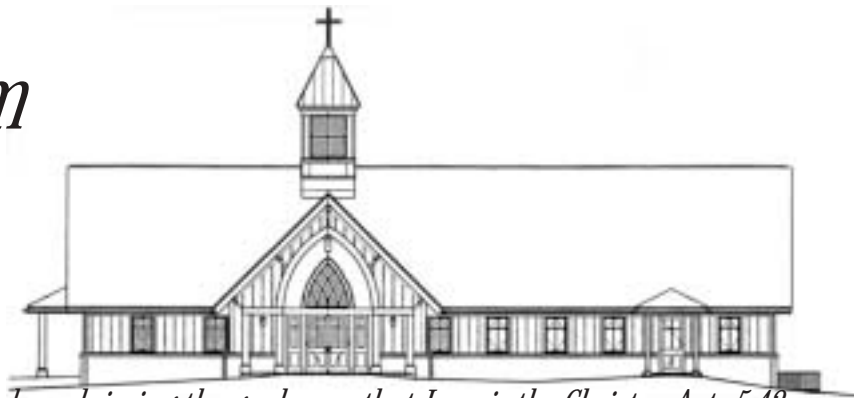


# Good News from Good Hope!



Day after day... they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ. ❖ Acts 5:42  
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## God Is Still in Control in 2007

The prophet Daniel recorded this vision: "As I looked, thrones were set in place, and the Ancient of Days took His seat. His clothing was as white as snow; the hair on His head was white like wool. His throne was flaming with fire, and its wheels were all ablaze. A river of fire was flowing, coming out from before Him. Thousands upon thousands attended Him; ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him. The court was seated, and the books were opened. . . . In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into His presence. He was given authority, glory, and sovereign power; all peoples, nations, and men of every language worshiped Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and His kingdom is one that will never be destroyed." (Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14)

This is a new year, but the truths of the past still remain current. God is still majestic, still awesome, still glorious, still served, still worshiped, still observing, still leading, still guiding, still saving, still in control in 2007. ❖



### *Snow and Ice to Come on Sundays?*

In case of inclement weather, please check the church website at [www.goodhopepca.com](http://www.goodhopepca.com) or call the church at (301)317-1398.

### *New Sunday School Class on Mark*

Beginning on **Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>**, a new adult Sunday School class will be forming to study the Gospel of Mark. This discussion-style class will use a study guide and is primarily geared towards couples who are just starting out in their relationships through those with preschool-aged children. This class will be meeting in the fellowship hall, so stay tuned for changes in other class locations. Please contact **Joseph Haber** or **John Hadeed** if you're interested in being a part of this new class.

### *Corporation Meeting*

The Corporation is called to meet on **Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>** immediately following the morning worship service for the purpose of considering changes to the bylaws and electing trustees.

### *Musical Notes*

The musical ensemble is currently seeking new members (especially men!) to help lead in worship for Sunday morning services. We will be preparing special music about once per month, and a weeknight rehearsal time may be added soon. If interested, please contact our pianist **Sarah Lantz** after services or at [sers184@hotmail.com](mailto:sers184@hotmail.com).

Also, this spring, a children's and/or youth choir will be forming at Good Hope! We will meet once weekly and sing monthly during worship. Please contact **Sarah Lantz** to express your interest.

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

As I reflect on my first semester as the Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) campus pastor at the University of Maryland, I'm filled with much praise for what the Lord has done here, but at the same time overwhelmed with the challenge and enormity of the task. For those of you who are unfamiliar with RUF, our goal is to be about "reaching students for Christ and equipping students to serve." Following are a few snapshots of this past semester as I've tried to flesh these ideas out by God's grace.

**RUF Large Group:** Each Wednesday night of the semester at 8pm, RUF meets in the Armory Building on campus for praise and worship, fellowship, and hearing God's Word. Three students help lead music, and I play guitar as well. We've had on average 20 students participating with new folks visiting. Please continue to pray that our freshman would make RUF a priority for their week and that new students would feel welcomed and become connected. Within the last week I've received two e-mails from transferring student who want to become involved during the spring semester! For any who so desire, you can listen to the sermons on the Gospel of Luke on the Maryland RUF website at [www.um.ruf.org](http://www.um.ruf.org).

**Small Groups:** During the semester, we had three small groups meeting during the week. On Monday nights, we had a dinner and guys Bible study, where I led several young men through *Gospel Christianity*, put out by Tim Keller. This has been an excellent interactive study going through the



main elements of the Gospel. The girls also met and were led by two upper classmen, Michelle Sohl and Lindsay Simpson. Thursday nights are for freshman, as we gathered at the student union to focus on foundations of the faith. A main goal was helping these students trust the Bible as absolute truth in a culture of relativity.

