



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

God's Orchestra

Right out of college in 1969, I started my teaching career in the Baltimore County School system. I taught band in five different elementary schools and one middle school before I became an Assistant Principal. In all, I spent 28 years in the classroom and 7 years as a high school Assistant Principal.

During my time in the classroom, it was mostly fun and sometimes challenging working with all the different students and the instruments they played. I taught students who played flutes, clarinets, oboes, saxophones, trumpets, trombones, french horns, baritones, tubas, all percussion instruments, violins and cellos. I also taught many students who were very self-motivated and some who needed a little encouragement and others who needed to be greatly encouraged to meet their potential; still others who didn't make it and dropped out. What was really rewarding was when a student who had been really struggling all of a sudden got it. I remember one student in particular who played baritone for two years and got nowhere. When he came back after the following summer it was like the light came on and he turned out to be the best baritone player I had. How rewarding that was.

The best time, however, was when all the students came together for a full rehearsal. It was fun to see how all the parts came together to produce a beautiful song; each section – the woodwinds, the brass, the strings, and the percussion – each providing their special sounds that blend with each other.

As I reflect on those days, I also realize that the church is very similar to those days as a band director. There are many different responsibilities within the church. We don't all play the same instrument or have the same talents. There are some that are so hungry for God's Word that they study like crazy to learn as much as they can. There are others who need a little encouragement to realize their potential in the Lord and still others that need more encouragement. And there are others that don't make it and drop out. How disappointing that is for the Lord. What is real exciting is when all the different people in the church with all their different talents and responsibilities come together to do great work for Him. He loves to see the light come on for someone as they understand the importance of following Him and serving Him.

I'm thankful that we have a church that blends together to make beautiful music for Him. May we be a sweet, sweet sound in His ears.

Serving Him together,

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The Shepherd's Flock

On Saturday March 16th, 2019 Donna Miller went home to be with the Lord, and on Tuesday April 23rd, 2019 Lynne Sturm went home to be with the Lord. Both of these ladies will be greatly missed by their church family. Donna served the Lord here by playing bells, singing in the choir and WitnesSing, attending Bible studies, running the Grief Share program, and participating in all kinds of church activities. Lynne served the Lord here by singing in the choir and WitnesSing, attending Bible studies, producing the Shepherd's Voice, and helping at all kinds of church functions. We will all miss their smiles and enthusiasm for the Lord, but we rejoice that they are at home with the Lord.

Thank You...

...to all the youth who came to rehearsals and played handbells for four services, two at Christmas and two for Easter. Thank you also to the parents and grandparents who got them to rehearsals faithfully. If you've never played handbells, let me tell you it is not as easy as singing, and everyone has to be there in order to play the song. We thank the Lord that he kept everyone healthy during this time. We had Elementary, Middle School, and High School youth playing during those two seasons. Thank you again to Jordan, Keenzie, Courtney, Eric, Jason, Bella, and Zoey for ringing Praises to the Lord in 2018-2019.

Psalms 81:2

Miss Jeanne

Jenkins Men in Christ

March - April:

In March we had another awesome breakfast. This breakfast has been a success since the first year we started it. Our measurement of success has nothing to do with money. Our success is measured by why we do it (fellowship and witness to all who attend—especially the community—as an example of Godly men) and concentrating on providing the highest quality product that we can! At this last breakfast we said grace each hour.

-One, as a practical reason because people come and go, and we have never shared grace with the people in the second and third hour.

-Two, we are growing as men of God; we said to ourselves, “Selves, we need to bring Jesus to the breakfast.”

We also brought some video to our breakfast. Mike Chase is a member of our church. He may be your friend, but we claim him as our brother at Jenkins Men in Christ. He keeps us together at Bible Study on Saturday mornings, and he happens to be the “Audio - Video guy” at Jenkins and WE plan on using his talents. Stay tuned for some awesomeness from Mike Chase.

We are growing. As I mentioned, we have Mike Chase. We also have Rich Drgos who has taken over the Saturday morning Bible Study and is doing a strong job. He leads us in prayer and study. He's also one of Jenkins' newest deacons. I personally have heard great things from Miss Estelle and Nancy Brockmeyer about the great job their deacon Rich is doing. Bob Kruger - we were missing him on Saturday mornings for a decade because during his career at the United States Coast Guard Yard he worked Saturdays. Now that he is retired we claim him too! Otts Hicks has joined us lately. What a blessing. Otts Hicks started Jenkins Men in Christ. What a blessing for both us and him. We have another man from the past. John Green is an integral part of Jenkins Men in Christ. We have many men walking with us “towards Jesus”. Mike soon will be making a video so you all can see what a typical Saturday morning Bible Study looks like. We interact with each other and learn from each other together. While we are hungry for the Word, it's not just about the Word; it's about how that Word affects us on a daily basis and what we need to do with it.

