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Sunday Bible Study 9:45 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study 7:00 pm

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-Dahn Ramkelawan
Suriname, So. America
-Michael Mayo
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SEARCH TV

Sundays 7:30 am (on Fox)

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The just man
walketh in
his integrity:
his children
are blessed
after him.

Proverbs 20:7

We offer FREE: 4 Bible correspondence course series by mail:
an 8 lesson series by Hurt, a 6 lesson series "Acts Of The Apostles"
by Pharr, the "Studies In The Bible" 30 lesson series, and the
20 lesson series "Getting To Know Jesus" by Pharr. Let everyone know!

Reviving the Shepherd Image

The Bible gives some rich images of God to help our understanding of His nature. Several figures of speech are given in the Scriptures as “lenses” through which we are better able to see God, who in reality is an invisible spirit (Luke 24:39; John 4:24; Hebrews 11:27). God is described as a king, a warrior, a rock, a father, a shield, a bird, a farmer, a vinedresser, etc.; however, one persistent figure of God in the Bible is that of a shepherd.

It seems that the shepherd is a retired figure in contemporary times since so few in the world practice shepherding the way it was conducted in the ancient Near East. The primary roles of a shepherd were providing food and water to the sheep, delivering them from dangerous predators, and gathering those who were lost. Sheep are not highly intelligent animals, lacking the capacity to find food and water for themselves in many environments; thus, they need an intelligent and caring leader that will guide them to places where the essentials of life can be found. Sheep also tend to wander and are susceptible to predators because they lack natural defenses that would enable them to escape from their attackers or at least ward them off.

To have an inept shepherd would be a terrifying condition, but to have a good shepherd would bring a sense of peace. When the nation of Judah had poor shepherds (leaders) that led them into danger, God promised that He would raise up good shepherds so that they would no longer be terrified or go missing (Jeremiah 23:4). Indeed, when Christ the good shepherd (John 10:11, 14), the branch of David would come, “In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely” (Jeremiah 23:6). As a shepherd and a king Jesus would bring peace (Isaiah 9:6-7; 11:1-5).

Let us make sure the figure of a shepherd, with his tender relationship and emotional involvement to the sheep, is not lost on us today. We must go back and consider this figure and revive it in our day to those who are unfamiliar with shepherding. No other passage in the Bible portrays this figure more tenderly than Psalm 23. David, who was a shepherd, wrote of how God is a competent shepherd who is able to meet all of our needs. Because the Lord God was his shepherd, he would not lack (v. 1). Even when he found himself in the valley of the shadow of death, he would fear no harm (v. 4a). The Lord’s rod and staff (with which he implements protection and discipline) brought him comfort (v. 4b).

Certainly God is the great shepherd. To God we owe our very existence. Every breath we breathe is a gift from Him (Acts 17:25). The food we eat ultimately comes from His hand (Acts 14:17). Even pompous rulers, who often deny Him, are sustained by the crops that grow in the field He sustains with nutrients, sunshine, and water (Ecclesiastes 5:9). More importantly, the Lord gives us spiritual protection and rest from our adversary the devil, who, as a roaring lion, preys on us (Matthew 11:28; 1 Peter 5:8). If we follow the Lord, He will lead us, His sheep, into the green pastures of eternal life. Jesus said, My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand (John 10:27-28). In the great judgment scene of Matthew 25, Jesus separates the sheep from the goats, and gives His sheep eternal life (Matthew 25:32-33, 46). What a joy it will be for us to see the Chief Shepherd appear to lead us home (1 Peter 5:4).

-Mark Day

News & Notes



Sermons Today

AM- "Call on the Father"
 PM-guest speaker- Mark Aites, South Point congregation- preacher rotation