**Spiritual Survey:** On September 20-21, we hosted a table at the Maryland "First Look Fair," with hundreds of campus groups and clubs on the campus mall. RUF gave out 275 stadium cups filled with candy and information about the ministry. We also did a "spiritual survey," where students filled out information on what they believe. About 40 students asked for more information about RUF and the Gospel. Unfortunately my attempts to get together with them have been unanswered. Please pray that God would continue to use the questions on that survey to spark spiritual interest in the Gospel of Christ. Also pray that I would not be discouraged when e-mails go unanswered.

**Social Activities:** As you know, there is a great need on a large campus like Maryland for building friendships and fellowship. RUF seeks to show the grace of Christ as we build friendship through planned outings and get-togethers throughout the semester. These provide a context where believing students can grow together and also invite and involve their non-Christian friends into the fellowship. It is my hope that through these relationships, the Gospel will be naturally shared through word and deed. Some of these events included group dinner trips into DC, biking on the C&O Canal, organized intramural soccer and football teams, movie and discussion nights, a road trip to Clemson, and a wonderful Christmas party at a student's home. One of the RUF girls who organized intramural sports noted that she really appreciated the fact that the RUF students became friends outside of the "formal" RUF Bible study time. For that, please join me in praising our Lord who is our model of "a friend who sticks closer than a brother." Please continue to pray that unbelievers on Maryland's campus would see the RUF students' love for one another and desire to know the motive of that love—Jesus Christ.

**Thank You!** There is great encouragement in knowing that you are behind me, praying and supporting this ministry here at Maryland. Feel free to contact me at any time at [cgarriott@gmail.com](mailto:cgarriott@gmail.com).

Together in Christ,  
*Chris Garriott*

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
<b>31</b> <small>Sunday School - 9:45am Worship Service - 11:00am Evening Worship - 6:30pm</small>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b> <small>Sunday School - 9:45am Worship Service - 11:00am <b>Communion To Be Served</b> High School Youth Group at the Higgins' - 4:45pm Middle School at church - 5pm Evening Worship - 6:30pm</small>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> <small>Session Meeting at the church - 7:30pm</small>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
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## *A Smorgasboard of Opportunities and Reminders from the Deacons*

**W**e thank God for His provision of our new church building and for the opportunity to worship Him there! We are also thankful for the many practical benefits of having our own building, such as not having to set up the sound system, chairs, hymnals, etc., every week! However, there are many new responsibilities that now come along with our building and its surrounding property, from cleaning the building to mowing the grass, as well as new guidelines and procedures that must be set in place. Here's a smorgasbord of notices and needs relevant to our new home in Fulton.

Folks needing access to or wanting to **schedule use of the building** should contact the deacons, who are in charge of the building.

Folks with concerns related to the **building** itself, (such as needed supplies, building additions or improvements, etc.) should contact **Matt Malanoski**.

**Grounds maintenance** is managed by **Tim Rowan** and **Steve Gerwin**. They will need help with mowing and maintenance once spring weather arrives.

**Cheryl Dudek** and **Jim Rowan** are in charge of **coffee and refreshments** for the weekly fellowship time. Please see Cheryl to volunteer to bring donuts or other snacks, or contact Jim if we are short on cups or coffee supplies.

See **Bill Davis** or **Mark Hegerle** for **budget or spending issues**. (For example, if you have a great idea and want to buy something for the church and be reimbursed for it.)

We are now looking for someone to make it their ministry to Good Hope and the Lord to coordinate **cleaning our church home**. Typically, we are in the building for a couple of hours on Saturday mornings vacuuming, sweeping floors, mopping, dusting, and cleaning windows as needed. We would love volunteers to help with that light work, and we are looking for a volunteer to lead and coordinate the regular cleaning, as well as to plan for periodic, major "spring" cleaning projects. See **Mark Hegerle** if you are interested in either volunteering or leading the cleaning effort.

We are also looking for dedicated volunteers willing to make it their ministry to Good Hope and the Lord to regularly serve on Sunday mornings as **greeters and ushers**. These men will serve by not only distributing bulletins and helping take up the offering, but also by acting as "hosts," answering questions, directing visitors, proactively seating worshipers as the sanctuary fills, etc. We need volunteers to make themselves available around 10:30am and serve throughout the worship service, as needed. Please contact **Joseph Haber** to serve as a part of this effort.

Finally, each month, we now have "**Deacons of the Month**" who are responsible for opening and closing the building. Here's the upcoming schedule:

- January:** Joseph Haber and Mark Hegerle
- February:** Matt Malanoski and Jim Rowan
- March:** Tim Rowan and Glenn Taylor
- April:** Bill Davis and Ron Goodrich  
(Schedule repeats in that order.) ❖