

Haven City Church

Fells Point, Baltimore | September 16, 2018

Luke 17:1-2

1 Jesus said to his disciples: “Things that cause people to stumble are bound to come, but woe to anyone through whom they come.
2 It would be better for them to be thrown into the sea with a millstone tied around their neck than to cause one of these little ones to stumble.

Luke 17:1–2

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1 Accept the one whose faith is weak, without quarreling over disputable matters. 2 One person's faith allows them to eat anything, but another, whose faith is weak, eats only vegetables. 3 The one who eats everything must not treat with contempt the one who does not, and the one who does not eat everything must not judge the one who does, for God has accepted them.

Romans 14:1–3

NIV

4 Who are you to judge someone else's servant? To their own master, servants stand or fall. And they will stand, for the Lord is able to make them stand. 5 One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. 6 Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God.

Romans 14:4-6

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7 For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. 8 If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. 9 For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.

Romans 14:7-9

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10 You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. 11 It is written: " 'As surely as I live,' says the Lord, 'every knee will bow before me; every tongue will acknowledge God.' " 12 So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God. 13 Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister.

Romans 14:10-13

NIV

1 It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.

Galatians 5:1

NIV

Freedom Principle #1:

I have the freedom and right to do whatever is not forbidden explicitly in Scripture. I have the responsibility to take a stand for the freedom I have in Christ. My choice is between God and me. (Galatians 5:1, Romans 14:23, 1 Corinthians 10:29)

What is Christian Freedom?

Christian freedom is the ability to move without constraint, pursuing and achieving the desires of our hearts, within the boundaries provided by the scriptures.

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Some choices in life are considered “matters of conscience” because there is no explicit passage of scripture that regulates them.

What does it mean to violate one's conscience?

- If you participate in an activity that your conscience is telling you is wrong, that is sin. (Romans 14:23)
- If you know you should do something and don't do it, that's sin. (James 4:17)
- If it can't be done in faith then it is sin. (Romans 14:23)

— Scripture —

Christian Freedom + Conscience

— Scripture —

- Homeschooling
- Eating Junk food
- Alcohol
- Luxuries
- Work on Sunday's
- Yoga
- Credit Cards
- R rated movie
- 2 piece bathing suit
- Dancing
- Tattoos
- Secular Music

Galatians 5:1

“Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.”

Freedom Principle #2:

I have a responsibility to limit my freedom in Christ for the sake of other believers who may be caused to stumble. The word “stumble” has the idea of falling into sin themselves, not just being bothered. (1 Corinthians 8)

Freedom Principle #3:

I have a responsibility to limit my freedom for the sake of non-believers because winning them to Christ is the most important issue. (1 Corinthians 10:23-33)

Freedom Principle #4:

I must limit my freedom when it indulges my sinful nature. (1 Corinthians 6:12, Galatians 5:13, Proverbs 4:23)

Freedom Principle #5:

I need to be careful about imposing my personal convictions on someone else, thus erring by judging others. (Romans 14:1-8, 1 Corinthians 4:5, Matthew 7:2)

Freedom Principle #6:

