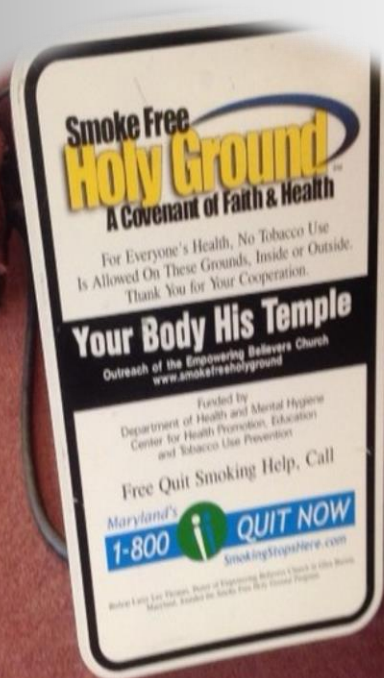


# Smoke Free Holy Ground

## *A Covenant of Faith and Health*



Apostle Larry Lee Thomas Sr., Founder  
Empowering Believers Church of the  
Apostolic Faith  
EBC International Network

# Apostle Larry Lee Thomas, Sr.



**Apostle Larry Lee Thomas, Sr.** is the Senior Pastor of the Empowering Believers Church located in Glen Burnie, Maryland and the presiding prelate of the Empowering Believers Church Apostolic International Network where he oversees churches and ministries in the USA, Africa, Caribbean, and the Philippines.

He is the founder of The Smoke Free Holy Ground Initiative which began in 2001 with a grant from The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) to educate churches and the faith community about the dangers of tobacco and secondhand smoke.

The Lord has allowed this initiative to have over 800 covenant partners in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Alabama, Tennessee, California and Indiana. They began spreading the message to sound the alarm in Barbados and in Kenya, Tanzania, Uganda, Nigeria, Rwanda and Burundi, Africa.

They have been blessed to partner with DHMH, Anne Arundel County, Allegany, Cecil, Baltimore, Kent and Queen Anne County' Health Department; Million Hearts Initiative and The American Heart Association EmPOWERED To Serve Movement, and have been recognized by the CDC as one of the ten best practices in the faith community.

To God be the Glory for the great things He has done. Let us continue to "Sound the Alarm", let us remember "It is A Covenant of Faith and Health," and please don't forget "It is your Body but His Temple."

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Apostle Larry Lee Thomas, Sr., D.D. – Spokesman

### Smoke Free Holy Ground Covenant Agreement

**Whereas:** The Smoke Free Holy Ground Initiative recognize that approximately 50,000 people die each year from tobacco use and abuse, is keenly aware of the importance of being an example to all believers, and is committed to educate all individuals and family against the dangers of tobacco and second hand smoke to protect our children, families, and communities.

Smoke Free Holy Ground Initiative has established the following policy concerning tobacco use in and around all church owned facilities as well as the faith community.

**Scope:** The term "smoking" refers to all forms of tobacco, including cigarettes, cigars, pipes, dip and snuff.

**Expectations:** Members are to be responsible for following and maintaining this policy including reminding member and visitors of this policy, and requesting appropriate disposal of smoking materials. Be it resolved that we will continue to cry out against the dangers of tobacco and second hand smoke, to protect our children, families, and communities. Be it resolved that as children of God, we will practice and promote healthy lifestyles within the faith community.

**Policy:**

- This ministry will educate families of all ethnic and racial diversities about the benefits of smoke free living.
- This ministry will be a place not only to worship, but also to educate and empower towards healthy lifestyles.
- This ministry will utilize the strength of its faith to overcome health disparities that impact the community.
- This ministry will establish a system to promote tobacco use prevention and cessation efforts within the faith community.
- This ministry will not permit any tobacco use on its grounds.
- This ministry will post an easily visible "Smoke Free Holy Ground" sign to promote community awareness.

Church name \_\_\_\_\_ Faith Community Leader Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Apostle Larry Lee Thomas, Sr.  
Project Director  
Smoke Free Holy Ground

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Faith Community Leader Signature

Please Mail or Fax to:

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# Caroline County



COMBINED PHOTO  
Staff from the Caroline County Health Department's Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Program, as well as special guests Bishop Larry Lee Thomas, founder of the "Smoke Free Holy Ground" program and pastor of Empowering Believers Church in Glen Burnie; and Lawrence Carter, chief of local tobacco control initiatives with the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, recently held a "Smoke-Free Holy Ground" event.



