

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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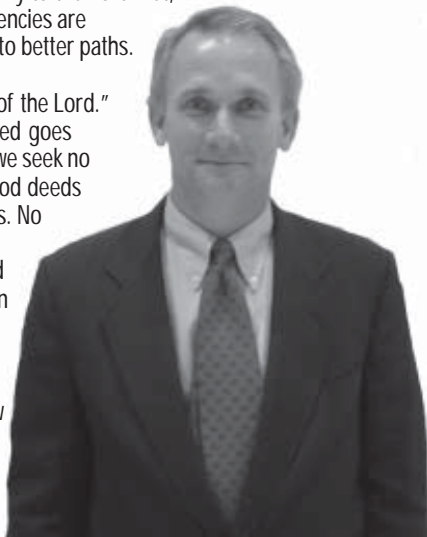
God Sees All—And Still Loves Us

"A man's ways are in full view of the Lord, and He examines all his paths." (Proverbs 5:21) We only see each other partially. The Lord knows our lives comprehensively and exhaustively. Nothing we do or think is hidden from God. This type of scrutiny could be intimidating. On the other hand, it could be comforting. We might think of the Lord's ever-present eye as an invasion of privacy. In our society, privacy is a right that we will contend for. There are places, possessions, and personal thoughts that we consider confidential. While the Lord may know everything about us, we need not panic that He will betray our confidence by gossiping to others about our most cherished thoughts, values, or even embarrassments.

It is a good thing that the Lord knows everything about us and that He weighs carefully everything that we do or think. If we are on the wrong path, becoming cognizant that we are being watched can be beneficial. A stealthy life is not possible before His eyes. To realize that we live transparently before Him should lead us to turn from the illusion that we can hide and from those ways that we seek to keep hidden.

It is true that all dreams, hopes, and aspirations need not be placarded before everyone. There are many good and wholesome thoughts that are safe in the diary of our souls and privy only to the Lord. Yet, to know that our devious tendencies are inspected can lead us to turn to better paths.

"A man's ways are in full view of the Lord." How comforting! No good deed goes unnoticed to Him. Even when we seek no public recognition and our good deeds are done secretly, He still sees. No injury of the body or soul is without His notice. He is ahead of us, behind us, and with us in every circumstance that seems to buffet and invade our lives. All in all, it is good that all our ways are in full view of the Lord. Believer in the Lord Jesus Christ and in His Gospel, take heart for Your God sees all. ❖



Focus on Our Missionaries: *Steve and Kelly Marusich, University of Maryland*

I am pleased to report that RUF at the University of Maryland experienced a semester of growth this past spring. Usually, the hope is that numbers will stay the same in the spring. This year we added about a dozen new people. But numerical growth is not our real goal. We were more excited to see students growing in their relationships with God. One student met with me to say, "I've grown up in the church, but I still don't know how to read the Bible or pray." Another began to understand the fullness of God's grace for the first time—having always thought before that our relationship with God depended on our faithfulness at the end of the day. Another told me, "I never realized until reading this [a book called *Knowing God* that we were reading in a small group] what it meant for God to love us as a Father." This same student began to actively love and care for a girl who had just come to faith and was seeking to break out of her "party girl" ways.

This is the growth that we really desire to see. God has been gracious. Please pray that God will continue to bless our ministry in this way.

Finally, this summer, we are meeting in downtown Washington for what we are calling "RUF DC." This combines local students from the University of Maryland, students home for the summer, and student interns working on Capitol Hill. It is a weekly meeting where these students can meet others, hear solid teaching from the Bible, and continue to grow and explore their relationships with God. Please pray that God would bless this weekly event as we meet in June and July.



Eli, Kelly, Steve, and Jackson Marusich work with Reformed University Fellowship (RUF) at the University of Maryland.

Thank you for your continued prayers for Reformed University Fellowship, as well as for the Marusich family!

Steve Marusich

Hats Off to Our Graduates!

Stephanie Haak, Carver Center for the Arts
Timothy Rowan, Reservoir High School
Tyler Smith, Centennial High School
Jacob Waller, University of Maryland

Summer Youth Group Plans

A schedule of summer activities for the youth group is currently being formulated. Be on the lookout—the information will be circulated soon.

Mowing Help Needed

Once again, we need volunteers to ride the lawn tractor and mow what's left of the grass at our church property on Route 216 this summer. Please see Mark Hegerle for details or to sign up.

Pictorial Directory

Photos are still being taken for our updated church roster on Sundays immediately after morning worship behind the stage curtain. Please see Ron Goodrich or Mac Macdonald to be photographed. We plan to include everyone's photos on the new roster, so please have your picture taken soon, before Ron or Mac has to track you down!

Communion Schedule

We will celebrate communion with our Lord on **Sunday, June 12th**. Let us together be strengthened in Him.

Make a Joyful Noise!

The musical ensemble will sing together on **Sundays, June 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th** from 8:45-9:20am. Newcomers are always welcome!

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Join us for Worship at 9:30am and Sunday School at 11:00am each Sunday
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29 Musical Ensemble - 8:45am Worship Service - 9:30am Sunday School - 11:00am	30	31	1	2	3 French GG - 7:30pm	4 Work Party at 216 Property - 8:30am
5 Musical Ensemble - 8:45am Worship Service - 9:30am Sunday School - 11:00am Craig Higgins GG - 6:00pm Youth Group GG - 6:00pm	6	7	8	9 Session Meeting at Waller's House 7:30pm	10 French GG - 7:30pm	11 Work Party at 216 Property - 8:30am
12 Musical Ensemble - 8:45am Worship Service - 9:30am Communion To Be Served Sunday School - 11:00am Craig Higgins GG - 6:00pm Youth Group GG - 6:00pm	13	14	15	16	17	18 Work Party at 216 Property - 8:30am
19 Musical Ensemble - 8:45am Worship Service - 9:30am Sunday School - 11:00am	20	21	22	23	24	25 Building Committee at 216 - 7:30am Work Party at 216 Property - 8:30am
26 Musical Ensemble - 8:45am Worship Service - 9:30am Sunday School - 11:00am Craig Higgins GG - 6:00pm Youth Group GG - 6:00pm	27 Info for July newsletter due to Kate Haber today!	28	29	30	1	2

And the Walls Came Tumbling Down...

by Ian Macdonald, Building Committee Chairman

The efforts of the volunteer demolishers continue under the able direction of **Jack Waller**. Our hopes are that their efforts will be far enough along by the end of the workday on Saturday, June 11th to be able to let **Matt Malanoski** and his crew begin their contracting job in earnest.

When Jack announced this optimistic goal prior to worship last Sunday, **Steve Gerwin**, an indefatigable participant in the Saturday morning work sessions, looked skeptical. What remains to be completed is removal of brick from the rear of the building; removal of the last of the roof from our future sanctuary; demolition of the garage; and a few more assorted tasks. To accomplish his wall demolition, Joshua relied on the Lord, and we must learn from him and continue to pray and work.

The most obvious recent sign of progress has been the grading and layout of the new parking lot. As soon as the rain clears for long enough, curbs will be added. Financial giving has continued to be more than anticipated but, unfortunately, so have expenses. Final arrangements with the bank have not yet been completed, but no problems are anticipated on that front. Our blessings continue. ❖



Making progress towards our future church parking lot on Route 216!