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Mission Statement

“Sharing the love and blessing of God with all.”



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“Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.” –Hymnal: A Worship Book, No. 76



What does it mean to “praise” someone or something? Interestingly, the word comes from the same root as “prize” or “price”; to praise something meant that you valued it, you treasured it. So when we say that we “praise God,” we are saying that we value God’s work and presence and life in our midst.

We express that praise through our lives in a variety of ways--sometimes through actions, sometimes through words, and often through music. A genre of contemporary religious music is sometimes called “praise music,” but that feels like a misnomer, as any of our music can (and should) express praise to God.

The psalms of our Bible were, of course, written as songs of praise to God. The rich and memorable words of those verses still ring out vividly for many of us. The psalms convey a variety of honest emotions, but they all come back to the goodness and dependability of God. A workshop during our recent Arts Fest encouraged people to write their own psalms, reflecting on the things that our own hearts would want to sing to God.

The weekend of May 18-19 will be a praise-centered one for our congregation, as former denominational staff member Jonathan Shively comes to lead a choir workshop, assist in worship, have a conversation with leaders of our church, and share music at Camp Mardela’s Camp Appreciation Day as we celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Brethren on the Eastern Shore. Our theme for his time here will be “Praise the Lord!”

As we look forward to that exciting and inspiring weekend, what are some of the things for which you might praise God? Where have you seen God working, to the point that your soul wants to shout? I’d offer the following as a starting point of some things for which Easton Church of the Brethren might proclaim praise:

- an energetic and gifted group of people in our church who give of themselves
- the incredible musical gifts of this congregation
- beautiful spring weather to enjoy God’s creation
- local connections with groups like Talbot Interfaith Shelter, Talbot Association for Laity and Clergy, Tide-water Singers, Bells of the Bay, and many others
- the blessings of friends and family members and other caring communities
- the ministry of Camp Mardela
- a good and functional building on a main street of a vital town
- being part of a church body that speaks important words of peace and hope and carries out acts of service around the world
- a rich history that extends from Round Top to today, with a century and a half of Brethren presence and work and witness on the Eastern Shore
- the many blessings and benefits and resources and freedoms that we enjoy
- special occasions to celebrate; and everyday miracles to celebrate

And much more! What would you add to the list? For what does your heart praise God?

—Pastor Walt

Sermons & Scriptures for May & June

May 5 Third Sunday of Easter

I Saw the Light!

Acts 9:1-6 ff, John 21:1-7, Psalm 30

May 12 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Get Up!

Psalm 23, Acts 9:36-43

May 19 Fifth Sunday of Easter

"Praise the Lord!" A Celebration of Music and Faith

Psalm 148, Rev. 21:1-6

Guest musician/worship leader Jonathan Shively

May 26 Sixth Sunday of Easter

The Healing of the Nations

Psalm 67, John 5:1-9, Rev. 21:22-22:5

June 2 Seventh Sunday of Easter

All Shook Up

Psalm 97, Acts 16:23-34

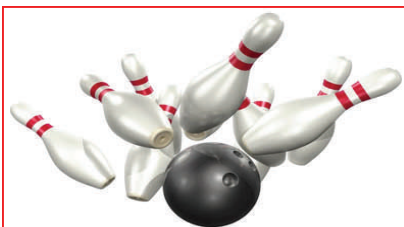
Graduate Recognition Sunday

June 9 Pentecost Sunday

Outside the Fire

Acts 2:1-21, Romans 8:14-17

Our next bowling outing will
be Wednesday,
May 1, at 2 p.m.



- 4 Charlene Cabrera
- 5 Matthew Ball
- 6 Elisa Miller, Cheryl Hughes, Lucy Carrion
- 7 Susan Lohr, Ken Russ, Les Groves
- 8 Meredith Kelly, Dan Ulrich
- 10 Susan Walbridge
- 12 Matthew Mullikin, Gary North
- 13 Mischelle Nalley
- 14 Becca Walbridge
- 15 Doug Rathell
- 16 Dana Walbridge
- 17 Eric Plagge, Adrienne Eve Schwaninger
- 19 Christopher Fox, Brian Walbridge, Ellen Wile
- 21 Cora Elizabeth Fluharty
- 22 Dan Schwaninger
- 23 Terri Lednum, Virginia Turkington
- 24 Robin Valliant, Ken Cober, Gregory North, Tristan Walbridge
- 25 Sam Fike, J.D. Correa, Cathy Nalley
- 28 CJ Grubbs
- 29 Joy Marshall, Linda Mattox
- 30 Mike Jacobs
- 31 Grant Hagenberger