COMBINED PHOTO  
A recent partnership between local health departments and faith-based organizations is designed to help reduce the burden that tobacco takes on local communities. From left are Heather Reed, Wayne Fennell, Lawrence Carter, Charles Prattis, Bishop Larry Lee Thomas and Leigh Marquess, director of wellness promotions at the Caroline County Health Department.

## Caroline health department hosts 'Smoke-Free Holy Ground' event

**NEWS** — The Caroline County Health Department recently held a "Smoke-Free Holy Ground" event in conjunction with "World No Tobacco Day," which was held May 31.

The partnership between the local health depart-

ments and faith-based organizations was designed to help educate people about the dangers of tobacco, e-cigarettes and second-hand smoke.

Local churches from Caroline County were present, and leaders signed a "cove-

nant of faith and health" and received a sign to post on their grounds, which states the church is a smoke- and e-cigarette-free environment, inside and out.

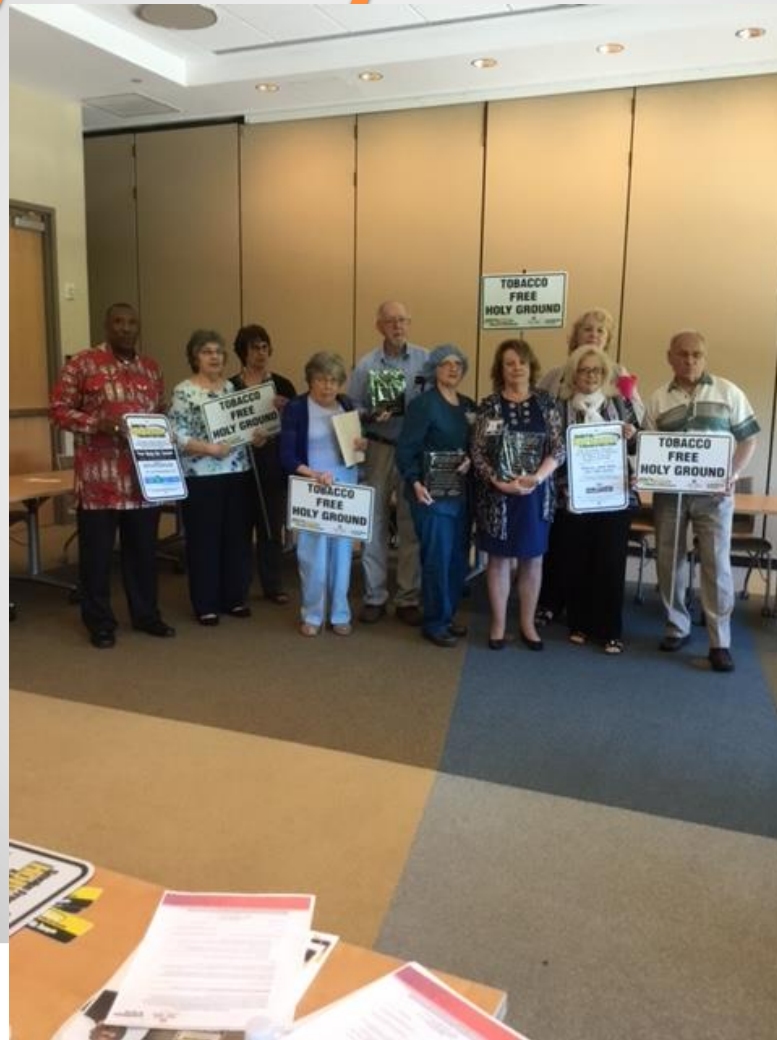
For more information about this program, call 410-479-8080.



