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GETTING CONNECTED



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Labels

Malachi 2:7 - *"The lips of a priest should guard knowledge, and people should seek instruction from his mouth, for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts".*

Labels play a very influential role in our lives. A good label can elevate your status. Teresa was given a purse for Christmas a few years ago. A family member purchased it in an "unclaimed baggage" store for \$50.00. Teresa noticed a label in it that said it was a NANCY GONZALEZ purse. She found it on the internet. It is a Crocodile Leather and Banana Leaf Straw Tote Bag that sells for \$2,950.00. It is so expensive, Teresa is afraid to carry it.

A label can also place a target on your back. If today's "cancel culture" ever finds fault with you, they will attempt to shut you down. Just in case you are struggling to see the overt war on Christianity, allow the authors of *Teaching for Diversity and Social Justice* to remove all doubt: *"The significance of Christianity in U.S. life and the challenges it poses for minority religions is a social justice issue that requires the kind of historical knowledge and structural/cultural analysis we use to understand other forms of oppression that stand in the way of social justice."* Notice the label. These authors see Christianity as a *"form of oppression"*.

G. K. Chesterton observed, *"Once we abolish God, the government becomes God."* Consider the doctrine of justification. Justification refers to the divine act by which God declares sinners like us "not guilty" on the basis of Christ's redemptive death and resurrection. But what happens if we leave God out of the picture? Does our need for the not guilty sentence magically disappear? No. The need to feel justified is irrepressibly human. The need to be justified is why ... Muslims bow their knees toward Mecca, Hindus plunge into the Ganges, and atheists argue about the evils of religion. When we leave God out of the process of living free from guilt, we turn to the next biggest entity we can imagine ... society. Government, media, law, education, entertainment, the local business owner, everyone must declare us, in unison, "not guilty!" And anyone that does not acknowledge and celebrate our guiltlessness MUST be silenced!

Thus, the "cancel culture" steps on stage. Cancel culture is society's way of bypassing God and attempting to declare sinful man "not guilty". So the Little Sisters of the Poor, the wedding cake baker, some churches and denominations (*God help us*), and even higher education are being manipulated by Satan to remove man's guilty stain. And coming soon to a pulpit near you will be the new target that must be silenced; because what we preach, what I am preaching, may soon be labeled "hate speech".



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Make no mistake: Today's social justice seeks a theocracy, a theocracy of creation worship that seeks to silence its heretics. Like our brothers and sisters living under a false theocracy in first-century Rome, we need the guts to say in our century that Jesus is Lord, not Caesar!

Read again the scripture text above. Instruction comes from our mouths. We are indeed God's messengers to the world. It is for this reason that you and I cannot ... and must not ... be silenced. I know where to find truth and it's not in the Chambers of Congress, the lecture halls of higher education, the news cycles of liberal media, or the entertainment mecca of Hollywood. In spite of man's attempts ...

- What God says cannot be silenced.
- What God makes cannot be undone.
- What God does cannot be overturned.
- What God declares cannot be voided.
- What God opens cannot be shut.
- And what God shuts cannot be reopened.

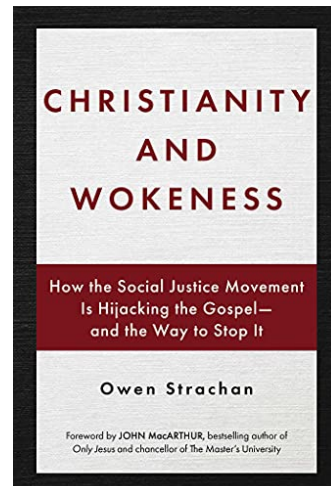
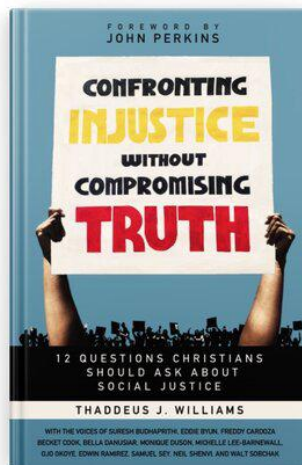
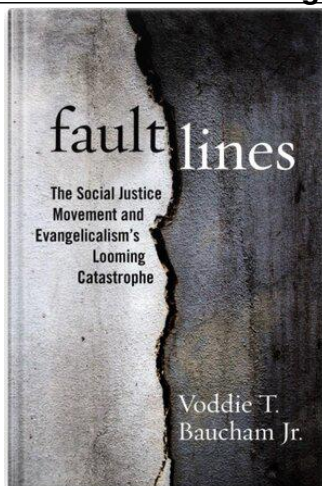
Regardless of what propaganda tries to say about Christianity ...