- 1 Greg & Tammy Haddaway
- 6 Kevin & Kellee Kinsey
- 7 Steve & Makaran Mullikin
- 15 Paul & Virginia Turkington
- 21 Brent & Melissa Johnson
- 22 Bill & Sharon Schuyler



National Day of Prayer May 2, 2019

The first Thursday of May each year is designated as a day for the people of our country to pray. Yes, there is separation of state and

church in America, but religious people in our nation would never vote for the separation of America from God. This country surely will always remain, "one nation under God." Therefore we are right to set aside a day for national prayer — a day when we can beseech God's guidance regarding our nation's policies and actions, and pray for the general welfare of all citizens, especially for the helpless and those suffering injustices.

"World of Difference" ECO-MOVIE NIGHT

As we continue our "World of Difference" creation care series this year, we will offer a movie night on Thursday, May 30, at the church. Come by the fellowship hall at 6:30 p.m. to see "WALL*E," a Pixar film that has an important environmental message and offers good food for thought. We'll have some other types of food (snacks) available, as well.

Leadership Team Retreat

Our next tentative date for Leadership Team meeting will be Monday, June 10 at 1:00 p.m.



Our Prayer List

Please pray especially for the following individuals and their families: The family of Janet Flory Flaten, Pat Saathoff, Seth Willis, Pat Lewis, Donna Muir, JR & Bonnie Wooters, Bob Fletcher, Dave Schaubert, Ellen Walbridge, Pete Haynes, Lee Roesti, Norman Harding, Gene & Betty Lednum, Barbara Seese, GraceWay CoB, Nancy Scheffler, Steve Webb, Roger Plagge, JK Rider, John Nalley, Bobby Hopkins, Kurt Kline, Dee Candel, Mary Ann Kiser, Harold & Reginia Hutchison, Audrey O'Brien, Doug Edsall, Lois Schall, Meredith Kelly, Natalee Jones, Doris Walbridge, Jeff Wright, continuous prayers for our church family in Nigeria, continued prayers for Comfort Amos, Mary Fike, Barbara Taylor, Audrey Geib, Leo Truban, Emerson Fike, Katelyn Howard, Christine & Kenny Fike. Pray for leaders & people that are working towards peace. Please phone the church to add or remove persons on our prayer list. In order to keep the list up-to-date, we will remove persons the end of each month



unless we are asked to continue them on the list.

"To the world you are a mother, but to your family you are the world."

— Adapted from Dr. Seuss

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!!

Choir Workshop

May 18, 2019

Easton Church of the Brethren

Jonathan Shively, Church of the Brethren "creative leader and musician" will be at the Easton Church of the Brethren to lead a choir workshop with choir director Ellen Wile and the ECOB choir. An invitation is extended to all who have interest in choral music and enjoy singing to join us for this gathering in the fellowship hall starting at 4:00 pm on Saturday, May 18.

Jonathan will be rehearsing 3 choral compositions with us, using various techniques in achieving choral blend, dynamics, singing with style and a unifying spirit! We plan on singing one of these selections on the next day, Sunday, May 19, during worship at ECOB at 10:45 am. You are not required to be part of that worship service to participate in the Choir Workshop.

Please contact Ellen Wile at wileacre@gmail.com or 410 829 3728 if you are interested and let her know if you will be joining in the Sunday worship. All are welcome!

**Jonathan will also be doing some other sharing in worship that morning and will be doing a concert and worship leadership for the "150th Anniversary of the Brethren on the Eastern Shore" celebration at Camp Mardela's Camp Appreciation Day that afternoon. Watch for more details in the May newsletter and your bulletin updates.*



Box Tops for Education

Please continue to collect the box tops for education found on a variety of food items we purchase. The box tops will enable us in some small way help the school children of Talbot County. Thank you for your participation.