In April we had a Pit Beef Event planned, but due to several scheduling issues we had to cancel. But when we reschedule it we'll bring it to you as above with great fellowship, great quality, and we'll bring Jesus with us!

Also, Jenkins Men in Christ, through the service of Sam and Daniel Schneider as men, men in charge of their sphere of influence, made sure that the entrance to Miss Norva's home was ready for her when she came back from her hospital and rehab

Norva's home was ready for her when she came back from her hospital and rehab stay. They installed new slim, sturdy handrails and reconfigured her door to open in instead of out. These two are doing what Jesus has called them to do.

May - June:

In May, we will continue our study of the Book of John by Tony Evans. We invite any man here to join us. God wants you to read and learn His Word. We have an enjoyable way for you to do that. It's casual but true; it's real but relaxed.

Also in May we will have the privilege again to lead the worship service on Father's Day. I don't want to say too much and ruin it for you. I can tell you that we will be led by the Holy Spirit.

June we will spend with our families-

Ken Kuetsinger

Jenkins Man in Christ

Jenkins Memorial Church Website

Our little church by the side of the road is growing. We have lots of new faces and families. Thank you, Jesus. I have been trying to tighten things up with maintenance. I'm currently working on cleaning the outside of our building. I think we need some new signs like on the outside of the fellowship doors and classrooms that are not hand written and taped up! People who visit our church need to go home falling in love with this Church of Jesus Christ. Same thing is true with our website! Our website needs to be clean, sharp, and appealing. I currently manage the website; Mike Chase also helps, primarily with the audio and video. If people online are searching for a church to come to, if our website is not current or attractive, they may pass us by. Here's what I need:

EVERY ministry to give me current information and contacts.

To take it a step further, each ministry to schedule 1 hour with me to sit down and look at your page and we'll go over the content.

Is there anyone here with web design knowledge? Let me know. Great way to serve the Lord with one of HIS Church websites.

I have been told that I am doing okay on the website. Thank you. But I think in this day and age we need a more modern Website.

Pray about helping on our Church Website!

Ken Kretsinger

Sunday School

Sunday School Sunday was on April 28th. The children participated in many ways in the service, taking up offering, greeting, singing, and sharing what they have learned by sponsoring Luis, a child in Guatemala the children sponsor through Compassion International. The children invited members of Jenkins to help children in poverty by sponsoring a child, and 12 children were sponsored that Sunday!

We will have our annual Strawberry Festival on June 8 from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Flea Market starts at 7 a.m. **If you would like to rent a space or table, please contact Bob or Sherry Kruger at (410) 437-7861 or through the church office at (410) 437-2846.** There will be breakfast sandwiches and coffee available at the Flea Market and lunch will be served in the Fellowship Hall from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. with crab cakes, french fries, coleslaw, bar-b-q, hotdogs, and of course strawberries served with cake, ice cream or in milk shakes. Come support our Sunday School!

Bob Kruger

Maintenance Ministry

Maintenance at our Church is a Ministry and is a form of serving Jesus. It's rewarding. It's one thing to fix something around your house; it's another to fix something at Jesus house! I'll tell you a Ken's God story: While I was tidying up the Fellowship hall with drywall repairs and paint, I had my granddaughter Courtney with me. We had Pop-Pop and granddaughter time together, not in the world but in God's house. How cool is that! Not only do I think God was smiling, but that day will stay with that young lady for the rest of her life, painting with Pop-Pop and Jesus!

Interested in serving but don't know where? Consider the Maintenance Ministry.

I'm not going to list the maintenance projects here. Come to the Congregational Meeting and I have the projects listed with pictures. Come look at the to-do list and see if there is something on there you would like to do for God's house!

Ken Kretsinger

Jenkins Women in Christ (JWIC)

JWIC had a scrapbooking event in March and we decorated cupcakes in April. Both events were well attended and lots of fun!

We will be starting a Bible Study called "She's Got Issues" on Thursdays evenings at 7 p.m. starting May 9th through June 13th. This study discusses six issues women deal with on a regular basis: control, insecurity, comparison, fear, anger, and unforgiveness.

We have a lot of fun upcoming events.

May 18th - Herb Garden Brunch from 10:30 a.m.-12. This is for women ages 16 and up, and the cost is \$10.00 per person.

June - no event.

July 13th - Pool party at Valerie Sanchez's. Bring a dish to share. There is no cost for this event, and is for women ages 16 and up.

August 16th - Free family movie night at 6:30 pm.

September 21st - Mother/daughter Spa day.

October 19th - Mother/son mini-golf.

Come join us!

Holly Robinson

CrossFire Youth Group

CrossFire has had a great year of ministry. The youth group will have their last meeting of the year on June 12th. CrossFire will take the rest of the summer off and begin meeting on a weekly basis on September 4th.

Our summer mission trip is July 20-27. The group is going to Nashville.

