For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth."

Four friends were talking about death. One of them asked the other three, "When you are in your casket and people are mourning you, what would you like to hear them say about you?" The first man said, "I'd like to hear them say that I was a fine physician in my time and a great family man." The second fellow said, "I'd like to hear that I was a wonderful husband and a teacher who made a huge difference in our children of tomorrow." The third man replied, "I'd like to hear them say, 'Look, he's moving!'"

Christ wants to give hope for those who feel like giving up. The Easter message has been custom-tailored for the wearied heart and the searching soul. Jesus is Alive! And it is that fact alone that gives us strength and hope to press on. We have the proof that He is alive.

- The evidence of the four gospels which tell of the resurrection.
- The evidence of the empty tomb.
- The evidence of the grave clothes that were left.
- The evidence of the changed lives of the disciples.
- The evidence of the change of the Christian day of worship from Saturday to Sunday.
- And most of all, because of the evidence that He lives in us!

Have you ever noticed that beginning with the resurrection, every event recorded that had important religious significance fell on the first day of the week, the Lord's Day? For example:

- Jesus arose from the dead.
- Jesus ascended into heaven for the first time.
- Jesus appeared to the disciples for the first time while they were in the Upper Room and bestowed peace on them.
- Jesus first broke bread with His disciples.
- Jesus opened the understanding of the disciples so that they might know the Scriptures.
- Jesus commissioned the disciples to the task of world evangelism.
- Jesus first broke bread with His disciples.

GETTING CONNECTED

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- Jesus opened the understanding of the disciples so that they might know the Scriptures.
- Jesus commissioned the disciples to the task of world evangelism.
- Jesus breathed on the disciples, imparting the Holy Spirit to them.
- The Holy Spirit descended from heaven at Pentecost.
- The Holy Spirit directed Paul to gather the believers together and preach to them.
- The first day of the week was established for believers to set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income.
- Jesus appeared to John on the isle of Patmos.

“Firsts” are very important to God. We’ve heard it said so many times that we must put God first in our lives and we should. But I want you to see just how God modeled this principle for each of us. If you go back to the hours leading up to Christ’s resurrection, you will find Him in the Garden praying. It was there that we see just how much of a priority that you and I were in His heart. If it had been “Christ first”, He would have relieved Himself of all the pain and anguish of the trial and the beating. But in the Garden, He prayed “... *not my will, but thine be done...*” He thought of you and me first.

Hundreds of years before Christ arose for the dead; a man by the name of Job understood this truth. He was given a revelation and insight into something so great, that he wished it could be preserved forever. Job had suffered and literally lost it all. He lost all ten of his children, his friends abused him by charging that all of his misfortune was a result of some disobedience in his life, he lost all of his possessions and he lost the faith and confidence that he once had in his own wife. But in the midst of his pain, God gave him a revelation. Job perceived that his story was not being told completely in this life and that a later day would vindicate him. In fact, he perceived that there was an individual who would vindicate him, whom Job calls “my Redeemer”. This individual would stand on the earth in some future day, would raise Job from death and would enable him to see God. Job’s wish was fulfilled. Not only were his words preserved in a book, but they have been preserved in the Book of Books, the Bible.

The Hebrew word for “redeemer” refers to a relative who performs the office of a redeemer for his kin. Visualize a situation in which a Hebrew lost their inheritance through debt. Because of a lack of money to meet the debt, the possession is about to be lost. This is what happened in the story of Naomi and Ruth. They had a “goel or redeemer” named Boaz who came and saved the day for Ruth. Job had lost it all and as he spoke these words, he was in dire physical condition. But he said that there will come one who will redeem him. Years may go by, but the time when come when my redeemer shows up. A second duty of the goel was to redeem by power if necessary. Abraham did this for Lot when he was captured by the four kings. Finally, a goel had a duty to avenge a death. Imagine an Israelite that has been attacked and dying. The goel learns who has struck his relative and takes off to avenge the murder. We have hope today because Christ is our avenger. We are dying people, but we have a Redeemer.

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If Job had been able to say merely that he had a redeemer, that would have been wonderful. But a redeemer had to be living in order to buy back the estate, recover the prisoners and defeat the enemy. Job does not say that he **had** a redeemer ... he says that he **has** a redeemer and that he is a **living** redeemer. We too have a living Redeemer whose name is Jesus. This is the hope that we have today. It is the thrust of our testimony on Easter Sunday and indeed on every other day of the week.