Your Witness Team
Diane Shores &
Anne Harvey



Graduate Sunday June 2, 2019

We will celebrate our high school and college graduates on June 2.

This year we have one high school graduate: Brennan Lyons (Easton High School). College graduates are: Morgan Harvey (Delaware Valley), Chad Whitzel (Bridgewater College), Cameron Edsall (Campbell University), and Todd Butler (Salisbury University). Congratulations to each of you!!!



Vespers Service at
Roundtop Church
May 15, 2019
7:00 p.m.



39th Annual Disaster Response Auction
Saturday, May 4, 2019
Carroll County Agricultural Center
700 Agricultural Center Drive, Westminster, MD 21157



Since 1981, the first Saturday in May has marked the annual Mid-Atlantic Disaster Response Auction. There is no admission charged for this annual event that is open to the public and features three auctions, plants, crafts, food and baked goods, books, and white elephant table.

7:00-9:30 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00 a.m.	Outside Auction: tools, lawn and garden, household and general items
9:30 a.m.	Special Items Auction: including antiques and collectibles, art and jewelry
10:00 a.m.	Food booths open; child care available 10am-2pm
10:30a.m.	Lunch
12:00 p.m.	Quilt and Comforter Auction

Terms: cash, check, or credit card; ATM machine located in Shipley Arena.

Your purchase has purpose. Auction proceeds go to the Church of the Brethren Emergency Disaster Response Fund to send trained volunteers to help disaster victims with child care and to repair and rebuild after natural disasters that occur within the United States. Overseas relief includes food, water, shelter and medicine. For more information call 443-960-3052.

In 2018, \$68,000 was given to the Emergency Disaster Fund of the Church of the Brethren to help victims recover from many disasters all around our world.

You can support Disaster Response in various ways:

Although several deadlines have passed to help support the auction, there are still many ways to help make this year's auction a success:

- Create craft items Hold a fundraiser to support the auction Donate baked goods
- Assemble gift baskets Donate plants, shrubs & trees Volunteer to help
- Publicize and attend the auction!

During 2018 the Emergency Disaster Fund supported these efforts and more:

- Puerto Rico Hurricanes Response • Carolinas Hurricane Matthew Response • Oklahoma wildfires • Haitian COB Hurricane Matthew Response • Venezuelan Migration and Humanitarian Crisis • Sri Lanka & Kenya flooding response • Hawaii volcano and earthquakes • Democratic Republic of the Congo
- NYC Emergency Cleanup Bucket service project • Hurricane Irma and Maria USVI response • Texas border crisis • Syrian Refugee Crisis Response in Lebanon • Iowa River Church of the Brethren—tornado response • Nigeria Crisis Response • Indonesian Earthquake and Tsunami Response • Southern Honduras flooding—Proyecto Aldea Global

Thank you for your continued support of our Disaster Response Auction!

Attendance & Offering for April

<i>Attendance</i>	33	44	66	40	183
	4/7/19	4/14/19	4/21/19	4/28/19	Totals
<u>Distributions</u>					
<i>General (06)</i>					
Envelopes	2,999.00	2,059.00	1,304.00	964.00	7,326.00
Loose Change/Cash	23.00	25.00	130.50	0.00	178.50
Total Tithes	3,022.00	2,084.00	1,434.50	964.00	7,504.50
Other Income (06)					
Building Use					
Dutchmans Lane Rent	1,155.00				1,155.00
Harrison St. Rent	595.00				595.00
Harrison St. Rent	355.00			800.00	1,155.00
Late Fees on Harrison St Rent	50.00				50.00
Subtotal of Income	2,155.00	0.00	0.00	800.00	2,955.00
Totals	5,177.00	2,084.00	1,434.50	1,764.00	10,459.50
<i>Special Offerings (07)</i>					
Deacon Fund	800.00				800.00
In Kind					
Easter Breakfast Juices, etc				30.00	
In & Out					
Messenger Subscription	27.00	54.00	27.00	27.00	135.00
Easter Tulips	7.00	7.00			14.00
Easter Hyacinth					0.00
Easter Daffodil					0.00
Easter Lily	10.00			20.00	30.00
Witness Charities	70.00	140.00		40.00	250.00
Clown/Drama/Children's Stories				9.00	9.00
Totals	914.00	201.00	27.00	126.00	1,268.00
Totals	6,091.00	2,285.00	1,461.50	1,890.00	11,727.50



MAY 11, 2019

CAMP MARDELA AUCTION & FLEA MARKET



OLD LINE AUCTION COMPANY

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DENTON, MARYLAND

**LIVE AUCTION
BEGINS AT 9 A.M.**

BROWSING &
BREAKFAST
BEGIN AT 8 A.M.