- If you are born man you can't die a woman
- If you are my Uncle, you can't become my Aunt
- Abortion is not Healthcare
- Government is not God
- Christ is not cancelled
- Church is not rebellion
- Religious liberty is not optional
- Science is not scripture
- Biblical Truth is not bigotry, and
- Preaching holiness is not hate speech

A major strategy to divide and conquer the church has been unleashed upon society and the world. When we reduce people to labels, we become oblivious to the fact that there is a God and He is the One who actually labeled us. To God, every human being was conceived and born to bear His divine image. We are one race. There is not a Christianity for whites and another for blacks, Asians or Hispanics. Scripture is clear; only Christ Jesus can change man's heart and mind so that in Him we can celebrate our diversity. God did not try to reconcile us through the Cross. Calvary is not just Gods best shot at unification that will periodically need booster shots from Critical Race Theory, Marxism, Socialism or the like. No! Just as Jesus is the way to God, the Cross is the way to unity. The Gospel is God's solution to our divisions, our prejudices and our sin.

Preach the TRUTH in love my friends! Labels must never silence the lambs! *"How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?"* (Romans 10:14)

Recommended Readings:





Delmarva-DC Intercultural Advisory Committee

The Importance of Valuing One Another

Written by: Dr. Aaron R. Jones
IAC Chairman

*"Sincerity makes the very least person be of more value than the most talented hypocrite."
Charles Spurgeon*

As we grow as an Intercultural Church, there is a key component we must embrace. It is the importance of finding value in each other. When valuing one another God's way, walls are being removed and culture lines are being crossed. God valued us when we were dirt in His hands, and He still saw fit to breathe life into us. "And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; man became a living soul (Genesis 2:7)."

In Philippians 2:3, the Apostle Paul says, "Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than themselves." When we value one another, it says we all are useful and important. When we value one another, this puts us all on the same playing field. Our value of one another must come through the filter of Jesus Christ and the work on the cross. Valuing one another is looking at people through the eyes of Christ and not by the standards of men.

Valuing one another says:

"I will not put you in my mode."

"Your perspective matters."

"I am concerned about your promotion."

"It is important that I know something about you."

"I will adjust my schedule to make time for you."

When one values another, he/she doesn't see himself/herself as better nor looks down on the other, but appreciates the differences. As an Intercultural Church, we cannot just value the circles of people we create and never venture outside of those circles to build the church. Just think: "What an awesome environment we create when we value one another!" This aids in building a community within the church and reflecting an Intercultural Church.

Let's Be Intentional in Valuing One Another!





Thank you to the following churches who have contributed towards our remodeling project for Chesapeake Cottage. We have almost reached our \$100,000.00 goal!!! If your church has not contributed to this project, please consider doing so. If we all do something, we can reach this goal before our deadline. TO GOD BE THE GLORY!!!

SMOKY MOUNTAIN HOME FOR CHILDREN – (June – July, 2021)

| | |
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| Abundant Life COG - \$315.25 | Life Source Church - \$1,000.00 |
| C3 - \$1,530.00 | Living Hope - \$200.00 |
| Centreville Community - \$765.00 | Living Hope Ministries - \$50.00 |
| Chester Church of God - \$40.00 | Loch Lynn Church of God - \$7,300.00 |
| Crossfire Worship Center - \$150.00 | Love of Christ COG - \$300.00 |
| East New Market COG - \$30.00 | National Church of God - \$10,000.00 |
| Easton Church of God - \$1,338.00 | Parkway Church of God - \$1,700.00 |
| Freedom Church - \$520.00 | Rice Memorial - \$147.00 |
| Stan & Teresa Holder - \$100.00 | Rising Sun Church of God - \$50.00 |
| Jennings Church of God - \$110.19 | Viers Mill Church of God - \$100.00 |
| Kent Island - \$75.00 | Virginia Avenue - \$785.00 |
| Lansdowne Worship Center - \$10,665.00 | Walker Memorial - \$200.00 |
| Life Community - \$230.00 | Westminster COG - \$2,000.00 |
| Lifeway - \$650.00 | |

TOTAL - \$40,350.44

CITY OF REFUGE, BALTIMORE – (June - July 2021)

Abundant Life COG - \$30.00
Stan & Teresa Holder - \$250.00
Kent Island - \$25.00
Rick & Jane Lairsey - \$100.00
Life Community - \$20.00
Lifeway - \$600.00
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Viers Mill COG - \$100.00