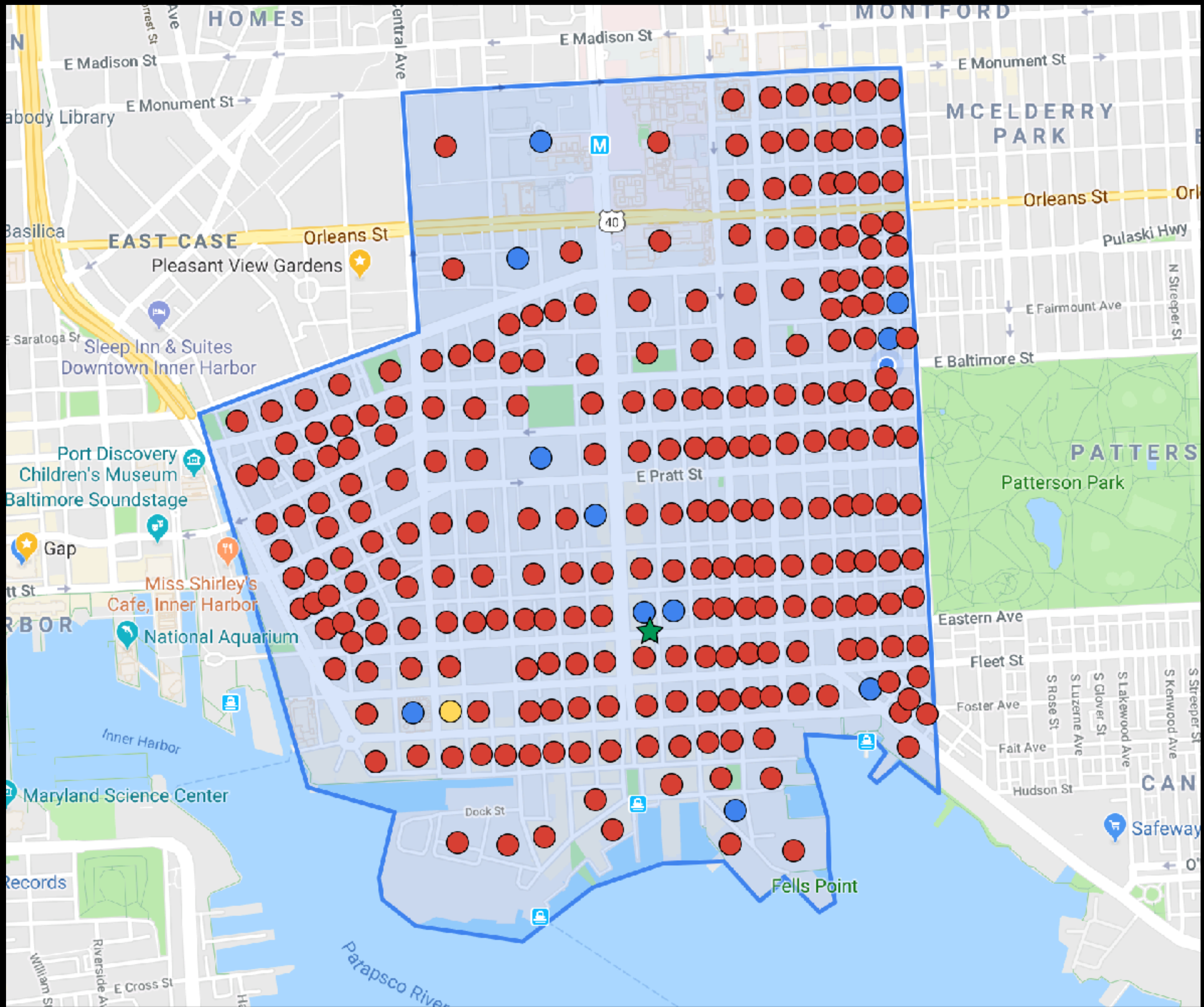
I must submit myself to those whom God has placed as authorities in my life, recognizing that leaders (ie: parents, pastors, government) have an obligation to encourage people to live Godly lives, warn them about the dangers of life choices, and impose limitations when necessary. (Romans 13:5)

*To be a church in Baltimore
City that loves Jesus, preaches
the gospel, and lives like
missionaries in our everyday
lives.*

MEMBERS NEXT STEPS

- 1. COMMUNITY**
(relationships)
- 2. CLAIM**
(learning / growing)
- 3. CONTRIBUTE**
(living missional lives)

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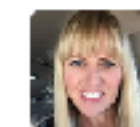
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Be sure to come to church early tomorrow! At 9:45am the Hospitality Committee will feature a mouthwatering selection of fine, Maryland-grown produce. 🍅🍉🍌🍇



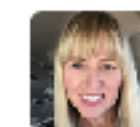
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And turkey and ham sandwiches too!



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Wonderful! Thank you [@joe_bullen](#)



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Ladies, you are invited to my house this Wednesday night from 6-8:30pm for a night of fellowship. Hope to see you there.

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