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or
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FLEA MARKET -
TAILGATE OR
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\$15 PER SPACE
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TABLE**
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410-479-2861

301 Deep Shore Road
Denton, MD 21629

Donations are needed for the auction and pick up is available for your convenience. Flea market items are also welcome. Please call Robert and Judy Musch at 410-822-6925. We do not want exercise equipment, broken or non-working items or TV's.

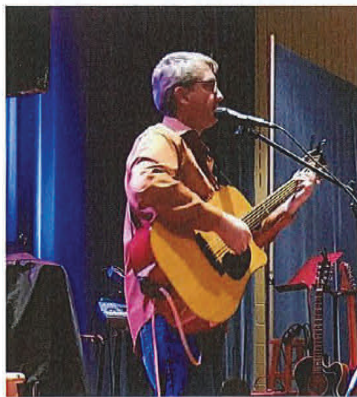
Some auction items of interest are: Fox's boat ride, Free Range Bluegrass group, Crab Imperial Dinner for 4 in Oct., DQ Ice Cream Cake certificate, ring from Kay Jewelers, 12 string Fender guitar, fire pit from Lowe's.

Baked goods are also needed.

Judy Musch



**CAMP MARDELA
APPRECIATION DAY
MAY 19, 2019**



**150 YEARS
OF THE
BRETHREN
ON THE
EASTERN
SHORE
SPRING
WORSHIP
CELEBRATION**

**PROGRAM
FEATURING:
Jonathan
Shively**

BEGINNING AT 4 P.M.

**PICNIC
DINNER TO
FOLLOW**

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150 YEARS

OF THE BRETHREN ON THE EASTERN SHORE

**SPRING WORSHIP CELEBRATION
FEATURING JONATHAN SHIVELY**

**May 19, 4 p.m.
Camp Mardela, Denton**

SUMMER VESPERS

**Aug. 21, 7 p.m.
Historic Round Top
meeting house, Easton**

FALL LOVE FEAST

Details TBA
**A Brethren heritage-flavored
remembrance of Jesus' Last Supper**

WATCH FOR E-MAILS AND OTHER UPDATES!



HISTORY HIGHLIGHTS

- ♦ 1869: First Brethren move to Eastern Shore, Caroline County
- ♦ 1880: First meeting house constructed in Easton, Talbot County
- ♦ 1881: First Brethren congregation formally organizes
- ♦ 1948-1949: First camps held at Camp Mardela, Denton

PRESENT-DAY CONGREGATIONS

Bethany
Community of Joy
Denton
Easton
Fairview
Green Hill
Ridgely



Church of the Brethren

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Talbot Interfaith Shelter

The 2019 volunteer list is available for sign-up. Please take the time and look to see where you can spare a few hours of your time every other month. Any questions, please contact Norma Trax. Our next date is May 19, 2019.

Volunteers Needed

Are you interested in serving as a worship leader or doing the children's time? We're always looking for new people to share their gifts! It doesn't take a lot of time--just a bit of preparation and a willingness to serve. If you would like to join this team of volunteers or want more information, please contact the church office or Pastor Walt.

Neighborhood Service Center

Please contact Marilyn Neal, if you are interested in volunteering at the center. Their phone number is 410-822-5015.

Easton Elementary School

EES is in need of volunteers to do various tasks throughout the school. Please contact Christen at 410-822-0686 and tell her what hours/days you are available and the kind of things you are willing to do.



