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GETTING CONNECTED



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

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What *IF*?

A few days ago, Bishop Doug Small met with us via Zoom to discuss the prayer movement in America and around the world. During his time with us, we were challenged and reminded again of the priority of prayer. As he was speaking, I was reminded of this quote from humorist Steve Wright, "I'm having amnesia and Deja vu at the same time... I think I've forgotten this before."

Scripture tells us that "Herod feared John, knowing that he was a just and holy man" (Mark 6:20). Church history records the Reformation cry of John Knox, "give me Scotland or I die." Further, Queen Mary of Scotland is quoted saying, "I fear the prayers of John Knox more than all the assembled armies of Europe."

What IF we changed the name John Knox to your name or mine? What IF we changed the geography from Scotland to America? What IF the President feared our prayers like Queen Mary feared the prayers of John Knox? What IF we obeyed the words of 2 Chronicles 7:14, "IF my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land?"

What made a man like John Knox so powerful? An even better question, what makes our prayers powerful and effective? A clue is found in Mark 6:20 ... holiness! Herod feared John because "he was a just and holy man." As I study holiness, I quickly observe that holiness has everything to do with proximity to the throne of God. The seraphim are called "holy ones," not because of who they are, but because of where they are. Holiness can only come from the Holy One. Holiness is a life lived before the throne of God. Holiness is to prayer what uranium is to a nuclear weapon. When holy people pray, explosive things happen. It's no wonder then why James 5:16 says, "the effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

One of the most powerful examples of the word deisis is found in James 5:16. Here, the word deisis is translated as "fervent prayer." Deisis is a passionate, earnest, heartfelt, sincere prayer. It comes to God on the most serious terms, strongly beseeching Him to move and to meet a specific need that the intercessor is facing in his or her life.

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Paul reminds us, "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God", Philippians 4:6. Herein lies five keys to moving from fear to faith, turmoil to peace, and defeat to victory. Those keys are prayer, supplication, thanksgiving, request, and known.

1. Prayer, "proseuche" – Come face to face with God in prayer
2. Supplication, "deisis" – Pleading for a need to be met, to passionately cry out
3. Thanksgiving, "eucharistia" – An outpouring of grace and wonderful feelings that flow from the heart in response to someone or something
4. Request, "aitima" – Be adamant in requesting assistance to meet tangible needs such as food, shelter, money, etc. when speaking to a superior with respect and honor
5. Known, "gnoridzo" – to make a thing known; to declare something; to broadcast something, or to make something very evident

An effectual prayer contains all these elements, not just #4. John was "just and holy." Let that be said of us IF we pray. My prayer for us is that we cleanse our hearts and our hands and pray a prayer that will shake both heaven and earth. In the meanwhile, our prayers, like John Knox, will cause hell itself to tremble.

Anytime you see the word IF, it means that there are possibilities. The word IF is conditional and should IF be activated, it will require action on our part. IF you read this column, and IF you believe the words written in it, and IF you put effective prayer into action, God will answer and He will heal our land, our hearts, and our homes.

Bishop Stan Holder
Administrative Bishop

AWAKEN CONFERENCE
THE CHURCH ON MISSION

May 11-13, 2022

Life Source International Church
7000 Rossville Blvd. Baltimore, MD

7 PM Nightly
9AM - 3PM Friday Only
7PM Friday Service

PASTOR SAMUEL RODRIGUEZ
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Delmarva-DC Intercultural Advisory Committee

We thank God for a wonderful service, Sunday, May 1st, as we gathered for our Intercultural Awareness Celebration service. We celebrated and honored pioneers of the faith that have made incredible and lasting ministry impact in our region. It was a tremendous blessing to sponsor this inaugural event.

The following are this year's honorees:

- Bishop Mariano Gabor***
- Bishop José Torres***
- Bishop Jeremias Noguera***
- Pastor Brenda Anderson***
- Pastor Enus Gordon (posthumous)***
- Dr. Oliver Subryan***
- Clarence Street COG - Pastor Dr. Carlton Cannon Jr.***
- Blessed Hope COG - Pastor Mariano Gabor***
- The Lighthouse COG - Pastor Calvin Abbott***



Special thanks to our leadership: Bishop Stan & Dr. Teresa Holder, Bishop Doyle Scott for a timely word, Dr. Aaron & Dr. Sharon Jones, and the entire New Hope team for hosting this inaugural event. Thank you to the Intercultural Advancement Ministry Committee: Dr. Aaron Jones, Bishop James Izzard Jr, Dr. Stanley Murray, Dr. Darrell Morris, Pastor LaJuana Caldwell, Bishop Chris Music, Dr. Ricardo Cachedon, Pastor Jennifer Porter-Cox, Bishop José Torres, and Bishop Mariano Gabor. We also want to thank our behind-the-scenes help: Bishop Brett Seals, Bishop William Reid, Andrea Veliz, Katie Santos, and Pastors Dexter & Angela Coburn.





Thank you so much for your faithful giving during January and February.

