



A Church for All Nations and  
A Fellowship of Living Grace!

# The Ram's Horn

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## THE SHEPHERD'S CORNER

By Pastor Daniel L. Switzer, Ed.D.

Recently we've been talking about being a "Matthew" related to the My Hope with Billy Graham project. What does it mean to be a "Matthew"? What can we learn from Jesus in His relationship with Matthew, who became a strong follower of Christ? Matthew 9:9-13 shares Jesus' calling of Matthew:

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and "sinners" came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and 'sinners'?"

On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners." (NIV)

In this passage we see that Jesus called Matthew to follow him, had dinner at Matthew's home, that they invited tax collectors and "sinners," and that Jesus cared for and shared his life with them.

### Others-Focused Prayer

First, being a Matthew means that we will develop a compassion for those who need the Lord

## What Does It Mean to be a "Matthew"?

through others-focused prayer. Through the leading of the Holy Spirit, we identify two to four people who don't have a relationship with the Lord. We seek to pray for them daily that God will work his salvation in their lives. We understand that salvation is of the Lord.

As we pray for those that the Lord has laid on our hearts, the Lord also does a work in us. He gives us a burden—a compassion for the lost—that moves us to action. Make no mistake; God is the one that saves people. At the same time, He uses us to accomplish his great saving work.

### "Heads-Up" Living

In the game of football, coaches encourage their players to get their "heads up" or their "heads on a swivel." If players are looking down, they are liable to get knocked down. In the same way, the Lord calls us to be alert disciples of Christ who live with our "heads up." In John 4:35, Jesus challenged us, "I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest." When we live with our heads up, we are focused on Christ and what He wants to do in the lives of others. We have an outward focus on others as opposed to an inward focus on ourselves (with our heads down). We are seeking opportunities to be relational with those whom we are praying for. As we see our neighbors in our neighborhood, we stop to talk with them. If we see our coworker taking a coffee break, we stop and chat for a few minutes. In short, we're not too busy to be relational and reach out with the love of Christ.

### Sharing Christ through Hospitality

Next, we seek to be hospitable. First, we seek to walk out hospitality in who we are as people—in our bearing—how we greet others, how we carry on conversations, and how we show care and compassion. In addition, as Matthew did, we're willing to open up our home and invite people over for a meal. As we eat together, we share how God has worked in us, which in turn encourages others to share about their own lives. We relate our testimony of how God has changed our lives, which naturally leads us to the good news of the gospel: the way of salvation through Jesus Christ.

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## News from the Nations

### Branch Ministries Inc, Botswana, Rob and Mary Grindley

– We thank you for your love, prayers and financial support! Our three churches are doing well. We thank God we just passed a milestone as our first church was able to purchase a 2000 Toyota flatbed truck costing nearly \$8,000.00. We as a church have been saving up for several years. It's great to see the people in the church learning to give and trust God, and we are astounded by how God is blessing those who choose to give. At Saturday night prayer meetings we have over 40+ people packed into our house for prayer and praise, and it's our favorite night of the week. Our Powerhouse In-School Abstinence program was rated the "Champion" of all abstinence programs in the country of Botswana by the National Coordinating Board. We have been in 10 different schools speaking to every student several times – about 7,000 teens in all. The government awarded us another grant to continue the program for another year. We have 15 students enrolled this term in our Bible School and we can see the spiritual growth that is taking place.

### Living Grace Christian School

Friday morning chapel is one of the highlights of our school week. Recently Pastor Henry Joyner from Christ Church of Rockville ministered at chapel sharing the following from 1 Samuel chapter 3: "We've got to know God for ourselves. You can have a very personal relationship with God. We are earthen vessels filled with the presence of God! I want Christ alive in my heart! Be an example like Timothy in the New Testament – that can only happen when you have a personal connection with God. Do you

recognize the voice of God in your life? Is the Lord the greatest love of your life? If you love Him, obey Him."

**Shady Grove Pregnancy Center, Rockville** – Thank you for taking a stand for the sanctity of life of the unborn child. Our message to women facing a crisis pregnancy is "Life is sacred—let us help you through your pregnancy." Give thanks with us that recently the 4<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court of Appeals upheld the lower court's finding that the Montgomery County Council regulation for pregnancy centers to display restrictive signage was, in fact, unconstitutional.

