



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

PARTICIPANTS IN GOD'S PLAN

I am sure that I must be annoying to watch a big football game with. I am a big picture thinker during the game so as I watch, I'll point out the nuances of the defense or offense and suggest the play call. Sometimes the coach listens to my "expert" opinion and runs the play, but often they don't. When they do my suggestion and it works I look and feel like a genius. When they do the opposite and it doesn't work I might exclaim something like, "if I know what to call from my couch how does the coach who gets paid millions not know this?" Maybe it is annoying, but it is how I watch many of those games.

Of course I know that I am not smarter than the professionals. They call the plays much better than I could. For me, I guess I enjoy pretending to be the play caller for a game. After all, my participation in the event is just being a spectator.

Football, baseball, basketball and hockey are great spectator sports. There are outlets to be weekend warriors and play the games ourselves, but for most of us we're just spectators. You know what is NOT intended to be a spectator sport? Christianity!

Unfortunately, there is a temptation for us to be caught up in being spectators in the church. The scriptures declare that this is far from God's design. In 1 Cor. 12:12, it says "For as the body is one and has many parts, all the parts of that body, though many, are one body – so also is Christ." God does not function from a place of mediocrity, therefore, God has called each one of us to a vibrant Christianity; called to a life in Christ that serves and encourages others; a life that discovers their gifts and uses them and adds value to people's lives through the work of Jesus. None of these things can be accomplished by merely being a spectator.

I would like to encourage you seek God for what He has for you. Are there new doors of opportunity waiting for you at church? Have you connected yourself to a ministry? Are you using your gifts to glorify God by serving others? If not, now is the time to get started and discover what vibrancy in Christ looks like. Leave the spectating for football, and be participants of God's great big plan.

Pastor Jesse

The Shepherd's Flock

On Sunday, December 30 at the 11 a.m. service Dale Bowen was baptized. We rejoice with Dale in taking this next step in his walk with Christ.

On Sunday January 27 Valerie and John Sanchez joined our church. They are the parents of Isabella and Zoey who are active in Sunday School, the Youth Bells and King's Kids. John & Valerie have already been very active with ushering, the Praise Team, VBS, and with the Women's ministry. We welcome them as members and pray the Lord continues to bless them.

On Sunday, February 17th at the 11 am service Shannon Butler dedicated her daughter, Carlynn Cecelia to the Lord. May C.C.'s life be richly blessed with the love of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

Sunday School

Sunday School Sunday is on April 28th. The children will be participating in both the 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. This year we will be talking about how our Sunday School has partnered with Compassion since December 2003. We started out sponsoring a young lady named Loveness from Tanzania and saw her through the program until she aged out at the age of 21. We are now sponsoring Luis from Guatemala who will be 16 in June. We started sponsoring him when he was just 7 years old in September of 2010. Come on Sunday School Sunday to hear more about how our Sunday School kids have helped Luis and what they have learned about showing compassion. You will have an opportunity to sponsor a child yourself if God lays it on your heart to do so!

Bob Kruger

JMIC - Jenkins Men in Christ

Supporting JMIC:

Thank you to everyone for supporting your Jenkins Men in Christ at the Chick-Fil-A day. We really appreciate it and hope that you had a good time fellowshiping together. Our next support your Jenkins Men in Christ day will be:

8/14/2019 JMIC Sponsored Ledo's Pizza Day

JMIC Giving Back:

As this is being put together there is some music and love taking place at Locust Lodge Assisted Living just down the street from our church. Jenkins Men in Christ hired a singer to come in and sing for the residents and the Ladies Aid will have people there to spread love to the residents.

JMIC Studying God's Word:

Jenkins Men in Christ are excited about their Saturday Morning Bible Study. We have a new man with us and are growing. Come join us. Saturday morning, light breakfast at 7 a.m., study at 7:30 a.m. Want to learn more about God's Word and how it applies to you as a man? Come bat around a few ideas with your peers. We are currently studying the Gospel of John. We are using a series by Tony Evans:

Where do you turn when the world around you grows dark? In this study of the Gospel of John, Dr. Tony Evans encourages us to turn to Christ by reminding us of the two purposes for the beloved disciple's book—that we would believe in Jesus and find life in His name. Despite what our culture may argue, there is only one hope that is truly trustworthy and that is our Savior, Jesus Christ. So join Tony for this 12-session series that will draw you back to the essential truths of our faith and the life found in our King.

