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Stripped Naked

And there followed him a certain young man, having a linen cloth cast about his naked body; and the young men laid hold on him: and he left the linen cloth, and fled from them naked."

Mark 14:51-52

There are so many lessons to learn and understand from the Easter narrative, I can't possibly begin to describe in this brief column. But one nugget to the story is what we learn from Mark chapter 14 at the Garden of Gethsemane. It is here that we discover Mark's account of a "young man" who fled from Gethsemane naked.

Who was this young man, why was he covered in "a linen cloth", and most importantly, why was he naked? The key lies in the "linen cloth" he had lightly draped about his body. The Greek word tells us that this kind of cloth is that of a burial shroud used for covering a dead body in the grave.

When a body was prepared for burial, it was washed, ceremonially cleaned, and buried naked in a linen cloth exactly like the one Mark described. The Garden of Gethsemane was near the Mount of Olives with a cemetery very close in proximity.

All kinds of theories exist concerning this naked young man. I am certainly no theologian, but I do love studying scripture. In studying this passage and multiple theories of who this boy might have been, I am convinced that when Jesus said those powerful words "I AM," resurrection power was released in such abundance that it not only knocked the soldiers backward and shook the local cemetery (*John 18:6*), but a young boy crawled out of his tomb, raised from the dead.

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The beauty of Easter is that this same resurrection power is available to you and me. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead is living in you (*Romans 8:11*). The truth is, man has no power against Jesus unless the power to do so is granted from above (*John 19:11*). If you are a Spirit baptized Pentecostal, that same biblical truth is applicable to you.

Friend, wouldn't it be beautiful if we too were stripped naked of our fleshly thoughts and fleshly ways, and became empowered with the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead? Like Lazarus who Jesus told to rid himself of his grave clothes, we too must do the same (*John 11:33, 34*). Grave clothes look like and smell like death. A child of God has no business wearing them any longer. The New Testament church should be many things, but DEAD is not one of them! Like that young lad, we too must be stripped of earthen dependencies and become bold in our battle for souls. We must never be afraid of the battle that we are engaged in. We are fighting a battle that is not flesh and blood, and the only remedy for victory is for you and me to be infused with this same resurrection power. If ever there was a time for the Church of God to be stripped of our fleshly ways and be clothed in the power of the Holy Spirit, it is right now. We are in a battle that only spiritual weapons can defeat. Grave clothes resemble the flesh, and our battle is not against the flesh (*Ephesians 6:12*).

As we approach Easter, begin praying with me now for an Easter outpouring. Pray with me for a resurrection moment to come to every pulpit, every church, every minister, every member, and every attendee in Church of God congregations. If resurrection power can shake a cemetery at the foot of the Mount of Olives and wake a young lad to new life, He can shake us and wake us!

Bishop Stan Holder



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Empowered Women's CONFERENCE

April 19-20, 2024

7:00 PM Friday
10:00 AM Saturday



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CONFERENCE HOST



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Curtis & Charmaine
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MUSICAL GUESTS



Pastor Amy McGlamery

FRIDAY 7:00 PM
SATURDAY 11:30 AM



Kameryn Carter
SATURDAY 10:00 AM

Before January 15
\$30.00

January 15 - March 25
\$40.00

After March 25
\$50.00

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Baltimore, MD 21237

Lead Pastor's Wives
Brunch
Saturday @ 8:45

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MY WHOLE BEING LONGS FOR YOU."

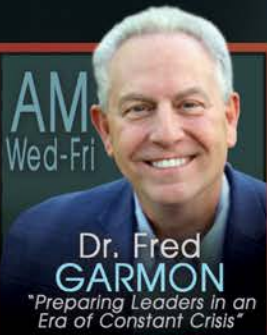
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2024 Awaken

◆ "OPEN THE FLOODGATES AND LET IT RAIN" ◆
DELMARVA/DC CAMP MEETING



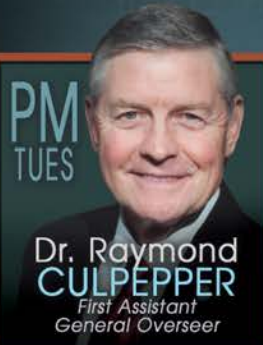
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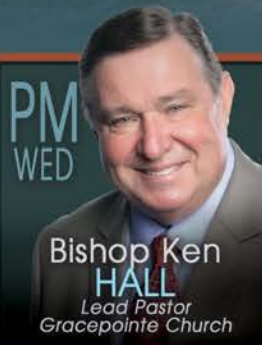
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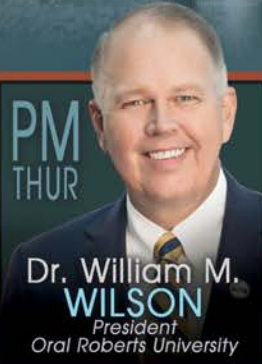
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PM
THUR



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- ◆ Nursery and Kids Camp Meeting available during PM services



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You will find the information for your online reservation link below. If you have questions or need help with the link, please do not hesitate to ask. We appreciate your business and look forward to a successful event.

