



“God’s Pleasing Will”

By Pastor Dan Smith

Therefore, I urge you, brethren, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God— this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing, and perfect will. Romans 12:1,2

My wife, Sandy, and I have much in common; yet we are very different. One of the ways that this difference shows up is in the area of making major purchases. Sandy is a shopper, I am a buyer. Sandy is most comfortable purchasing something after she is persuaded that she has read every consumer report, visited every store, seen every option, and heard every price. Before I met her (i.e., before I provided “balance” in her life), she once took 14 months to purchase a new car.

I, on the other hand, know what I like, and am quick to “strike while the iron is hot”. That’s a really positive way of saying that I am impulsive, and feel compelled to buy the first “one” I see because I’m afraid that if I don’t get it *now* then it might not be available tomorrow.

As you might imagine, Sandy is just fine with how long it is taking our church to identify a new Worship/Music Director. She tends to assume that there is always someone else out there that we haven’t yet met, who might just be the perfect fit (how I ever got her to marry me, I’ll never know). I, on the other hand, am



always concerned that we just let the only candidates on the planet get away and are, therefore, doomed to be searching for the rest of our lives (everyone knows why I didn’t need to see any additional options before marrying Sandy).

The passage above reminds me that God is not as impatient and impulsive as I am. Rather, He is much more like Sandy. But His “slowness” to “pull the trigger” is not rooted in fear of making the wrong decision. Instead, He is patient so that what comes to pass is good and perfect. Here is where my faith begins to waiver. There is no doubt in my mind that God’s will is good and perfect... for Him. But I often struggle to find the confidence that His plans will turn out good for me. This, by the way, is why I am so impulsive. I feel the need to act *now* because I’m afraid that if I don’t,

then what comes later will not be “as good” and that I will have to *settle* for what turns out to be God’s will. I think this is why Paul includes the word “pleasing” right between “good” and “perfect”. Paul is reminding people like me that God’s will is not only “good” and “perfect” in some existential sense; but that God’s plans are also good for *us*, that God is not ambivalent about what brings His children pleasure. Instead, He finds joy in working things together for our good.

I have great respect for the way that the recent decision to continue searching for a Worship Leader was made. It was made with an understanding that one of the things that the Lord says is “good” for the church is *unity*. The Elders did not primarily evaluate the can-

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Know Jesus Christ as He is revealed to us in the Holy Scriptures
Love Jesus Christ as the Holy Spirit has shown Him to us in the Gospel.
Show Jesus Christ as we relate biblically in our circles of relationships to the Lord • to the Body of Christ
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has sent His Son.

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Resignation of John Best from Diaconate

As a Presbyterian Church, our Church Officers (Elders and Deacons) are nominated by our Nominating Committee (which is elected by the Congregation), then trained by our Pastor(s), and finally elected by the Congregation. Since our Officers are elected by the Congregation, it is appropriate to inform you of any changes to our Session (Board of Elders) or Diaconate (Board of Deacons). The Session has received the resignation of John Best from the Diaconate. John desired to be released from this obligation to invest his gifts in a different area of ministry within the church and community. John continues to serve the Congregation of EP by driving the van from the Naval Academy on Sunday mornings, as well as assisting the Deacons with various facility improvement projects. John also desires to help develop an effort to renovate and restore lower income housing in our community. Any questions may be directed to Pastor Dan Smith.

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didates based on each Elder's personal preference. Instead, they attempted to listen to as many people within EP as they could. And as they shared the input that they had received, what they found was that our congregation was not united. And while my initial thought might have been to just take a vote and let the majority "win"; our Elders grew more con-

vinced that God's answer would be more evident by consensus within the EP family. I am grateful for the "Sandys" in my life, who trust that the Lord is good—and that His plans, while taking longer than I'd like to become clear, are not only perfect, but also *pleasing*. I pray



that the Lord will strengthen your faith to believe this, as He is strengthening mine.

GRIEF SHARE

by Carolyn Woodie

THE DARKNESS OF GRIEF

The days and months of grief can be very dark. The world rushes on around us, but we don't see, we don't hear, we hardly function. Every breath is permeated by the fog of grief which surrounds us. At times like this, the Psalms can be a great source of comfort.

