



The Shepherd's Call

June-July 2010

A Person for Our Time

Job is a large Old Testament book about a man who suffers terribly. He has three friends who attempt to help him through his ordeal but their best efforts only seem to make matters worse. With the loss of many jobs, the search for affordable healthcare, illness, relationships in trouble and other suffering, Job can shed light upon our own lives. The question we will ask is, "Where is God when we suffer?" The series begins June 6 and runs for six weeks.



On Saturday evening, April 3 the following were confirmed:

Hannah Bischoff
Nick Hewitt
Lindsey Higginbotham
Andrew Jones
Christopher Parks
Ethan Steele
Mackenzie Tabler
Jodie Wheeler
Meagan Wilner

We welcome our new members and thank their mentors, teacher and leaders.

Sunday Morning at the Movies

After six weeks of studying Job, we'll be ready for some lighter subjects in our worship. In August we will be looking at popular movies and the theological and life lessons they teach us. Among them are **2012** which is based upon a Mayan myth that the calendar ends in that year. It is a disaster story with the usual plot line – nothing great – but the story behind it provides some good material to study the end of time as we know it. We'll also be looking at **The Blind Side**, which many of you have seen, and the lessons on what it means to be a community that welcomes the stranger. Finally, the movie **Blood Done Sign My Name** is based upon a true story out of North Carolina that involves race and the tensions it brought to a southern town. A black Vietnam-era veteran is allegedly murdered by a local white businessman who is later exonerated. The plot focuses on the role of a local high school teacher and the civil unrest that followed the acquittal. The fourth movie has not been chosen yet and **Pastor Ed** welcomes your suggestions.

Cookout for 22-35 Year-Olds

If you are 22-35 years-old, you don't want to miss the cookout on Monday, June 21 from 6-8 p.m. at Good Shepherd. We'll have a few games, enjoy hamburgers and hotdogs from the grill, get to know one another and learn of upcoming opportunities to connect, grow, learn and work on a mission project together. Children are invited. Last names beginning with A-L are asked to bring a side dish and last names M-Z are asked to bring a dessert. In the event of rain, we'll meet in the Adult Youth Building. To RSVP, contact **Erin Rice** or **Lisa McGehee** by **June 17**.

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Is There Something More?

I've started coming to Good Shepherd . . . I attend worship . . . I'm getting to know people . . . but is there something more? This is what I hear from people who want to go deeper into growing as followers of Jesus. And while we offer many opportunities for book study, Bible study, singing, playing instruments, and mission there is still something missing. This summer we're going to experiment with a few groups who will gather to look at how their own lives are growing spiritually. While we have not yet chosen a name – Lisa McGehee and I are still talking about this – the purpose is to go deeper in an intentional but non-confrontational way. John Wesley had similar groups that gathered to answer the question, "How is it with your soul?" So let me ask you, "How is it with your soul?" Are you comfortable? Or are you restless? Are you wanting to know Jesus more intimately, or are you on the right path? Do you leave Sunday worship with questions, or are your questions all answered? Does the gospel of Jesus speak to your life and the things you are involved in or is there a disconnect between what happens in worship on Sunday and what then happens the other six days of the week? This is what these groups will address. If you're interested in being a part of a pilot group, let Lisa or me know. Otherwise, stay tuned for more groups being formed in the fall. In the meantime, I encourage you to ponder the questions I pose above.

Blessings,
Pastor Ed

New to Good Shepherd?

Sometimes when we are on a journey the most often question asked is "What's Next?" If you are new to Good Shepherd you may be asking yourself this question. If so, Starting.Point can help you answer this question, discover our history, learn how to get started on your discipleship pathway and much more. **Starting.Point meets monthly on the second Sunday from 10:45 a.m. to 12 p.m.** in the Conference Room. Nursery is available. Contact **Pastor Ed** for more information.

Pastor Ed looks forward to visiting with persons new to Good Shepherd for a **"Coffee, Chai and Chat" at 6:30 p.m. monthly on the fourth Sunday** at the Panera Bread at the corner of Staples Mill and Parham Road. This is an informal



way to get to know Pastor Ed better and for him to answer your questions. To sign-up, visit the Welcome Center in Wistar Hall, contact **Pastor Ed** or call the church office at 270-7613.