Not only does Job affirm that he has a redeemer, but he goes on to say that he has a **personal** redeemer. He says that He is **his** Redeemer. He says, *"I know that My redeemer liveth ..."* This is what we desire, is it not? We are human and we desire personal relationships.

Not only does Job refer to his redeemer; and not only does he say that he is a personal and living redeemer; but he goes on to state his **confidence** in these things: *"I know that my Redeemer lives..."* Do you know this? I'm not asking if you know about this. I'm not asking if you know some of the facts concerning this. What I want to know is whether or not you possess the assurance today that you are a Christian.

I've heard some answer "I don't know" or "I hope so" or "I would like to believe" or "I think". But nothing could be faultier. The truth is, Jesus lives! Believe it! Declare it! Act upon it! Say with Job "I know my Redeemer lives" and realize the benefits of believing it.



Delmarva-DC Intercultural Advisory Committee

Dear Heavenly Father,

We call upon your name for our nation and hurting communities. Our hearts are heavy as we pray for our Asian brothers and sisters in the DELMARVA-DC region and around the world. We pray for divine healing in their hearts, and that you will give them a peace that passes all understanding (Philippians 4:7). Lord, strengthen our Asian brothers and sisters in your love and surround them by your grace.

God deliver us and our communities from racism and hatred. Saturate our nation with your love and break down the barriers. Fill us with your spirit that we may be your voice of truth, unity, and compassion in this nation. Help us, by your Holy Spirit, to be a light and salt in this dark world. In Jesus' name, Amen.





**Delmarva-DC
Women's
Ministries**

Teresa Holder, Director



Mother's Day is quickly approaching, and as you know, this day is designated each year as Smoky Mountain Children's Home Day. We are asking every church to take a special offering on Mother's Day for our Chesapeake Cottage. This offering can be sent directly to the regional office. You can also access a video about our remodeling project on our regional website at www.cogdelmarvadc.com or on our regional Facebook page. Thank you for all you are doing to reach our goal of \$100,000.00 by July 2022.

SMOKY MOUNTAIN HOME FOR CHILDREN – (January 2021 – February 2021)

Chester Church of God - \$40.00	Living Hope Church of God - \$300.00
Crownsville Church of God - \$100.00	Living Hope Ministries - \$60.00
Easton Church of God - \$1,360.06	Loch Lynn Church of God - \$200.00
Freedom Church - \$30.00	Milford Church of God - \$75.00
Hancock Church of God - \$260.00	Miscellaneous - \$100.00
Stan & Teresa Holder - \$125.00	Mountain View Ministries - \$60.00
Jennings Church of God - \$121.61	New Hope Church of God - \$4,000.00
Kent Island Church of God - \$110.00	New Liberty - \$25.00
Life Community - \$255.00	North East Church of God - \$170.00
Lighthouse Church of God - \$150.00	Rice Memorial Church of God - \$30.00
	Victory Praise - \$250.00

TOTAL - \$7,821.67

CITY OF REFUGE, BALTIMORE – (January 2021 – February 2021)

Stan & Teresa Holder - \$100.00
 Kent Island Church of God - \$35.00
 Rick & Jane Lairsey - \$150.00
 Allan & Jeraldine Leonard - \$20.00
 Life Community - \$20.00
 Lighthouse Church of God - \$140.00
 Misc. Deposit - \$15.00
 Dan & Betty Moore - \$100.00
 Rising Sun Church of God - \$25.00

TOTAL - \$605.00

2021 EMPOWERED WOMEN'S CONFERENCE – September 17 – 18, 2021

Put this date on your calendar!!! Let's pray for COVID to be gone so that our women can gather together once again to give glory and honor to the King of Kings!



THEME: Responding - Redeeming - Resourcing

Equipping Church Leadership to address LGBTQIA+ Concerns



Dr. Michael Brown
Chosen People Ministries
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Bishop Stan & Dr. Teresa Holder
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Monday, April 19th @ 8PM EST

The Church On Mission

THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



Dr. Mark RUTLAND
SPEAKER

Heritage Community Church
Severn, MD

March 18 - 20, 2021
April 22 - 24, 2021
May 20 - 22, 2021

FREE to all Delmarva-DC Credentialed Ministers, Spouses and Pastoral Staff.
You must REGISTER by January 31, 2021.
To register, go to www.cogdelmarvadc.com.

For an overview of sessions, go to www.thenicl.com and click on Course Information

Accredited: College and Seminary credit can be earned.

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We had our first installment of NICL on March 18 – 20. Attendance was good, but there were also several no-shows. We have taken every precaution related to Covid-19 and those in attendance felt very safe. I strongly encourage you to take advantage of this leadership training. It is excellent material.