If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," even the darkness will not be dark to you; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you. Psalm 139:11-12

In our grief, we are reminded that, although we feel overcome by the darkness, God is THE source of light, THE source of hope in our lives.

All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. Psalm 139:16

Loss doesn't just "happen" to us, for the Bible tells us that God has planned our days.

Alan Redpath (British evangelist, pastor and author) wrote in Victorious Christian Living:

"There is nothing - no circumstance, no trouble, no testing - that can ever touch me until, first of all, it has gone past God and Christ, right through to me. If it has come that far, it has come with a great purpose, which I may not understand at the moment. But as I refuse to be-

come panicky, as I lift my eyes up to Him and accept it as coming from the throne of God for some great purpose of blessing to my own heart, no sorrow will ever disarm me, no circumstance will cause me to fret, for I shall rest in the joy of what my Lord is. That is the rest of victory."

That is a huge concept to get our mind around, but with God's help, we can learn to trust Him that His ways are perfect.



GriefShare is a special weekly seminar/support group for people grieving the death of someone close. It's a place where you can be around people who understand how you feel and the pain of your loss. The next session of GriefShare will begin in early October. Watch for announcements of the date, or for more information, contact Paul and Carolyn Woodie 410-626-8430 - carolyn.woodie@verizon.net or Walt and Karen Asplund 410-923-3285 - asplundmd@yahoo.com.





OUTREACH NEWS by Laurie Nelson

This past year our cat, Spazzles, ran away and was gone for three days. The kids and I hung flyers everywhere, called his name each night, and checked in with animal control daily. I was reminded of this event one day while reading the April 2008 issue of *Tabletalk*. The devotional called "Seeking the Lost" pretty much summed up what most of "community outreach" in a church should look like. I would like to share with you the following excerpt in hopes that the Lord may pierce some hearts as He did mine.

The devotional stated, "Generally speaking, a dog owner will search high and low for his pet if he finds that his animal is missing. He might walk through his neighborhood yelling out the name of his dog in hopes that it will come running...Normally, he will also plaster the telephone poles on the local streets with flyers promising a reward for the animal's return.

While dogs are a good gift from the Lord, it is indeed sad that too many followers of Christ are more concerned to find lost pets than they are to find lost people. We

*easily grow complacent about our participation in the mission Jesus has given to us (Matt. 28:18-20). The task of world evangelization is so large that we often ignore it. Without necessarily bearing a malicious intent, most of us probably overlook the desperate needs found even in our own communities. Church buildings are often treated as doctor's offices. Just as a physician waits at his practice for patients to come for treatment, so too do we act as if sinners will of their own accord visit the church in order to find salvation. The task of seeking, however, belongs to the Christian community. God's passion is to seek out the lost. If they died tonight, the unrepentant sinners around us would go to hell, and our concern for these unbelievers is to be so great that we search them out, share the Gospel, and then rejoice when someone trusts Jesus (Luke 15:1-11)...We who have been found by Christ must never forget our desperation, lostness, purposelessness, and hopelessness before the Savior found us (Eph 2:11-12). **May we go out of our way to find and befriend non-Christians so that we might be used of Jesus to lead them into His kingdom.**"*

Annapolis EP can have ministries and programs that would facilitate in mobilizing people for outreach, but the

greater fruit will be evident as members of our church body take it upon themselves to "seek out" those in our community, neighborhoods and businesses.



Finally, thank you to all who have been praying for and contributed to our "Send a Kid to Camp" campaign. It has been a blessing to see how many have chosen to be a part of God's incredible provision for this ministry. Now that we have met the goal, continue to pray for the children who will be attending Camp Wabanna and their families.

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MISSIONS by Sue Kairys

Kevin and Tanya Van Horne serve with InterVarsity Christian Fellowship in Chisinau, the capital of Moldova, which is a former Soviet Republic country. Kevin and Tanya were both involved in campus ministries while in college. They each participated in short term mission trips and attended the Urbana conference that is sponsored by InterVarsity. They both decided to go on two year ministry assignments in Russia after graduation from college. These two year assignments helped them to make a longer commitment to missions.

Kevin and Tanya met in Moscow while serving with International Teams. They have been married for 13 years and have two children: Stephen, 9, and Sophia, 7. After their marriage, they have lived in Ukraine, Canada, and Moldova.

