

# Getting Connected

A monthly newsletter highlighting the ministry of the Churches of God in Maryland, Delaware, Washington, D.C. and the Virginia Peninsula

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Our Lets-Make-a-Deal/The-Price-Is-Right television giveaway programs are unique to American culture. As commercial and over-the-top as they are, I must confess that in at least a couple of respects this cultural trait mirrors something of God's methods. I see two parallels: (1) The recipient receives something free, and (2) the giver distributes from the abundance of his resources.

Theologically, we would call the first "grace," and the second "omnipotence." What God gives us is completely unearned, and the way He gives is from the abounding provision of the Almighty, All-Sufficient One.

From the moment of my entry into the saving life Jesus has given me through the Cross, all the way through my lifetime of learning to walk in His love and power . . . it's all grace. He gives it. Nothing earned. Nothing is actuated by my strength or power. As the hymn writer put it, "He giveth, and giveth, and giveth again."

And, of course, the second feature of this tandem-truth is the resource from which He gives. It's boundless, measureless, unlimited, unending, abundant, almighty, and eternal.

Speaking personally, Marsha and I have been recipients of this grace and these resources in so many, many ways over the years. However, none quite so dramatic as the gift of allowing us to serve alongside some of the most dedicated, gifted, anointed, and humble men and women of God here in Delmarva-DC. Your friendship and support have truly been an expression of God's grace to us - something we could never earn or deserve, but you have given freely. We are grateful!

Add to the "grace" of this assignment the enormous God-ordained resources we enjoy, not the least of which are the gifted pastors and laypersons of Delmarva-DC. You are the Church of God's greatest resource. And, thanks to the stewardship of former overseers/bishops, councils, and Delmarva-DC church leaders, we enjoy a beautiful regional office, parsonages and eastern shore campground - with no indebtedness. Thank God for His incredible supply in these and other important ways.

It doesn't take me long to lapse into a boisterous praise to our great God of grace and resourcefulness when I ponder his blessings to us.

What about you? Let me encourage you by my own testimony of God's supply: Be comforted and emboldened in your faith. God has gifts for you and in quantities you never dreamed. These gifts are infinitely more valuable than the materialistic toys pursued so desperately by the world. He has gifts of peace, strength, joy, fulfillment, and a sense of significance in life that will draw you out of bed each morning like a magnet.

He's looking for people who will come in simple dependence upon His grace, and rest in simple faith upon His greatness.

At this very moment, He's looking at you and me. I look forward to our continuing ministry partnership.

- Pastor Darrell Rice



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## UPDATES

### Our deepest sympathies to . . .

- . . . **Lorinda Roberts** (Columbia, MD) and family upon the passing of her grandmother, Nancy Ann Todd Lewis (1921 - 2017) of Cleveland, TN, on June 12, 2017.
- . . . **Mark Sparks** (Westminster, MD) and family as they mourn the passing of his father, Kevin Sparks (1958 - 2017) of New Castle, DE on June 23, 2017.
- . . . **Billy Humphrey** (Baltimore, MD) and family upon the passing of his grandmother, Wilma Jean Blevins (1929 - 2017) on June 26, 2017. At the time of her death she was living in Albany, GA.
- . . . **Enrique Avalos** (Dagsboro) and his wife, Kerri, upon the passing of Kerri's mother, Patti Fraley, on July 28, 2017.

### Please pray for . . .

- . . . **Robert Clagg** (Columbia, SC), Delmarva-DC retired minister, recently underwent hip surgery in South Carolina.
- . . . **Julie Massie** (North East, MD) is expecting to have knee replacement surgery in July.

### Transitions . . .

- . . . **Gary Wilson** (Georgetown, DE) was appointed lead pastor of Eastern Shore Community Church of God in Georgetown, DE effective June 25, 2017.

## CAMP MEETING WORLD MISSIONS OFFERING EXCEEDS \$50,000

Dr. Martin Taylor, World Missions Representative, received the offering on Sunday evening, June 25, for Georgetown, Guyana. The cash offering was nearly \$30,000 and pledges more than \$20,000 for a total exceeding \$50,000 for the project.

Special thanks to all churches and individuals contributing to the Delmarva-DC vision to "Send the Light" to Georgetown, Guyana and the entire Caribbean.

### PROJECT # 102-9435-003 - Georgetown, Guyana

## WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE - SEPTEMBER 15 - 16, 2017

Pastor Greg Copley and the Chesapeake Christian Center Church of God (Pasadena, MD) will host the 2017 DelmarvaDC World Missions Conference. Speakers include Pastor Tony Stewart (CityLife Church of God/Tampa, FL), Jonathan Augustine (Eastern Europe Missionary) and Bishop Joseph Persaud (Guyana Administrative Bishop).



Pastor Tony Stewart  
Friday PM Speaker



Bishop Joseph Persaud  
Georgetown, Guayana

## CHURCH PLANTERS GATHER/LAUNCH - AUGUST 26

Bishop Mitch Maloney, USA Missions Director for the Church of God, will lead the Church Planters Gathering/Launch on Saturday, August 26, 2017. This meeting is designed for ALL church planters, prospective church planters and anyone interested in planting a Church of God or joining a church planting team. Day is **FREE** but you must register by emailing [betty.moore@cogdelmarva-dc.org](mailto:betty.moore@cogdelmarva-dc.org).

