

# THE PLOWSHARES

April 2018

*It Makes All the Difference*

Matthew 28:19

*Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,*

What difference does the resurrection of Jesus Christ make in our lives? I think a part of our duty to God is to oftentimes consider such a question because in the Bible we have a clear example from the early church of how the resurrection changed the lives of Jesus's followers. The disciples went from thinking all hope was lost, hiding behind locked doors, and fearing for their lives to boldly proclaiming the Gospel to the people of the Roman Empire and beyond. Rag tag groups of believers became doers of the Word as they organized the church and began living out Jesus's commands despite the looming threat of persecution. People inspired by Jesus and empowered by the Holy Spirit rose to the occasion and Christianity spread like a wildfire.

Gleaning from such a dramatic shift in the religious makeup of an empire and eventually the world, one can see that indeed, Christ's resurrection changed everything. In today's day and age as the church continues to lose its influence we must take stock and look inwardly at ourselves. We must ask ourselves whether or not the resurrection still has meaning today? If we believe it does then we must consider the seriousness of our commitment to the Gospel as the disciples were committed to their faith to the point of martyrdom.

Rod Dreher writes in his book *The Benedict Option*, "The West has lost the golden thread that binds us to God, Creation, and each other. Unless we find it again, there is no hope. Indeed, it is unlikely that the West will see this lifeline for a very long time. It is not looking for it and may no longer have the capability of seeing it. We have been loosed, but we do not know how to bind." Might we learn to bind ourselves to God and one another as we live according the hope we find in Christ's resurrection and become once again a people who transform the world. I believe it starts with the two greatest commandments to love God and love others – seemingly so simple, but in a time when we are so divided and scared it seems forgotten. Other loves have replaced the one who is truly worthy of our love. Revelation 2:4 says, "But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first." May we return to our first love.

-Pastor Eric

# **Calvary - Asbury Spring Supper**

**FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2018**  
**4 PM TO 7 PM (or until sold out)**  
**Carry-outs 3 PM to 6 PM**

**ADULT EAT-IN & ALL CARRY-OUTS -\$10.00**  
**CHILDREN EAT-IN AGES 5 TO 12 -\$5.00**  
**CHILDREN UNDER AGE 5 EAT-IN FOR FREE**

*Purchasing your tickets ahead of time is advised.*  
*Tickets are available at the church office. Stop by during office hours*



*(Mon-Thurs. 9am-1 pm) or call 410-438-3816 to purchase your tickets today!*

## **OUR FAMILY STYLE MENU INCLUDES :**

**ROAST BEEF & GRAVY**

**PARSLEY POTATOES**

**HARVARD BEETS**

**GREEN BEANS**

**COLESLAW**

**APPLESAUCE**

**DINNER ROLLS**

**ASSORTED DESSERTS**

## **B l e s s i n g   o f   t h e   F a r m e r s !**

On April 29, 2018, there will be a combined worship service and breakfast at the Ingleside Community Center. The breakfast will begin at 9:00 am and worship at 10:30 am.



## **U p d a t e   F r o m   S a r a h   B r o w n**

### **This Weekend**

Our team's language consultant is joining us in Bakersfield to work on our plan for CLA. What is CLA? Culture/Language Acquisition. The work in Bakersfield is unique because we are targeting an immigrant group in an American city. They are neither fully assimilated to American culture nor do they share all the same culture and language as those living in Punjab. Our surroundings are in English, but our desire is to be immersed in the Punjabi community. So how do we acquire this Punjabi culture and language? That's the question we plan to answer. Please pray! Nathan and Olivia will be joining us via FaceTime while we meet in Bakersfield. Pray that we can communicate clearly and come up with a solid plan to begin full-time language learning.





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# EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT AND FUNDRAISER



**MAY 5, 2018**

**9: 00 AM**

**Calvary Asbury UMC 103 North Church St.  
Sudlersville, MD**

### *Details:*

I will be holding a live Auction on May 5th to raise funds for my project to renovate the fellowship hall.

Please consider donating items or services of value.

Donations will be much appreciated. Items will be collected at the Church from 3pm to 8pm the week prior to the auction. If you wish to donate earlier please contact me.

**Gregory Tarr**

Life Scout

Crew 175, Calvary Asbury United Methodist Church

### *Contact Info:*

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~All items to be paid for the day of auction.

Checks should be made out to Calvary-Asbury UMC