The Van Hornes work with the Community of Christian Students, a sister organization of InterVarsity, ministering to university students in Moldova. Their roles include staff training, pastoral care, teaching English, leading Bible studies, and organizational development. Tanya was able to attend our Mission Conference and share about

their ministry in Chisinau.

Prayer Requests:

1. Strength and health for the Van Horne family as they minister in Moldova.
2. Renewal of residency documents so they can remain in Moldova until February 2009.
3. God's peace as they open their home to guests and host dinners.
4. God's blessing on their team as they work together and plan for the future of their ministry.
5. God's provision as they finalize plans for the summer for vacation time and visits with extended family.



PREPARING FOR MARRIAGE

by Larry and Janet Collins

Comments from the most recent PFM class members:



About the inventory:

"It was helpful and insightful. I would like to be able to take it again in a couple of years."

"It confirmed strengths we knew and forced conversation on things that needed discussing."

"It forced us to consider some issues and ideas we would not have otherwise."

About working with a mentor couple:

"Excellent. They were very wise and understanding."

"Quite lovely. They were very warm and inviting. We learned a lot from chatting with them and spending time with them."

"Our mentor couple was wonderful. They were very helpful in bringing up things we needed to discuss."

In general:

"(The course) made our relationship grow. (It) will help put our union on solid ground."

"(We learned) what God intended for marriage to be."

"(We learned) how to express and listen to each other in disappointments, conflicts and arguments."

Fall session dates for PFM are: September 14 through December 7, 2008 (excluding Thanksgiving weekend).



DID YOU KNOW?

On Loan From God



Derek Alexander Gay
Birth Date: Feb 12, 2008
Parents: Michael Alexander & Ruth Powell Gay
Grandparents:
Lloyd & Tait Powell
Great Grandparents:
Bob & Ardath Powell

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Upcoming Outreach Opportunities.

Lighthouse Shelter Dinners:

Every 4th Saturday of the month, EP provides residents of Lighthouse shelter dinner. Summer dates available still are **July 26 and August 23**. Grab your family, small group or Sunday school class and take the opportunity to bless a group of people here in Annapolis that are going through a difficult time.



Woodside Gardens Summer Camp:

Every Tuesday beginning **July 15 to August 19** we will be doing a camp (arts, recreation, Bible story time, etc) from 10:00AM to 12:00PM. The youth group will be doing an afternoon session each Tuesday from 2:00PM to 4:00PM.



GIVING THRU MAY 18

Operating Fund:	Year To Date
Budgeted Giving	\$ 943,900
Actual Giving	\$ 893,900
Surplus or (Deficit)	(\$ 50,000)
Building (Campaign) Fund	
Actual Giving to Date	\$ 75,200
Amount Pledged to Date	\$ 646,000
Actual Giving as a % of Amount Pledged	11.60%

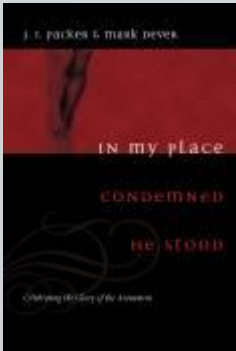




LIBRARY LINES by Ruth Burge

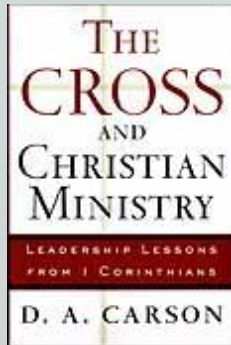
SUMMER READING AT EP'S LIBRARY

As you get set for a long, relaxing summer (which, by the way, usually is too short and too frantic), plan to read some good books to encourage your heart in your walk with Christ. Recently over 100 new books were added to our collection, books for all ages and interests. Some samples:



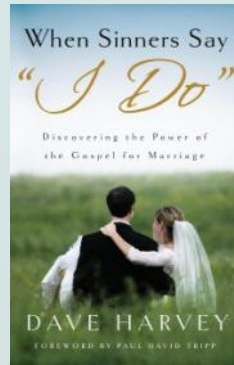
In My Place Condemned He Stood: Combining three classic articles by J. I. Packer with a recent article by Mark Dever and a foreword by the four principals of Together for the Gospel, this compact yet penetrating anthology takes an unwavering, classically biblical stance on the increasingly controversial doctrine of substitutionary atonement.

