

# THE PLOWSHARES

September 2018

Acts 2:41-47

*<sup>41</sup> Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. <sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup> Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup> They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup> Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*

Biblical Church

The above scripture is an example of the early church. There are several key markers that show us what God intends for church to be. We can first see that the people were devoted to the apostles' teaching. In other words, the Word of God was absolutely imperative to the people. So we can ask ourselves, "How imperative is the word of God to me?" We can consider our commitment to Bible Study, Sunday School, and other forms of biblical devotion.

We can see that food and fellowship was a very important part of the early church. People spent time together in one another's homes and ate together regularly. As society becomes more and more individualistic we can ask ourselves whether or not we are regularly sharing our dinner tables with other people in our communities? Or have we fallen lockstep into our culture and become inward focused households marked by very few people ever fellowshiping within our homes? Christian fellowship is essential because we grow one another.

Consider also the early Christians who went as far as to sell their own possessions in order to provide for those who were poor and needy in their community. There was a radical hospitality and generosity in how they cared for one another. We can compare ourselves to these early Christians and ask ourselves whether or not we are taking such radical steps to be generous and compassionate to our struggling neighbors?

Lastly, note that the people met every day in the temple. I know in today's world it's all we can do to expect people to come even for one hour on one day of the week. I believe this, out of all the other marks of the early church, show us how far we have fallen. We rarely share our faith with our communities partly because we do not know the scriptures and struggle to be devoted wholly to Jesus Christ. If we would set aside time in our lives for biblical training, commit ourselves to studying the scriptures, fellowship regularly together, and talk about our faith as we gather together, then I believe we would be much more successful in our ministry. I encourage you to meditate and pray on how you might be more like an Acts 2 follower of Jesus Christ.

-Pastor Eric

# St. Paul's

Dinner & a Movie

W h e n

**September 16, 2018**

**5:00 pm Dinner**

**6:00 pm Movie & Pop Corn**

W h e r e

**St. Paul's UMC**

251 St. Paul's Rd.  
Ingleside, MD 21644

F e a t u r i n g

**I CAN ONLY IMAGINE**

This true story follows the life of Bart Millard, lead singer of the Christian band MercyMe, who loses his father to cancer and inspires him to write the mega-hit song.



~St. Paul's will provide soup and sandwiches.

Any donations of beverages and desserts are appreciated, but not required to attend.

There will also be donations of canned goods or non perishable items accepted on movie night for the Sudlersville United Methodist Charge Food Pantry.

We encourage everyone to attend and invite some friends or family

[WWW.SUDLERSVILLEUMC.ORG](http://WWW.SUDLERSVILLEUMC.ORG)

## Looking Ahead

St. Paul's BBQ will be on October 13, 2018.

---

## 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.

---

## Bible Study Is Back!

# DISCIPLE



Disciple Bible Study is reconvening after summer break on September 5, 2018. This fall the group will meet at Calvary-Asbury and begin at 7:00 pm.

---

## SUMC Conference



The annual Sudlersville United Methodist Charge church conference will be on September 22, 2018.

It will be held at St. Paul's and begin at 10:00 am.

All are welcome to attend!

---

## SPLASH

On September 10, 2018, the ladies of SPLASH will meet at 7:00 pm at the home of Ann Collier.

**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*

PO Box 202 103 North Church Street, Sudlersville, MD. 21668  
Phone: 410-438-3816      Email: office@sudlersvilleumc.org  
Website: www.sudlersvilleUMC.org      Tax I.D. #52-0654395

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

# Sudlersville UMC

**Pastor Eric Warner**

**EMAIL:** [pastoreric@sudlersvilleumc.org](mailto:pastoreric@sudlersvilleumc.org)

**PHONE:** 937-681-1131



**Church Office:**

PO Box 202  
103 North Church Street  
Sudlersville, MD 21668  
Office Phone: 410-438-3816

**Office Hours:**

Monday-Thursday 9:00 am– 1:00 pm  
Email: [office@sudlersvilleumc.org](mailto:office@sudlersvilleumc.org)  
Facebook.com/sudlersvilleumc  
Website: [www.sudlersvilleUMC.org](http://www.sudlersvilleUMC.org)

**Sign up for Text Message Reminders:**

**For Calvary Asbury:**

Text the message: @4cal  
To the number: 81010

**For St. Paul's:**

Text the message: @4stp  
To the number: 81010