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Morning Worship: 10:45 AM

Sunday School: 9:30 AM

Bible Adventure: 10:45 AM

Ushers:

8:45 AM                      10:45 AM

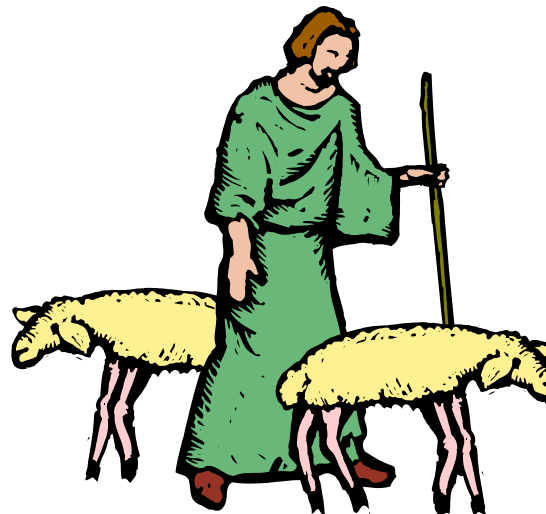
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## Our Good Shepherd -

### Embrace His Love



#### WORSHIP LEADER:

Ruth Fulmer—Mar. 10

Brian Parrett—Mar. 17

#### GREETER:

Cheryl Barnett— Mar.

### **I'D RATHER BE FISHING**

With all the electronics that are around today with all the crazy "beeps", "buzzes", "strange music" we hear during church when someone forgets to turn theirs off - I remember back a few years ago when "Beepers" first came on the scene. They were carried routinely by executives, lawyers, physicians, journalists, custodians, and yes—even I have an old "Beeper" in my desk drawer at home. Back then they were somewhat of a status symbol for some. They only cost about \$100 but then you paid \$10 to \$20 a month in charges for the usage. At times you felt it was worth it and at other times you felt like throwing it in the lake. But for those who really, absolutely needed them ... they made them totally available any time of the day or night anywhere.

Now, it seems there was this gentleman named Eugene Grant who had a better idea for his beeper. One day when he was restless in church (a phenomenon that is incomprehensible to me) a fellow churchgoer's beeper went off, and his neighbor quietly left the sanctuary. Everybody felt that this was proper and polite, for, after all, his beeper did go off. "There I was, said Grant, "listening to the sermon. Meanwhile I was dying to go fishing."

It was during the sermon that an inspiration came to him (an appropriate time): Why don't I invent a beeper that I can turn on when I want to leave a room, and everyone will think that I have been called back to work. He then began marketing the product under the title of Timely Beeper. It was about the size of a cigarette lighter, weighed 2.5 ounces, and sold for only \$29.00. I know some of you wouldn't mind paying \$29 to leave some concerts early or parties soon after you have arrived?

How many of you have found yourselves busy doing a project that at home or somewhere else and really can't get into it. Maybe you don't like painting the house, raking leaves, trimming bushes, shoveling snow, or in general, fixing things? I do some of those things – been caught by enough of you out mowing my pasture - but I would really rather be doing something else.

We have all seen those bumper stickers that say things like "I'd rather be flying (jogging/skin diving/bicycling/walking the dog/reading a book/fishing, even surfing)" It's almost gotten to the point where I wonder if anybody is ever doing anything that they want to do. Everybody wishes they were somewhere else "figure skating, square dancing, or gardening."

Now, I can understand some of this attitude, for life does have its duties and responsibilities. Some things are more satisfying than others. The clear message of the bumper stickers is, however, that I want to have fun all the time. Life isn't like that. We are called to be responsible individuals in our family and in our community. There may be some things in life that we don't like, but we still have to do them. God calls us to duties and responsibilities, not just privileges.

The Christian faith is a faith that continually leads its followers to ask: Where can I serve? Where can I help you? What can I do to make things easier for you? How can I make you more comfortable? What I so often find, when I visit different places, is people doing everything they can to make it easier for themselves. They will spare nothing in order to feather their own nests. It is as if they feel the call of God to serve themselves.

### **Attendance - Feb. 24, Mar. 3 2013**

8:45 — 26, 25  
10:45 — 74, 65  
Sunday school — 42, 32

### **Offering—operating income**

(Monthly budget need is \$14,958)

	Income rec'd	+/- Amt.
Dec. '12	\$13,272	-1,686
Jan. '13	\$10,411.91	-4,547

### **Happy Birthday**

Ramona Donovan—Mar. 10  
Lena Patterson—Mar. 10  
Julie Sink—Mar. 10  
Jamie Fisher—Mar 11  
Mike Brodowski—Mar. 13  
Bernice Colvin—Mar. 14  
Vern Hine—Mar. 15  
Ed Alexander—Mar. 17  
Robert Gastineau—Mar. 18  
Gabby Rayney—Mar. 18  
Michelle Julien—Mar. 18  
Bob Karl—Mar. 20  
Sam Rogers—Mar. 20



### **In Our Prayers**

Doris Alexander Kevin Bader  
Russell Berk Glenda Boddie  
Ginny Breckler Jim Coleman  
Michelle Conn CeCi (Cobb) Cole  
Conner Elliott Larry Earwood  
Margaret Foster Linda Gargraver  
Jamie Geswein Sharon&Jack Gilmore  
Ken Hambrick Bill Hine  
Don Keltner Dustin Knowlton  
Onu Kolossova Betty Lingg  
Kelly McRonney Bob McCray