## SAVE THE DATE - MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2017 - GO CONFERENCE

On Monday, November 6, Pastor JC Worley, Delmarva Launch/Re-Launch Coordinator, will host the first **GO "Planting/Revitalization" Conference** at the Germantown, MD Regal Cinemas (the Sunday gathering location for GO Church). Speakers include Dino Rizzo, Matt Keller, Dale O'Shields, and Jimmy Rollins. More information in next month's *Getting Connected*. Save the date - 11/6/17.

# Service Awards Presented Wednesday, June 28, 2017 - Camp Meeting Awards Luncheon

## 2017 REGIONAL CAMP MEETING MINISTRY SERVICE AWARDS

### 5 Years (2012-2017)

Jeraldine Leonard, Abundant Life  
Mark S. Kestner, Church of the Living Water  
Robert E. Shatzer, Mt. Calvary  
Leo Jeffrey Artwell, Washington Metropolitan  
Marvin Wayne Stultz, Boonsboro  
Marvin Veliz, Del Evangelio Completo  
Richard A. Pante, GO Church  
Rodney Donaldson, Boonsboro

### 10 Years (2007-2017)

Dolly Faye Morris, Georgetown Booker Street  
Enrique Avalos, Dagsboro Hispanic  
Jean F. Pearce, Dover  
Marian Lorraine Morris, Georgetown Booker Street  
Lori J. Bledsoe, Powerhouse  
Linda D. Hobbs, Berlin Ocean City  
Tiffany D. Izzard, Life Builders Harvest Temple

### 15 Years (2002-2017)

Kenneth L. Harper, Channel of Grace  
Sharon Bernard, Loch Lynn  
Jason P. Evans, Riverside Community  
Patricia Gail Evans, Riverside Community  
Sandra K. Hamby, Damascus Lighthouse  
Troy L. Hamby, Damascus Lighthouse  
Regina E. Jones, Life Builders Harvest Temple

Aaron Joseph, Gateway  
Kevin S. Linton, Brooklyn Pathway  
Jo Ann Shaw, Lansdowne Worship Center  
C. Leon Powell II, Mt. Calvary  
James Allan Gilliam, Christian Fellowship  
Kathleen K. Prout, Berlin Ocean City  
Alice Shifflett, East Baltimore  
Christopher B. Lockemy, Epic  
Deborah B. Grey, Washington Metropolitan  
Henry Watts, Severna Park  
Tokqueen Watts, Severna Park  
Mary J. Fraker, Edgemere

### 20 Years (1997-2017)

James R. Izzard, Jr., Life Builders Harvest Temple  
Joseph E. Simpkins, Life Builders Harvest Temple  
Peggy Outten, Salisbury Parkway  
Dennis Dupont, Heritage Community  
Lovell Wilson, New Hope Ministries  
Glen A. Garner, Hagerstown Virginia Avenue  
Wayne A. Dukes, Dagsboro

### 25 Years (1992-2017)

Edwin Spence, Temple Hills Refuge Temple  
Brian W. Shepard, Life Community  
Estrela Alexander, Odenton  
Wiley Ray Williams, Brooklyn Pathway

Cary W. Sharpe, Heritage Community  
Robert W. Groves, Jr., Phoenix Living Hope  
Robert E. Shockley, Lewes Light of the World  
LaJuana D. Caldwell, Life Builders Harvest Temple

### 30 Years (1987-2017)

Allan B. Leonard, Sr., Abundant Life  
Sue Ann McDermott, Life Source International  
Gregory L. Copley, Chesapeake Christian Center  
George Tsakalas, Baltimore Metropolitan  
C. Stacy Johnson, Victory Tabernacle  
Steven M. Hall, Heritage Community

### 35 Years (1982-2017)

Kim Mark Tephacock, Dagsboro  
Alan M. Greijack, Dagsboro  
Sandra L. Shawyer, Princess Anne Walker Memorial

### 40 Years (1977-2017)

G. Keith Maxwell, Easton  
George W. Plants, Jr., Jennings  
Ricardo B. Cachedon, Shepherd's House

### 45 Years (1972-2017)

Joseph L. Mitchell, Washington Metropolitan  
Melvin Darrell Rice, Regional Office

### 50 Years (1967-2017)

William A. Reid, Salisbury Parkway

Bishop William A Reid honored for 50 years of credentialed Church of God ministry. In addition, the Regional Council announced the naming of the campground hospitality room – the Andrea Reid Hospitality Room. With Love and Appreciation, Darrell Rice





# BALTIMORE / WASHINGTON, D.C.

## “SAVE A CITY”

July 27-29, 2017



**Location / Who**

Baltimore MD / Washington DC  
July 27-29, 2017

- Youth & Young Adults
- College Students
- Youth Pastors, Pastors and other leaders

The purpose of the Baltimore/Washington DC experience is to offer students and young adults a short-term life altering ministry experience that affects the participant's worldview

**Activity**

- Minister through feeding the homeless, evangelism/witness children's and youth ministry, outreach events, and worship services.
- Partner with local churches and ministries in these cities for lasting impact.
- See and experience Baltimore Inner Harbor as well as Historic monuments and sites in Washington DC.

**Cost / Register**

- \$35 per person (includes t-shirt & food)
- For housing information: Baltimore Dream Center Pastor Billy Humphrey [billyhumphrey@me.com](mailto:billyhumphrey@me.com) 443-306-4814
- If you prefer a hotel contact: **Comfort Inn & Suites**  
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