

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

Why Should We Pray for Our Church Leadership?

I recently came across an article written by Thom Ranier. Thom is an American writer, speaker, and former president and CEO of Lifeway Christian Resources. In his article, he talks about why Pastors and church leadership must be more courageous today than ever before. He lists six reasons why.

- 1. There have been dramatic shifts in culture, most of them in direct conflict to Biblical Christianity.** We can no longer assume that Biblical values are the norm in our culture today. Actually, many of our cultural morals are the exact opposite to Christian truth. The Pastor must take a stand in this adversarial environment while remaining pastoral and compassionate.
- 2. The position of Pastor is no longer held in high esteem in many communities.** I can remember pretty much all the pastors I had growing up. They were always shown a great deal of respect from their congregants and community. That's not always the case today.
- 3. Church critics can be vicious.** Have you noticed that throughout the Bible, the greatest harm to a believing community comes from dissension among believers? Opposition from the outside is a challenge; dissension from within can be devastating. Church critics today seem to have gone wild!
- 4. Pastors must push against the “me” mentality of some church members.** Many times, I hear church members talk about “their church”. We must always remember that it's His church and we attend it. He owns it and we are members of His family worshipping there. That's why we always need to focus on what we believe He wants us to do. He must always be the focus.
- 5. Good church leaders must say “no” at times.** The best church leaders say no to the good so they can say yes to the best. But those who receive a “no” don't often receive it well.
- 6. Ultimately, church leadership is spiritual warship.** Paul leaves no doubt to this reality in Ephesians 6:13: “Put on the full armor of God so that you can stand against the tactics of the devil”. Pastors and church leaders are truly engaged in spiritual warfare. They must have courage, a courage that can only come from God.

Joshua, before he led God's people into the Promised Land, must have needed a special

dose of God's courage. Repeatedly in Joshua 1, God tells him to be strong and courageous.

Pastors and church leaders need to be reminded of the need for courage today. Serving as a Pastor is an impossible job without the strength and courage that only comes from God.

Church members: may I encourage you to pray that your Pastors and church leaders will have the courage they need to lead God's church here at Jenkins.

Blessings,

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The Shepherd's Flock

On Saturday, July 13, Heather and Benjamin Seidl dedicated their son Rowan Michael Seidl to the Lord. May his life be richly blessed with the love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Also, congratulations to Laura Bucklew who expressed her faith in Christ by being baptized on August 27. May she continue to grow deeper in her faith and relationship with Christ.

King's Kids

The King's Kids choir will start practice on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:00 p.m. beginning October 9th. This is for all children, ages 4-11. If your kids would like to make a joyful noise to the Lord bring them on Wednesday the 9th !

Psalm 98:4 "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth; make a loud noise, and rejoice, and sing praise."

Church Picnic

The Church picnic will be held on Sunday, September 22nd immediately following the 10 a.m. service. It will be held at the Coast Guard Yard (2401 Hawkins Point Road, Baltimore 21226). There will be hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, and drinks provided by the church. Bring a side or dessert to share. This a great day of games, food, and fellowship for the whole family! Be sure to sign up on the sheet in the Narthex . (**All adults 18 and over must show an ID to get in.**)

Choir Members Needed

As a new Adult Choir season is approaching, we would like to invite new folks to join us. No experience is necessary. You don't have to know how to read music. All you have to do is to be able to carry a tune. We rehearse on Wednesday nights from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.. Our first rehearsal is Wednesday, September 25th in the sanctuary. Please consider joining us. For more information, see Rev. Zahn or Jeanne.

Nominating Committee

The JMC Nominating Committee is currently accepting nominations for the Board of Trustees and the Congregational Board. There are forms in the Narthex for your nominations. Please place them in the box **by Sunday, September 8**. Nominees must be 21 years of age and a member of JMC for 3 years. If you have any questions, see one of the committee members: Lynn Gunter, Rose Bianca, Pat Haynie, or Susanna Kim-Diaz.

Sunday School

The kids have had a great summer enjoying being taught by some new faces! We are looking forward to going back to our fall schedule on October 6th with classes at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m. for pre-k through middle school and a senior high class at 9 a.m. We are always looking for volunteers to help out.

The kids had a fantastic time at Vacation Bible School learning how God is good no matter what is happening. Thank you to the many volunteers that made this a success! A big shout out to the Sanchez family for the awesome decorations and to all those who helped them.

Luis, our child we sponsor in Guatemala, is now 16 and is doing well in school and learning a vocation. We send \$38 a month to support him plus a couple special gifts during the year for his birthday and Christmas. If anyone is interested in helping out, place a dollar or two in the lamb that is downstairs in the Fellowship Hall or ask one of the children to put it in the bank downstairs for Luis. All money collected in the lamb goes directly to Compassion International to support Luis.

Bob Kruger

Ladies Aid

During our summer break the Ladies Aid sponsored a hole at the Golf Tournament in June, sponsored the Youth mission trip by covering the cost of the gasoline for the trip, and covered the cost of carpet cleaning in the Sanctuary and Narthex. Members helped organize and serve at luncheons and memorial services during the summer in the Fellowship Hall.

We celebrated Fourth of July with the residents of Locust Lodge. Member Pam Swaggerty organized a cook-in which was enjoyed by all that attended. We sang patriotic songs and recognized those residents who were in the military.

Ladies Aid meetings will resume on Sept. 9th at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If interested in becoming a member of Ladies Aid please call Lynn Redding at 443-255-0582.

Respectfully submitted,

Lynn Redding

Jenkins Women in Christ

JWIC had a fun summer! We had a ladies pool party which was relaxing and fun. We also finished our Bible study called, "She's Got Issues" which was meaningful and challenging.