Expression of Gratitude

Thank you to all who assisted in building a new ramp to the Adult Youth Education building and for repairing the sidewalk at the administration entrance.



Hope in Haiti

Shortly after the earthquake in Haiti, Good Shepherd member **Bob Stephens** made us aware of Marne, the child in Haiti being helped through Compassion International. This update came recently in a letter from Marne written shortly after the earthquake. Bob states, "As I read the letter, I recalled the use of scenes from post-earthquake Haiti being used during a recent service to dramatically illustrate the power of hope in the world – catastrophes and all. "

In part Marne (Marne Kempsey Kerceilin) wrote, "I'm so sad to tell you that a big earthquake hit my country on Jan 12, 2010. God had kept my family and I safe. My house is cracked. The project center and my school are crumbled. I'm so sad about that. I'll keep on trusting in God. He's taking care of me very well. I'm so grateful to him from that."

As Bob continues, "Sad yet grateful. Cared for by God in the midst of heartbreaking destruction. Buildings cracked and crumbled, trust in God intact. A 6th grader, mature in faith far beyond his years. Hope."

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Throughout the newsletter, items in **red**, **bold** and underlined indicate website and email hyperlinks. Place your cursor over the item and CTRL+click to access the web or email address.

Music Notes

Summer's here! It's that time of year when days of snow piled high on your yard seem far behind – everywhere you look, it's green and warm and vibrant. If I were asked to select some hymns on the theme of summer, two come to mind right away: "For the Beauty of the Earth" and "All Creatures of Our God and King". Sometimes, I can think of just the right song but, when I can't, it takes a little time and research.

That brings me to the reason for writing this article. I wanted to give you an insight into how the music that is played/sung during a particular worship service is chosen. At frequent intervals, Pastor Ed and I meet to go over his sermon topics. He helps me to understand the themes he intends to highlight. With those themes in mind, he and I will sit down to select hymns. Our wonderful accompanist Roz gets a list of those hymns and finds excellent instrumental music that blends right in. Finally, I search through our music library to locate anthems which fit the theme. Occasionally, I discover a new piece which is just perfect, so the new anthem is bought and then taught to the choir, a dedicated group of servants.

The planning process is done up to three months in advance. Think of it like this: when you were getting ready for Christmas, we were already planning Palm Sunday, Good Friday and Easter music! In fact, not long after this edition of the newsletter is finished, we will begin preparing Christmas music. Nothing says summer like going over Christmas music!

Peace,
Tom Heaton, Minister of Music



Summer Opportunities for Children



Save the Dates

June 17

Movin' On Up Party!

A celebration for our rising 6th graders as they Move on Up to the Youth Ministry!

June 20

Summer Sunday School begins (see article to right)

June 27-July 1

SonQuest Rainforest Vacation Bible School

(See registration information to right)

July 25-30

Westview on the James Resident Camp

Jodi Bischoff is the Minister in Residence this week. Brochures are at the Welcome Desk. Additional camping weeks are available.

August 22 -24

The Great Adventure

Overnight Mission Opportunity for rising 3rd – rising 6th graders (see article at right)

September 5

Promotion Sunday

September 12

3rd Grade Bible Presentation at 9:30 am service
Sundae Sunday in the afternoon

Summer Sunday School

Begins June 20

During the summer, kindergarten through 5th graders meet in the Youth Building from 9:30-10:30 a.m. They are split into 2 groups (K-2nd and 3rd-5th) where they explore the Bible through cooking, science, storytelling, video, and crafts in a rotational format. This summer we will learn about Paul and several Feasts & Festivals of Jesus' time. If you have any questions, contact **Lynn Bremer**. Two-year olds through Pre-K meet in their classrooms in the Education Wing.

Children's Moments will be on summer vacation beginning in June.

The Great Adventure

A Mission Opportunity for rising 3rd through rising 6th graders

August 22-24, 2010

Westview on the James

\$85/person

Pick up a brochure at the Welcome Desk for all the details. Space is limited to the first 25 kids who pay a deposit of \$25.

Vacation Bible School—SonQuest Rainforest

June 27 – July 1, 6-8 pm Sunday through Thursday

Registration Open on our **website** and in Wistar Hall.