I am putting back on the website the ability to register for those that have not previously registered. If you have already registered, your spot is secure. If you have previously registered and do not plan to attend, we need you to call the office and ask us to remove your name. This will provide room for others and assist us in not over ordering lunch and refreshments.

For those of you that desire to improve your leadership skills and want us to hold a spot for you, go to www.cogdelmarvadc.com & click EVENTS and follow the webpage to registration. **The April deadline to register is April 16th.** Please do not waste this opportunity. **YOU** need to be there! *“Everything rises and falls on leadership”* (John Maxwell).



Stan & Teresa
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DELMARVA-DC Youth & Discipleship Department

Bishop Brett & Heather Seals
Regional Youth & Discipleship Directors



TUESDAY LIVE NIGHT
community | resources | encouragement

The First Tuesday of each month @7PM

DELMARVA-DC CHURCH OF GOD
YOUTH & DISCIPLESHIP DEPARTMENT
Youth Leaders | Children's Leaders | Aspiring Leaders

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2021
PIERCING THE DARKNESS
WITH THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL

YWEA
2021
REBUILDING
GREEN TURTLE CAY
WITH THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL

DELMARVA-DC TEEN TALENT

Heritage Community Church

June 5, 2021



DELMARVA-DC TEEN TALENT



Art

- Ceramics & Glass
- Computer Graphics
- Graphics
- Drawing
- Oil/Acrylic Painting
- Wet Media Painting
- Photography
- Sculpture
- Textiles
- Mixed Media

Multi-Media

- Multi-Media Presentation Video
- Multi-Media Presentation Non-Video
- Multi-Media Presentation Animated
- Web Site Design

Creative Writing

- Short Story
- Articles & Essays
- Plays & Skits
- Poetry
- News Writing

Bible

- Individual Quiz
- Team Quiz 3-5 Quizzers
- Individual Teaching-Children (Grades 1-5)
- Individual Teaching-Youth (Grades 6-12)
- Team Teaching-Children (Grades 1-5)
- Team Teaching-Youth (Grades 6-12)

Drama-Solo

- Solo Expressive / Interpretive Movement
- Solo Human Video
- Solo Mime
- Solo Monologue
- Solo Pantomime
- Solo Spoken Word
- Solo Praise Dance

Drama-Group

- Group Expressive / Interpretive Movement
- Group Human Video
- Group Mime
- Group Pantomime
- Group Skit
- Group Praise Dance
- Group Spoken Word

Music-Solo

- Vocal Solo, Female
- Vocal Solo, Male
- Rap
- Instrumental Solo, Brass
- Instrumental Solo, Electric Keyboard
- Instrumental Solo, Organ
- Instrumental Solo, Percussion Definite
- Instrumental Solo, Percussion Indefinite
- Instrumental Solo, Piano
- Instrumental Solo, Strings Bowed
- Instrumental Solo, Strings Plucked
- Instrumental Solo, Woodwind

Music-Group

- Small Vocal Ensemble (2-5 Singers)
- Large Vocal Ensemble (6-12 Singers)
- Choir (13 & Up Singers)
- Instrumental Ensemble, Small (2-9 Players)
- Instrumental Ensemble, Large (10 & Up Players)
- Instrumental Ensemble, Handbells
- Contemporary Christian Performance (3 or more)



World Missions

**City of Refuge
Baltimore**

BRINGING HOPE TO LIFE
Project Number: #102-9572

Nicaragua Clean Water Wells

Project Number: 102-9554



Encourage your people to get involved in two upcoming events, ***Dash4Dignity*** and ***Peddling4Water***. The 5k will provide support for **City of Refuge, Baltimore**. Thus far, we have approximately 100 participants. You can register and educate yourself on the 5k here: ***Dash4Dignity 5k***. As for ***Peddling4Water***, it will support our Clean Wells project and the event will take place this fall. We will send you registration information and specific details in a few weeks. We will make sure you have plenty of time to promote it and get involved.



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**CHURCH OF GOD
PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY
IS SUNDAY, APRIL 25!**

We are pleased to share with you that the 2021 Pastor Appreciation materials are now available! We are especially thrilled with this year's theme, "Stand with Your Pastor" . . . which is so timely after a rough and trying 2020. We have bulletin covers, church announcement posters, bookmarks, love gift envelopes, prayer cards and resources . . . all of which are beautifully themed together. Celebrate you Pastor & Family!