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

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Crackpots

According to the dictionary, a crackpot is “an eccentric or foolish person; one whose head is full of abnormal ideas”. We are living in very trying times. Just today, I read about all the new gender options. I wonder if God has been notified of these new gender identities ... male, female, transgender, gender-neutral, non-binary, a-gender, pan-gender, genderqueer, two-spirit, third gender, all, none, and any combination of these? I read in Genesis 1:27 - “So God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.” What I do not read in Genesis is that God also created “... transgender, gender-neutral, non-binary, a-gender, pan-gender, genderqueer, two-spirit, third gender, all, none and any combination of these.” These are not creations. They are inventions. Anything outside of male and female is an invention of sinful man to justify his sinful desires.

The need to be declared “not guilty” doesn't stop just because man rejects God. No, they take it further, and in doing so, they expose the real problem. “And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind ... being filled with all unrighteousness ... wickedness ...” (see Romans 1:28-29). Every crackpot that I meet or read about, reminds me more every day that this world is not my home.

But this is not just society's problem. Jeremiah says in chapter 2:13; “My people have committed two evils: They have forsaken Me, the fountain of living waters, and hewn themselves cisterns — broken cisterns that can hold no water.” Whose people? God said, “My people...”. In other words, God's people forsook the fountain of living water in exchange for cracked pots that can't hold any water.

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Did you know that one of the most frustrated groups in America are ministerial families? Many of them are so frustrated, they don't even have the words to explain why they are frustrated. If you are not careful, disillusionment will creep into your life. You begin to wonder if anything will work. You second guess everything. Then you become a skeptic, and skepticism will lead you into cynicism. Frustration leads to disillusionment, which leads to skepticism, which leads to cynicism. Where there is no hope in the future, there is no power in the present. If there is no hope of success, then why bother?

Remember Zerubbabel? The people came back to build the Temple. They laid the foundation, and then a crackpot King made them stop the work. The foundation was untouched for another 15 years. They came back to Jerusalem to build the Temple, but they lost the vision because a crackpot stopped them. When they lost their vision, they lost their function. Haggai the Prophet said, "Is this a time for you to dwell in sealed houses, paneled homes, while God's house lies in ruins?" Instead of building the House of God, they were now building their own houses. They were now using their energy and resources on building luxurious homes for themselves. A generation raised to serve THEE (God), had now started serving ME (man).

We live in a "selfie" world. The new mantra for today is "it's all about me." Anthropologist Paul Hiebert sees a new "dominant religion in the West" in which "self has become god and self-fulfillment our salvation." John Calvin famously described the human heart as an idol-making factory. Research done by David Kinnaman and Gabe Lyons state:

- 84% of Americans believe "enjoying yourself is the highest goal of life."
- 86% believe that to enjoy yourself you must "pursue the things you desire most."
- 91% affirm the statement "To find yourself, look within yourself."

Here is the scary part. All of this makes you vulnerable and open prey to the devil. Pastor, leader, layperson, we were never designed to bear the God-sized weight of creating and sustaining our own identities. Our identity is in Christ. When we turn to other options, the predator waits just outside the fire line. He waits for the fire to die. As soon as it does, the predator moves to plunder. Therefore, we need the "fountain of living water", verses "hewing cisterns for ourselves" that hold nothing. Our feeble efforts will always turn into cracked pots which eventually are left empty. Only a crackpot would put trust in a cracked pot!

As fathers and mothers, we must keep the spiritual fire burning in our family. As Pastors and Evangelists, we must keep the fire burning in our pulpits. And as Bishops, we must lead in a way to keep the fire burning in our states and regions. We begin by repenting, renewing, and reengaging with God. To be an effective minister of Christ, prayer rooms must always precede platforms. There is no other option. We will either be broken before God, or our cisterns will be broken before man.

Bishop Stan Holder
Administrative Bishop

Viers Mill Church of God Closes After 57 Years of Ministry

Viers Mill Church of God celebrated its final service on September 26, 2021. It was a difficult decision to close the doors after 57 years. But, for more than two decades Viers Mill Village, where the church is located, has been changing. The neighborhood is over 90 percent Hispanic; many of whom do not speak English. As the congregation aged and young adults left, what was once a thriving faith community dwindled with only 12 new people joining in 4 years. Remodeling the church, adding a sign, a web page, and extensive outreach including a movie theater advertisement did not create the growth we had hoped for.

Acting on the prompting of the Holy Spirit, we endeavored to move our congregation into a more diverse and accessible neighborhood where growth would be possible. God sovereignly led me to a property just 6 miles from Viers Mill where another congregation had already completed the plans, architectural drawing, and permits in a prime location. We believed this project was within reach through the sale of our properties and opening a Daycare simultaneously. We knew we would need a financial miracle and a team that could fill in service and ministry gaps that we could not fill without help to make our vision possible, but our vision was not meant to be at this time.



Nevertheless, we leave behind a legacy. We have served as a witness to God's presence for 57 years. We have been a place of worship, refuge, and comfort for God's people. We saw the miraculous with many being healed in our midst and answered prayer for family members and friends. We experienced God's presence in our worship.