The Cross and Christian Ministry: Through his exposition of I Corinthians, D.A. Carson presents a comprehensive view of what the death of Christ means in preaching and ministering to God's people.



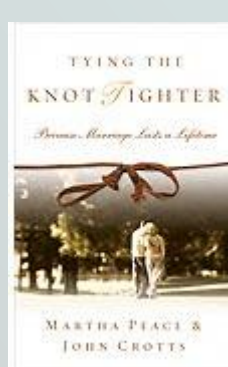
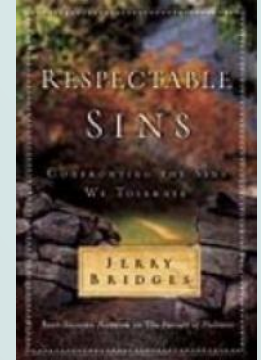
Love in Hard Places: This book by D.A. Carson not only focuses on the aspects of Christian love that are not easy - such as when it comes to loving our enemies, and even forgiving those loved ones who have hurt us - but also helps readers understand, then, what biblical love really is.

Worship Matters: What does a worship leader do? What are the essential of Gospel-driven worship? Learn from Bob Kauflin as he share his heart on worship.



When Sinners Say I Do: Whether you are starting out in marriage or celebrating your 50th anniversary, you'll find in David Harvey's book a guide to building your marriage on the foundation of the Gospel.

Respectable Sins: Have Christians become so preoccupied with the major sins of our society that we have lost sight of our need to deal with our own more subtle sins? Jerry Bridges returns to his trademark theme of holiness and addresses a dozen clusters of specific "acceptable" sins that we tend to tolerate in ourselves—such as jealousy, anger, pride, unthankfulness, and judgmentalism.



Tying the Knot Tighter: Just as the best coaches remind their players to master the basics of their sport, Christian couples need to be regularly reminded of the basics of a Christian marriage. This book sets out to provide such reminders. The authors have broken down nineteen areas of marriage by briefly summarizing the Bible's teaching and offering a series of penetrating questions

to help readers take inventory of themselves and their marriage. Each section ends with two recommended resources to dig deeper.

Library Website: To browse our catalogue from your home computer, visit the Library website at www.libraryworld.net/opac. The Library name is EPA Church Library. Select the guest option. No password is needed. Then search by keyword, title, author, or subject.

For questions about the Library, contact Ruth Burge at riburge@epannapolis.org or 410-923-2338.





CHILDRENS MINISTRY by Linda Cate

As I write this article, the school year is winding down and summer is fast approaching. Our Children's Ministry Department is working hard on one of our main jobs: to recruit and train summer Sunday school teachers. In the midst of the daily urgency, we are asking some bigger questions, such as How will we teach the next generation to know God's laws, not forget the works of God and keep His commandments? or How can we encourage a generation whose heart is steadfast and whose spirit is faithful to God? (Psalm 78:5-7) Will the next generation be encouraged to treasure Christ, our Savior, as a result of our ministry? Are we partnering with parents to leave a legacy of faith for the next generation? As the Holy Spirit guides and strengthens us, we want to "proclaim Him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ. To this end [we] labor, struggling with all His energy, which so powerfully works in [us]." Colossians 1:28-29

I'd like to share with you some thoughts from the book by Susan Hunt, "Heirs of the Covenant: Leaving a Legacy of Faith for the Next Generation".

He decreed statutes for Jacob and established the law in Israel which he commanded our forefathers to teach their children, so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children. Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep his commands. Psalm 78:5-7

This passage gives us a glimpse at the learning process in educating God's people to think and act Christianly...

In Christian education, the goal is not self-fulfillment or self-actualization. The intended outcome is not a positive self-image. As set forth in Psalm 78, the goal is for the student to trust God and keep His commands. There is a process that parents and churches are to follow to help move students toward that goal.

This learning process is the same in formal and informal teaching situations. It is the same when parents impress God's Word on their children as they 'sit at home' and 'walk along the road' (Deuteronomy 6:7), when the preschool Sunday school teacher, the youth leader, the day school teacher, and the teacher of adults teach a lesson.

