

EAST COAST PASTORS CONFERENCE

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Collin Monger

“After I left the East Coast Pastors Conference (ECPC), I knew that Calvary Chapel was our new church home,” said Pastor Collin Monger. Collin and his nondenominational Shepherd of the Hills Church in Bechtelsville, PA, made the decision to affiliate as a Calvary Chapel after the May 21-23, 2018, conference at Sandy Cove Conference Center in North East, MD. Although the decision wasn’t sudden, Collin said the conference solidified it. Over the past year, he had been prayerfully considering the move, consulting with Pastors Joe Focht and Jerry Paradise of Calvary Chapel Philadelphia.

“I have never been to anything as powerful as this. There was just something about the brotherhood of pastors who are all holding the line together and are in the [spiritual] fight together,” Collin said. While there, he bonded with many Calvary Chapel pastors. “We’re probably going to take all of our pastors next year,” he added. He noted with pleasure that during the conference no one asked him about the size of his church. “I absolutely loved that. It didn’t matter. It was like we’re all in this together and whatever part of the kingdom we’re responsible for we want to do well.” In addition, the conference opened up “a whole tree of connections we’ve been able to take advantage of,” Collin stated. Since affiliating, he has begun teaching



A TIME TO GROW IN CHRIST WITH OTHER BROTHERS

Top: Paul Trovarello and Brock Bennett fellowship and laugh between teaching sessions.

Bottom left: The conference is a moving experience for those who attend.

Bottom center: Participants stream toward the dining hall.

Bottom right: Pastors Tom Hallman (left) and Marv Fisher worship together in one of the many sessions at the ECPC.

AS IRON SHARPENS IRON, SO A MAN SHARPENS THE COUNTENANCE OF HIS FRIEND.

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an economics class at Calvary Chapel Bible College in Murietta, CA. His Bible teachings are now available on a Calvary Chapel-affiliated radio station in Pennsylvania.

Collin has been teaching verse by verse through the Bible for years. When he attended Calvary Albuquerque, NM, he first witnessed Scripture taught in a way that applied the Bible to life. “Everything I know of ministry, of teaching,

has come out of what I learned at Calvary Chapel.” Almost 1,200 men attended the ECPC. A question-and-answer session focused on practical ministry concerns. Sessions were led by Sandy Adams of CC Stone Mountain, GA; Ken Graves of CC Central Maine; Don McClure of Calvary Way Ministries; Louis Neely of Warehouse Christian Ministries in Sacramento; Raul Ries of CC Golden Springs, CA; David Rosales of CC Chino Valley, CA; and Dr. Ed

Hindson of Liberty University in Lynchburg, VA. Others who taught include Bill Stonebraker of CC Honolulu, HI; Bud Stonebraker of The Ranch Church in Oahu, HI; Damian Kyle of CC Modesto, CA; and John Randall of CC San Juan Capistrano, CA. The 2019 CC ECPC will be held May 20-22 and registration will open well before. 📌

For Your word has given me life. PSALM 119:50b