Last Day to Book: Sunday, May 5, 2024

Hotel(s) offering your special group rate:

- **Fairfield Inn & Suites Baltimore BWI Airport for \$129 USD per night**

Book your group rate for DELMARVA-DC CHURCH OF GOD

GIRLS DAY(S) OUT ²⁰²⁴

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JR & TEEN SESSIONS
AGES 4-18

3 DATES
LOCATIONS

1 GLOWING
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MAY 4

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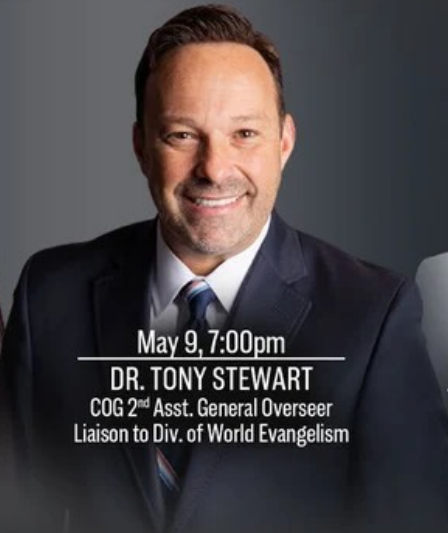


Wednesday-Friday
May 8-10, 2024

“Visionary Impartation for Maximized Impact”



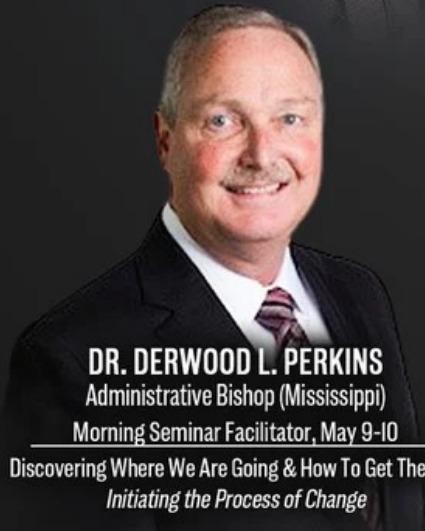
May 8, 7:00pm
DR. R. C. HUGH NELSON
Lead Pastor
Ebenezer Urban Ministries Ctr



May 9, 7:00pm
DR. TONY STEWART
COG 2nd Asst. General Overseer
Liaison to Div. of World Evangelism



CELEBRATION SERVICE
Speaker May 10, 7:00pm
DR. RAE CASTEEL OROZCO
Rae Orozco International Ministries



DR. DERWOOD L. PERKINS
Administrative Bishop (Mississippi)
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Curtis and Charmaine Bridgeman



POTOMAC 2024 Delmarva-DC Summer Retreat



WORTH IT

TEEN RETREAT
JUNE 24-28
AGES 13-17

JUNIOR RETREAT
JULY 1-4
AGES 7-12

Monday



Chris Music
LWC
Baltimore

Tuesday



Aubrey Roach
Charm City Church
Baltimore

Wednesday



Ray Sewell
Experience Gateway
Williamsport MD,

Thursday



Mike McDermott
Life Source Church
Baltimore



Eric Stephens
ICC Frederick

JUNIOR

\$225 by April 1st &
FREE T-shirt
\$235 by May 31st
\$250 by June 14

TEEN \$270 by April 1st & FREE T-shirt
\$285 by May 31st
\$300 by June 14



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NEW LOCATION
POTOMAC PARK & RETREAT CENTER
11 TABERNACLE WAY
FALLING WATERS, WV



Johnathon & Nicole Pope
Regional Directors



DELMARVA-DC CHURCH OF GOD



MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALING 2024 IMPORTANT DATES

STEPS IN CAMS PROCESS

- 1). Please have your pastor contact the credentialing department at the regional office to request an application
- 2). Your Pastor will guide you through the application process and once complete, it should be submitted to the regional office at: Delmarva-DC Regional Office 7127 Long View Road Columbia, MD 21044
- 3). The following items must accompany your application: \$100 check for a background check and CAMS application fee, a twelve-month faithful tithing and attendance record from your local church, two letters of recommendation (one from your pastor and one from your employer)
- 4). Please note that all credentialing candidates are required to have a complete background check conducted by the regional office
- 5). Completed CAMS application packets must be submitted to the Delmarva-DC Regional office no later than **March 25th** to be eligible for the next CAMS semester

STEPS IN TESTING PROCESS

Exhorter

Applicant must have completed CAMS and all required paperwork

Ordained Minister

Applicant must hold Exhorter license, have completed MIP and all required paperwork

Ordained Bishop

Applicant must hold Ordained Minister license, meet age and ministerial requirements, be current with monthly minister's reports for the last six months, and complete all required paperwork

Please email Nicole Pope asap if you are interested in the April new minister interviews or testing or if you would like to check your eligibility.

Nicole.pope@cogdelmarva-dc.org

New Minister Interviews

- April 9th
- November 12th

Testing

- April 11th
- November 14th

Exhorter, Ordained Minister and Ordained Bishop testing

Interview and Testing time slots will be emailed no later than April 1st. To be placed on this interview or testing schedule, **you must email Nicole no later than March 11th**

BREAKING NEWS

-SAVE THE DATE-

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TALENT**

APRIL 27, 2024

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*HERITAGE COMMUNITY CHURCH
8146 QUARTERFIELD RD
SEVERN, MD 21144*

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 10, 2024

9:30 A.M. • INDIANA CONVENTION CENTER, SAGAMORE BALLROOM

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& Kindred Souls*



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