

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

Monday

Women's Softball

Tuesday

Men's Softball

Widow's Meeting 10:30
am on
2nd & 4th Tuesdays

Thursday

Men's Softball

Wednesday

Fellowship Dinner on the
5th 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

Sandy Cove
August 6, 7, 8
Ken Ham
Answers in Genesis

call 800-234-2683
for more details

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God's Gift to Children - Camp Wo-Me-To

"We want the camp to honor God in all the facilities" - Frank Ulmer.

Frank Ulmer, a member of our church, became the manager at Camp-Wo-Me-To in May of 2005. He comes to this position with an exuberance and a humility to serve the Lord heartily according to Colossians 3:23. Frank accepted Jesus as his Savior at the age of six, but did not cultivate a close relationship with his Lord until his wife Karen experienced papillary thyroid cancer shortly after they met in college. God used that circumstance to bring Frank to his knees yielding to the sovereign Lord and used it for his and Karen's good as James 1 and Romans 8:28 tell us. They now have a deep relationship with God and each other.

Before Frank became the manager of the camp, he worked in construction after studying briefly for a degree in engineering. He then owned his own business from 1992 until last May. He enjoyed construction, building relationships along the way. He had many opportunities to share Christ with all he met and maintained a standard among his workers which created a good atmosphere in the homes in which he worked and led to lasting friendships. Having his own business gave him the freedom to schedule time with his family, a priority for him. Frank worked during the week and Karen worked as a nurse one weekday and every other weekend, enabling them to care for their boys, Joshua and Garrett themselves. About two years ago, Frank began to sense God calling him to something different, but he was not sure what it was, so he started

taking extension seminary courses from the Baltimore Baptist Association.. Then Karen's dream job opened up for her, to become the otolaryngology nurse specialist at the Milton J Dance, Jr. Head & Neck Rehabilitation Center, located in GBMC, a perfect position for one who had been through the procedures involved in her type of thyroid cancer. Frank, thinking that supporting Karen in this change was the direction in which God was leading him, encouraged her to apply for it and trust God to open or close doors. She did get the job and they worked around her schedule. About six months later the position as manager at Camp Wo-Me-To opened up. Frank had lived at the camp as a child while his Dad was the resident manager, and had loved it. He thought it would be such a great place to raise his kids. Karen immediately said, "I got my dream job. Why don't you try for yours?" They are both excited about this new opportunity that God has given them, to care for and live on the beautiful 150 acres of the camp. God has supplied the extra daycare needed for the boys from our fellowship.

Frank has a vision for the camp to return to the WMU's original mission in the 1940's and 50's with a full summer of Bible and Missions Camp weeks for children. His heart was really affected as he read a sentence in those early documents stating that they wanted to take a child's hand in a confused today and lead them to a Christ-centered tomorrow. Frank thought, "If this was a burden in the 1950's, how much more should be that burden today?" He is very enthusiastic about getting children and teens away from TV, cell phones,

and electronic games; and getting them into a magnificent setting, meeting with real live "normal" missionaries, and fundamental, solid bible teaching. The camp has had a real impact in countless lives over the years. In fact Frank has met several people, from pastors to his dental hygienist, who were saved or called to serve the Lord at Camp Wo-Me-To. Right now, the camp is basically a facility to rent, with only one week of GA camp a year. He has ideas for returning to that original intent; and is seeking the Lord's direction, stepping back and waiting for Him to open doors.

When asked what NHBC could do for the camp, Frank answered that most importantly they need prayer for guidance and opportunities. He is already working with Pastor Hugh on avenues of service and outreach for the church and community, perhaps a VBS or backyard bible club. He ALWAYS needs volunteers to help with maintenance and repair work, from raking leaves to plumbing, electrical, dry wall, and painting. Frank, with a smile says there is much preventative work to be done and adds, "We want the camp to honor God in all the facilities."

He also wants churches all over the convention to feel like we're their camp, a relationship with a service basis. Frank readily admits that this job is too big for him and that he gives it all to God daily as he prays for his next priority or his next group. He wants the Holy Spirit to keep this a holy place. As someone recently said, "This is the place where God lives." †Linda Mack

Biblical Fellowship

"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" (Acts 2:42).

Much goes on in Christian churches today under the name of "fellowship." Usually this consists of coffee and donuts, or church socials, or sports. As delightful as these functions may be, they should not be confused with Biblical fellowship.

Nowhere in the New Testament do any of the Greek words (translated "fellowship") imply fun times. Rather, they talk of, for example, "The fellowship of the ministering to the saints" (II Corinthians 8:4) as sacrificial service and financial aid.

(See, for example, I Timothy 6:18.)

Elsewhere, Paul was thankful for the Philippian believers' "fellowship in the gospel" (Philippians 1:5), for he knew that "inasmuch as both in my bonds, and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers [same word as fellowship] of my grace" (Philippians 1:7). This sort of fellowship may even bring persecution.

We are to emulate Christ's humility and self-sacrificial love (Philippians 2:5-8) through the "fellowship of the Spirit" (Philippians 2:1). In some way known only partially to us, we have the privilege of knowing "the fellowship of His sufferings, being made conformable unto His death" (Philippians 3:10), and even

"the communion [i.e., fellowship] of the blood" and "body of Christ" (I Corinthians 10:16).

As we can see, this "fellowship" is serious business. As in our text and subsequent verses, fellowship should be accompanied by teaching, prayer, and ministry to the poor (Acts 2:45).

This kind of fellowship will be in "favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" (Acts 2:47). JDM

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