**Pastors Morris Brown, Samuel Momoh, and Julius Togba in Liberia, Africa** - Pastor Momoh has to be out of his present church location by June 14, 2014, due to a squatter's rights provision. He has found another property with room to build a church and a house on the property where he could live. The cost of the property with purchasing fees is about \$3,000.00. Pray with us for God's supply of this pressing need for Pastor Momoh and his congregation. (We rejoice that when one sister heard about this need, God prompted her to generously give toward this project! The church is also contributing to this need.)

**Young Life, Montgomery County** – Rick Monroe has faithfully scattered the seed of God's Word in kids' lives for almost 40 years. Ruby was in the fourth grade when she first met Rick. She was the little sister of a club kid and club was sometimes hosted in her home. "It was the last club before Christmas," Rick explained, "and the room was packed with more than 100 high school kids. After the talk, I felt led to say a prayer for kids who wanted to trust Christ as Savior." Little Ruby listening in the next room came and got a children's devotional book he offered. That was the beginning of many years of careful cultivation. Today Ruby's son Ryan sits at the feet of Rick in club. Pray for thousands of faithful leaders as they continue sowing seed in kids' lives.

### Pray also for:

Dads Works with Dave Berry, Westminster, MD – D. Oliver, Northern Asia, Orphan Outreach Crossroads Valley Church, Frederick, MD  
Jesus Is Alive Ministries, Apostle William Tetey, Togo  
Adwoa Yeboah-Marfo, Marfo Children's Village, Ghana  
Or Ha Olam, Light of the World Congregation, Rockville, MD  
Camp Courage  
Wycliffe Bible Translators, the Ulriches  
Living Grace Ministries



## My Hope with Billy Graham Outreach

This month: a special Youth Discipleship Club at the Northgate building on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:30 pm  
*Bring a friend for pizza, fellowship, and an inspiring program.*

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### St. Benedict's Rule

*Written over 1,300 years ago*

The first rule is simply this:  
Live this life  
And do whatever is done  
In a spirit of Thanksgiving  
Abandon attempts to achieve security;  
They are futile.  
Give up the search for wealth;  
It is demeaning.  
Quit the search for salvation;  
It is selfish.  
And come to comfortable rest  
In the certainty that those who  
Participate in this life  
With an attitude of Thanksgiving  
Will receive its full promise

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### The Gateway Class for New Members

Continues at Northgate on Sundays at 9 am; childcare is provided.

### Northgate Community Church

*Reaching People from All Nations  
by God's Grace!*

#### Worship Schedule

Sundays, 9:45 am - Congregational Prayer  
Sundays, 10:00 am – Worship Service

Midweek Flock Home Groups

*We are always ready to serve you –  
Pastors Dan, Rick, Thurlow,  
and Elder Vance*

## FLOCK HOME GROUPS

### Montgomery Village

Wednesdays, 7:30 pm, McRory Area; Alfred and Jacky Johnson, 301-977-2220; Assistant leader – Claude Johnson

### Montgomery Village

Wednesdays, 7:30 pm, Thurlow & Lynda Switzer, 240-631-1769

### Germantown

Thursdays 7:30 pm, Rick and Sue Brown – meeting at Rick and Sue Brown's; call 301-972-2129 for details

### Young Adult Flock Group

Meeting weekly on Thursday nights, 7:30 pm Tim and Deborah Switzer are the leaders.

### Youth Discipleship Club

For all 6<sup>th</sup> graders – high school, Dan and Silvia Switzer, 301-977-1121, Assistant leaders Ron and Kahlia Davis and Tessie Perez

### Men Under God (MUG) Monthly Breakfast, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8 am at the Hilton.

#### November Birthdays

Kahlia Davis, Nov 1  
Sarah Woode, Nov 3  
David Lyman, Nov 4  
Nehemiah Switzer, Nov 6  
Benga Alabi, Nov 6  
Mark Anderson, Nov 9  
Rick Brown, Nov 11  
Sylvia Coley, Nov 12  
Hannah Switzer, Nov 15  
Tolu Sogunro, Nov 17  
Nicole Switzer, Nov 18  
Essie Sehom Abalo, Nov 22  
Jimmy Brown, Nov 22  
Jane Dando, Nov 22  
Essence Davis, Nov 22  
Catherine Djene, Nov 24  
Della Baker, Nov 24  
Araoluwa Alabi, Nov 26