Susan Hunt goes on to explain in more detail the three main steps in this learning process: first, the statutes and laws are to be taught. Second, once the information is in the brain, the student must know the information in such a way that it impacts how and what he thinks. The learning process is complete when, in a third step, the student puts trust in God and keeps His commands. The information becomes the authority for how the student lives.

So our goal is to help our children know the Gospel, love our Savior, and show Him to our neighbors. We are deeply grateful for the parents and teachers who are partnering with us in this mission, and we are excited to announce that we are planning exciting changes in our curriculum for nursery through 5th grade, and in our large group worship time at the beginning of the 11:00 hour. We are looking to put together **creative teams** to come up with a **theme for our children's classes** and **create banners** and other **moveable decorations** to give the Chapel a more kid friendly feel. We would like to develop a group of people willing to work on **skits and**

dramas that show Biblical truths to children. We would also like a **music team** that includes musicians and singers to help kids worship God and teach the catechism through song. We want to continue to have a **missionary/outreach focus** during this time. If you are willing to help with any or all of the following areas:

- Creating the Theme**
- Drama**
- Singing and playing music**
- Sewing of Banners and decorations**
- Missionary Updates**

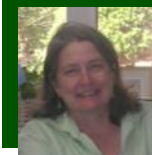
Please call the Children's Ministry office 410-266-8091 ext 126! Thank you for your partnership. We covet your prayers in the months ahead!



MEN'S MINISTRY by Tom Beall

The purpose of the Men's Ministry at EP is to encourage us to become men of godly integrity in every aspect of our lives. We have found that **small groups** of 2-8 men are the best place to grow in our faith. In small groups we get to know, pray, and care for each other, study God's Word, have fellowship, encourage each other to grow in Christ, and become involved in ministry together. The small group setting is where it is easiest to see God's Hand at work in the body of Christ, and to build the kind of relationships that allow us to really address the struggles, hurts, and successes of life with other believers. There are lots of opportunities to "plug in" to an existing group or to start new ones that are convenient to your work and home schedule. If you are not already in a small group, now is a great time to get started. Pick up a list of small groups on the Men's Ministry bulletin board across from the Church

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**WOMEN'S
MINISTRY**
by Jenny Woodruff

Gospel of Christ, I will be with Him when this life ends.



This past month I have been working on the Women's Ministry Summer Brochure; spellchecking and word-smithing... not my strong suites. Yesterday my husband left me the following message he had found on a bulletin board at work, bringing hope to my spelling challenged life. I know it looks weird to many, but read the following paragraph:

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The immediate encouragement is that in spite of my lapses into creative spelling, you will still be able to understand the brochures and articles that I write. The big picture lesson for me came as I contemplated the importance of the 'frist and lsat ltteer'.

"He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To him who is thirsty I will give to drink without cost from the spring of the water of life." Revelation 21:6 (NIV)

The Lord holds the beginning, the middle and the end of my life. I know the first letter, the beginning. The Lord created me and knew me before the foundation of the earth, and I know the end: that because of God's grace extended to me through the

When the middle seems all a muddle and I feel completely befuddled, I ask the Lord, 'the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and End', to help me understand, because He sees the whole 'word', and knows what He is saying through me. He fills my cup with living water.

Are you thirsty? Ever feel like the letters of your life are all out of place and out of order? Come join a summer Women's Bible Study as we consider the one who is 'the Beginning and the End'.

Do you know someone who is thirsty? Bring them to a summer study or to our special outreach event in July "Water Jars".

Pick up a Women's Ministry Summer Brochure and pray about where the Lord would have you grow and serve. And thanks for hlepning me wth my splelnig!



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Office. Join a current group or let us help you start your own with one or two other men in your neighborhood or at work.

