



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

Goodbye 2019 – Hello 2020

What are your plans for 2020? It's good to make plans, just be ready for God to change them if He desires. Many people make those New Year's resolutions – quit smoking, spend more time with family, exercise more, get out of debt, etc. (Personally, I gave up making New Year's resolutions several years ago – I don't like failing.) I did hear of a husband, when asked what his New Year's resolution was, said, "to make my wife as happy as I can". When the wife was asked about hers, her response was "to make certain her husband followed through on his resolution".

All those plans are wonderful, but I very rarely hear anyone making any New Year resolutions that deal with spiritual improvement.

As we look forward to 2020, may I suggest to you that the Lord should be included in every aspect of our lives: marriage, family, work, and play.

The Lord has given us solid advice on how to live 2020 the best we can. In Ephesians 5:15-16 Paul says: *Be very careful, then, how you live--not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.* One way to have a wonderful 2020 is to be careful. In other words, be careful in living. Be careful in the way you live. Be wise. Seek the Lord's will in all things. Don't contribute to the world's evil. Be careful to not take any foolish steps that could keep you from serving the Lord as He wants. (Jeanne, are you reading this? I'm certain that deer you were talking to in our backyard as you fell and hurt your leg appreciated your conversation, but next time be more careful – please.)

Have you ever bought an item that wound up being recalled because of some type of malfunction? Have you ever thought that perhaps we, at times, need a recall because we don't always function the way we should? Sometimes we get way out of hand and do crazy things. No matter how good we are, we sometimes mess up. We need to be more careful and use our time more wisely for the Lord.

I would suggest that in the New Year, we make a commitment to be a blessing to others. It's not always about us and our wants and desires. Jesus came to serve, and we should do the same. There are many opportunities to serve others within our church. I would hope that we would make the most of every opportunity to participate in ministries that help others.

The year 2020 is wide open for us. We can make it what we want. I pray that all of us will live it carefully and wisely, serving the Lord as He wants and never missing an opportunity to share the "Good News" of Jesus Christ.

In His service,

Milt

The Shepherd's Flock

On Saturday, November 9, 2019 Jodi and Greg Steinbach dedicated their son Grant Lee Steinbach to the Lord. May his life be richly blessed with the love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

On Sunday, December 1, 2019 we welcomed Patty Powers, Dawn & Jerry Sterling, Jr., and Carole Caines into membership of Jenkins Memorial. We pray as they join us in fellowship here at Jenkins they will serve Jesus with all their hearts.

Congratulations to Dawn & Jerry Sterling on their marriage here at Jenkins on November 1, 2019. We pray that they keep Christ at the center of their marriage and enjoy many blessings as they start their life together.

Carolyn Douglas, our former pastor's wife, went home to be with the Lord on November 14. And although we will miss her sweet smile and humble spirit, we know she was welcomed with open arms in her Heavenly Home. Melody Dittmar also went to her heavenly home on December 16. Melody had such a positive outlook. We will all miss her, but are rejoicing for her knowing she is now with her Savior.

Right Now Media

We would like to invite you to set up your very own RightNow Media access account. RightNow Media is an online resource for deeper study for your discipleship journey. Jenkins Memorial Church pays for this access so that it is COMPLETELY FREE for you. By joining RightNow Media you will gain access to many various Bible studies and book studies from your favorite authors and speakers (Francis Chan, Max Lucado, Tony Evans, and many more). There are studies for couples, families, youth, and kids. It's a great place to develop family devotions.

To gain access text: **RIGHTNOW JENKINSMEMORIAL** to: **41411**
Within seconds you will receive a response. Just click the invite and follow the prompts. You do not have to be a member of JMC.

Walk the Walk

The Walk the Walk project was a success! All 74 children were provided Christmas gifts through your generosity including several bicycles. Thank you to Ginger Lusby and her "crew" for coordinating this ministry and having it run smoothly. Also, thank you to CrossFire Youth Group for distributing the gifts to the families on December 18th!

Christmas Food Baskets

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who donated hams, turkeys, cash, canned goods and food for the Christmas baskets. We were able to help 14 families, and they were all so grateful! Thank you also to all who helped put the baskets together, went out and bought things we were low on, and to those who helped deliver!

Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid Ministry welcomed new member, Rose Kirby.

Ladies Aid sponsored 3 families in need this season.

Members celebrated Veterans Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas with the residents at Locust Lodge.

We had a very successful Christmas Bazaar and Cookie Walk and thank the congregation for their support and donations. We would like to express our gratitude to Carrie Bradley, Kitty Finley and Kitty's sister in law, Ginny for donating their crafts to the Ladies Aid for the event.

Lynn Redding

Jenkins Women in Christ

JWIC will be starting a Bible Study on Thursday, January 9th at 7 p.m. This is a seven-week study using the book, "The Armor of God" by Priscilla Shirer. The cost of the book is \$20. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or contact Holly.

JWIC will be spending a night relaxing at Dawn Sterling's for cocoa and a movie on Friday, January 10. There will also be a family movie night on Friday, January 24th. There will be a movie for the kids and a separate movie for the adults. The movies are free, but we will be selling popcorn and candy as a fundraiser for JWIC. Come join us for a fun night for the whole family.

Holly Robinson

Jenkins Men in Christ (JMIC)

We are resuming our Saturday morning Bible study starting, Saturday, January 4th (Bible study at 7:30 a.m., light breakfast at 7 a.m.). We will be studying several of the Psalms. Come join us as we grow in God's word.

JMIC will also sponsor a Chick-Fil-A day on Monday, January 20 at the Chick-Fil-A in Severna Park. Bring your family and friends for breakfast, lunch and/or dinner, let the cashier know you are with Jenkins Memorial church, and a portion of your sale will go to JMIC. This is always a great time to fellowship with your church family.

