



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

¹⁶ So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷ Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:^[a] The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹ that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰ We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. **2 Corinthians 5:16-20**

God is at work!!! God stirs and moves the hearts and minds of people all over the world bringing forth a fruitful reconciliation ministry.

Watching God's hand at work is always incredible. In the account of Moses and the Exodus, the plan of God unfolding by His will and providence is fascinating. How would God be able to raise up an Israelite who could enter into the courts of Pharaoh while the people were enslaved? How could he get ALL those people to leave Egypt so they could enter the Promised Land? How would God set up this new nation without Egypt being on their tails throughout this venture? Could God even find a leader capable to do this task? What is the reason for setting up this nation; HIS nation? The questions leading up to this story are many, yet every answer points to the incredible plans of God.

The plans of God revolve around the ministry of reconciliation. It was the call for Moses; it was the work of Christ; it is the mission of the church – the ministry of reconciliation. In the midst of it all, God remained the master of moving the pieces around within this great big plan. It is always fascinating to watch, but sometimes difficult when our lives are greatly impacted as part of those "moving pieces".

Right now, this is exactly where we find ourselves. God is actively moving His pieces around for His work of reconciliation. He is moving our family from Maryland to Pennsylvania. Rev Zahn is moving into the life stage of retirement. Life is going to look, feel, and be different for so many of us. While this time of transition can be difficult, God has been busy getting ready to make another move (or two or three). God has been stirring the hearts and minds of those who are called to lead JMC into the next phase of ministry. The same God who orchestrated the perfect timing of baby Moses being sent down the Nile to be found by Pharaoh's daughter, is the same God who is orchestrating these moves today.

These past 10 years have been amazing. There has been so much growth during this time. Thank you for allowing me to serve in JMC as a pastor. Thank you for celebrating with us as our family, ministry, talents, and influence grew. Thank you for the encouragements and the iron-sharpening-iron challenges. Our hearts are overflowing with gratitude for you. Words could never describe how much our Jenkins family means to us. We love you.

May God bring an increase like never before seen at Jenkins. May the impact you have in Riviera Beach, Pasadena, and the surrounding communities with the Gospel read like chapter 29 of Acts. May JMC be a leader in truth and reconciliation ministry among the New Testament churches.

With Love and Appreciation,

Pastor Jesse & Holly Robinson

CrossFire

CrossFire will meet on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:30 p.m. through December 23rd. December 23rd will be a special Christmas party. There will be no youth group on Wednesday, November 25th.

CrossFire will be changing nights beginning in January. Under new leadership, CrossFire will meet on Sunday evenings.

Pastor Jesse

Shepherd's Flock

On Sunday, October 25th we received Kimberly and Robert Brauckhoff into membership. They are both already a part of the Praise Team, and we look forward to them growing in Christ with us here at Jenkins.

JWIC

Jenkins Women in Christ will be having their retreat "in-house" this year. We will be meeting Friday, November 13 from 7-9 p.m. and Saturday, November 14 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. We will be studying "What the Women Saw". We are looking forward to meeting together for this study and to have some time of fellowship with each other. If you haven't signed up yet, it is not too late. Sign up in the Narthex or call or email the church office. The cost is \$20 which includes breakfast and lunch on Saturday.

Holly Robinson

Jenkins Men in Christ

Jenkins Men in Christ continue to meet on Saturday mornings at 7 a.m. for a light breakfast followed by Bible Study. We are currently studying the Book of Romans using a study by Tommy Nelson. It is great getting different perspectives from everyone. The Bible Study has been very well attended, but we are always looking for more men to join us!

JMIC also sponsored the bus trip to Washington, D.C. for "The Return". This was a great time of revival and fellowship, and we even had some people from other churches go along with us who were truly blessed by this event.

We also had a great time of study and fellowship at our Men's Retreat at Covenant Village in October. We used the study "Power of Knowing God" by Tony Evans. This was one of the best attended Men's Retreats we have had. Hope you will be able to join us next year!

Rich Drgos

Sunday School

Sunday School resumed on October 18. We were so excited to welcome back our kids! We have started using some new material in the Elementary and Middle School classes that we are very excited about. The Elementary children are looking at creation in the book of Genesis right now and learning how much God loves us by creating our world. The Middle School class has a new curriculum called Flyte which helps the teens grasp Biblical concepts and apply them to their lives. Jeanne Zahn continues to lead our Senior High group, having them dig deep into God's Word.

We are also excited that we have some new volunteers who are willing to bring God's Word to our kids! We have adopted new procedures to make sure we keep everyone safe, so if you haven't joined us yet, we would love to have you come back!

Bob Kruger

Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid has not met this year due to the Covid 19 virus, but we are hoping to resume our meetings in January. We have, however, been working remotely and donated ten of the Franklin Graham Samaritan's Purse Children's Christmas shoeboxes and will be sponsoring families in need during the holiday season.

I would like to recognize Pam Swaggerty, our Jenkins/Locust Lodge liaison, for keeping in touch with the caretakers at Locus Lodge and addressing their needs during the pandemic. Through Pam's direction we have provided meals, desserts, music and movie DVDs, games, and gifts for our friends at Locus Lodge to let them know they are still in our thoughts and prayers and to boost their morale while the facility has been closed to visitors. I would also like to extend a thank you to Dan & Debi McDowell and NCEON for their assistance and donations of pastries and pantry items to Locust Lodge.

We will continue to pray that we will be able to get together again in January to plan and follow through with our fundraising events next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Redding

Thank You

After 17 years shepherding our Jenkins family, we thought we could not be surprised at the love and generosity we have seen over the years as you always are there when anyone is in need. God has blessed us and we are not in need, but we were surprised, blessed, and touched by the cards, gifts and monetary gift you gave us for Pastor Appreciation Day. The flowers were not only beautiful, but plentiful. So many that we now have them in both the living room and the kitchen.

Thank you for all you have given the Lord over the years to help us share His Word and His Love. This year of 2020 has been the strangest of all years - no hugs,

no kisses, no prayers in the hospital, no hospital visits, no home visits, only 4 months of Sunday School, no choir, no in-person communion, yet some of you are at church singing, teaching and cleaning, and ALL of you have continued to support Jenkins so that we can share Jesus' love in Pasadena and beyond. Thank you!

Thank you again, and thank you for your faithfulness.

Milt and Jeanne

Thanksgiving Eve Service

We will have our Thanksgiving Eve Service on Wednesday, November 25th at 7 p.m.. We will be joined by Magothy United Methodist and Pasadena Seventh-Day Adventist. Come join us for an evening of giving thanks to God for all the blessings we enjoy.

Walk the Walk

We are once again this year partnering with Walk the Walk to provide Christmas gifts to children in needy families. Many of you have responded that you would like to participate again this year. The generosity at Jenkins is always overwhelming. If you have signed up to participate, please be on the lookout for an email or announcement when we receive the names from Walk the Walk, which should be sometime in early November. We are so richly blessed as a church family, and this is a great way to shine God's love to those in our community and the surrounding area.

"They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share."

1 Timothy 6:18

Christmas Food Baskets

As we have done in the past, we will once again be collecting canned goods, turkeys, hams, and cash donations to use in preparing food boxes for needy families in our area. There will be boxes throughout the church where you can drop off your donations. If you would like to have ideas of what to provide, there will be bags in the Narthex with a list of what is typically included. If you would like to help with this ministry, or if you know of an individual or family in need, please contact Bob and Sherry Kruger at 443-962-0684 or 443-867-8731. **All donations must be in by Sunday, December 20th.**



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