Tuesday:

"Gospel of Mark": 7:30PM-9:00PM - Tom Beall's Office - "Gospel of Mark" - Contact Tom Beall - 410-647-7985

Wednesday:

"Don't Waste your Life": 6:00-7:15AM (Tom Beall's office)- Donuts and coffee- Contact: Tom Beall - 410-647-7985

Bible Study/Prayer/Discipleship: 7:30-8:30PM in Narthex Library - Contact: Charlie McDonald 410-573-9183

Thursday:

Annapolis Area: 6:30-7:30AM - Double T Diner -Breakfast, prayer, study. - Contact: Dan Raspa - 410-266-5625
"James": 7:00-8:30AM (Tom Beall's Office) Donuts and coffee
Contact: Tom Beall - 410-647-7985

Friday:

Bible Study: 9:00 -10:30AM (Tom Beall's Office) - Donuts and coffee - Contact: Frank Rouland 410-923-6128

Saturday:

Donuts and Doctrine: 7:00AM-9:00AM at EP
Contact: Don Rice 410-261-5340

Tuesdays Starting in September

Men's Fraternity - Weekly 6:00-7:30AM -Breakfast and a look at Biblical Manhood - Brian Saxman 410-757-7280

Events: Are you fairly new to the church, don't know how to find your place, or just don't know anyone? Then come join us and bring a friend to the monthly times of fellowship and service. Each month there is an opportunity to get to know other men, fellowship, serve, and bring you friends from work or your neighborhood.

June: Orioles game

July: Baysox game

August: EP All Church Retreat - Bring your whole family

September: Golf Tournament

Watch the bulletin for details or pick up a schedule on the Men's Bulletin Board and then come join us.

Contact Tom Beall at 410-266-8090 ext. 117 or email at tbeall@epannapolis.org for more information or to help you get started.



Men's Charter Fishing Trip
May 19th



DEADLINE FOR THE
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EPISTLE IS AUGUST 12th

The EPistle is published quarterly and distributed free of charge to members and friends of Annapolis EP Church. Articles may be submitted for consideration by e-mail to mdrouin@epannapolis.org, on disk, or paper copy to the Church Office. Disk or e-mail is preferred. Submissions may be edited for clarity and brevity.

Training Young Worshipers: the Junior Choir

Where can children learn both the skills and the theology of worship? Where can they both serve the body of Christ and be served in their Christian growth? The answer to each of these questions is "in the junior choir at EP." Each Thursday afternoon during the school year about 36 young people in the 3rd through 7th grades come together to practice music and learn more about the skills of leading in worship. The choir sings in the morning services once a month, and participates in special Christmas and spring congregational events. As a part of their outreach, they sing their music for residents of a local retirement center at Christmas time and go on a "mini-tour" to the Quarryville Presbyterian Retirement Community in Pennsylvania one Saturday in May.



Choir members who participate all five years cover a complete supplementary curriculum that teaches them music skills as well as biblical principles of worship and music. Knowledge of the study units is "tested" in a weekly Jeopardy game projected in a PowerPoint presentation where the choir members earn points for their teams as well as a piece of candy for right answers. Achievements are awarded at the end of the year with certificates and stickers.

	1st Semester	2nd Semester
Year 1	General Music Handel-Vivaldi	Music in the Bible
Year 2	Vocal Production	Hymns
Year 3	General Music Conducting	Rhythm
Year 4	Psalms	Psalms
Year 5	Sight Singing	Sight Singing

What do some of the choir members have to say about choir?



"I learned a lot more about God and vastly improved my singing skills with Mrs. Burge's teaching."- 5th grader
"I learned how to sight sing quickly, made new friends, and learned to enjoy singing hymns."- 3rd grader

Many of these children will not spend their lives singing in choirs, but we pray that all of them will spend their lives worshipping our great God and Savior in song.



Isn't that worth preparing for and learning about? When the junior choir starts their new season in September, consider having your children participate. For more information: Ruth Burge at riburge@epannapolis.org or 410-923-2338.