There will be a CrossFire reunion on May 19th at 5pm. This is a gathering for all young people who have graduated and aged out of CrossFire's youth group to catch up with each other about their life and faith.

Jesse Robinson

Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid has been busy this year.

Members helped serve at the February Soup & Sandwich and we made a profit of \$111.00 at our bake sale during the event. Thanks to those who donated baked goods and supported this event.

We celebrated the 20th Anniversary of the Ladies Aid Easter Egg sales by selling over 1,500 eggs and making a profit of \$2,420.00! A reporter from the -Maryland Gazette interviewed several of the members as we were preparing the eggs and interviewed Grace Sutherland, founder of the Ladies Aid Easter Egg sales, via phone. The article was published in the April 10th edition of the Maryland Gazette.

Members of the Ladies Aid would like to thank Ginger Lusby, Bob & Sherry Kruger, Helen Edwards, Kitty Finley, Charlene Townsend, Kelly McCloskey, Doris Sweitzer & McKeenzie, Pam Walker and Barb Richards for helping us prepare the eggs for the sale. We would also like to thank all of the members of Jenkins who supported this event. We will take responsibility for the smiles our delicious eggs brought to your faces but are not taking the responsibility for the inches they may have brought to your waistline!!

The Ladies Aid is always looking for new members so if you are interested in joining please call Lynn Redding @ 443-255-0582 or email lynn.redding@comcast.net.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Redding

Parish Nurse

Our Jenkins family has been grieving the loss of many friends and family over the last couple years. Some losses are felt deeper than others. Some were unfathomable and some were expected. All left us with a sense of unfulfilled emotions.

The definition of grief is, "a natural process about any loss, real or perceived". Grief is a tool God gives us to get through the transitions of life. It is an emotional reaction to a sudden change. What do we do with these feelings?

The Bible says, when you go through a season of loss, the first thing you need to do is release your grief. If we don't deal with it now, it will take us far longer to recover. Those who stuff it down, repress it, deny it, and never deal directly with grief, will continue to struggle with emotional stress throughout life. It's okay to grieve. Christians do not grieve as the world grieves, because we know our loved ones are on

a sweet journey to heaven's gate. As they walk up to the door, open it and walk through, they close the door to earth's home and open the door to the Father's house. So just as our loved ones are with the Father, let us grow closer to Him and to each other. Let us release our grief, give it to the LORD. Cry out to Him in truth, just as David did in Psalm 6:2-8. Joy can live alongside of sorrow. We never stop grieving because we never stop loving. Death leaves a heartache no one can heal; love leaves a memory no one can steal. "Let us not mourn the men who died, but thank God that such men lived." (Patton)

As a family we can grieve together. We can support each other with sweet memories, laugh together about funny incidents, cry together at our losses, and shout out to the Father in Praise and Gratefulness.

II Corinthians 1:3-4 "Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort; Who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted by God."

VALLEY OF GRIEF

Empowerment
Security
Self-esteem
Meaning

Normal Functioning

Shock & Denial

- *Avoidance
- *Confusion
- *Fear
- *Numbness
- *Blame

Anger

- *Frustration
- *Anxiety
- *Irritation
- *Embarrassment
- *Shame

Depression & Detachment

- *Overwhelmed
- *Blahs
- *Lack of Energy
- *Helplessness

Returning to
Meaningful Life

Acceptance

- *Exploring options
- *A new plan in place

Dialog & Bargaining

- *Reaching out to others
- *Desire to tell one's story
- *Struggle to find meaning for what has happened

Karen Tressler

Deacon's Bench

We would like to thank everyone that came to the luncheons to meet their deacon, hear our testimonies, and to get to know each other better. We are truly grateful for your support and encouragement. If you have not met your deacon, please call us, let the Pastors know, or reach out in either church service so we can get to know you.

Jenkins is a church family filled with love, compassion and gospel Joy. As your deacons, we strive to provide support and care to everyone in our congregation when they are sick, feeling alone, or grieving life's hardships. And we love to celebrate your joys and successes as well. By working together we are growing a Biblical church that provides the kind of service that counteracts Satan's attempts to disrupt the unity and peace of our congregation, to spoil our reputation within the community. Acts 6:1.

Maintaining unity and harmony in a church is essential to accomplishing God's purpose for His church. The night before His crucifixion Christ prayed fervently for unity among believers. John 17:20-23. It was that important to Him.

It is necessary to understand and practice what the Bible teaches about Deacons. Doing so will strengthen our church and prepare it for new growth and expansion. Let us unite in love and spiritual truth.

The Deacons and Trustees meet in the adult Sunday School room before each church service, 8:45 and 10:45 AM, to pray for our Pastors, Sunday School teachers, leaders, and especially for our church as the Bride of Christ. These prayer sessions are open to everyone, and I encourage you to join us to support our Pastors and church every Sunday.

If therefore, there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion, make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. 'Philippians 23:2

Karen Tressler