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May - June 2024

#### **Preparation For His Presence**

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It is Awaken Camp Meeting time in Delmarva-DC. As we make final preparations to welcome you to Heritage Community Church, my prayer life is starting to focus on the spiritual impact. Most of my time is focused on the planning and organization of this event. But, I am making a concentrated effort to move beyond that and cry out to heaven for a visitation from the King of Kings. The only thing that will make our lives count for anything lasting and significant is inviting Christ's presence into our lives.

David understood this. Seven years prior to 2 Samuel 6, David was anointed king of Israel. His path to the throne was certainly unconventional. King Saul was so threatened by David, he spent much of his time hunting him down to kill him. Finally, after Saul's death, David was anointed King. But then Ish-Bosheth, one of Saul's sons, moved into the palace uninvited, surrounded it with a militia, and took the throne by force. Imagine Davids frustration. He was planning for his inauguration day, only to have it spoiled time and time again.

That's what makes David's entrance so special. This is his long-awaited royal coronation day, and it was jaw-dropping, especially to his wife (see *Samuel 6:16*). His planning involved entering Jerusalem with an entire army marching and singing a song David himself composed for the occasion. The lyrics are found in Psalm 24. He composed it specifically for the relocation of the Ark from Obed Edom's house.

"Lift up your heads, you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty, he is the King of glory."

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Music Committee Curtis Bridgeman, Chairman David chose as his first act as King, to bring back the Glory to God's House by being a worshipper. Kingly leadership was his position, but worshipping the King was his passion. Don't ever forget that this is the reason he was chosen by the Prophet Samuel in the first place. While his father and brothers felt that David's older siblings were first in line to be King, God chose a worshipper to put at the head of the line.

To further clarify this point, notice what David adorned himself with. He chose a linen ephod over a royal robe and a crown. An ephod is a priestly garment. It is not the dignified outer robe of a King. An ephod is the undergarment of a priest. David was symbolically saying, "I am not a King who is coming to sit on a throne; I'm a worshipper coming to lead you back into the presence of God."

He then arranges a tent to house the Ark. This was something similar to the Tabernacle of Moses. Nothing fancy, just a tent where anyone and everyone could come. It was an unimpressive, makeshift, shelter to house the Ark.

David went into the palace, sat down with his board of advisers, and laid out the plan. David hired 288 worship leaders, prophets, and elders to pray and worship in that tent, presumably twenty-four hours a day. He was a King leading a military during an era of tribal warfare, and he just spent the entire budget on prayer.

This is a great way for you and me to enter Awaken Camp Meeting. Just like King David who entered with a song of praise, we too must come with praise on our lips and singing in our hearts.

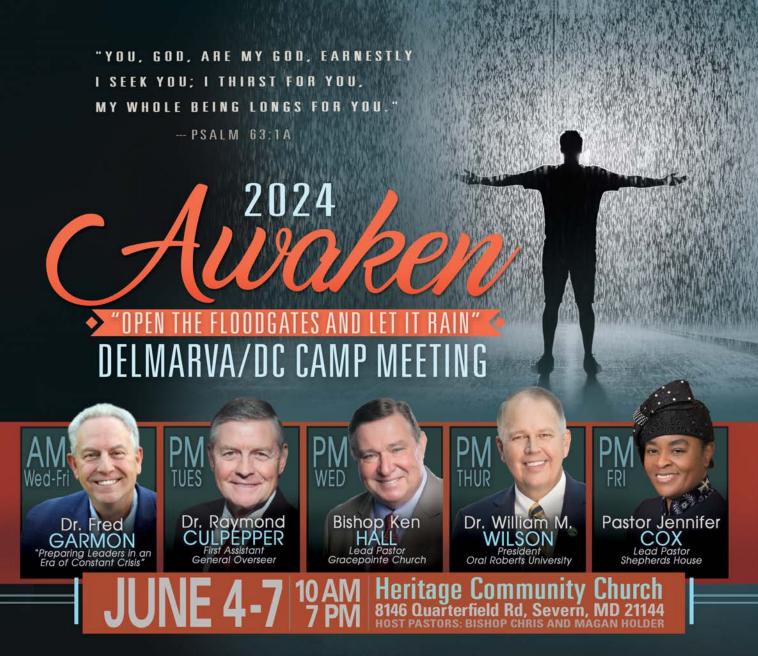
As we enter Awaken, my prayer for us is that God may increase our capacity to comprehend His unlimited ability. This meeting is annually planned for you. Take advantage of it. Come expecting to receive. Put on your garment of praise like David did. Make the effort. Prepare your heart. Come and dine at the Master's table. Make preparation for His presence!

#### **Bishop Stan Holder**

"Our pressing need most often drives us to our knees in prayer; but it is our relationship with the Master that keeps us there." Unknown



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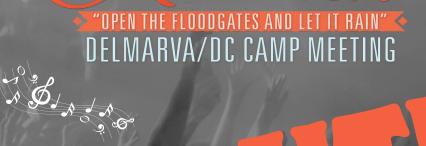
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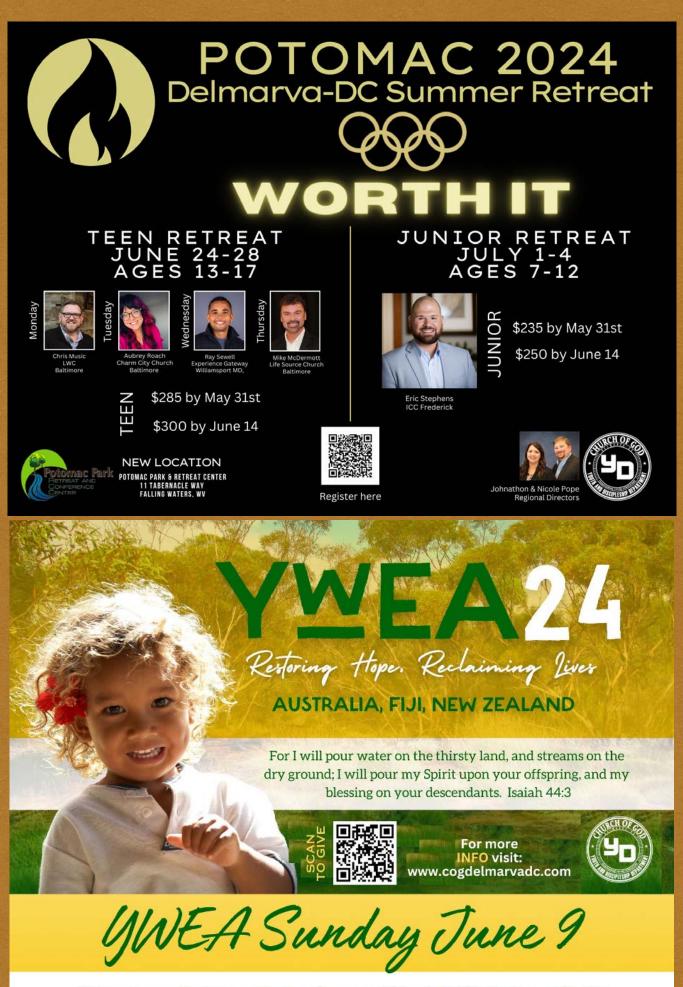
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