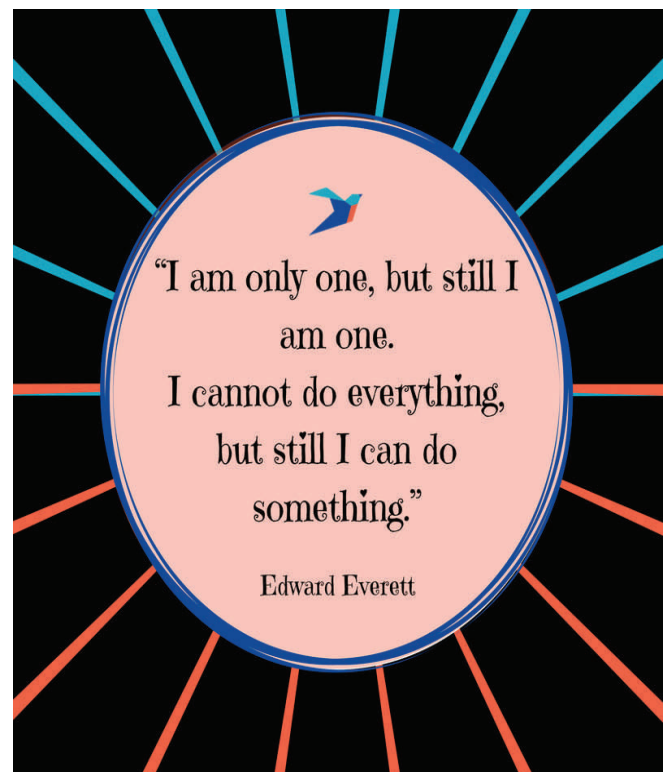
NSC Food Pantry

Let's not forget that food prices keep going up! When we pay attention to our local, national and international food needs, we are reminded that people suffer from food insecurity all around. If we do not share of our bounty, others go hungry. Let us give, so others may live. Any non-perishable food items with good "best if used by" dates are accepted. **There is a container in the narthex to put your non-perishable items.**



Ridgeway House Lunches

The 1st & 3rd Fridays of each month. For months that have five Fridays, lunches will be provided on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Friday. Contact Loretta Lohr (410-822-3094). Monetary and food donations (drink boxes, individual fruit cups, small bags of chips and cookies) are always welcome.





Volunteers for May



	May. 5	May. 12	May. 19	May. 26
Preaching	Pastor Walt	Pastor Walt	Pastor Walt	Pastor Walt
Worship Leader	Lynn Butler	Wanda Baynard	Mat Baynard	Jane Marshall
Head Usher/Sound	Mat Baynard	Mat Baynard	Mat Baynard	Mat Baynard
Ushers	Jane Marshall & Marlena Groves	Rick Marshall & John Trax	Jane Marshall & Marlena Groves	Rick Marshall & John Trax
Greeters	Mat & Wanda Baynard	Liz Wildasin & Debbie Urry	Rick & Jane Marshall	Ron & Elisa Miller
Deacons on call	Leroy & Sharon Miller	Ron & Elisa Miller	John & Norma Trax	Geoff & Lee Ann Fox
Special Music	Amy Bachand & Lynn Butler	Choir	Choir	

THANKS, MOM!

In celebration of Mother's Day (May 12), can you match the fictional character on the left with the famous mother on the right? Answers are below.

- | | |
|-------------------------|-----------|
| a. "The Beaver" Cleaver | 1. Wilma |
| b. Bart Simpson | 2. Sophia |
| c. Little Ricky Ricardo | 3. Olivia |
| d. Pebbles Flintstone | 4. Marge |
| e. Marcia Brady | 5. Clair |
| f. Richie Cunningham | 6. Carol |
| g. John-Boy Walton | 7. June |
| h. Alex P. Keaton | 8. Marion |
| i. Dorothy Zbornak | 9. Lucy |
| j. Rudy Huxtable | 10. Elyse |

ANSWERS: a-7 ("Leave It to Beaver"); b-4 ("The Simpsons"); c-9 ("I Love Lucy"); d-1 ("The Flintstones"); e-6 ("The Brady Bunch"); f-8 ("Happy Days"); g-3 ("The Waltons"); h-10 ("Family Ties"); i-2 ("The Golden Girls"); j-5 ("The Cosby Show").