TOTAL - \$1,225.00

Awaken CONFERENCE



Stan & Teresa
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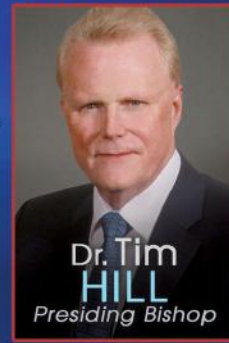
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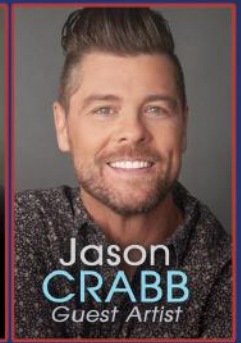
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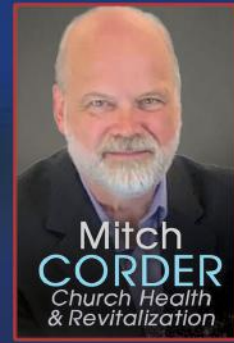
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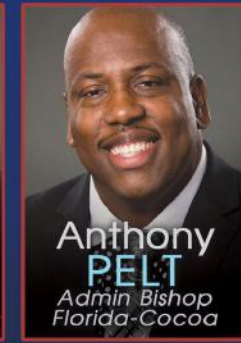
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THU. & FRI. 10:00am

THU. & FRI. 7:00pm



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2021 DELMARVA-DC
Empowered.
**Women's
CONFERENCE**



Rhonda Holland
September 16, 2021
Lifeway Church of God
Bridgeville, DE



Janice Hill
September 18, 2021
Life Source Church of God
Baltimore, MD

September 16, 17, 18, 2021
SERVICE STARTS AT 7PM
No Registration Fee - Offering Will Be Taken
**Each Pastor's Wife or Female Pastor should call the Regional Office with a total number coming from your church.

HOSTED BY TERESA HOLDER
Delmarva-DC Women's Ministries Director

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Replenish 2021

REBOOT
October 7 - October 9
Deadline to register is September 5, 2021

A time for the minister and spouse to "Refresh" and "Reboot."
Come and experience something unique in soul care. Learn how to build a healthy ministry for your church and a healthy soul for you and your spouse.



Dr. Steve
HALL



Dr. Sharon
JONES



Dr. Darrell
MORRIS



Pastor Jeff
SMITH



Chaplain Dennis
DUPONT



Dr. Hugh
BAIR

Cost
\$450 per couple
\$375 single

Includes 2 nights lodging, 2 dinner meals, 2 breakfasts, and all sessions

Register at: www.cogdelmarvadcd.com



Bishop Stan & Teresa Holder
Conference Hosts



DELMARVA-DC Youth & Discipleship Department

Bishop Brett & Heather Seals
Regional Youth & Discipleship Directors



IGNITE 21

Men & Boy's Retreat

Rekindling the gift of God that is within you!
2 Timothy 1:6

August 20-22, 2021
Eastern Shore Campgrounds
\$10 Per Person

REGISTRATION
Call The Regional Office Today
410.531.5351

Church of God Delmarva-DC & Easton Church of God
Present

Girls Fun Day

EPIC WATER BALLOON FIGHT!

September 11th 11-2pm
Easton Church of God
1009 N. Washington St.
Easton, MD, 21601

Bring A Friend
Pre-K – 5th
Grade

Food, crafts,
games,
inflatables,
prizes, and
Jesus!!!

Please make sure to register your girls at
www.eastoncog.org

09.25.21

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SHARPSBURG, GA 30277

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CONFERENCE
TOGETHER

FEATURING
BRIAN BULLOCK

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click
"MINISTRIES"
and select
"YOUTH AND DISCIPLESHIP"
to register for all these events!

Thank you for your continued
support!

Fall Youth Rallies

10.1.21 Salisbury, MD
Parkway Church

10.15.21 Frederick, MD
ICC

10.29.21 Rosedale, MD
Life Source Churches



DMU Aspiring Leaders CONFERENCE

Saturday, November 6, 2021



Premier Winterfest

January 28-30, 2022

Premier Kidfest



YWEA
2021
PIERCING THE DARKNESS
WITH THE
LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL



YWEA
2021

REBUILDING

GREEN TURTLE CAY

WITH THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL





World Missions

To lead us into the AWAKEN Conference, I am promoting **September as World Missions Month** for DelMarVa-DC. I am asking every Pastor and every congregation to bring an offering for World Missions on Friday night, October 22nd at Easton Church of God.

Go to www.cogdelmarvadcd.com under "MINISTRIES" and select "WORLD MISSIONS" to gain details into our regional projects; Clean Water Wells for Nicaragua and City of Refuge, Baltimore.

DELMARVA-DC CHURCH OF GOD PRESENTS:

SENIOR ADULT DAY

NOVEMBER 13, 2021

HERITAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Delmarva-DC Regional Office

Invites you to



An
Old Fashioned
Christmas

.....
Saturday, December 4, 2021

11:30 AM

Heritage Community Church

8146 Quarterfield Road

Severn, MD 21144

\$30 Per Person

.....
Retired Ministers, Spouses & Widows are FREE

Please CALL to register

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Register at:

www.cogdelmarvadc.com

or call 410.531.5351 and ask for Angie