Would you like to spend a week exploring the rainforest and discovering the true meaning of Jesus' parables? Our adventures include great music, crafts, snacks, games and storytime. Sign up for a Vacation Bible School leadership role and bring your kids, grandkids, and a friend along for an incredible week. We will end the week Thursday night with a puppet show performed by children of our church under the guidance of Tom Heaton, Jim and Carol Dietrick. Vacation Bible School is open for all children 3 years & potty trained through rising 5th graders. Registration is open on the **church website** and in Wistar Hall. Contact **Jodi Bischoff**.

Attention All Third Graders

A Good Shepherd tradition is to present third graders with a new Bible at the beginning of the school year. Our third grade curriculum focuses on learning the Bible and how to use the Bible: books, Old Testament vs. New Testament, looking up scripture, etc. If you have a third grader, please email **Lynn Bremer** to inform her of how you would like your son's or daughter's name to appear in their new Bible. Bible presentation will take place on September 12 during the 9:30 a.m. service.

Bigger Than Ourselves

It's hard to believe that June is here! Just one year ago, I arrived at Good Shepherd and was warmly welcomed by each of you. God has blessed all of us this year as we have ministered to the youth at Good Shepherd. I look forward to this coming year as we dream, minister, and continue this kingdom journey together.

Congratulations to the many seniors from Good Shepherd that are graduating and going on to attend many great colleges and universities. I am proud of each of you! We will continue to pray for you and support you as you begin this next phase of your life.

During May and early June we completed a series titled, "**Hope Lives.**" During this series we discussed the many ways we can share the hope of Christ with others. Please watch for upcoming information on the ways that the youth will be involved in

"Bigger Things." These bigger things are activities and events that are bigger than ourselves. These are ways to get involved in the community and the world to bring hope to others.

Our summer will be filled with many trips and activities. A group of youth and adults will leave Good Shepherd on July 4 for **Lake Junaluska Youth In Missions camp**. Our own **Jenna Cullop** is on this year's design team.

A team of 13 will depart for **Guatemala** on July 10. We will spend one week in Guatemala building stoves for families so that they can cook and have heat. It will be a joy for us to be able to serve others, yet I know we will receive so much in return ourselves. We thank you for your prayer support as we travel and serve.

Please continue to watch the youth

mid-week announcements for dates of summer day trips. If you will be having teens visiting you for the summer (nieces, nephews, grandchildren, etc.) I encourage you to bring them to our Bible studies and fellowship events.

Happy Summer!

Grace and Peace,
Sara Eddleton, Minister of Youth and Missions



Middle School Game Night Fun

3rd Annual Swing Fore Missions Golf Tournament

Sunday, June 6 at 1:30 p.m. at Sycamore Creek Golf Course. Proceeds from this tournament support youth missions to Lake Junaluska and the high school students who will travel to Guatemala. We hope you will consider participating in the upcoming tournament! "But what if I don't golf?" you might ask. Well, we're expanding this year and including a Putt-Putt tournament for all ages.

Team: \$300 (Golf for 4 players, catered dinner, beverages, eligible for prizes and awards).

Individual: \$75 (will place you on a team; Golf for 1 player, catered dinner, beverages, eligible for prizes and awards). There are also opportunities for Sponsorships and Score Buster packages.

Contact **Mark Nedervelt** or 339-2731 or **Tim Parks** or 514-1714.

Putt-Putt - For all ages!

Bogey's Sports Park at 4:00 p.m., Sunday, June 6

Cost: \$20 per person (includes putt-putt and dinner)

After Putt-Putt, join us for dinner and awards ceremony at Sycamore Creek with other golfers. 18 volunteers are needed to help with the children's portion of the golf fundraiser. All you need to do is staff a hole and help the kids keep score. Please contact **Carol Cole** if you are able to help.

Summer Book Groups

We have included books that are coming-of-age stories, deal with social issues, a story of a missionary and his family living in the middle of the Congo, the role of relationships (human and animals) in our lives and much more. Book groups are an excellent way to connect with others. Come when you can. If the times listed do not work for you, let [Lisa McGehee](#) know. We are always ready to start new groups.

We will all read the same books but the Wednesday morning group will begin at one end of the list and the

Thursday evening group will begin at the other. We are mindful that your budgets are tight and it may not be possible to purchase all of the books. It can also be difficult to check them out of the library. By beginning at different ends of the list, we can share books with one another. For those who are willing to share their books we have a bookshelf in room 118 designated for the Book Group books.