JMIC Men Serving:

Want to help serve Jesus Church but don't know how? If you are a man we have a way for you to serve. Each year we put on a Community Breakfast and invite the whole neighborhood. We want to bring the neighborhood into the church and fellowship. We make an awesome breakfast too. In the process we have fun in the kitchen and hall working as men together.

3/2/2019 JMIC Community Breakfast

Ken Kretsinger, Jenkins Man in Christ

Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid made \$139 at the fall Soup and Sandwich bake sale and \$111 at our February Soup and Sandwich bake sale and \$870 at our Cookie walk and Bazaar.

The Ladies Aid would like to thank all of those who donated cookies and baked goods and supported these events.

In December we donated \$1,300 to 4 needy families in the community.

We sang Christmas carols and presented gifts to the residents during our December visit to Locust Lodge, and in February we partnered with JMIC and had a young man named Cameron to sing for the residents at Locust Lodge which was a huge hit with the residents.

If you are interested in joining the Ladies Aid Ministry please contact Lynn Redding 443-255-0582 or 410-360-6180.

Lynn Redding

JWIC – Jenkins Women in Christ

Jenkins Women in Christ have been very busy. In January we got together at Glen Burnie Bowl for some “girl time” to just hang out, bowl, and share some laughs together. In February we had our Ladies Tea which was very well attended. We had lunch & tea, fellowship, and talked about being daughters of the King.

JWIC also did a Beth Moore Bible Study in January and February called the “Quest” to help us develop a more intimate relationship with Jesus. This was a very intense study with lots of homework and study of the scriptures, but those who persevered through the entire six weeks really got a lot out of it.

JWIC will have a scrapbooking event on March 16th. Watch your bulletin for more details. And there will be a cake decorating event on April 14th. Be on the lookout for information about another Bible Study coming soon.

Holly Robinson

CrossFire Youth Group

CrossFire Mission Trip 2019

Dear Parents & Guardians:

CrossFire Youth Group has held a summer tradition of going on Missions Trips across the country in various cities. Each trip has been unique and impactful for each person involved. The trip this year will be in Nashville, TN. We will meet at Jenkins Memorial Church on Saturday July 20th at 6 am. We will return Saturday July 27th at 3 pm.

While there, our students will be serving under-resourced families and communities in various ways. There may be building projects, yard work, serving food, running neighborhood children's ministry events, etc. Our young people will be learning aspects of leadership, how to work in group dynamics, how to effectively communicate the Gospel (sometimes in words but definitely in actions), and other life-changing skills. This trip will raise awareness of the stark reality that there are so many people hurting and hungry in our world, but that we can make a difference. It will be the greatest platform to put our faith in action.

We will arrive in Nashville around 6 pm. Saturday evening will be a valuable time of teambuilding and fellowship. On Sunday we will attend a local church, have lunch, and then arrive at our Mission site around 3 pm. From Sunday evening through Friday morning, our group will be under the leadership of Group Mission Trips.

The **COST FOR OUR MISSIONS TRIP IS \$315**. This price includes everything except our day of fun on Friday (more details to come). Domestic Mission trips range anywhere from \$225-\$800. The impact that this trip made on our young people throughout the years has been incredible and well worth the investment. Please understand that we will be doing various fundraising throughout the year with the goal of seeing this cost decrease. You can also inquire about possible scholarships that are available.

An initial \$50 deposit will reserve your spot. There is limited space so the quicker we receive the deposit the better it will be for our group. Please feel free to contact me with any further questions or concerns: 443-435-2460 or email me at pastorjesse1211@yahoo.com.

In His Service,

Jesse Robinson

From the Deacons Bench

Our pastors have united a Deacon with each church member for the purpose of spiritual growth and fellowship. You will be meeting your Deacon to learn more about that brother or sister in Christ. If you want your Deacon to be all they can be and to serve our church well, you can help by:

Praying for them.

Prayer changes things. Prayer increases wisdom, gives guidance, teaches patience, reveals compassion, promotes love and provides strength and endurance.

Encourage them.

Speaking from experience, one word of encouragement can really spur someone to keep pressing on, to fight the good fight, to keep battling in the trenches of ministry.

Serve alongside them.

Yes, Deacons are called to serve, but they are not called to serve alone. We are all called to use our spiritual gifts to work together to strengthen our church and our individual faith.

These are the ways you, our church, can help our Deacons fulfill their role. I encourage and challenge you to pray for, encourage and serve alongside your deacon. If you do these three things I know we will have a successful ministry in our church and in our community.

1 Peter 4:10 - As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Karen Tressler