Viers Mill has served generations in this community and has a greater reach beyond the village through our contributions to World and Home missions. This past year alone, Viers Mill Church's Food Drive supported over 120 families for Thanksgiving. We donated toys and contributed to The Little Angels of the Broken Wings Orphanage in Haiti, Kids Konnection, DC, The City of Refuge, The Smoky Mountain Children's Home, and YWEA projects.



As Pastor, I am proud to say that we are closing financially secure, and we are leaving behind improved facilities for continued ministry and service.

What lies ahead remains unknown. Jesus said, *"unless a kernel of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains a single kernel; but if it dies it produces a great harvest."* We have sown a lot of seed and we are confident that something bigger and with greater impact will emerge from us releasing Viers Mill Church of God into God's hands. Pray for us!

While our English-speaking congregation will move on to other churches, Hispanic and Indonesian ministries continue at Viers Mill.

The Church of God Delmarva-DC Regional Council *is* seeking a Hispanic Pastor with a passion for the lost to plant a Church of God in this community. There remains a rich harvest field and prime opportunity to have a thriving ministry to Hispanics at this location. Please contact Bishop Stan Holder for details.

Pastor LaJuana Caldwell



**Delmarva-DC
Women's
Ministries**

Teresa Holder, Director



SMOKY MOUNTAIN HOME FOR CHILDREN – (August - October, 2021)

Capitol Church of God
Chesapeake Christian Center
Chester Church of God
Christian Fellowship Church
East Baltimore Church of God
Easton Church of God
First Haitian Church of God
Freedom Church
Hancock Church of God
Heritage Community Church
Stan & Teresa Holder
Jennings Church of God
Jerusalem Church of God
Kent Island
Life Builders Church of God

Life Community Church of God
Life Source Church
Lifeway Church of God
Light House Church of God
Living Hope Church
Living Hope Ministries
Loch Lynn Church of God
Milford Church of God
Mountain View Ministries
Mt. Pleasant Church of God
New Beginnings Church of God
North East Church of God
Rising Sun Church of God
Rockville Church of God
Stein Highway Church of God
Walker Memorial

TOTAL - \$20,175.70

CITY OF REFUGE, BALTIMORE – (August – October, 2021)

Tawanna Anderson
Awakening Offering
Chesapeake Christian Center
Stan & Teresa Holder
Billy & Sarah Humphrey
Mike Jarobe
Kent Island Church of God
Rick & Jane Lairsey
Life Community Church of God
Allan & Jeraldine Leonard
Virginia Avenue Church of God

TOTAL - \$4,314.71

2022 EMPOWERED WOMEN'S CONFERENCE – March 18-19, 2022

Location – Life Source Church, Baltimore, MD

*****Promotional Flyer coming SOON!*****



2021 Smoky Mountain Children's Home Christmas Wish List

BOYS:

DEL 1:

Shirt Size: Men's Large

Pant Size: 32/32

Shoe Size: Men's 11

Favorite Color: Purple

- Mp3 Player
- Wireless Headphones
- \$25 Rue 21 Gift Card
- Basketball
- Nike Slides (Shoes)
(Black)

DEL 2:

Shirt Size: Men's Large

Pant Size: Medium

Shoe Size: Men's 11

Favorite Color: Red

- Mp3 Player
- Wireless Headphones
- Variety of Candy
- \$25 Sonic Gift Card
- Nike Tennis Shoes (Red)

DEL 3:

Shirt Size: Men's 3X

Pant Size: Men's 42

Shoe Size: Men's 13

Favorite Color: Navy

- Suit & Tie (Navy Blue Suit)
- Brown Dress Shoes
- \$25 Dunkin Gift Card
- White Dress Shirt
- Old Spice Shampoo &
Body Wash

DEL 4:

Shirt Size: Men's 3X/4X

Pant Size: Men's 42

Shoe Size: Men's 12

Favorite Color: Blue

- Vans Shoes
- Mp3 Player
- Variety of Candy
- \$25 Vans Gift Card
- Nike Joggers

DEL 5:

Shirt Size: Men's Large

Pant Size: Large

Shoe Size: Men's 9 1/2

Favorite Color: Red

- Mp3 player
- Champion T-Shirt/Joggers
- Wireless Headphones
- \$25 Walmart Gift Card
- Nike Slides (Shoes)

DEL 6:

Shirt Size: Men's Medium

Pant Size: 32/30

Shoe Size: Men's 10

Favorite Color: Grey & Blue

- Mp3 player
- BeyBlades & Arena (Toy)
- Legos (Any Kind)
- Bubble Pop Toy
- Nike Slides (Shoes)

DEL 7:

Shirt Size: Men's Medium

Pant Size: 30/32

Shoe Size: Men's 10

Favorite Color: Black

- Mp3 player
- Wireless headphones
- Air Jordans (Shoes)
- \$25 Nike Gift Card
- Old Spice Fiji Body Wash/Shampoo

DEL 8:

Shirt Size: Men's X-Large

Pant Size: 36/32

Shoe Size: Men's 10 1/2

Favorite Color: Red

- Mp3 player
- Journal
- \$25 Old Navy Gift Card
- Nike Joggers & Tees
- Nike Tennis Shoes

Houseparent Children:

HP4 (BOY):

Shirt Size: Men's Medium

Pant Size: Small

Shoe Size: Men's 12

Favorite Color: Blue

- Nike Hoodie & Joggers
- Hockey Set
- Basketball
- \$25 X-Box Gift Card
- Air One Jordans (Shoes)

HP5 (BOY):

Shirt Size: Men's Medium

Pant Size: Small

Shoe Size: Men's 12

Favorite Color: Black & Blue

- Nike Graphic Tees
- Nike Socks
- Air Force Ones (Shoes)
- Nike Hoodie
- \$25 X-Box Gift Card

HP6 (BOY)

Shirt Size: Youth XL

Pant Size: Youth 9

Shoe Size: Youth 3 1/2

Favorite Color: Grey

- Mp3 player
- Science Fun Set
- Wireless Headphones
- Air Force Ones (Shoes)
- \$25 X-Box Gift Card

HP7 (GIRL)

Shirt Size: Kids Small

Pant Size: Kids Small

Shoe Size: Kids 1

Favorite Color: Pink & Glitter

- Disney Princess Dress-Up Box Set (Amazon)
- Kids Play Make-up Set
- Arts & Crafts Set
- \$25 Claire's Gift Card
- Princess Bed in a Bag Set (Walmart/Twin Size)

Please note that the Mp3 players cannot have the capability for internet access.
 You can also send money to the Regional Office and designate it as the Chesapeake Cottage
 Christmas Wish List and we will do your shopping for you.
 Please do not wrap any of the gifts and be sure to send your receipts. The cottage must keep
 a current inventory list.



**DELMARVA - DC
Youth & Discipleship Department**

Bishop Brett & Heather Seals
Regional Youth & Discipleship Directors



Thank You

CHURCH	Pastor	Amount
Loch Lynn	Ivan Ackerman	\$25,000
Virginia Avenue	Paul Harne	\$6,185
Walker Memorial	Tim Shawyer	\$5,500
Laurel Living Hope	Ryan Shawyer	\$3,000
Life Source Churches	Mike McDermott	\$3,000
Waldorf New Hope	Aaron Jones	\$1,500
Phoenix Living Hope Ministries	Robert Groves	\$1,250
Lansdowne Worship Center	Chris Music	\$1,060
Church by the Beach	Kevin Stanley	\$1,000
Parkway	Greg Morris	\$1,000
Chesapeake Christian Center	Jonathon Fuson	\$850
New Covenant	Rob Leins	\$850
Easton	Keith Maxwell	\$663
International Community Church	Todd Rigney	\$500
Freedom	Mike Ferrante	\$500
Odenton	Ed Sweeney	\$400
Park Lane	Ray Parsons	\$360
Ebenezer	Oliver Subryan	\$300
Mountain View Ministries	Jeff Shaw	\$300
Pathway	Billy Humphrey	\$300
Crossfire Worship Center	Stulan Taylor	\$250
Victory Praise	Brenda Anderson	\$250
Accomack Christian Center	Frances Welch	\$200
Christian Fellowship Center	Alan Gilliam	\$200
Clarence Street	Carlton Cannon, Jr.	\$200
Crossroads	John Kalfayan	\$200
Life Builders	Rick Felton	\$100
Inner Harbor	David Bowyer, Sr.	\$40

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Malachi 4:2

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- A Vietnamese Orphanage and Feeding program
- The Asian Seminary of Christian Ministries

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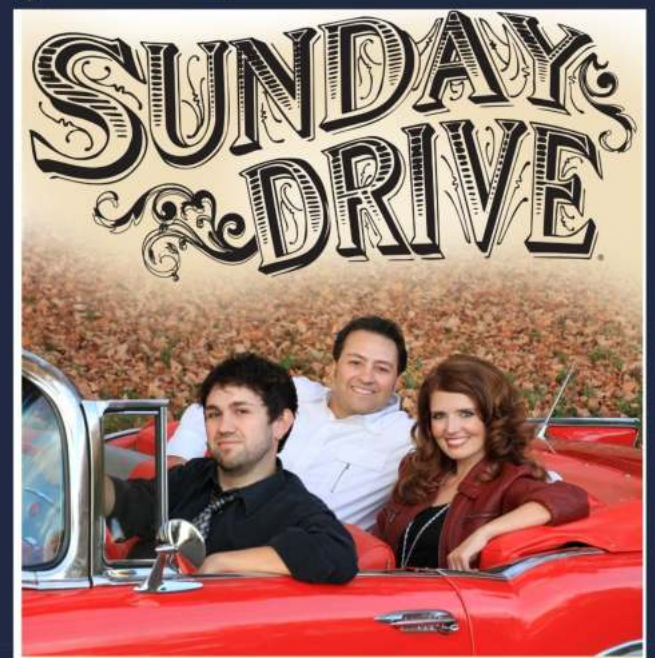
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