

# The Encourager



“Therefore encourage one another and build up one another...” 1 Thessalonians 5:11

North Harford Baptist Church

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## Worship Opportunities

### Sunday Morning

Church Café & Prayer  
9:15 am  
Sunday School 9:45 am  
Classes for all ages  
Worship Service 11:00 am

### Sunday Evening

Evening Service 7:00 pm

### Wednesday Evening

Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm  
Youth and Children's  
Groups meet at 7:00 pm  
Adult Choir 7:00 pm

## Family Opportunities

### Sunday

Training Classes 6:00 pm  
Children's Choirs 6:00 pm

### Tuesday

Men's Softball  
May thru Oct.

### Men's Pickup

Basketball  
7:00 PM  
Oct. thru May

### Widow's Meeting

10:30 am on  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays

### Wednesday

Fellowship Dinner on the  
5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday  
at 6:15 pm

### Friday

Youth Activities 7:00 pm  
Young Adults 7:30 pm

### Saturday Events

Young Adults events call

For more information, call

**410-836-6994**

Check web site for schedule updates

www.NorthHarford.org

## Service & Prayer Opportunities

### Steps to the Cross

April 13 The Upper Room  
- Larry Sharrow  
April 14<sup>th</sup> The Cross  
- LBC Drama  
April 15 The Choice  
April 16 Reality of Christ  
Mike Cable Guitar

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## To God Be the Glory

*To God Be the Glory - Is Your Church on Target* is the title of a newly published book by Dr. Michael R. Privett. In this book, Pastor Mike shares the importance of a mission for the local church and emphasizes the need for that mission of the church focused on the Glory of God.

Elmer Towns, co-founder of Liberty University, said, “There was a time that I thought church leaders needed great examples of growing churches to motivate them to grow. I thought church leaders needed to attend a seminar to learn principles and techniques to grow, so I taught the seminar, ‘154 Steps to Revitalize your Sunday School and Help Your Church Grow.’ Also, I thought churches needed new programs such as a Friend Day or other church growth resource packets to help them grow. But things have changed. The main obstacle

to church growth is not lack of example, lack of knowledge or lack of resources. The main problem is spiritual. Our members need commitment to outreach, commitment to holiness, commitment to learning the Bible, they need to be committed to the purpose of the church.”

Pastor Mike goes on to add that many local churches are aiming at wrong, unbiblical targets – whether it is their mission or their objectives. Many are adopting pseudo-biblical and sometimes even secular values. As the battles are fought, the local church and its leaders must remember and practice its mission and objectives: **The glorification of God.** Therefore, every new idea, prospective program, and potential ministry as well as all current ministries and activities of the local church must be examined and evaluated by the biblical mission statement of the church. As the battles are

fought, the local church and its leaders must remember and practice its mission and objectives; **The glorification of God.**

A thorough study of the New Testament, with special emphasis on the book of Acts and the Epistles, reveals the biblical mission and six clear-cut objectives for the fundamental local church. The Commander-in-Chief has already given the church its mission. The Head of the church has already won the war, but the spiritual warfare is still raging. The biblical mission – the official assignment that the church is charged to accomplish in order to be released from the responsibility – is **the glory of God.** We will continue with more of Pastor Mike's and the six clear-cut objectives for the fundamental local church next month. † *Dr. Michael R. Privett*  
Williamsburg

## The Long Goodbye

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The lamps that once burned bright and clear,  
Vacant portals I still hold dear,  
Are windows of the soul, they say,  
Please light again for me some day.

The unseen world is all he sees,  
His eyes no longer light for me.  
What once was mine has all but gone,  
A soul entrapped; he'll soon move on...

And lo, sometimes he sees me yet,  
A smile, a tear, a pause to fret...  
Those times I feel – an eternity,  
Though oh so fleeting, they are for me!

This partner, lover, teacher, friend,  
This man I love – my heart does rend!  
But this I know with all my heart,  
In eternity we ne'er shall part.

For Jesus is his nearest One,  
He'll keep him close 'till all is done.  
God's promises I know are true,  
He loves us still, He'll see us through.

So as my darling drifts away,  
On Christ's sweet promise I will lay  
My burdens down and trust His pact,  
To keep us both 'till He comes back.

This long goodbye of joy and pain –  
God gives me strength and peace again.  
While time stands still, the world can see  
How much my dear one means to me.

† *Saron Mack* for her grandmother, Sybil – Upon looking on her grandmother's difficult times, after many months of caregiving to her husband, Art, Saron wrote this poem to honor and encourage her.

## What Kind of Life Will We Have in Heaven

**2 Peter 1:10,11**  
*10 Therefore, brethren, be all the more diligent to make certain about His calling and choosing you; for as long as you practice these things, you will never stumble;  
11 for in this way the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ will be abundantly supplied to you.*

What kind of life will we have in heaven?

I. A Life of Individual Perfection  
A. New, Perfect Bodies  
**1 Corinthians 15:42,49**  
*42 So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown a perishable body, it is raised an imperishable body;  
49 Just as we have borne the image of the earthy, we will also bear the image of the heavenly.*

B. Renewed Minds  
**1 Corinthians 13:12**  
*12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face; now I know in part, but then I will know fully just as I also have been fully known.*

C. Perfect Christlikeness

**1 John 3:2**  
*2 Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is.*

II. A Life of Social Perfection

**Revelation 7:9**  
*9 After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands;*

III. A Life Free of Natural Evils

A. To the Body  
**1 Corinthians 15:53**  
*53 For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality.*

**Revelation 7:16**  
*16 “They will hunger no longer, nor thirst anymore; nor will the sun beat down on them, nor any heat;*

**Revelation 21:4**

*4 and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain; the first things have passed away.”*

B. In Nature  
**Romans 8:20,21**

*20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of Him who subjected it, in hope  
21 that the creation itself also will be set free from its slavery to corruption into the freedom of the glory of the children of God.*

IV. A Life of Unbroken Fellowship with God.

**Revelation 22:3,4**  
*3 There will no longer be any curse; and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him;  
4 they will see His face, and His name will be on their foreheads.*

† *John Manry*

**Easter Cantata – The Adult Choir will present the *Marks of the Mission* – Sunday Morning - April 16<sup>th</sup>**