



THE VINE

Aspen Hill Christian Church

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Another Day, Another Dollar

There is a Rap song I actually like. If there are a 1000 rap songs I have ever listened to there is only one or maybe two that I like or would listen to again. I'm a Bluegrass fan, not a Rap fan, that's for certain.

This song I like however is called "Another Day, Another Dollar" by Nappy Roots and it's on the soundtrack for the very funny movie "Lady Killers." It's an over-the-top movie about a group of men robbing a bank and using an elderly lady's house as a means to break into the bank and get away with the loot. Crazy huh?

The song is just a simple Rap lyric repeating "Another Day, Another Dollar." I can't understand most of the rest of it but I the repeated phrase "Another Day, Another Dollar" has become an ear worm in my head. Once I think of it I can't get it out of my head until something better comes along. On the next page I'll print the lyrics.

Actually, what I think about when I hear the song is exactly the opposite of what I perceive the message to be. It's a sad life if that's all our lives come to. Working another day just to make another dollar. That's an empty life. Whether you're poor or rich if your life amounts to working another day for another dollar you have a pretty empty life. Of course, too many poor people don't have a choice but just the same many poor people have become rich by living with deeper values than just punching the clock or putting in time.

I have been fortunate that my job has greatly shaped my being. I've been blessed by the vocation I chose becoming my avocation. I love what I do. What I do has been a blessing to me. What I do hasn't defined me, but it's gone a long way to helping to define a big part of me. I still put being a husband, a father, a grandfather, a great grandfather and a friend above my vocation but for me it's all about living "another day, another way of becoming rich...not with money or prestige or position but with friends, with joyful living and life that's full of surprises, twists and turns.

What are you living for? What is your song? I hope it's not "Another Day, Another Dollar" but more like "Another Day, Another Opportunity, or Another Day, Another Blessing, or Another Day...You Fill in the Rest of the Verse.

Words to Another Day, Another Dollar.

*Today ya'll
We gonna use the subject matter
We runnin' outta time
(Let me say this one more time)
I think we runnin outta time
Cause the days are dark
A world of sin is what we're livin in
Temptation outweighs preservation
Existence brings vegetation
Do you know....what I'm sayin
Our conversation is mutilation
Supplication is rigorous penetration
Any trace of insubordination
I cast deep....damnation!
Father absolve my dark thoughts
My shortcomings, my downfalls, the weed-smokin
After all, I had faith thru it all*

*Thou shall not, cause I have not
And I haven't got, cause I ask not
And all that, I have not
I'm truly thankful for what I have got*

*The long roads got so hard
The straight and narrow
I walked alone
I'm down on bended knee
Prayin' for strength to carry on
The journey here was so tedious
I get weak...."Help me Jesus!"
Take refuge to my dark life
Forgive me of the Ladykiller*

*Chorus:
Just another day, another doll
(Just another day)
Just another day, another doll

(Just another day)
Just another day, another doll
(Just another day another dollar)*

(Repeat Chorus)

(Unintelligable)

*I need to testify
Now I was born in the ghetto
Just off in the country roads
Down the street from the bar-b-q pit ah!
Right behind the liquor store
Well I got in a world of trouble one fine night
Comin down that Mississippi line
Just a good ole' Kentucky boy
In the right place at the wrong damn time
They put my...my hands in shackles 'round my ankles
Broke my back and damn near hanged me
By the time they let me outta there I was a
Stranger to my own damn family
Tryin to hold it down on my homeys
Like they don't know me now and my whole ??? family
Wanted to kill somebody, hell I didn't care
She was just a little old lady
Cause that day ????
About to drown
Comin way down
But now I believe, he turned me around
He put my feet on solid ground
And now I'm here to serve a purpose
The Good Book....I read the verses
The windows open, the words are perfect
I'm just a servant, can I get an Amen!*

Prayer
LIST

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

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, appreciates our prayers as well.

Janis Hanson who is limited to being home and other health problems.

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

Sympathies extended to the Brooks family over the loss of Lisa Lynn Brooks who passed away on August 2. Dr. Chance provided the Funeral Service on August 23.

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



SEPTEMBER

- 7 - Bethany Christian Church, Fort Washington, Maryland –
- 14 - The Colleges, Universities, Seminaries, and Divinity Houses of the Disciples of Christ, especially the University of Lynchburg, Lynchburg, VA, and Disciples Divinity House at the University of Chicago, IL / Italy
- 21 - The College of Regional Ministers and the other 31 Regions of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) In the United States, Canada / and Japan
- 28 - Christian Temple, Catonsville, Maryland - / Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)



We strive 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!



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| Mary Chance | 5 |
| Arlyn Sanchez | 7 |
| Brooke Appleyard | 8 |
| Greg Vass | 10 |
| Debbie Owen | 12 |
| Lisa Knight | 16 |
| Orlando Lastre | 18 |
| Luke Hanson | 24 |
| Debbie Sullivan | 27 |

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



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| Chance, Bob & Mary | September 02, 1900 |
| Sigel, Mary & Jim | September 04, 1965 |

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...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.



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 July 2025

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| Month... | In Person 29 | Online 14 | Total 43 |
| YTD... | In Person 35 | Online 19 | Total 54 |



John Small

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



Stewardship
a way of life

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



The Backpack Drive was a tremendous success with 62 backpacks full of school supplies for the children of Georgian Forest Elementary School! What an amazing show of generosity from our wonderful congregation!

The food pantry is fully stocked and available for anyone in need. Please contact the church office for assistance.



Board Meeting

Highlights From The Board

- There was a combined July/August Board meeting on July 30, 2025.
- *Financial reports were reviewed.*
- *An update on our Search Process was provided.*
- *Ministry Reports and the Pastor's Report were shared.*



Altar Flowers

Honor a loved one, celebrate a birthday, or an anniversary. Sign up to donate altar flowers. Sign up in the fellowship hall or email Cyndi at office@aspenhillcc.org. Please include the date of dedication, your name, and the dedication (dedicated to/for). AHCC requests a donation of \$30 (\$25 for the flowers and \$5 for delivery) to cover the cost of flowers each week.



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