SMOKY MOUNTAIN HOME FOR CHILDREN – (March – April 2022)

Charm City Church of God
 Chesapeake Christian Center
 Chester Church of God
 Christian Fellowship Church of God
 Crossroads Church of God
 Easton Church of God
 Stan & Teresa Holder
 Jennings Church of God
 Kent Island Church of God
 Life Builders Church of God

Life Community Church of God
 Lifeway Church of God
 Living Hope Church of God (Laurel)
 Living Hope Church of God (Phoenix)
 Loch Lynn Church of God
 Milford Church of God
 Mt. Pleasant Church of God
 North East Church of God
 The Light House
 Walker Memorial

TOTAL - \$1579.13

CITY OF REFUGE, BALTIMORE – (March – April 2022)

Stan & Teresa Holder
 Kent Island Church of God
 Rick & Jane Lairsey
 Life Community Church of God

TOTAL - \$215.00

****Please send all monies through the regional office. We are asking that you not send any monies for these projects through your Treasurer Report. This is imperative in order for us to have accurate records and to ensure that all monies go to our projects. *****

2022
EMPOWERED
 DELMARVA-DC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Join us FB LIVE for the next five months at 8:00pm to
Empower The Soul

RAE OROZCO FEBRUARY 17	PASTOR LULA HARRISON MARCH 17	ANGELA COBURN APRIL 21	PASTOR JENNIFER COX MAY 19	CYNTHIA ACKERMAN JUNE 16



2022 “EMPOWERED” Delmarva-DC Women

Bring Your Baskets to Our Awaken Conference May 11 – 13, 2022

THEMED BASKETS

Each church attending the May Awaken 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!

For each \$1.00 donation, a 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 City of Refuge, Baltimore. 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 Youth & Discipleship Department

Bishop Brett & Heather Seals
Regional Youth & Discipleship Directors



We thank God for a remarkable day of Junior Talent in Delmarva-DC! Our students did amazing work from start to finish. We are beyond proud of each and every one of them. A special thanks to the Easton Church of God and Pastor Keith Maxwell for their hospitality in hosting. To our incredible team... Angie Sharpe, Mike Ferrante, James Shreve, Josh Robinson, Scott Matthews, Josh Maxwell, Cary Sharpe, Jon Seals, Heather Seals, Renia Edouard, Jonathan Sweeney, Sierra Sweeney, and the entire Easton team... we could not have done it without you. To Bishop Stan Holder and Teresa Holder, your leadership and support keep propelling us all forward. And to all the leaders, parents, and students... thank you for your time, commitment, and investment into all God is doing in our region. Looking forward to seeing all our winners at the International Junior Talent competition in San Antonio this summer!



DELMARVA-DC CHURCH OF GOD

Junior Talent

2022 LIST OF WINNERS

<p>ART DIVISION</p> <p>Coloring 1st Bryan Pitts – Fuentes de Vida (FDV) 2nd Ethan Nieves - FDV 3rd Aniyah Mason - Parkway</p> <p>Drawing 1st Anna Seals - Laurel Living Hope 2nd August Johnson - FDV 3rd Emma Martinez - Easton</p> <p>Photography 1st Zion Rose Harrell - FDV</p> <p>CREATIVE WRITING DIVISION</p> <p>Poetry (10-12) 1st Kathleen Ariana Curiel - FDV</p> <p>Short Story (7-9) 1st Madelyn Burroughs - Life Source 2nd Caleb Maxwell - Easton</p>	<p>DRAMA DIVISION</p> <p>Solo Praise Dance 1st Naomi Blair – Crossfire Worship Center</p> <p>Solo Human Video 1st Jesiah Curiel - FDV</p> <p>MUSIC DIVISION</p> <p>Percussion Indefinite 1st Duane Pitts - FDV</p> <p>Male Vocal Solo 1st Jireh Lambert - Chesapeake Christian Center</p> <p>Female Vocal Solo 1st Emma Martinez - Easton 2nd Claire Seals - Laurel Living Hope 3rd McKenzie Barthman - Walker Memorial</p> <p>BIBLE DIVISION</p> <p>Bible Quiz Individual 1st Bryan Pitts - FDV</p>
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Delmarva-DC Youth Camp 2022 July 11-15



Brian Yaun
Senior Camp Speaker



Amanda Hale
Junior Camp Speaker



YWEA 2022

LAND OF THE RISING SUN

The sun of righteousness will arise with healing in His wings
Malachi 4:2

YWEA SUNDAY

May 22, 2022

TUESDAY NIGHT LIVE

community | resources | encouragement

The First Tuesday of Each Month

DELMARVA-DC YOUTH & DISCIPLESHIP



DELMARVA-DC CHURCH OF GOD
YOUTH & DISCIPLESHIP DEPARTMENT

Youth Leaders | Children's Leaders | Aspiring Leaders



World Missions

Nicaragua Clean Water Wells

Project Number: 102-9554

City of Refuge Baltimore

BRINGING HOPE TO LIFE
Project Number: #102-9572