Wednesday Group
July 7 10-11:30 a.m.
The Help by Kathryn Sackett

August 4 10-11:30 a.m.
Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout

Thursday Group
July 8 7-8:30 p.m.
Eat, Pray, Love by Elizabeth Gilbert

August 5 7-8:30 p.m.
Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows

For the Book Group reading list, visit our [website](#) or contact [Lisa McGehee](#).

Summer Mission for 18-22 Year-Olds

If you are between the ages of 18-22, summer can be a great time to make a difference in the life of another. Join others your age as we explore mission opportunities, engage in some Bible study and just hang-out. Want to know more? Contact [Lisa McGehee](#), "friend" me on [Facebook](#), or send a text to 804-400-6171. Parent's please pass this information along.

Sermon Series Conversations

As mentioned on page 1, two timely sermon series will be offered this summer. Additionally, the Adult Sunday School classes that meet each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. will dig into the topics more deeply. Beginning June 6, they will begin a study on the book of Job. Other than a bible, no other material is needed. Come when you can to room 118.

In August, we will have **Friday Night at the Movies** from 7-9 p.m. in the Celebration Center. The movies will follow Pastor Ed's August sermon series. For those who can stay past 9 p.m. there will be an opportunity for discussion. The Sunday

School classes will also discuss the movie and sermons. For more information about the 9:30 a.m. class contact [Jim Godwin](#) and [Sonny Rea](#) for the 10:45 a.m. class. For more information about Friday Night at the Movies, contact [Lisa McGehee](#).



Save the Date

Parenting Workshop

Friday, October 1

7-8:30 p.m.



Calendar of Opportunities

June

1st

7 p.m. **Cook for [Freedom House](#)**

Contact: [Ruth Wilkinson](#) or 747-6493

2nd

Book Group Brunch

10 a.m. Nick's Roman Terrace

Contact: [Lisa McGehee](#) or 270-7613

6 p.m. **Serve @ Freedom House**

7 p.m. **Watercolor**

Contact: [Libby Branscome](#) or 562-4839

6th

Swing Fore Missions Golf Tournament

Contact: [Mark Nedervelt](#) or 339-2731

12th

10 a.m. **Prayer Shawl Ministry**

Contact: [Diane Ladd](#) or 672-1855

13th

8:15 a.m. **United Methodist Men's Breakfast**

Contact: [Sonny Rea](#) or 934-0477

15th

10 a.m. **55+ Breakfast** @ Golden Corral

Contact: [Jean Deal](#) at 270-3520

17th

6-8 p.m. **Movin' On Up Party for Rising 6th Graders**

Contact: [Jodi Bischoff](#) at 270-7613

21st

6-8 p.m. **Cookout for 22-35 Year-Olds**

Contact: [Erin Rice](#) or [Lisa McGehee](#)

27-1st

6-8 p.m. **Vacation Bible School**

Register [online](#). Contact [Jodi Bischoff](#)

July

4-8th

Youth Mission @ Lake Junaluska

10-18th

Guatemala Mission

11th

8:15 a.m. **United Methodist Men's Breakfast**

Contact: [Sonny Rea](#) or 934-0477

10:45-noon **Starting Point**

Contact: [Pastor Ed](#) or 270-7613

14th

55+ Boat Trip

Contact: [Jean Deal](#) at 270-3520

20th

55+ Lunch with Bagpipers

Contact: [Jean Deal](#) at 270-3520

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7 p.m. **Prayer Shawl Ministry** @ 7 p.m.

August

3rd

7 p.m. **Cook for Freedom House**

4th

10-11:30 a.m. **Book Group**

6 p.m. **Serve @ Freedom House**

5th

7-8:30 p.m. **Book Group**

8th

8:15 a.m. **United Methodist Men's Breakfast**

Contact: [Sonny Rea](#) or 934-0477

15-16th

Great Adventure

Contact: [Jodi Bischoff](#) at 270-7613

17th

12 p.m. **55+ Covered Lunch** @ Good Shepherd

[Jean Deal](#) at 270-3520

29th

Fifth Sunday Worship and Mission

@ Westview on the James

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A complete calendar of all activities is listed on our website. More information is also available in the Mid-Week Announcements. To sign-up for Mid-Week Announcements, click [here](#).



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