20th Annual Multicultural Festival May 4 @ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Originally created by Talbot County P.E.A.C.E. and debuting in 2000, the Multicultural Festival is a celebration of the rich diversity within our community, including the distinct heritages dating back several generations, and members of the numerous ethnic groups who have come to call this area their home.

As our community has grown, so has the Multicultural Festival, and in 2009 Talbot County P.E.A.C.E. partnered with the Avalon Foundation to accommodate the Festival's growing popularity.

*Contact Suzy Moore to get involved at 410-822-0345. The festival will be held at Idlewild Park, Easton. **Rain location will be Easton Middle School.***

Camp Mardela Events, 2019

May 11	Camp Auction
May 18	Camp Clean-up
May 19	Camp Appreciation Day
June 13	Volunteer Staff Training, 7:00p.m.
June 15	Volunteer Staff Training, 9:00 a.m.
June 23-28	Specialty Camps
June 30-July 2	Mini Camps, Grade 2 & 3
July 7-13	Youth Camp, Grades 8-12
July 14-19	Teen Camp, Grades 5-7
July 21-25	Younger Youth Camp, Grades 3 & 4
July 26-27	Me & You Camp, Grades K-1
July 28-Aug. 2	Specialty Camps II
Aug. 30-Sept. 1	Family Camp
September 18	Applesauce Making
September 21	Camp Supper

Camp Mardela Fundraiser Dining Events for May & June

May 22, 2019 at Chili's, in Easton...All day, dine-in or carry-out (flier is needed and will be available as time gets closer.)

June 18 at Sonic in Bridgeville, DE.

THE TIDEWATER SINGERS

WILLIAM THOMAS, DIRECTOR

SUSAN ZIMMER, ACCOMPANIST

LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS

THIS CONCERT IS DEDICATED TO THE WORK OF TALBOT HOSPICE

FRIDAY, MAY 10

8:00 PM AT CHRIST CHURCH
ST. MICHAELS

SATURDAY, MAY 11

7:30 PM AT TRINITY CATHEDRAL
EASTON

ADVANCE TICKETS \$12
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CRACKER JACKS IN EASTON

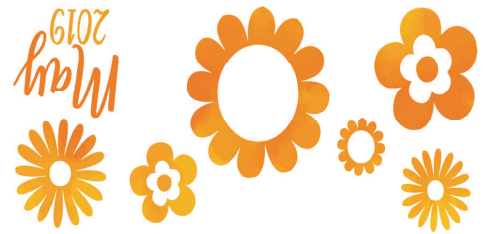
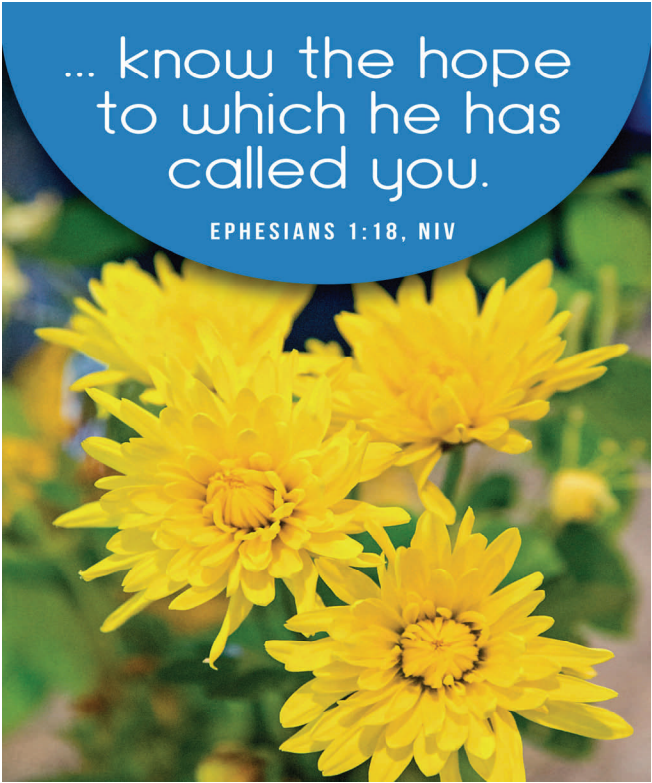
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