Dates to Remember

- Jun 21**- Bible Class Teachers Meeting- 7pm- annex large classroom
Jun 23- Prime-timers- 10am- annex
Jun 23- Ladies evening devotional- 6:30pm Davonne Parks' home
Jun 25- Youth Service Project- see Mark Day
Jun 26- Ladies Luncheon-12:30pm- Cheddars
Jun 27- Ladies Day- Grant & Summit church, Portsmouth, OH- 12pm- RSVP by 20th
Jun 27- Youth & Parents: Greenup Locks & Dam- 4pm
Jun 28- Elders/Deacons/Preachers Meet-4:30p
Jun 30- Prime-timers- 10am- annex
July 11- Picnic Saturday
Jul 27-31-Vacation Bible School- 6:30- 8:30p
Aug 9-Ice cream & dessert night-7pm-annex
Sept 12- Men's Leadership training- Stephen Rogers- 5 sessions- lunch provided
Sept 13- Potluck luncheon-12pm- annex
Sept 13-16- Gospel Meeting-Stephen Rogers
Sept 17- FBI fall class begins-annex- 7pm
Oct 25- Trunk O' Treat & chili supper- 7pm
Nov 1- Bring A Friend Day
Nov 1- Potluck luncheon- 12pm-annex
Nov 15- Soup, stew & sandwich potluck-7pm annex

Bible Class Teachers Meeting

This evening, all teachers past, present and future, all alternate teachers, and all helpers are asked to meet in the annex large classroom following evening worship service. Thank you.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Jeremiah and Katie Smith on the birth of their daughter, Elora Rose Smith, on Saturday, June 13th, at 3:21am. She weighed 5 lbs. 3 oz., and was 20 inches long.

Ladies Evening Devotional

On Tuesday, June 23rd, Davonne Parks will host all the ladies at her home for a devotional at 6:30pm. Please, note the date change.

June Ladies Luncheon

On Friday, June 26th, all ladies are invited to meet for lunch at 12:30pm at Cheddars in Ashland. This group usually meets the last Friday of each month.

Elders/Deacons/Preachers Meeting

This June meeting day has changed due to Father's Day on the third Sunday. The group will meet next Sunday, June 28th at 4:30pm in the annex large classroom.

VBS Volunteers Needed

Vacation Bible School will be July 27-31 this year. Help is needed for learning centers- (theme: The Significance of Little Things), pre-school 4s&5s class (theme: Backyard Adventures), and kitchen. Please, sign up on the foyer board.

Gauging Our Faith

	06/14/15	Goal	06/15/14
Bible Study	73	110	89
AM Worship	109	150	139
PM Worship	77	110	96
Mid Week	69	110	82

**Have you contacted
 a shut-in lately?
 Why not today?**



☞ Today's Servants ☞

WELCOME:

AM/PM: J.C. Hughes

SONG LEADER:

AM: Brad Morris

PM: Jeremiah Smith

FIRST PRAYER:

AM: Nathan Adkins

PM: Mark Parks

LORD'S TABLE:

Presiding AM: Jerry Sturgill

Assisting: Bobby Edmonds,
Phil Degelia, Jordan Conley,
Adam Poplin, Will Scott,
Michael Perry, Mitch Stafford

Presiding PM: Nathan Parks

Assisting: David Smith

CLOSING PRAYER:

AM: Matt Vonderheide

PM: Don Music

☞ Wednesday Servants ☞

WELCOME: Mark Parks

SONG LEADER: Steve Wallace

PRAYER: Chris Scott

DEVOTIONAL: Jeremiah Smith

☞ Weekly Servants ☞

POWER POINT: David Castle

BLDG. ATTENDANT: Greg Conley

ATTENDANCE: Adam Poplin

COORDINATOR: Chris Scott

Welcome, Visitor!

We are so pleased to have you as our guest today.

If you are a first-time visitor with us, please, fill out a 'visitor card' that you will find on the back of the pew. You may put it in the collection plate or give it to one of the men at the auditorium doors as you exit.

We have tract racks on the wall in the foyer with **free tracts and literature**. We also have **Bible correspondence courses** you can sign up to receive by mail at **no cost to you**. Let our preacher know if you would like to set up an **in-home Bible study**.

Thank you for attending.

★★★ Youth Notes ★★★

★ Every Sunday ★

Pew Packers

at 5:45pm-

in the front of the auditorium

-geared to age 12 & under,

but everyone is invited to attend--

**Boys have a song ready
to lead for the group**

★ June 25 ★

Service Project

-details to follow- see Mark Day

★ June 27 ★

Greenup Locks & Dam

Meet there at 4pm