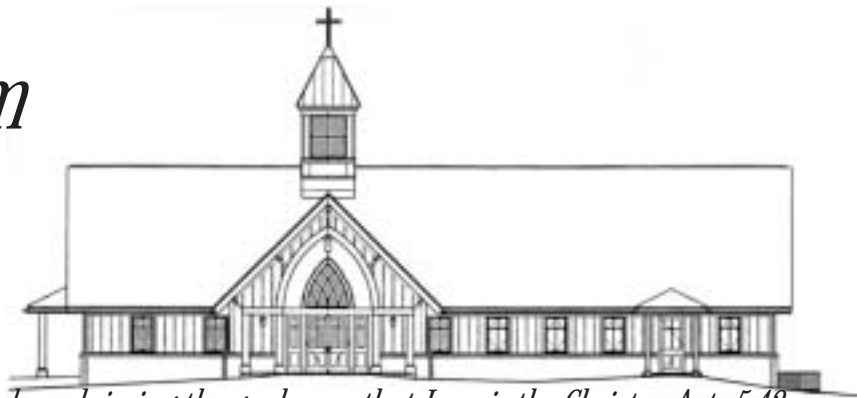


Good News from Good Hope!



Day after day... they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ. ❖ Acts 5:42
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Do You Not Know? Have You Not Heard?

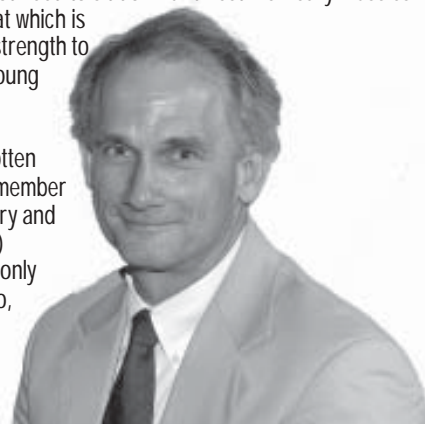
Can you see around a corner, through a wall, or into a heart? Neither can I, but God can! In a well-known passage, the prophet Isaiah asks, "Why do you say, O Jacob, and complain, O Israel, 'My way is hidden from the Lord; my cause is disregarded by my God?'" (Isaiah 40:27) It seems that a malaise of doubt and disinterest had invaded the mindset of the society to whom Isaiah was speaking. Most people calculated that, because of their present circumstance, God was not aware of what was happening and, if He was, He did not care.

This description of the character of God needed correcting. Isaiah responded to this inaccurate social mindset by asking if an understanding was lacking of who the Lord actually is. He asks, "Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and His understanding no one can fathom." (Isaiah 40:28) Isaiah is seeking to recalibrate the people's assessment of God's abilities. His abilities are everlasting. They extend to the entire creation. He does not have iron-poor blood, He is not anemic, and He does not need to sit down and rest His weary muscles. He is not confused, and He does not misplace items or information. On the contrary, His power infinitely exceeds that which is nuclear, and His recall is faster than instantaneous. His resources can be lent to a nation or an individual. "He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak." His strength is limitless. "Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength." (Isaiah 40:29-31)

Game Night This Friday!

All young adults are invited to the Fellowship Hall Sunday School Class game night on **Friday, August 1st** at 8:00pm at Joseph & Kate Haber's home (9640 Cold Star Court, Columbia 21046, 301-317-0250). Bring a friend!

Are you wrestling with the untruth that God has forgotten you or is not interested in the life you are living? Remember that Jesus said, "Come unto Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28) Recount also the words, "He who did not spare His only Son but gave Him up for us all—how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?" (Romans 8:32) Put your hope in the Lord, and the undercurrent of His strength will lift you up. ❖



Focus on Our Missionaries: *Chris Garriott, RUF at the University of Maryland*

Greetings to the Saints at Good Hope! It has been a real privilege and blessing to worship and fellowship with you this summer. As the start of a new school year approaches, I'd like to update you and give you some specific direction for prayer for the ministry of Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at Maryland.

Preaching and Teaching: One of the foundations for the RUF ministry is Scripture. As our confession states, we believe that the Holy Spirit works in and through the Word of God to bring students both to a saving knowledge of Christ and to growth in their faith. Therefore, Biblical preaching and teaching is a large part of my ministry here at Maryland, both in large group and small group settings. This fall I will be preaching through the book of Acts at our large group meetings on Wednesday evenings. Pray for my study time and for the ability to preach in a clear way which points students to Christ and the Gospel. As you know, Acts is all about the advancement of the kingdom through the preaching of the Gospel, so pray that our students would capture that vision for the lost here at Maryland. We desire to see conversions and for prodigals to come home.

