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GETTING CONNECTED

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



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Bent Back Into Shape

Every individual who was ever born was born to bear the image of God. When God said, "Let us make man in our own image", He was speaking of people then, now and every human being in between. So, you and I, along with John Wesley, Billy Graham, Mother Theresa, Adolf Hitler, and Ted Bundy were created for the purpose of bearing the image of God. What happened to some of the people on this list? Answer: They got bent out of shape.

Have you ever heard of Seth Joshua or Evan Roberts? Seth Joshua preached a message and in that message he said, "Lord, bend us ... God, bend us". Evan Roberts was in that service and told of how the Holy Spirit spoke to him and said, "that is what you need". Evan Roberts began crying out to God, "Lord bend me .. Oh Lord, bend me". From that prayer, the great Welsh Revival was birthed and a nation turned their hearts to God.

Recently, I sent the following text to some very dear friends of mine. The text was this: "If you think about it, the CYCLE below happens to many religious groups. The key is avoiding #4. I want to be a #6 kind of man.

CYCLE OF RELEVANCY

Step 1 - God finds a MAN

Step 2 - God performs a MIRACLE

Step 3 - God establishes a MOVEMENT

Step 4 - Movement becomes a MONUMENT

Step 5 - Monument becomes a MAUSOLEUM

Step 6 - God finds a MAN!"

One of the responses that I received in return was in the form of a question: "What does it take to be that kind of man?" That's a very good question and since God has yet to use me to bring revival to an entire nation, I guess I am looking for that answer as well.

I do believe that at the very least, the answer begins with me. Since God "is the same yesterday, today and forever", He is obviously not the problem. So, the problem must lie within me. I must have a heart, a mind and a will to allow God to bend me. To be "bent" is to be "turned", "changed", or "repositioned".

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To be bent back into shape tells us that the shape that we should be in is not the shape we are presently in. Therefore, we need to be put back into our original design. God has many ways of doing that. Scripture speaks of the refiners fire, the cleansing of vessels, grapes being crushed, wine being poured, wheat being sifted, olives being pressed, branches being pruned, gold being refined, and clay being molded. These are all ways God uses to prepare us for His purpose.

Too often, we have the natural tendency to aspire to levels of ministry that exceed our present level of maturity. When this happens, the result is an eventual train wreck. We want more than we are ready for. So, God lovingly begins His most important work and that is the work that He does IN us. Before God can ever do a significant work THROUGH you, He must first do a significant work IN you! We simply cannot ever stop growing, changing, or bending. It's not enough to just be called for ministry. You must also be approved for ministry and God has a special way of approving each of us for His service.

How is your spiritual shape? Do you need to be bent? Are you ready to be bent? I have a suspicion that your family, your ministry and your nation need you to be bent toward God. To paraphrase a much-used term attributed to Hippocrates, "*desperate times call for desperate measures*". Like the children of Samaria who were "besieged" and it caused a great famine in Samaria, we too are under siege. The end result of their "besiegement" was no harvest to draw from. The wine press became empty and the threshing floor became dry. They reverted to self-preservation by eating donkey's heads, doves dung and finally, each other (see 2 Kings 6). As you read the story, isn't it amazing that every time spiritual adults lose focus, children are always the ones to suffer the most?

What will be the end result of Satan's attempted besiegement upon us? If God can bend a man, He can surely bend a church and a nation. As in Wales, it begins with a MAN, through whom God brings about a MIRACLE, which will manifest into a MOVEMENT. Let's allow it to stop there. We no longer have the time for MONUMENTS and MAUSOLEUM.



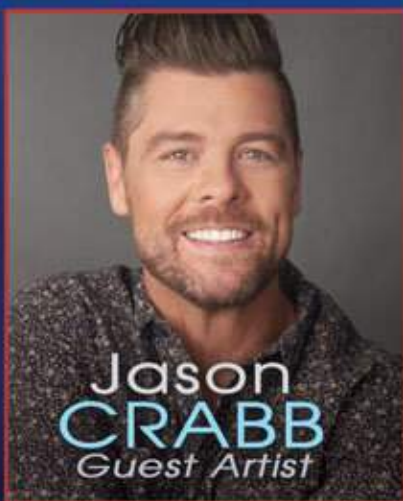
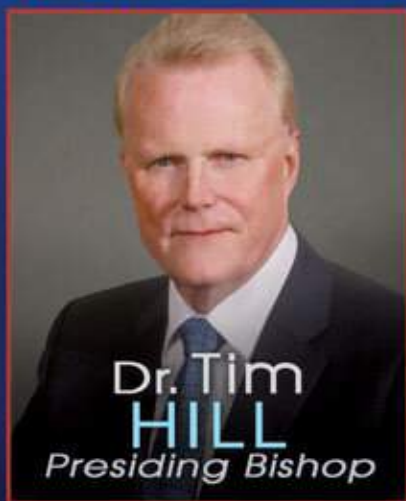
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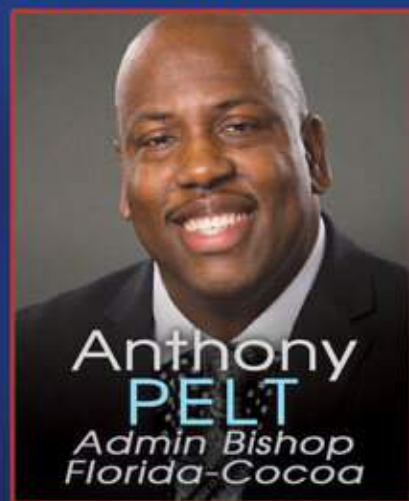
CONFERENCE

