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

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Revival Fires

Revival fires are burning across the land. Our sons and daughters are experiencing it across various campuses around the nation. I love the fact that the Holy Spirit has chosen our sons and daughters as the catalyst to ignite this movement. My prayer is that it is the awakening that we have all prayed for and need in our world. I do not know if this prayer movement is what precipitates a "last days" outpouring, but I pray that it is.

Zechariah (see 12:9 & 10) tells us of a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit that will take place in the last days. A similar outpouring is described in Joel 2:28 & 29. Joel describes what happened on the day of Pentecost. The Holy Ghost came in like a flood in the Upper Room in Jerusalem. Even servants and housemaids were gifted with prophetic utterances. Yet this great outpouring also became a steady watering of the Holy Spirit that has lasted throughout the centuries. For over 2,000 years, God has poured out His Spirit like showers on His people, daily watering His church and protecting it. Isaiah speaks of the church as, "*a vineyard of red wine! I, the LORD, keep it, I water it every moment; Lest any hurt it, I keep it night and day*" (Isaiah 27:2-3).

There is much in God's Word about two outpourings. The two outpourings of the Spirit are referred to as the first (*former*) rain and the last (*latter*) rain (see Deuteronomy 11:13 & 14).

The planting and harvest seasons in Israel were different times of the year from ours. The first rains begin in October, peaking in December through February, just before planting season. These rains softened the ground. The April and May rains ripened the harvest. Notice that these two outpourings always had to do with the harvest: "... *that you may gather in your grain, your new wine, and your oil ...*" (v. 14).

If you want to judge any move of the Holy Spirit, use this criterion: God uses revival to reestablish the priorities of His church. God does something transforming IN us so that He can do something transforming THROUGH us. The Spirit's work is always focused on the harvest of souls. It doesn't matter what kind of manifestations you see in any revival. It is not what the Bride of Christ is looking for unless it is focused on the harvest. Holy Ghost rain always falls to produce an ingathering of souls.

God poured out His Spirit in the former rain at Pentecost, to prepare the ground. This outpouring softened the ground for the gospel seed to be sown. Spirit-filled Sowers were sent out from the Upper Room that day into all the world; Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the uttermost parts of the earth, to make disciples of Jesus Christ. The church has now seen over 2,000 years of sowing and growing. But Zechariah prophesies a final harvest. This is the reason Jesus has not yet come. The Lord is patiently waiting for His final, mighty harvest of the earth; "Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain." (James 5:7).

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If this revival is truly of the Holy Spirit, it will lead us to a hunger and inclination to reach a lost and dying world. Jesus tied the harvest to lost souls when He said, "Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." (Matthew 9:38).

There are two qualifications prophesied about this last outpouring. The Bible says the Holy Ghost will be poured out as "...the spirit of grace and of supplications..." (Zechariah 12:10). Whenever the Spirit falls, these two things are always evident: (1) a spirit of grace, and (2) a spirit of supplication.

The book of Titus tells us that grace is given to us as power over sin, to enable us to live sober, holy lives: "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ ..." (2:11-13).

The word supplication is never used in the Bible except to denote a cry or prayer that is vocalized. In other words, it is not private or merely a meditation. Supplication has to do with the voice. The Hebrew word for "supplication" signifies "an olive branch wrapped with wool, or some kind of cloth, waved by a supplicant seeking peace or surrender." These were called "branches of supplication". Simply put, they were flags of surrender. They signified a cry of total, unconditional surrender.

Daniel's prayer demonstrates what supplication is all about (see Daniel 9:17 & 18). In this passage we discover a cry of surrender and absolute helplessness. Daniel was saying, "Oh God, we've sinned against You, and we can't do anything about it! We're helpless, hopeless. We've rejected You and hurt You. And now we appeal to Your mercy. We surrender. We give it all over to You. Hear our supplication!"

If you have any biblical acumen at all, you must be appalled at the moral condition of our world, and yes, even the condition of the church. A very popular social meme is going around that says, "if Paul were alive today, the church would be getting a letter". There seems to be a lot of truth about that statement. Space won't allow me to write in this article all the things that I find appalling, however, you get the drift. We are desperate, and in many cases, ready to throw up our "branches of surrender" and say, "God, I've had enough. I don't know what to do. Please come save us!"

When the Holy Ghost pours out a spirit of supplication, we will see praying such as the world has never known. Perhaps this is what we are seeing now. Even so, Lord!

This last outpouring is going to bring God's people to their knees. What greater gift could God give His church just before He comes than a powerful, convicting message against sin? What greater gift could He give to His ministers than to convict us of our unholy thoughts and ways? May God bring such piercing conviction that we will not be able to tolerate any unholy or unclean thing in us.

