

THE PLOWSHARES

August 2018

Matthew 12:21

“His name will be the hope of all the world.”

Hope for the World

The claim of Matthew 12:21 may seem lofty but it is the truth. Jesus Christ is our only hope whether we really take that to heart or not. Our present reality is that the more we hope in the things of this world the less hope we actually have. The more we trust in our ability to control our situation, meet our own needs, and believe that we can determine our own destiny, the further we find ourselves from the Lord of the Universe, our savior, Jesus Christ.

We may live a seemingly good life, be successful in our business, and possess a family legacy with successful children and grandchildren. However, that is not necessarily what God is asking us to do. He doesn't want us to hope in the things of this world and believe that his definition of success is our definition of success. I fear many of our successful neighbors will find themselves before God in the final judgement, and God will say to them, “I never knew you.” Matthew 7:21-23 says, “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. On that day many will say to me, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many deeds of power in your name?’ Then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; go away from me, you evildoers.’”

The question we need to ask is, “Where do we put our hope and for whom are we really living our lives?” We may say we put our hope in God and live our lives for God but very clearly there will be many on judgment day who said and thought the same thing yet God will tell them to go away. Where we put our hope is reflected in how we live our lives. How invested are we in the church? Are we giving sacrificially? Are we seeing people coming to Christ because we are testifying to what God has done in our lives? Are we devoted to the study of the scriptures so much so that the Bible is more vital to us than bread and water? Are we so reliant on our Heavenly Father that we can't help but be devoted to him in persistent prayer? These are the indicators that show we truly put our hope in God. If we can't answer yes to the questions above we must be aware that we might be like the believers in Matthew 7 who are sent away.

Pastor Eric



Women's Ministry of Calvary-Asbury United Methodist Church

2018 BACKPACK AND SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

August 6, 2018 through August 20, 2018

To Benefit the children at Sudlersville Elementary and Sudlersville Middle Schools

Items Needed

(New Items Only, Please)

Sturdy Backpacks, Glue Sticks, Black & White Composition Books, Boxes of Crayons, Washable Markers, Pencils, Student Scissors, Index Cards, Colored Pencils, Erasers, Small Cases for Supplies, Packs of Dry Erase Markers, Pocket Folders, Highlighters, Single Subject Notebooks, Loose Leaf Paper, Post-it Notes, Tissues and Clorox Wipes.

MONETARY GIFTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME,
make checks payable to Calvary-Asbury UMC with
"School Supply Drive" listed on the memo line.

The Women's Ministry at Calvary Asbury will be collecting these items at Calvary Asbury United Methodist Church August 6 through August 20 and getting them to the schools. Donations can be dropped off at Calvary-Asbury on Sunday mornings at 11AM or Monday through Thursdays from 9AM through 1PM.

2018 Summer Grilling Groups

The grilling groups for this summer are as follows. Please bring a dish to share & RSVP to the host.

August 14, 2018

Buck & Judy Dashiell
1320 Sudlersville Rd
Sudlersville, MD 21668-1652

*Please RSVP to
(410) 556-2600

August 21, 2018

Jim & Faye Robinson
220 Ewingtown Rd
Church Hill, MD 21623-1222

*Please RSVP to
(410) 758-6714

St. Paul's Dinner & a Movie

September 16, 2018 will be the next Dinner & a Movie at St. Paul's!
The dinner will begin at 5:00 pm and the movie at 6:30 pm. More details to follow.

All are welcome!

Sunday School



Calvary-Asbury Sunday School will resume on Sunday, September 9, 2018 at 10:00 am. All children ages 4 through 8th grade are welcome to attend. There will be an adult class meeting at the same time and the worship service will follow at 11:00 am.

St. Paul's holds Sunday School from 10:15 to 11:00 am all year long.

**39th Annual
Chicken BBQ and Auction
Calvary-Asbury
United Methodist Church**

103 North Church Street Sudlersville, MD 21668

410-438-3816



Chicken BBQ 3-6PM

(Take Out Only) – Friday, Sept. 14, 2018

Dinner will include half a chicken, baked potato, green beans, applesauce, roll & dessert for

\$10.00.



Auction – Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018

Auction will begin at 9:00AM, sandwiches and drinks will be available for purchase.

Theme basket silent auction will take place inside at the same time.



Calvary-Asbury United Methodist Church

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AUCTION DONATION FORM

Name: _____ Company: _____

Contact Person: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Fax: _____ E-Mail: _____

Signature (**required**) _____

Date: _____

Description of Donation

Goods (furniture, collectables, antiques, etc.), **Creative Articles** (paintings, quilts, needlework, pottery, woodcrafts, etc.), **Food** (preserves, seasonal fruits and vegetables, **Services** (anything you could do to serve others), **Rentals** (vacation homes, canoes, kayaks, jet skis, camping trailers, etc.), and any other ideas you may have.

Is the donation in the form of a certificate? _____

Is the donation enclosed? _____

Please pick up the donation on: _____

The donation will be delivered on: _____

Summer Update from Missionary Sarah Brown

At the end of June, Nathan and Olivia flew in from New York to join us in CA for a big team meeting. The three of us met with Allen --elder of Living Grace and team liaison, and Bill-- our team language consultant and Ethnos360 member (and our friends, Karen and Tim). The purpose of our meeting was to come up with a platform for our ministry without explicitly saying that we are missionaries and ruining the chances of serving Punjabis who are not interested in the Gospel. Our main focus is to share the Gospel and plant a church in the community, but we want to be able to show the love of Christ to everyone and make a good impression all around. I had been praying that God would bring us to a conclusion quickly and peacefully that would answer all our questions. And He did! As of October I will be hired on by Allen's already existing nonprofit which will allow us to learn language and culture while getting to know the Punjabi community better to learn how we can really benefit them. This gives us the time and resources we need to be able to do this ministry with undivided attention and legitimacy.

I have been wanting to have my own place for months (maybe years) because I want to be a host so badly. I want to welcome friends into my home and offer them a warm cup of coffee and a home cooked meal. As of mid-June I have actually been able to do that! While it was sad to say goodbye and move away from my dear friends, Ken and Falan, it has been a joy to be able to welcome people in and I've had visitors almost every single day of the three weeks I've lived here.

Additionally it's given me a place to host my language sessions. I had been praying to find a language helper who would be consistent with a schedule so I could really learn. God orchestrated for my friend, Sharan, to be that person. We now meet six days a week to do a language session. I am able to pay her for her teaching, which was perfect when the store where she was working suddenly closed. I finally feel like I'm actually going to learn this language! We text in Punjabi and she forces me to speak even when I'm terrified I'll get it wrong (and I do, believe me). She helped me set up my house and comes over every day where we share meals, exchange language, and do life together. I am so crazy thankful for her.

Thank you for your ongoing prayers. Please let me know how I can be praying for you and keep in touch. ~ Sarah Brown