Jesse Robinson

Sunday School

Sunday School is always looking for more children to learn about Jesus. If you don't have children of your own, bring your grandchildren, neighbors, or friends' children. If you have children, let them bring their friends with them. There is a whole mission field right outside our church doors waiting for YOU to reach them for Jesus.

Bob Kruger

Deacons' Bench

Understanding the BIBLE

Behind and beneath the Bible, above and beyond the Bible, is the God of the Bible.

It is God's written revelation of His will to humanity. Its central theme is salvation through Jesus Christ.

The Bible contains 66 books, written by 40 authors, covering a period of approximately 1,600 years.

The Old Testament was written primarily in Hebrew with some passages in Aramaic. The entire Old Testament was translated into the Greek language approximately 100 years before the Christian era. Our English Bible is a translation from these original languages.

The word "Bible" comes from the Greek word "biblos" meaning book.

The word "testament" means "covenant" or "agreement".

The Old Testament is the covenant God made with people about their salvation before Christ came. The New Testament is the agreement that God made with people about their salvation after Christ came.

The Old Testament is the covenant of law and the New Testament is the covenant of grace that came through Jesus Christ.

The Old begins – the New completes

The Old gathers around Mt Sinai – the New around Mt Calvary

The Old is associated with Moses – the New with Christ.

Old Testament Books

Five books of Law

Twelve books of History

Five books of Poetry

Seventeen books of Prophecy (5 major prophets, 12 minor prophets).

New Testament Books

Four Gospels

One book of History

Twenty-one Epistles (13 Pauline, 8 general)

One book of Prophecy

Written by at least eight men, four of whom (Matthew, John, Peter and Paul) were apostles, two (Mark and Luke) were companions of the apostles and two (James and Jude) were brothers of Jesus.

Karen Fressler

Communion/Passover

During a Bible Study I was having at the house some months ago, I was asked about why Milt broke the loaf of bread before communion and then the congregation had to eat crackers. There is so much information in the Bible, both Old and New Testament that I'm not going to cover it all here. But understanding how much of Passover is represented at the cross could give you a much deeper appreciation for Communion.

To answer that specific question.... those are not crackers...that is Unleavened Bread (Matzah) that is broken into bite size pieces for you, but represents Jesus' body broken for you. It has no yeast in it, just as God commanded the Jewish people to do the night before he freed them from 400 years in slavery to Egypt. They had to leave fast and could not wait for yeast to make the bread rise. For those who wonder where we get Matzah for communion.....it's in the grocery store.

Jesus' 3 hours on the cross found much of the Passover meal (Seder) on Golgotha where he was hanging. The lamb, the blood, the hyssop (Bitter herb), Hebrew freedom, freedom of believers.....on and on. This Sunday, Jan. 5th is communion Sunday. If you are interested in understanding more about Communion / Passover before Easter, let me know. We can try to have one study, for those who are interested.

Remember, if you read this before Sunday, those aren't crackers.....you're remembering the Feast of Unleavened Bread, and Jesus' body broken for you.

Celebrate how much He loved you.

Jeanne

Thank You

As we say goodbye to 2019 we would like to look back and thank you personally for the many things you did to share Jesus' love with others and with us. This past year many of our friends went home to be with Jesus, and as we think back we had beautiful, meaningful services for 5 of our sisters in Christ. As we celebrated the lives of Donna, Estelle, Lynne, Carolyn and Melody many of you were quickly changing your schedules to help feed, comfort, pray for, and love on their families, and us. We thank each of you.

During the year Milt and I both had different health problems and you prayed for our healing. You also brought soup, crackers, meals and wonderful hugs to comfort us while the Lord did the healing. We thank each of you.

So much happened in the final quarter of the year that I don't think we properly thanked you for your generous Pastor Appreciation Gift, so please let us thank you now. Your beautiful Christmas cards sharing how thankful you are that Jesus came to live with us, and the gifts you have given us, are precious to us. We don't want you to feel slighted that you didn't receive one from us. Milt did his part and printed the mailing labels on Dec. 23rd, but I fell down (poor choice of words) on the job because it's hard to write Christmas cards and keep your knee elevated at the same time. Who knows maybe as the healing continues I'll be able to use those labels for a different kind of card for you. The labels probably should have been used for THANK YOU CARDS!!!

Once again, please know that each one of you is special to us, and we Hope and Pray that you have a safe, healthy 2020 living for Jesus. Thank you for your faithfulness to him, and for all you have done for us.

Love and Blessings,

Milt and Jeanne

JANUARY 2020

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5 WORSHIP SVC 9&11 AM SUN.SCH. 9& 11 AM COMMUNION SERVED	6 YOUTH 4 CHRIST 7:30 PM	7 ADULT BELLS 7:00 PM	8 BIBLE STUDY 10:30 KING'S KIDS 6:30 PM CROSSFIRE 6:30 PM PRAYER GROUP 6:30 PM ADULT CHOIR 7:00 PM	9 JWIC BIBLE STUDY 7 PM	10 JWIC MOVIE & COCOA 7 PM	11 JMIC BIBLE STUDY 7:30 AM
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9 WORSHIP SVC 9&11 AM SUN.SCH. 9&11 AM	10 LADIES AID 11:30 AM YOUTH 4 CHRIST 7:30 PM	11 ADULT BELLS 7:00 PM	12 BIBLE STUDY 10:30 KING'S KIDS 6:30 PM CROSSFIRE 6:30 PM PRAYER GROUP 6:30 PM ADULT CHOIR 7:00 PM	13 JMJC BIBLE STUDY 7 PM	14	15 JMJC BIBLE STUDY 7:30 AM JMJC TEA 11 AM
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