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A Mighty Fortress is our God

You might know of Martin Luther as the father of the Reformation and that he translated the whole Bible into German. But what is less known is that Luther was also a composer of 37 hymns. His best-known hymn is "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God."



Luther's hymn is based on Psalm 46. In that psalm, the author writes of the refuge and protection that God provides in times of trouble. Things like natural disasters are an ever-present reality. The world has often experienced great devastation and destruction caused by earthquakes, hurricanes, and typhoons. And Jesus warned us of a future cataclysmic and cosmic catastrophe. But no matter what happens, whatever the outward circumstances, those who make God their refuge and strength are safe.

We live in a world of conflict, with war and hostility between nations commonplace. In the last several decades, hundreds of wars have been fought. Yet Jesus spoke of even more and bigger wars and the final war of the world, Armageddon. The outcome of that apocalyptic battle will be victory for God's people and peace for the world. Twice we are assured that the "Lord of Heaven's Armies" is with us; our God is our fortress.

No matter the circumstance, God calls us to "be still, and know that I am God!" . With hope in Him we sing, "A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing."

Scenes from Men's Advance 2007 and 2008



Convoy of Hope

Several Boyz from the Hagerstown area, along with hundreds of other volunteers withstood the elements on September 26 to help serve almost 3000 people during the Convoy of Hope. This event brought together several churches from Washington County to provide meals, gro-



ceries, health services, haircuts as well as assistance in writing resumes and making contacts with potential employers.



Children were able to play on several inflatables as well as watch faith-based presentations.

Everyone had the opportunity to have someone pray for them before leaving the event. God's love was present in a mighty way on this day!

Upcoming Events:

October 28	All Day	Day of Fasting	Skycroft
October 30,31	4:00pm-3:00pm	Men's Advance	Cedarbrook Community Church
Nov 7	8:00am-2:00pm	Iron Sharpens Iron	
Nov 14	8:00am-12:15pm	Handle Grief During Holidays	
Nov 21, 22		Sacred Marriage Seminar	Church of Redeemer, Gaithersburg