



# 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

### PRICELESS TIME TOGETHER

My grandson Kyler and I recently completed our annual baseball trip together. We started twelve years ago when he was six years old and he is eighteen now. We have visited thirteen stadiums during that time and this year we were in Arlington, Texas to see the Orioles play the Texas Rangers for two games. We had a great time!

Over the years, Ky has collected many baseballs and autographs given to him by Oriole players. This year he came home with seven baseballs, many autographs, and quite a number of selfies taken with players. He can tell you how he got every baseball he has ever gotten during our trips. He has them in cases in his room and they are very special to him. There was a first that occurred on this trip. My grandfather started taking me to Oriole games when they first came to Baltimore in 1954. I have attended games in every season since. Not once have I ever gotten a baseball. This year, we were sitting in the first row by the Oriole dugout, (surrounded by a sea of Ranger fans), and Andrew Casher, the Oriole's starting pitcher, walked by us after warming up in the bullpen before the game began and tossed me a ball – sixty-three years attending Oriole games and I finally got one!

Do you remember the old commercial for a credit card that talked about what this or that costs, but the final result was priceless. That's exactly what these trips are like. There's plane fare, ticket costs, hotel stays and of course meals – I don't recommend "WhatABurgers" in Dallas by the way. But the time with my grandson is priceless.

Even more priceless is the time we all should spend with our Lord. There may be a cost for spending that alone time with him. Maybe it's time taken out of the day that we could be doing things that are fun for us. It could be time that we could have been doing chores around the house or perhaps important things at work. Taking that time to be with the Lord will relieve stress, change our attitudes, reinforce Godly thoughts, and lift our spirits. In short, the time we spend with Him, no matter what the cost, is priceless.

As scriptures say in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17, "Be joyful always; pray continually" and in Psalm 36:7, "How priceless is your unfailing love".  
Blessings,

*Milt*

## **PRAISE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS COME BEFORE HIS PRESENCE WITH SINGING**

It's that time of the year again to start up adult choir rehearsals. We rehearse on Wednesdays at 7PM in the sanctuary. If you love the Lord and love singing, come join us. Rehearsals begin on Wednesday, September 19th. "Can you hearing him calling; calling out your name"!

# UPDATE ON THE WRIGHT FAMILY

The Wrights are continuing to serve God and have had much success but also continue to need our prayers. They had 20 people who expressed their faith through Baptism. They are preparing to plant another church, and they have also recently built a prenatal clinic at Happy House to care for women and families.

They continue to work to adopt little Abigail. The process could take another two years, but in the meantime they continue to be Abigail's foster parents. Please pray that they are able to successfully adopt Abi. Heidi has lived with Osteogenesis Imperfecta and scoliosis but now is in need of surgery for her back and hips. Heidi needs our prayers for healing, wisdom, and help in navigating the insurance process. Please continue to support this family with your prayers and financially (if you are able) so they can spread the Gospel in the Philippines.

## **(April 1, 2018 – June 30, 2018)**

The second quarter of 2018 started off on Easter Sunday. Our church was involved in three church services – 6:30 a.m. at Kurtz's beach and 9 and 11 a.m. services here at Jenkins. All services were very meaningful and well attended. It was a great way to begin the second quarter!

Our ministries at Jenkins Memorial Church were very active during this second quarter. Our music ministries continue to uplift our congregation every Sunday. Our Sunday school is helping to shape the lives of our youngsters, helping them to grow in the knowledge of Jesus. I want to thank those who give their time for both these ministries. These are every week responsibilities and these folks are truly dedicated. I also would like to thank those who offer the Children's message each Sunday. They provide a Godly message that is not only for our children, but many times for the adults as well.

We had many special events take place during this quarter. There was the Jenkins Men in Christ's Pit Beef lunch. Our guys do a great job cooking and serving. The food is great. We had special Mother's Day and Father's Day services. We thank Ladies Aid for the gifts presented to the mothers and fathers. We also thank Jim Matteo for the wonderful Father's Day message.

Other activities included two of our Deacons leading a ministry that recognizes the nurses at BWMC. We should thank Bev Rochford and Ken Kretsinger along with Lynn Redding and Alice Betts for thanking those who help us in our time of need. I also want to recognize April Reed and all those who provide cookies for the Police at the Eastern District police station. I have spoken to the Captain there and know how much they appreciate the cookies and the prayers.

Also during this quarter, we had our spring cleanup day. Thanks to Denise and Rob Alder for organizing the day and to all who came to help beautify our grounds. I love the new bench and bird bath outside our main doors. Our appreciation goes out to the Kruger's for another great Strawberry Festival that helps to benefit our Sunday school. In the month of June, we had another door hanger campaign. The turnout was great and we pray that more of our community will see the need for Jesus. Also in the month of June, we were able to finally hold our 25<sup>th</sup> annual Golf Tournament. It was very successful and I would like to thank the members of the Golf Committee for their hard work.

I have been at Jenkins Memorial Church for fifteen years now. I am heartened by the number of people who have grown in their relationship with the Lord during that time. We many people who are not just hearers of the word but are doers. Just what it says in James that we are to be. I thank God for all who are doers and pray that many more will be in the future.

Here is an accounting of my time spent in ministry at Jenkins for the 2nd quarter of 2018.

Church Services – 22  
Choir Rehearsals – 10  
Handbell Rehearsals – 9  
Bible Studies – 10  
Hospital Visits – 7  
Spiritual Guidance Sessions – 5  
Funerals – 3  
Deacon meetings – 2  
Baby Dedications – 6  
Home Visits – 1  
Trustee Meetings – 1  
PAC Meetings – 3  
Golf meetings - 6  
Mileage - 1131

Respectfully submitted in His Name,

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