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This week, instead of Sermon Notes, we have put together a short list of opportunities in which you can be a part of participating in the 'prosperity of the city' (Jeremiah 29:7). Perhaps there are other opportunities/ideas you can come up with. Hopefully you will dive in and find the joy of serving as God uses us as instruments of Renewal in Greater Baltimore.

- Clean Up a Cemetery – Many cemeteries are in disrepair because of the economic realities of the sections they are in. A team of people could come together with Weed Eaters, Hedge Trimmers and Lawn Mowers and big Garbage Bags and restore respect and beauty to such places.
- Helping Up Mission – Volunteers are always needed at HUM. Jim McKee, our Executive Pastor, serves there on Staff as well. He can hook you up as a volunteer or can help groups to work with the HUM people in particular areas of need in the mission.
- Howard County Christian Services – Located in Ellicott City this is a hub for Outreach and Mercy to our neighboring community. Why not give an afternoon or put together a drive to bring needed goods to HCCS in its beautiful effort at helping folks who are in need. Contact People: Eileen Shields & Thelma Lyman.
- Give four Saturdays to Habitat for Humanity – Every week our HFH folks meet to build row houses in Baltimore's neediest areas. You can make a difference by giving four Saturdays (who knows, you might get hooked!) in helping people build their own homes. Contact Person: Dennis Love.

- Mondawmin Mall Cleanup – In the latest issue of *Urbanite* Magazine this mall is featured. It is surrounded by mounds of trash/dirt that need to be removed. It is hoped that Target stores will come in and elevate the activity of this needy area in Baltimore, creating jobs and renewing the immediate community. Perhaps Chapelgate can send a team that would help with this project. Contact Person: Mike Rallo, 410.442.7677 x106.

- ESL – Chapelgate has become a leader church in assisting folks who desire to learn English as a second language. Each week they meet here as a community that has become a special group. Bible studies have emerged from within this ministry, and hopefully, down the road, a church. Perhaps you can become a part. Contact Person: Nancy Booher & Jan Nelson.

- N.J. Floyd is looking for some volunteers to help in her classroom. She works as a 1st grade teacher in Baltimore (near the stadiums). She has 24 students and no aide or help. She would like for people to commit to at least once a month in the same time slot. It is a hard area, but safe during the day. You would not be left alone with a child. Janet Novey has been to the school if you want to ask her any questions. Please call N.J. to volunteer.