



THE VINE

Aspen Hill Christian Church

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For where your
treasure
is, there will your
heart be also.

Matthew 6:21

Things That Are Important to Us

We all have certain things that matter to us more to us than other things. We don't all necessarily share the same things that are more important to us than to someone else, but we each have things that, for one reason or another, really matter a lot more to us than they do to someone else.

For some people, it might be a favorite picture or a vase, or a family history book that has been in their family for a long time, and what is just a picture to the average person is a treasured object to them.

I once had a plumb bob that was special to me. It was just a plumb bob, one that surveyors use all the time and aren't on very many people's "treasured objects" list. But this particular plumb bob was special to me because I had used it in my first job working with a Civil Engineer for several summers during my teenage years. Charlie had given it to me, and it was a reminder of how special Charlie was to me. Over the years, I've misplaced it, but it's somewhere among all my "stuff".

I have a collection of pocketknives that are priceless to me, but especially the first pocketknife that I got, which introduced me to the fine art of "knife trading." It came to me from a man who was once very special to me. Ewell gave it to me in 1968. It was my first pocketknife and I'll treasure it as long as I'm alive. It was a ten dot Case pocketknife and at the time I had no idea of what a ten dot was but once I was introduced to the world of trading pocket knives I was bitten and for all of my early years and actually right up to this day fifty-five years later pocketknives are extra special to me. I have given very nice pocketknives to each of my grandchildren on special days in their lives, and I hope they become more important to them than just another pocketknife.

My yard is important to me as well. I know a lot of people who despise grass and go to great lengths to avoid having a beautiful grass yard, but the yard has an extra special place in my heart. To most people, a yard is just a yard, but to me, it's a reminder of all the time and effort and hard work my dad and I put into his yard because it was important to him. At the time, I can't say I appreciated the yard all that much (playing baseball was much more important to me), but now the yard reminds me of my dad and all our time together working in the yard.

What's important to you? Why? One of the challenges we all face is being sure what's really important, more important than anything else, are the right things. Time with my family ranks above pocketknives, plumb bobs, and even the yard to me. Doing my best to impart my love of the church and taking care of my children's spiritual life is at the top of the list.

What's important, I mean really important to you, is worth thinking about and talking about with others. The Bible says, "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also". (Matthew 6:21) Where is your treasure, or, as I've said here, "What's most important to you in your own life?"



Prayer LIST

Please let us know if you know of someone who is sick or is a shut-in. Thank you

Edwina Meheaux – Please keep in your prayers. Give her a call on the phone.

Susan Montgomery needs our prayers as she recovers from some difficult surgery.

David Jordan, who is struggling and appreciates our prayers as well.

All those who suffer from grief and loss and who struggle with illness in any form.

There are always others—keep all in your prayers, named or unnamed. Let us know if we’ve missed someone.



CCCA JULY PRAYER CALENDAR

Please lift up the following congregations in your prayers this month

July

- 6 - Pilgrimage Christian Church, Suitland, Maryland
- 13 - Rockville Christian Church, Rockville, Maryland
- 20 - Grace Christian Church, Boonesboro, MD
- 27 - Lansdowne Christian Church, Baltimore, Maryland



We do our best to keep the church directory up to date. But we need your help to do that. Anytime your phone number, email, or address changes, please let the office know with either a phone call or an email so we can keep our records current.

A new Directory will be coming out soon, so now is the time to call the office and be sure we have your correct address, email, and other vital information.



Church Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday and Friday 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

Wednesday 8:00 – 2:00 PM

Please let the office know how you would like your newsletter delivered! USPS, Email, or Both. office@aspenhillcc.org or call 301-871-722



**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS COMING MONTH
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

PLEASE LET THE CHURCH OFFICE KNOW IF YOUR BIRTHDATE AND/OR ANNIVERSARY DATE IS WRONG OR MISSING, SO WE MAY CORRECT IT.

Matthew Bennett	July 01
Julia Courtney	July 04
Robert Flaherty	July 09
Gaylene Cottone	July 13
David Jordan	July 13
Joy Sharp	July 17
Robert Force	July 22
Jason Leonard	July 22
Robert Schneider	July 26
Mary Sigel	July 26
Paul Leiberton	July 30



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Matthew and Cassie Chance, July 12, 2003

NEWS FROM OUR MINISTRIES



Fellowship / Amy Buckingham and Mary Chance

Please be sure to sign up to provide the Fellowship Period following our Worship Service. The sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Room.

We provide coffee, you provide cookies, pretzels, whatever you like. We depend on our members and friends to provide as much of the Fellowship as possible. Thanks for signing up.

The Fellowship hour is growing so come on over, bring our visitors with you and enjoy being together around the tables.



CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Christian Education...We have an Adult Sunday School Class each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Small Conference Room. We have Children's Church during the Worship Service for children in the Fellowship Hall.

We are one teacher short. If you would like to be a teacher for the Children's Church, please see Mary Chance. We provide the lesson plan, the materials, and a Bible focused time of fun and learning for the children. A special thank you to our teachers who rotate each Sunday.



We may not attend church as regularly during the summer months due to vacation and travel. We are very fortunate to be able to enjoy the services we might have missed by viewing the online worship services. We can also spend time reading the Bible. Use it as our travel guide through our daily lives. *Galatians 5:1, Galatians 5:13-25*. Enjoy your summer!

Don't miss this time of worship! In-person and Online Worship Services are available every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. www.aspenhillcc.org /go to "See Us on YouTube link and click on the current week or any week in the past that you would like to see.

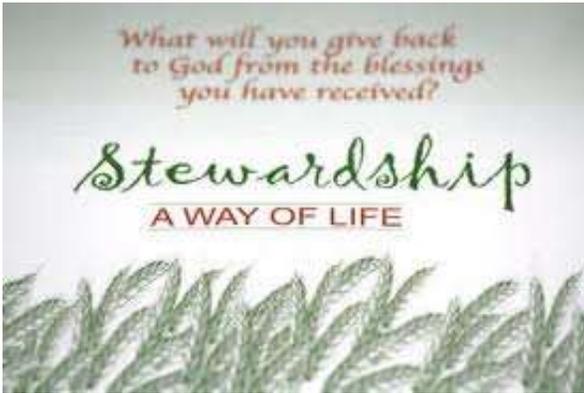
Average Attendance for May 2025

Month...	In Person 38	Online 19	Total 57
YTD...	In Person 36	Online 21	Total 57



John Small

The property is in relatively good shape. There have been a few minor things fixed, with special thanks to Roberto Lopez.



To make giving as convenient as possible. We offer several options for you to contribute.

- Mail Slot – You can place your offering in the secure mail slot located at the church entrance.
- Online Giving – Visit our website <https://aspenhillcc.org> to make your donation.
- Sunday Service – Offering will be collected during our Sunday worship services.
- Mail – You may also send your gift by mail to the church office.

Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure, you use it will be measured back to you. - Luke 6:38 NIV



Outreach ... Connie Spoon

Our annual Backpack Drive will take place from July 27 to August 17 for the children of Georgian Forest Elementary School. Please refer to the list of suggested school supplies included in this newsletter. If you prefer to donate, we will shop for you. Please consider contributing to this worthy Outreach



Board Meeting

Highlights From The Board

- The Board meeting has had to be rescheduled due to so many people being out of town or unable to attend. A new date hasn't been reached yet.



Our Annual “Hot Button Campaign” has focused us on refilling our broken Piggy Bank due to unusual and unanticipated expenses this past winter. If you haven’t already given to the Hot Button campaign, please do so. Your generosity and thoughtfulness are deeply appreciated and much needed.



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