*Bishop Stan Holder
Administrative Bishop*

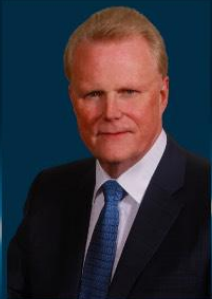


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AWAKEN 2023

".. we shall reap .."
Galatians 6:9



Dr. Tim Hill

May 24 || 7pm



Pastor Tolan Morgan

May 25 || 7pm



Pastor Larry Stockstill

May 26 || 9AM - 3PM



Pastor Michael McDermott

May 26 || 9AM - 3PM



Pastor Joe Dobbins

May 26 || 9AM - 3PM



Dr. Tony Stewart

May 26 || 7PM



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Worship at All Events



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Diaper Drive

Bring your donations of Diapers to Awaken to support social impact at



CITY OF REFUGE
BALTIMORE

May 24 - 26, 2023

**Life Source International Church
7000 Rossville Blvd
Rosedale, MD 21237**



Delmarva-DC Women's Ministries

Teresa Holder, Director



2023 "EMPOWERED" Delmarva-DC Women's Conference

THEMED BASKETS

Each church attending the 2023 "EMPOWERED" Women's Conference is asked to create some sort of **THEMED BASKET**. Some examples of baskets are:

- **READING BASKET** (Includes Nook, blanket, pillow, etc.)
- **COFFEE BASKET** (Includes Coffee maker, cups, coffees, etc.)
- **CRAFT BASKET** (Includes items from any particular craft)
- **GRANDMA'S BASKET** (Cozy blanket, stuffed animals, children's books, etc.)
- **COOKING BASKET** (Pots, pans, utensils, recipes, etc.)
- **OLIVE GARDEN RESTAURANT BASKET** (Gift card, recipes, olive garden dressing, pasta bowls, etc.)
- **GARDENING BASKET** (flower seeds, gardening tools, flower pots, gloves, etc.)
- **SPA BASKET** (Gift card for massage, pedicure and manicure, spa lotions and oils, towels, beauty mask, bath brush, hot oil hair treatment, nail buffer, bath salts, bath or shower gel, lip balm, etc.)

Feel free to use your own creativity in making an attractive basket that others will want. (Google "Themed Baskets" to see examples online.) Whatever theme you decide to use, please ensure that your basket is valuable!

The themed baskets will serve as our door prizes. Every woman who registers for the conference will have an opportunity to win one of the themed baskets. These names will be drawn on Saturday morning.

For each \$1.00 donation, a conference participant will be given a ticket to put in a jar sitting in front of each basket. She may place several tickets in one jar for a chance to win that basket, or she may wish to place tickets in several different jars. These \$1.00 donations will go towards our Women's Ministries mission projects. We should be able to raise a lot of money and have loads of fun at the same time. Encourage your ladies to bring extra money to make donations!

****PLEASE type a list of what your basket contains and display it with your basket so that everyone may easily see what is in the basket.****

Thanks for your help in this exciting endeavor.



DELMARVA - DC
WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

MARCH 24-25
2023

EMPOWERED

<p>TERESA HOLDER WOMEN'S DIRECTOR</p> <p>NICOLE POPE GIRLS COORDINATOR</p>		
	<p>JAMIE MASSEY FRI @ 7PM SAT @ 11:30AM</p> <p>ROXANNE CORBETT SAT @ 10AM</p>	
		<p>CURTIS & CHARMAINE BRIDGEMAN MUSICAL GUESTS</p>

\$30

**LIFE SOURCE CHURCH
BALTIMORE, MD**

**"I CAN DO ALL THINGS THROUGH HIM WHO
STRENGTHENS & EMPOWERS ME" PHILIPPIANS 4:13**

Delmarva-DC COG Girls Ministries presents

Live Worship Band
Group Competitions
Make & Take Activities
Lunch Included
Worship
Giveaways

TEEN ACTIVITIES:
Bible Journaling
Charcuterie Board Session
(make your own)

Teen Session Speakers



Angela Coburn

Capitol Church



Aubrey Roach

Charm City Church

Praise Dance



Kam & Avery Carter

Life Source Church

Let's LIVE OUT LOUD for JESUS!

2023 Girls Day Out

APRIL 29TH @C3 CHURCH PASADENA, MD
& MAY 6TH @EASTON COG EASTON, MD
9:00a.m. - 3:00p.m. @both locations

2 EVENTS LOCATIONS AGE GROUPS



AGES 4-12 Activities & Sessions
AGES 13-19 Activities & Sessions

Register online at www.cogdelmarvadc.com

Only \$20 per person
Early bird registration = April 3rd
After April 3rd/Walk on registration \$30

Nicole Pope
Delmarva-DC
Girls Ministries Coord.
Girls Session
Speaker



2023 DELMARVA-DC YOUTH CAMP

Summer

Teen Camp
July 9-12th



Junior Camp
July 12-15th



Phillip Walker
TEEN CAMP



Lynn Swank
KIDS CAMP

@Summit Lake Campground

DELMARVA-DC TEEN TALENT ● 2023



SATURDAY, APRIL 22
8:30 CHECK IN
9:00 COMPETITION BEGINS

REGISTRATION DEADLINE
APRIL 10TH



Teen Talent exists for TEENS to compete and develop their talents in the areas of:
Art, Bible, Creative Writing, Drama,
Multi-Media, & Music.
Discover, Develop & Dedicate Talent

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8146 QUARTERFIELD RD
SEVERN, MD 21144

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**APRIL
25-27**

SPECIAL FEATURES INCLUDE:

**SPIRIT CARE BANQUET
MINISTRY TO THE MILITARY BREAKFAST
SENIOR ADULT TALENT SHOWCASE
AND MUCH MORE**

a smoky mountain

GATHERING



2023

**11th Hour // Tim Lovelace // Angie Primm // The Browder's
Southbound // Tim Hill // Tommy Bates // Voices of Lee**

**Gatlinburg Convention Center // Early Bird Registration: \$70.00 until September 1, 2022
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