OCTOBER 20-22 **Easton Church of God**
1009 N Washington Street, Easton, MD 21601

WED. 7:00pm



THU. & FRI. 7:00pm

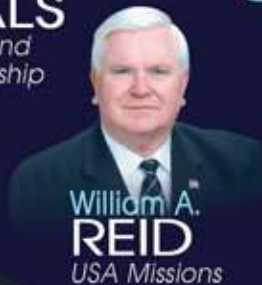


THU. & FRI. 10:00am

Bishop Mitch
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SMOKY MOUNTAIN HOME FOR CHILDREN – (April – May, 2021)

Chester Church of God - \$40.00	Mountain View Ministries - \$50.00
Easton Church of God - \$1,111.00	New Beginnings Church of God - \$250.00
Freedom Church - \$10.00	North East Church of God - \$186.00
Hancock Church of God - \$80.00	Parkway Church of God - \$300.00
Stan & Teresa Holder - \$100.00	Rice Memorial - \$70.00
Jennings Church of God - \$114.52	Rising Sun Church of God - \$25.00
Kent Island - \$80.00	Brett & Heather Seals - \$100.00
Lakeview Fellowship - \$450.00	Victory Praise - \$500.00
Life Community - \$410.00	
Living Hope - \$245.00	
Loch Lynn Church of God - \$100.00	
Milford Church of God - \$25.00	
	TOTAL - \$4,246.52

CITY OF REFUGE, BALTIMORE – (April - May 2021)

C3 Church of God - \$90.00	
Crossroads Church of God - \$100.00	
Stan & Teresa Holder - \$425.00	
Kent Island - \$52.00	
Rick & Jane Lairsey - \$50.00	
Life Community - \$10.00	
Dan & Betty Moore - \$50.00	
Rising Sun Church of God - \$25.00	
	TOTAL - \$802.00

Odenton Church of God gave \$1,000.00 towards the remodeling project at the Iris Vest Widow's Home.

A BIG Shout-Out to the Red Lion Christian Academy in Bear, DE for visiting the Home For Children and taking items for our Chesapeake Cottage.



Press Release

DELMARVA-DC RENOVATES CHILDREN'S HOME COTTAGE

Dr. Walt and Tammie Mauldin announced that in the midst of the ongoing pandemic, a major renovation project has taken place on the campus of the Smoky Mountain Children's Home. Thanks to Bishop Stan Holder and First Lady Dr. Teresa Holder for raising \$125,000 to renovate Cottage 8 which is sponsored by the DelMarVa-DC region. Bishop Stan Holder serves as the Administrative Bishop in the DelMarVa-DC region. Dr. Teresa Holder is a member of the SMCH Board of Directors.

Teresa Holder visited the cottage along with some of her board members and immediately challenged the Women's Ministries of DelMarVa-DC to raise the funds. The cottage's renovations have included expansion of the layout from four to eight bedrooms. Each youth will now have their very own bedroom. Instead of two bathrooms, the residents will enjoy four full bathrooms. Another priority was to replace the existing walls with a concrete based drywall system, as well as install large fire coded windows complete with an updated security system, a totally renovated kitchen, and a commercial washer and dryer. In addition, a new roof was installed, and an interior window was placed in the caregiver's office.

Tammie Mauldin, Public Relations and Development Director, stated, "We were so excited to hear that Teresa Holder and the DelMarVa-DC Women's Ministries had set a generous fundraising goal for their cottage. This is the largest one-time gift by any state in several years! The Holders and her women's team really have a heart for The Home." Tammie and Teresa Holder first talked about the region's desire to do something significant for SMCH when Tammie spoke at their women's conference two years ago, but the region's plans were delayed due to Covid-19. Their fundraising goal has now been reached, and SMCH is so appreciative of this wonderful gesture.

Sevierville residents Ron and Betty Ogle oversaw the renovations and graciously committed to pay for any construction overages. In total, the project costs exceeded \$200,000. What a tremendous blessing the Ogles have been to SMCH!

Dr. Teresa Holder said, "We want to challenge other states to follow our lead. Every cottage on the campus needs to be updated. Our plan should serve as a model for other cottages to follow. We want our children and young people to live in a place that is just as nice as the home in which many of us live." She alluded to the fact that any state can participate. To be involved, it is not necessary for a particular state or region to be officially recognized as a "cottage sponsor." The future goal is for every cottage on the SMCH campus to be remodeled in the coming months, so SMCH welcomes everyone to join our fundraising efforts.

