

# THE PLOWSHARES

June 2018

*1 Corinthians 12:7 – To each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good.*

## *Spiritual Gifts: Effectively Using Your God-Given Abilities*

The scriptures are clear that all who are in Christ are gifted with abilities by the Holy Spirit who lives within us. These are abilities that go above and beyond our innate human abilities. We, as sinful people, fail to live up to God's standards but with the Holy Spirit in us we are as Paul says in Romans 8:7, "More than conquerors." Paul says in Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." So the Holy Spirit empowers us and gives us abilities for an important purpose – to proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

You might be a gifted speaker, able to preach God's word. You may find yourself gifted with compassion or the ability to encourage others. You may find yourself gifted with a faith that you can share with others personally. You may have a powerful testimony that can lead others to a relationship with Jesus Christ. You may be gifted at hospitality, welcoming people into your home or into the church to experience the love of Christ. You may be gifted administratively or with organization that can help the church be more effective. You may be able to bake or cook and provide encouragement through food to those who are struggling or lonely. You may be a gifted teacher, that if you invest yourself in the studying of God's word, you can communicate it clearly to others young or old. You may be gifted as a prayer warrior to bring healing to others. There are many gifts, but I fear that oftentimes we do not recognize our God-given gifts, reliably use our gifts, or use our gifts for God's purposes.

The challenge for us as faithful Christians is to examine ourselves and our priorities. There is an urgency in the Spirit's work through Jesus's disciples. When Jesus ascends and goes to heaven the Spirit is sent so that the disciples have the power to continue Jesus's ministry of saving the lost. Do you feel that same urgency for which the disciples went into the world, risking everything to share the good news of the Gospel? Do you have that urgency to see your coworkers, family members, and neighbors saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ? Do you have that urgency that without faith they may not ever see Jesus face to face? May we not lose that sense of urgency to use our God-given gifts that all might be saved.

Pastor Eric

# Calvary - Asbury Congratulates 2018 Graduates

## High School Graduates

Anna Baldwin  
Emma Covington  
Sam Covington  
Seth Garcia  
Erica Graves  
Taylor Peck  
Helen Pippin  
Katrina Schmidt  
Marianne Schneider

**“For I know the PLANS  
I have for you”  
declares the LORD  
“plans to PROSPER you  
and not to harm you,  
plans to give you  
HOPE and a  
FUTURE.”**  
Jeremiah 29:11

## College Graduates

Chase Clough  
Bryan Darling  
Kenny Eck  
Abby Lorenz  
Casey Saulsbury  
Samantha Sink

## St. Paul's Dinner & a Movie

St. Paul's will be having a pig roast! Beverages and popcorn will also be served. Please contribute a side dish or a dessert if you can. The chosen movie is "Champion", a family friendly movie about a hot shot dirt track racer and the painful path that connects him to a grieving father. Can they discover a way toward redemption, love and forgiveness?

VICTORY BEGINS IN THE HEART

# CHAMPION

CHAMPIONTHEMOVIE.COM

Canned goods or non-perishable food items will be collected for the Sudlersville UMC Food Pantry, donations greatly accepted on movie night. Bring your family and friends!

## **2018 Summer Grilling Groups**

***The SUNC is looking for hosts!***

**Please contact the church office  
(410-438-3816)**

**if you are able to host on one of the following  
dates:**

**June 26, July 10 or August 14**

~Thank you to the families who have already  
agreed to host!!

~ All Grilling Groups will meet on  
Tuesdays at 6:00 pm.

~Please bring a dish to share.





## Missionary Update from Sarah Brown

### Praise

\*I heard from my cardiologist recently that I do not need open heart surgery. At least not currently. They are still looking into the best way to repair my heart, but it seems like catheterization should work. Even that, apparently doesn't even need to happen soon. I am so grateful to have the most incredible doctors caring for me.

\*The meetings went well with our language helper and there are now regularly scheduled meetings coming up in the future.

\*Nathan and Olivia have been faithfully meeting with churches and individuals hoping that God will raise their support high enough to move out here.

\*I am almost done working part-time at the school so I can commit full-time to this ministry.

\*My support is at 85% as of June 1st!

\*The class that I taught on Sikhism at Living Grace went very well! I even had the chance to teach it to the youth group and may have the opportunity to teach it again in the future.

### Pray

\*For our team to be able to figure out how to begin our community center (or whatever God leads us to do) for the Punjabis, to know what resources to provide, be connected with the right people who can help, and successfully make new friends in the community.

\*That I can find language helpers who will commit to an ongoing schedule.

\*That Nathan and Olivia can move to Bakersfield ASAP, and also in God's timing, and also that we would trust His timing.

\*For me as begin to communicate my ministry to the home groups of my church this upcoming month.



*~Thank you to both St. Paul's & Calvary-Asbury for the  
thoughtfulness shown on Administrative Appreciation Day!!!*

*Elizabeth Carr*