Small Groups: This past year we've had several small group Bible studies around campus public spaces and in my home, yet we've only had one in the dorms. One of the goals of RUF is that we would be training student leaders to reach out to friends, roommates, and those in their dorms with the Scriptures. Therefore, pray that we would see several small group Bible studies led by RUF students in the dorms on campus. Please pray that God would call some of our leaders to step out in faith and that He would provide rooms and opportunities to see this happen.

Freshman: One of the great challenges of campus ministry is connecting with new freshman that enter college each fall. One experienced RUF campus minister told me that if you do not focus on freshman outreach each year, the ministry will fail in three years! I'm excited to report that I already have several incoming freshman who have notified me of their interest in the ministry. Pray that they would adjust to being away from home and see the importance of involvement in both the ministry and the local church for their spiritual growth. Also pray that they would have a heart for ministry to their new friends and roommates. As you know, dorm life on a secular campus can be very trying, so pray for a strong relationship with Christ as they are exposed to temptation and the challenge of loving difficult roommates. Also, pray that our older students would befriend and embrace these new students into the fold of the ministry. If you know of any new freshman or transfer students coming to Maryland, please notify me so that I can invite them to our RUF meetings and events.

RUF Intern: This coming fall, RUF at Maryland will welcome new staff intern **Kathryn Drumwright**. Kathryn is from Richmond, Virginia and graduated from Virginia Tech, where she was very active in RUF. Kathryn will be specifically focused on building relationships with new freshman girls and starting small group Bible studies. She will also seek to connect the fringe contacts we have to the fellowship. I will be overseeing Kathryn's RUF internship program, which includes a theological learning track that fuels the practical day-to-day ministry on the campus. Pray for Kathryn to rest in God's grace as she seeks to build relationships for the Gospel here in College Park. Also please pray for Kathryn's financial support to come in. She currently needs another \$10,000 in order to move to College Park. If you would like to support her, please go to www.ruf.org and follow the link to Kathryn Drumwright.

Thanks again for your faithful support and especially for your prayers. "Pray also for me, that whenever I open my mouth, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the Gospel..." (Ephesians 6: 19)

Together in Christ,
Chris Garriott
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Good Hope's own Allison Monroe and a friend at the RUF graduation party in May

Join us for Sunday School at 9:45am and Worship at 11:00am each Sunday.
Evening Worship is held each Sunday at 6:30pm.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Sunday School - 9:45am Worship Service - 11:00am Evening Worship - 6:30pm High School Youth Group at the Lockharts' - 8:00-9:30pm	28	29	30 Bible Study at the Bryans' House 7:00pm	31 <u>August Deacons of the Month:</u> Joseph Haber Mark Hegerle	1 Fellowship Hall Sunday School Class Game Night at Joseph & Kate Haber's - 8:00pm	2
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Daily Schedule of Bible Readings in August

August 1 - Genesis 13-14	August 17 - Genesis 39-40
August 2 - Genesis 15-16	August 18 - Genesis 41-42
August 3 - Genesis 17-18	August 19 - Genesis 43
August 4 - Genesis 19-20	August 20 - Genesis 44-45
August 5 - Genesis 21-22	August 21 - Genesis 46
August 6 - Genesis 23-24	August 22 - Genesis 47-48
August 7 - Genesis 25	August 23 - Genesis 49
August 8 - Genesis 26	August 24 - Genesis 50
August 9 - Genesis 27-28	August 25 - Exodus 1-2
August 10 - Genesis 29	August 26 - Exodus 3-4
August 11 - Genesis 30	August 27 - Exodus 5-6
August 12 - Genesis 31-32	August 28 - Exodus 7-8
August 13 - Genesis 33-34	August 29 - Exodus 9-10
August 14 - Genesis 35-36	August 30 - Exodus 11-12
August 15 - Genesis 37	August 31 - Exodus 13-14
August 16 - Genesis 38	

Friends & Family Luncheon

Plan to stay for lunch and fellowship together after morning worship on **Sunday, August 3rd**. And bring a friend!

Ladies' Night Out

All women are invited to the next Ladies' Night Out, to be held by the pool at Theresa Rowan's home at 6:30pm on **Friday, August 15th**. Please RSVP to **Susan Bryan** at (301)490-2227 or tgbtg8@juno.com.

Sign Up for Fall Supper Clubs

Sign up with **Shelley Smith** by August 24th for fall Supper Clubs, small groups that will meet for dinner and fellowship once each during September, October, and November.

Pray for Our Church!

During the month of August, our Sunday evening worship will consist of a devoted time of prayer for our church, its activities, and our future direction. Please join us at 6:30pm on August 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th to pray for Good Hope!

End-of-Summer Picnic

Join us for a Labor Day weekend picnic at the church on **Sunday, August 31st** at 5:00pm! Please sign up with **Chris Waller** to bring a side dish. Evening worship and youth group activities will not be held this Sunday.