2021 EMPOWERED WOMEN'S CONFERENCE – September 16 – 18, 2021

Put these dates on your Calendar!!!

September 16, 2021 – Lifeway Church of God, Bridgeville, DE

September 17, 2021 – Gateway Church of God, Williamsport, MD

September 18, 2021 – Life Source Church of God, Baltimore, MD

*** Please see Flyer for more details***

2021 DELMARVA-DC

Empowered.

Women's CONFERENCE



Rhonda Holland

September 16, 2021
Lifeway Church of God
Bridgeville, DE

September 17, 2021
Gateway Church of God
Williamsport, MD



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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DELMARVA-DC Youth & Discipleship Department

Bishop Brett & Heather Seals
Regional Youth & Discipleship Directors



INTERNATIONAL TEEN TALENT

virtual

August 2 - 6, 2021

09.25.21
CONFERENCE

GO CHURCH
SOUTH METRO CAMPUS
3935 GA-34
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TOGETHER

FEATURING
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TUESDAY LIVE NIGHT

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The First Tuesday of each month @7PM

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

zoom

YWEA

2021

PIERCING THE DARKNESS
WITH THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL

REBUILDING

GREEN TURTLE CAY

WITH THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL

Camp Fest

2021

EASTON COG
6.26.21 | 10am-4pm

FREEDOM COG
7.10.21 | 10am-4pm



Josh Robinson
Senior Camp Speaker



Sebastian Tirado
Senior Camp Speaker



Margie Bienkowski
Junior Camp Speaker



Eric Stephens
Junior Camp Speaker

\$20 per person
Live Band • Lunch • Activities
Give-a-ways



43" 4K UHD Smart TV
Nintendo Switch



Apple Airpod Pros

\$100 CASH



THIS IS AN OUTDOOR EVENT AND WE WILL BE PRACTICING SOCIAL DISTANCING



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AUGUST 20-22, 2021

MEN & BOYS RETREAT

Eastern Shore Campgrounds



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World Missions

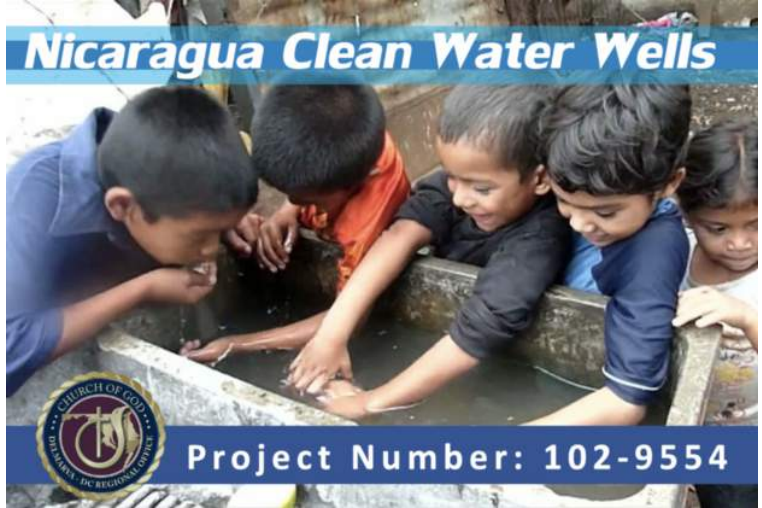
City of Refuge Baltimore



BRINGING HOPE TO LIFE

Project Number: #102-9572

Nicaragua Clean Water Wells



Project Number: 102-9554

Congratulations TO THE **MIP** GRADUATES

DeIMarVa-DC MIP GRADUATES

Jacob Chilcoat
Jagruthi Chilcoat
Jessica Cooper
Alphonso Gerald
Patrice Haskins
Bernard Jones
Justin Searls
Frances Thomas
Joseph Wadell
Merida Wadell



Dr. Aaron
JONES
Regional MIP
Coordinator



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May, 2021

Greetings;

I trust this letter finds you being blessed. I would appreciate you giving me a moment of your time to share with you something that is very close to my heart. For the past 29 years my wife, Betty and I have tried to make our retired ministers, their wives and widows lives more comfortable. We truly appreciate their great sacrifices through out their years of ministry and believe they deserve to live better lives, now. Many of you are now pastoring churches that were made possible, because of them.

Now that many of them are getting older and are unable to do the many things they were once accustomed of doing for others, they need now others to do for them. I am asking, if possible, for you to join us in a program we are calling ` Helping Hands" I am NOT ASKING for any financial donations from you or your church. However, you can help in other ways.

Some of our retiree's are getting older and are unable to keep up their homes with needed repairs. "Helping Hands" will be designed to have a network of volunteers from different areas of our region, who are willing to give of their time and giftedness to one of our retiree's.

YOU CAN HELP: If you know of someone in you congregation who would be willing to volunteer some of their time to help one of our retiree's, it would be greatly appreciated. All we ask is for their "time" and "Giftedness."

You will find enclosed a brochure explaining the program more fully.

Thank you for you love for Christ and our retiree's. I pray you have a blessed day.

Harold R. Bowman

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