



THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE

I am the Good Shepherd. I know my sheep and my sheep know Me.”
John 10:14

FROM THE PASTOR'S STUDY

As Jesus was about to ascend into heaven after His resurrection, he left his followers, and us, some encouraging instructions. One of those instructions was that the Holy Spirit would come, fall upon his followers and become witnesses. In Acts 1:8 we read that “you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth”.

As I write this, there are exactly 48 hours until our flight is scheduled to leave the Pittsburgh airport toward our destination of Madagascar. Throughout my life, I have attempted to be faithful to the Lord in my calling to fulfill Acts 1:8. I have served the local church (my Jerusalem) in multiple capacities, including full-time ministry and as a volunteer church member. God has opened doors of ministry for me beyond our immediate community including mission trips to Philadelphia, Nashville and Tampa to serve our type of Samaria. Now, I finally get to experience bringing the Gospel to the ends of the earth.

Before we depart, I'd like to share a few things that God has done in me leading up to this Gospel experience:

- **My prayer life has become more exciting that it has ever been.** I find myself more connected to the Lord than ever before. I am more in tune to the Holy Spirit than perhaps I have ever been. It feels as though my prayers have become a deeper conversation with God. It was almost like I fell into a rut of praying at God rather than simply conversing with the one I seek to love more than anything else in this world. I've been challenged by a pastor in Pittsburgh to be more vocal in my prayer life. As this happened, I experienced a tremendous parallel – as my prayer life grew, so did my faith.

- **God has grown my faith.** By that statement, I mean that God is a great big God and I expect Him to do great big things. God is sovereign, and I am humbled to share in a calling to do whatever and go wherever to bring the name of Jesus to whomever. During times of prayer over the past 6 weeks or so, God has given me a view of some of the things He will do in peoples' lives. I asked God to prepare me for the people I would meet. Soon after that prayer, I saw some of the faces (in my mind's eye) of those I will meet in the streets of Madagascar during those intense prayer times. That has never happened to me before. When our prayer life grows, our faith grows and God moves!
- **I can't get enough of worshipping God.** The closer I get to the Lord, the more I realize how great and awesome He is. He is Creator, redeemer, sustainer, and provider. He conquered sin, sickness, and the sting of death. He is Love. He is Life. He is Alive and Active!

I do not know exactly what God has planned for this adventure in faith, but it is going to be amazing. If this is a taste of what is to come, I cannot fathom the future adventures with God!

Pastor Jesse Robinson

SHEPHERD'S FLOCK

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS JORDAN, BOBBY, TAYLOR, COURTNEY, MAX, EMMA AND DANIEL

For five weeks in February and March, seven young people joined me, and sometimes Rev. Zahn, for a class to help them get to know Jesus in a more personal way and to understand the example He left for us so we can live more like Him. We also spent time learning about baptism, the church in this nation, and Jenkins Memorial in particular. There was no pressure to be baptized or become a member.

Of the seven who attended, one had already been baptized, two want to be baptized by immersion this summer, three did not want to be baptized until they studied the bible more. One, **Bobby Dormer**, wanted to be baptized before he became a church member on May 14th.

On May 14th at the 11 AM service, Bobby was baptized then joined the membership of Jenkins Memorial along with **Jordan Diaz, Courtney Mann, Emma Robinson** and **Daniel Schneider**.

On May 21st at the 9 AM service, **Max Ramey** joined the membership of Jenkins. **Taylor Haney** also completed the class and wants to be baptized in the future.

We are always excited to teach others about Jesus and His church. We are excited when we see the "ta-dah" moment happen in the mind and heart of another. It was a blessing for us to lead this class. In keeping with the "Go Fish" study we are now doing, let me share this with you.

Loren Eiseley wrote a story about a man on a beach. He noticed someone else bending down to pick up an object and throw it into the sea. The other person was throwing starfish into the ocean because the tide had washed them onto the beach and they couldn't return to the sea by themselves. In most versions, the observer tells the thrower he can't possibly make a difference! The latter replies after throwing another starfish as far as he could, "it made a difference for that one!"

We should be sharing the love and the Word of Jesus every day because it will make a difference to each one who listens. We thank the parents and grandparents of these children for bringing them to this class. We hope in some way it made a difference to each class member.

PARISH NURSE

We will continue to have blood pressure screenings the second Sunday of every month except for July. We will not have a blood pressure screening the month of July. The second Sunday in August blood pressure screening will resume.

Seven people were certified in CPR/AED on May 20th. It is our intention to have another certification in the Fall. Please let me know if you are interested so I can make the necessary arrangements.

COMMUNITY UNITY AWARENESS (CUA)

A group of us have begun walking in the Riviera Beach community on Wednesday nights talking with the neighbors, listening to their needs and sharing those needs with the Community Association. Please feel free to join us any Wednesday. We meet in the parking lot on the Jenkins Road side of the church at 7PM (ending at 8PM). Come join us to help the community and get some exercise as well.

The Community Association started the "free movie night" the last Friday in May. It was a great success. Movies begin at dusk in the park. For just \$1.00 participants receive a bag of candy and one drink. Bring a blanket or chair, a dollar for snacks and enjoy an evening in the park with our neighbors. Also, each child attending will receive a free gift. The summer movie list is as follows:

June 23rd	8:30PM	"Ice Age Collision Course"
July 28th	8:15PM	"Boss Baby"
August 25th	8:00PM	To be Decided

On September 16th there will be a memorial parade, ceremony and picnic.

We have sent out posters advising homeless people of shower and laundry facilities. Women are to use the facility on Thursdays from 11AM –4PM and men on Fridays from 11AM-4PM. While Pastor Jesse is on his mission trip, we need men to help on Fridays. Please contact me if you can be at the church on a Friday to assist with the men. All are invited to join us in making our community the safe and blessed community we know it can be.

Karen Tressler

NURSE APPRECIATION VISITS BALTIMORE WASHINGTON MEDICAL CENTER

Jenkins Memorial Church began an outreach program in April of this year at BWMC. BWMC's Chaplain Brown was contacted and after many conversations, JMC was given permission to visit periodically in order to show our appreciation for the nurses at BWMC. They have provided excellent care to so many of our JMC members, family and friends over the years. We thank them for their dedication to compassionately serve our community.

Our visits consist of providing pastries and refreshments to the evening shift nurses, as this shift is quite often overlooked with special functions due to the hour of the day. Ken Kretsinger, Beverly Rochford, Alice Betts and Lynn Redding have volunteered to facilitate the Nurse Appreciation Visits and as of this writing, five departments have been provided with warm greetings, smiles and thanks, along with a variety of refreshments from JMC.

As hospital policy prohibits promotion of any "religion" during our Nurse Appreciation Visits, we are permitted to display a prayer box with prayer cards that can be completed by the staff. The prayer cards are returned to Jenkins Memorial Church for prayer. In the event that someone has a specific prayer request during our visit, we are allowed to pray with that person, but the request has to be initiated by them. We have received several prayer requests and the staff has been extremely appreciative and welcoming.

We look forward to future visits to BWMC, and are praying for other areas where JMC can serve our Lord in this critical "field" ripe for harvest! Should you be interested in this powerful outreach program, please contact Beverly or Ken for information. Our thanks to nurses in our congregation and community for selflessly attending to us in our time of need with patience and kindness. The world is a much nicer place because of you!

Beverly Rochford



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