#### November Anniversaries

Bill and Andrea Thomas, Nov 17

#### Praise and Prayer Requests

1. Jim Wood – praise for his home in Damascus
2. Madeline Cooksey – at the Jewish Center
3. Pray for Linda Kauzlarich's friend Michelle and two people she's caring for – Gayle and Neal
4. Pray for our nation's leaders.
5. Northgate pastors, elders, and families
6. Pray for those in the Northgate family who are looking for work that God will open doors.
7. David Szymanski in AZ – prayer for health and protection
8. Stacy Goldstein – give praise to God that her two sisters are doing better; continue to pray for Stacy's healing
9. Jessica Lyman in the Navy in Illinois
10. Betty Money's niece Kimberly, healing from kidney cancer
11. Madeline Cooksey's son Tim – healing
12. Amanda Dodd – recently diagnosed with celiac disease

*The Living Grace Institute Class:*

### **The Gospel of Luke**

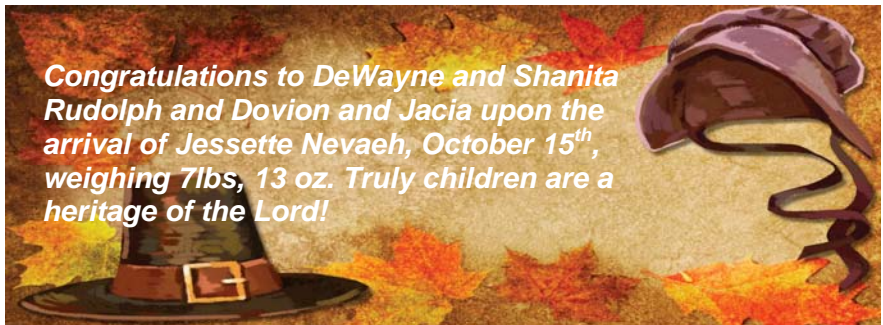
#### **Monday nights**

**7:00 pm – 9:30 pm.**

*Come, visit one of the classes!*

Blessed  
to Be a  
Blessing

**Pray for  
MY HOPE  
With  
Billy Graham  
November 7th**



## A Veterans Day Prayer

God of all nations, you are our Strength and Shield. We give you thanks today for the devotion and courage of all those who have offered military service for this country.

We ask today that you would lift up by your Spirit those who are now at war; encourage and heal those in hospitals or mending their wounds at home; guard those in any need or trouble; hold safely in your hands all military families and bring the returning troops to joyful reunion and tranquil life at home. Give to us, your people, grateful hearts and a united will to honor these men and women and hold them always in our love and our prayers until your world is perfected in peace and all wars cease. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*By Dr. Jennifer Phillips*



**VETERANS DAY**

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With the My Hope with Billy Graham project, at its simplest level, we are inviting people to our home to watch an inspiring program on television (or on the internet). During this program, Billy Graham will share the simple message of the gospel—the good news about Christ and how He can change our lives to live His abundant life!

**Following Up**

It's important that we help new believers as they begin their walk with Christ. We should invite them to church and help them to become assimilated into the family of God. In addition, helping them to become part of a flock home group will enable them to be disciplined and built up in their faith. This discipleship takes place through regular fellowship with other believers and through studying the Word of God with more mature believers.

I encourage you to be willing to be a Matthew. Let the Lord place on your heart two to four friends, neighbors, and coworkers who need the Lord. Pray for them, look for opportunities to relate with them, and share the love of Christ with them. And I encourage you to invite them to watch the My Hope with Billy Graham special program in November. I know God will inspire you as you reach out this way—it's the exciting life of Christ. As Psalm 130: 7 says, "Put your hope in the Lord. . . . With Him is redemption in abundance" (HCSB). I pray God's abundant life, grace, and presence be with you!



					1	2 MUG-Men's Breakfast, Hilton, 8 am
3 Gateway Class, 9 am Worship 10 am  <i>Daylight Saving Time ends</i>	4 Living Grace Institute 7 pm	5  <i>Election Day</i>	6 Flock Group Equipping 7:30 pm	7 Young Adult Flock, 7:30 pm  My Hope w/Billy Graham	8 Germantown Flock @ Brown's 7:30 pm	9 Fall Clean-Up of the church grounds, 8 am - noon
10 Gateway, 9 am Worship 10 am	11 LGI, 7 pm	12	13 Flock Groups 7:30 pm	14 Germantown Flock @ Brown's; Young Adult Flock, 7:30 pm	15 YDC: My Hope w/ Billy Graham Outreach at Church, 7:30 pm	16
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24 Gateway, 9 am Worship 10 am	25 LGI, 7 pm	26	27 Flock Groups 7:30 pm <i>Hanukkah begins at sundown through Dec 5th</i>	28  <i>Thanksgiving</i>	29	30

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