

# 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  
Women's Softball

### 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

Sandy Cove

July 11

Westminster Brass \*

July 18

Steve Green \*

July 25

Damaris Carbaugh  
call 800-234-2683  
for more details

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## Stuck on Design!

The production of different kinds of glue and adhesives has been going on for some time. Glue sticks, wood glue, paper glue, and super glue are just a few of the marketable, beneficial products that have proven useful. But suppose a company were to announce that it had recently employed several top scientists who invented the world's most powerful adhesive—the world's strongest glue. Such an announcement would certainly be newsworthy, and the inventors of the glue would most likely make a considerable amount of money from the discovery.

Interestingly, such an announcement has been made—almost. Last week reports detailing the world's strongest glue began to circulate. Yet, this glue did not originate in the mind of a brilliant human scientist, nor was it the product of years of intense experimental research. The glue is a natural phenomenon produced by a

bacterium known as *Caulobacter crescentus* (Binns, 2006). How strong is this newly discovered stickum? Binns noted: “The adhesive can withstand an enormous amount of stress, equal to the force felt by a quarter with more than three cars piled on top of it. That's two to three times more force than the best retail glues can handle” (2006).

So we have found glue produced by a single-celled bacterium that outperforms every glue that has ever been designed by human engineers. What conclusion can be drawn from such a discovery? The obvious conclusion is that the Engineer who designed the bacterium with the ability to produce such glue possesses intelligence superior to that of our best human engineers. In fact, Binns noted that, even though the glue has been discovered, “it's not clear how the glue actually works.”

The more scientists explore the natural world, the more they are confronted with evidence that establishes the fact that God's thoughts are higher than man's thoughts (Isaiah 55:8). By the way, the scientists who are attempting to duplicate the glue are having considerable trouble due to the fact that the glue sticks to everything “including the tools used to make it.” Maybe a closer look at the bacterium would help us determine how God equipped it to handle this sticky problem.

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REFERENCE  
Binns, Corey (2006), “*World's Strongest Glue! Available Only From Nature!*” [On-line], URL:  
[http://www.livescience.com/animalworld/060410\\_nature\\_glue.html](http://www.livescience.com/animalworld/060410_nature_glue.html).

## Living in Retirement

As our plane landed at Charles de Gaulle airport in Paris, applause broke out among a group of airline employees. I thought this was a bit unusual, until I was told that the pilot had just completed the last flight of his career. He would retire the next day, and his colleagues were expressing their happiness for him.

For many people, retirement means doing what they have always wanted to do—fish, golf, travel. Others work hard to retire early so they can enjoy the fruit of their labor while still young and healthy.

The Christian looks at retirement

differently. An elderly friend who loves the Lord put it this way: “Tonight, I will retire to my bed. Tomorrow morning, should the Lord give me life to live, I will wake up and serve Him.” He had Paul's perspective: “To me, to live is Christ, and to die is gain” (Philippians 1:21). Paul's sole purpose was to glorify Christ. Whatever came of suffering, imprisonment, or hardship was another opportunity to further the gospel and live for Him.

There is always work to be done for the Lord. As long as we live, Christ can work in and through us if we adopt Paul's outlook on life and death. For him, there

was no retirement from serving the Lord.

† *Albert Lee*

*Growing old but not retiring,  
For the battle still is on;  
Going on without relenting  
Till the final victory's won.* —Anon.

Retirement from our jobs—yes.  
Retirement from serving  
Christ—never! of sin.

### **Our Daily Bread**

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## Summertime is Reading Time

As we move into the warmer weather of summer, it is a great time to sit and relax outside with a good book. We are blessed with many wonderful Christian books in this day and age. With that said, I will be sharing with you a number of interesting books (many of which are in the church library) that you may like to read. One of the most interesting books you can read this summer is the **CAMEL Training Manual**. No, this book is not about training camels. In fact, this book

has little to do with camels, but has a lot to do with being successful in witnessing to Muslims...the coming to faith in 'Isa'.

The title is an acronym made up from a single passage in the Koran (3:42-55) **C**hosen, **A**nnouncement, **M**iracles, **E**ternal, **L**ife. In this book, you will learn the aggressive approach of Muslim evangelism which uses the Koran as a bridge to the Bible. It will teach you how to discuss the Koran with Muslim friends so that they can see that Jesus Christ is more than a prophet.

The purpose of the **CAMEL Training**

**Manual** is to make Christians aware of the methods used by workers on the field who have been successfully sharing the gospel with Muslims. It relies on the Christian having some understanding of the Koran and using that information to bridge to the Word of God. † *Gerry Mack*

### **CAMEL Training Manual**

by Kevin Greeson  
WIGTake Resources  
pp. 134  
(In our church library)

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