Welcome



Jan Borger

Teacher

Ministry Interests:
working with children

Hobbies:
children's books, puppets,
story telling

I'm a grandma with 3 grandchildren



Chris Kramer

Teacher

Ministry Interests:

Bible study, Mercy Ministry

Hobbies: car repair, guitar

I have dissected 1,000 rats



Fred and Dana Andre

Fred: Campus Crusade

Ministry Interests:

meeting internationals

Hobbies: skiing, biking



Peter and Amy Brereton

Peter: Navy (Subs);

USNA teacher

Amy: Early Childhood, Special

Ed Professor

Ministry Interests:

Peter: small groups

Amy: children, women,

mothers, Christian unity

Hobbies:

Peter: rugby

Amy: travel, writing, time with

nephews/nieces

Peter teaches physics

Amy comes from a long line of

maple farmers



Bryan Davidson

Musician

Ministry Interests:

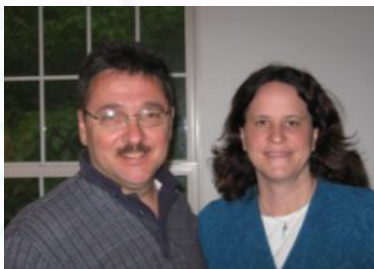
music, missions

Hobbies:

music, cooking, acting,

ballroom dancing

Once arrested in Russia



Paul and Carol Matthews

Paul: Naval Officer and

Oceanographer

Carol: Speech/Language Pathologist

Ministry Interests:

Paul: Men's Ministry

Carol: Women's and

Children's Ministries

Hobbies:

Paul: fishing, sailing, cooking

Carol: reading, crafts

Paul ties fishing flies

Carol is a scuba diver



Ken Johnson

Archivist

Ministry Interests:

Bible study, Library, small group

Hobbies: historical research,

dancing, travel

Works at National Archive in

College Park



Van and Nancy Thompson

Van: Self-employed

Nancy: Florist

Ministry Interests: Van: car care

Nancy: missions, flowers

Hobbies:

Van: golf, guitar, fishing, boating

Nancy: gardening, cooking, scrapbooking

Van built *Invisible towers*;

Nancy never met a stranger



Margo Tessitore

Retired

Ministry Interests: evangelism



Charlie McDonald

Retired

Ministry Interests: community outreach, Bible study

Lived/Worked in Europe for 30 years



Dave and Catherine Meloy

Dave: President of Merit Hotel Group

Catherine: President of Goodwill of Greater Washington

Ministry Interests:

Dave: marriage counseling

Catherine: choir

Hobbies:

Dave: sailing, flying

Catherine: sailing

Dave lived in 7 major cities in 20 years

Catherine was in broadcasting for 25 years



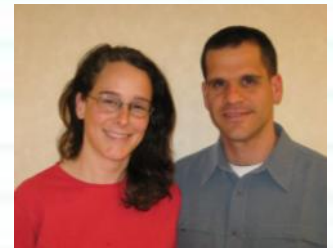
Dan and Danielle Osborne

Dan: Project Manager

Danielle: Mom

Ministry Interests: small groups

Hobbies: outdoor activities, fly fishing



Brian and Amy Randall

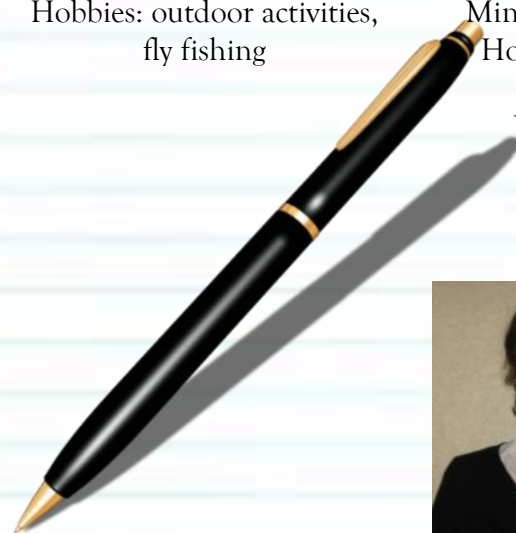
Brian: US Navy - USNA Teacher

Amy: Mom

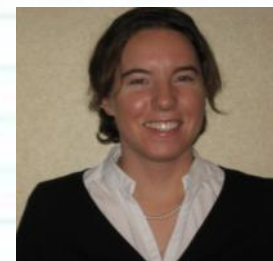
Ministry Interests: music, outreach

Hobbies: cycling, aircraft, piano, building rockets

We homeschool our 4 kids



EP NEW
Members



Corrina McKenna

Teacher: Rockbridge Academy

Ministry Interests: English as Second Language (ESL)

Hobbies: reading, cooking, working out

Favorite movie is "The Secret Garden"



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