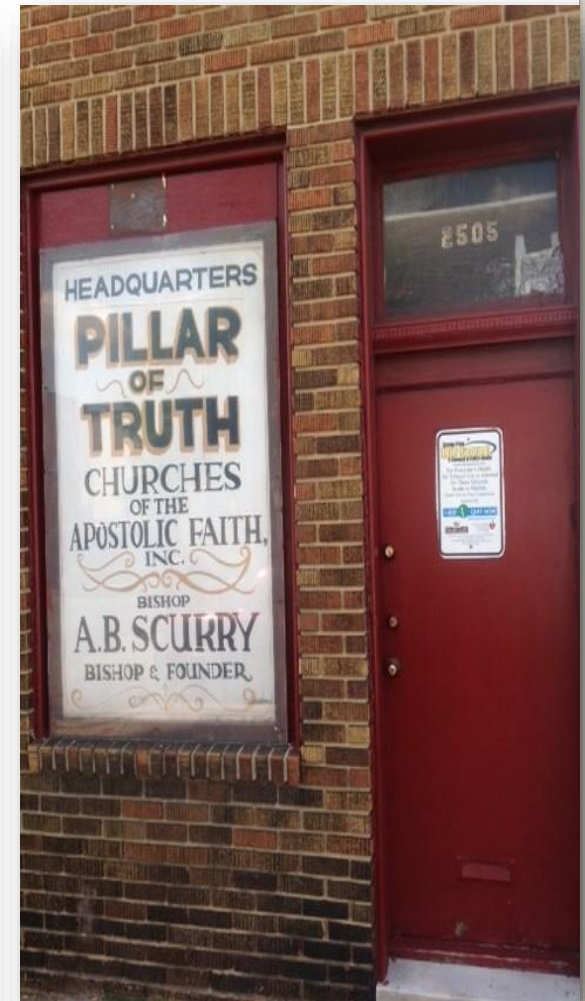
# Caroline County Health Department Host "Smoke Free" Event



# Smoke Free Holy Ground Allegany County



# Churches Establishing Smoke Free Holy Ground







Help us prevent  
**1 MILLION** heart attacks  
and strokes by **2017**



Million Hearts® is a national initiative launched by the Department of Health and Human Services to prevent 1 million heart attacks and strokes in the U.S. over the next 5 years.

100 Congregations for Million Hearts® is a faith-based program designed to help guide members toward a heart-healthy lifestyle.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) are co-leaders working alongside other federal agencies and private-sector organizations to make a lasting impact against cardiovascular disease.







**SFHG – Empowering Believers Church  
17 years strong!!**



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For Everyone's Health, No Tobacco Use Is Allowed On These Grounds, Inside or Outside. Thank You for Your Cooperation.  
**Your Body His Temple**  
Outreach of the Emerging Saviors Church  
Funded by Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Center for Tobacco Prevention and Control  
Free Quit Smoking Help, Call  
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## Smoke Free Holy Grounds

### *Pastoral Dinner*

100 Congregation for a Million Hearts Initiative.

Mt. Olive Life Center  
2 Hicks Avenue  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

Friday, May 20, 2016  
6:30PM-8:30PM



Hosted by: "Apostle Larry Lee Thomas"  
*Empowering Believer's Church*



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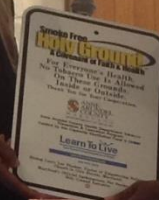






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**SMOKE FREE**



**HOLY GROUND**

**Project Tech Restoration**  
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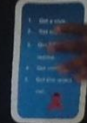






Empowering Believers Church of the Apostolic Faith  
*"The Power of Prophets Prayer and Revival"*  
Revelation 8:3-4) 3 And another angel came and stood at the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should offer it with the prayers of all saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. 4 And the smoke of the incense, which came with the prayers of the saints, ascended up before God out of the angel's hand.

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Live healthier



No  
SMOKE  
TELLEHEALTH  
INCENTIVE



CIGARETTES

Leave away this temple  
1-800-QUIT-NOW





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For Everyone's Health, The American Lung  
Association and the American Cancer Society are pleased  
to announce this new campaign. Thank you for your cooperation.  
**Your Body His Temple**  
Outreach of the Episcopal Diocese of Maryland  
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Smoking Causes Lung Cancer, Heart Disease, Emphysema, May Complicate Pregnancy and Cause Birth Defects.  
Maryland's Tobacco Use Policy: 100% Smoke-Free









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**Smoke Free Holy Ground**



**Tanzania**



**Kenya**



# Smoke Free Holy Ground - Expansion to Rwanda and Mwanza Tanzania





**Smoke Free Holy Ground -  
NIGERIA**





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# Smoke Free Holy Ground in Uganda

## Bishop Joseph Musenze





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# Tools to Succeed & Grow

- Educational Events
- Increased Partnerships
- Community Awareness
- Continued Partnership Support
- Promotional items (signs, tee shirts, bumper stickers, books, etc.
- Sounding the Alarm!



Because  
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1 Corinthians 6:19