Upcoming this fall we will have a 4 week Bible study on Charles Swindoll's "Fascinating Stories of Forgotten Lives" looking at four of the "unsung heroes" in the Bible. This study will be on Thursday evenings starting September 19th at 7 p.m.. Please sign up in the lobby. We will also be having a spa day for girls and ladies age 4 and up on Saturday, September 21st at 11am. There will be lots of pampering involved!

Holly Robinson

Jenkins Men in Christ

JMIC went on a charter fishing trip in June and had a horseshoe tournament in August. We are planning a retreat September 27-29 at Covenant Village. This is always a great time to fellowship together and to get closer to God as we get away from some of the distractions and spend time surrounded by the beauty of His creation and study his Word and just “hang out” together as men. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

Our men’s Bible Study will resume on Saturday mornings starting October 12th. We have a light breakfast starting at 7 a.m. and the study begins at 7:30. All men are welcome!

Jesse Robinson

CrossFire Youth Group

CrossFire had a great time this summer “Flocking”. Thank you to all who participated. This fundraiser made over \$1,000 for our youth group! We have also gotten together over the summer on Wednesday evenings to study the Bible. Eleven teens and three adults participated in the missions trip to Nashville. They learned a little more about how Jesus asks us to serve, and they shared their experiences at the church service on August 18th.

CrossFire will resume their weekly meetings starting Wednesday, September 4th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. All youth, grades 6-12 are welcome!

Jesse Robinson

Deacons’ Bench

The Glory of the Lord In Us.

Exodus 34:29-35 tells us the story of Moses going up the mount to receive the plan for the tabernacle and the tablets of stone. God forgives the nation and renews His covenant with Israel.

As Moses was coming down from the mountain, he did not know that the skin of his face shone because of his presence with the Lord. The glory of the Lord shone

on Moses so that the sons of Israel could not look intently at his face. Moses had to wear a veil to cover his face after beholding the glory of the Lord. God's glory shone in and through Moses. He radiated with the light of the Lord. But as the sins of the sons of Israel increased, the presence of the Lord decreased. When no longer going into the presence of God, Moses shining glory faded.

II Corinthians 3:18 says, "But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit".

When we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, the Holy Spirit comes to live within us. He is then being exhibited in our lives. We are not imitating Jesus, but Jesus exhibits himself through us. We radiate with the light of the Lord just as Moses did. The Holy Spirit shines through our faces making Jesus visible to people all around us.

However, that radiance fades when we do not stay in the presence of the Lord. The more we are in His presence, the more we radiate His glory and love.

[Psalm 34:5](#). " [They looked to Him and were radiant](#)".

As we keep beholding the glory of the Lord, by daily Bible reading, prayer, devotions and meditation on His Word, we are transformed, we are incrementally changed into Christ's moral likeness.

Karen Tressler

Parish Nurse

Loneliness is on the Rise.

In 2010 approximately 40% of Americans reported feeling lonely on a regular basis. And the average American reports zero close confidants.

Loneliness is the soul feeling isolated from meaningful human connections, feeling misunderstood or out of place.

Recent studies have shown that loneliness is as risky to our health as smoking or obesity. It is impossible to estimate how much time and energy we invest in trying to fix, change or deny our emotions. The ones that hit us in the very core of our being – like hurt, jealousy, and loneliness. Negative emotions like loneliness, envy or guilt play a big role in having a happy life. They are flashing signs that something needs to change. And only you can begin the process.

So what can be done to remove loneliness and isolation from our lives?

First the Bible tells us to "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid for the Lord **your** God goes with you". Deuteronomy 31:6

1. Get out into the world and meet people. Trust and ask God to put positive loving people in your path and take hold of that opportunity to grow together. Call a neighbor or church member and invite them for a walk, go to lunch, ask about their needs.

Trust God and seek meaningful connections with Him. God loves you may be a cliché but it is absolutely true.

Isaiah 58:11 And the Lord will continually guide you, And satisfy your desire in scorched places, And give strength to your bones; And you will be like a watered garden, And like a spring of water whose waters do not fail.

James 4:10 Humble yourself in the presence of the Lord and He will exalt you.

2. Work for meaningful connections instead of waiting for them to come to you. It is easy to feel like a victim, to think no one has it as hard as you. Satan wants you to indulge in self-pity, feeling like God and people have let you down. When the temptations comes to sit by yourself and wallow in your own feelings, rather than overcome them, go out and do something with and/or for someone else. You will be building love, unity, brotherhood and fellowship. Delighting your soul.

Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself, do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interest of others. Philippians 2:3-4

3. The body of Christ is the best antidote to loneliness. All those who follow Christ and have been baptized with one Spirit are the body of Christ. In the body we become one in spite of our differences. We have fellowship in the Spirit even when we are alone. We are of one mind, one spirit, one purpose, one goal. If you devote yourself to the building up of the body of Christ through personal faithfulness, God will insure that you find your place and your ministry within it.

Romans 12:5, I Corinthians 12:26.

If you are feeling alone or isolated and want to start making positive changes in your life and don't know where to start please contact your Deacon, Rev. Zahn or Pastor Jesse. Even if you are limited in your abilities, home bound or without transportation. There are many opportunities in the church and in the community to volunteer, feel needed and be needed.

We have many ministries in our church that desperately need help and you can be the one to fill that place in God's house.

Karen Tressler



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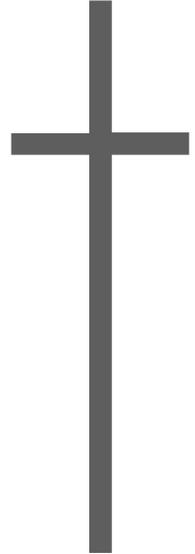
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