Lauren McClure Vicki McBride  
Marcella Miller Hilda Mobley  
Karolina O'Donnell John Parnell  
Harriet Shawhan Cindy Ramano  
Calire Riccos Deb Richey  
Darlene Schafer Tom Scheit  
Beverly Smith Diana Smith  
David Stockton Wayne Stolich  
Paul Stutz  
Ray Urbanas Gloria Van Camp  
Gina Van Camp Evelyn Wheeler  
Paul White ( Dicks family)  
Mary Willett Emily Wilson

As prayers are answered—please let the church office know, so we may

### **Those in Nursing Care**

Mary Lou Chaney – Bethany Vlg.  
Margaret Cobb – Walnut Creek  
Margaret Dill – Masonic Home  
Marion Farren—Trinity Home  
Ginny Hambrick—Walnut Creek  
Vern Hine—St. Leonards Center  
Lottie Jaeger – The Oaks, West Kett  
Lena Patterson – Liberty Woods  
Vera Westfall—Elm Croft, Washington Tnsip.

### **Military**

Ian Bader - USA, (Brown's grandson)  
Kirby Brooks— USA ( Al Brooks son)  
Scott Certain – USA (Jay's son-in-law)  
Michael Mantia— USA  
Nathanial Nicholas—USA  
Brian Nicholas—USA (Nicholas family sons)  
Adam Reeves—USA (Edna's grandson)  
Sam Rogers— USA (Jen Roger's son)  
Casey Ryan - USA (Weyrauch son-in-law)



**“Surely he hath borne our grief and carried our sorrows.”**

**Isaiah 53:4**

**GOPCC Family,**

Thanks so much for the \$25 gift of appreciation. It truly has been my honor to serve.

With the budget uncertainty, my move is taking longer than planned. I will let you know when it happens. Love, Jacque



**Food Pantry Wish List**

- \* bar soap
- \* canned corn, vegetables
- \* Spaghetti sauce & pasta

**Thank You All ,**

I so appreciate serving you as church secretary, and thank you for your generous Christmas gift. I am using it toward getting new eye glasses.

I also thank you for holding me in prayer, your cards, and support over the past year while I dealt with breast cancer, it has meant so much to me. My latest doctors appointments have determined that I am in good health. Thank you again.— Love, Nova

Our faith says that God is first, others second, and I am third. If there is any time and energy, then I'll attend to my own needs. Some people are so busy pampering themselves that they are going to rust out, when in reality we are called to a vigorous Christian service and should burn out.

Now Christians aren't alone with these types of issues, because Jesus struggled with them also. In the Gospel of John 12:27-36; he is preparing for his crucifixion. He knows what lies ahead for him. Earlier in the twelfth chapter of John he said that "the hour has come for the Son of man to be glorified. Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit."

Then he gives us this unique philosophy of life: "He who loves his life loses it, and he who hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life." Jesus in our text is struggling with the issue of what to do. "What shall I say? 'Father, save me from this hour?' No, for this purpose I have come."

In this passage we see Jesus struggling with his future. "Now is my soul troubled, and what shall I say? 'I'd rather go fishing.' I'd rather be playing racquet ball."

Jesus was wresting with what to do. He just wanted to do God's will. He knew that difficult days were ahead. "Father, save me from this hour?" No, for this purpose I have come to this hour, Father, glorify your name." Jesus could have looked at the days ahead of him – the arrest, the trial, the mocking, the whipping, the humiliation, the pain, and the crucifixion – and said, "I'd rather go fishing." But he didn't. He didn't because his purpose in life was bigger than fishing. Nothing

wrong with fishing, but there is a time and place for everything. His larger calling was to glorify his God.

For this purpose you and I "have come to this hour." Are you going through life always wishing you were somewhere else or doing something different? Is your beeper or electronic device always calling you elsewhere? Maybe we should make a bumper sticker that says: "I don't want to be anywhere else but here," or better yet, "Blossom where you are planted," Jesus said, "While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons [and daughters] of light."

Shalom, Dr. B.

I am now serving on the SONKA Assoc. Covenant Team and the Church Relations Team.



Our Special offering for Easter will be equally divided 4 ways between: One Great Hour of Sharing, Bread for The World, World Neighbors, and the Good Neighbor House. Envelopes have been included in this Chimes mailing. Please prayerfully give as God calls you to for these special missions.

**Easter Lily plants for purchase**

We will again have Easter lily plants beautify the Sanctuary for Easter Sunday. The plant cost is \$9.00. A sign-up list is posted on the church bulletin board, if you wish to purchase one. You can place your payment in the offering plate, mark it for Easter Lilies. The plants may be taken home following the morning worship service.

**Let us remember to lift our Search  
Committee in prayer.**





**Youth**

**Winter Schedule**

**Jr & Sr High Youth— Sat. evening**  
8 pm—small group Jr & Sr High  
Bible discussions  
9 pm—combined fellowship  
**Footprints/ Crusaders (1—5th)**  
1st & 3rd Sundays, follows worship

**Chimes Article Deadlines are:**  
**Mar. 18, April 1**

**Rite of Confirmation**

**March 24, 2013**

Our Confirmation students, Gabby Rayney, Maggie Roalef and Robbie Von Holle are finishing up their confirmation journey and will soon honor completing their study and confirmation experience through the Rite of Confirmation on Palm Sunday.

Let us celebrate with them, upon their growing in relationship with God.

**3 T's**

The next 3-T's event will take place at noon on Mar 19th, at MCL Cafeteria. We will have a guest speaker, Sharon Kumle. Ms Kimle is the Director of Golden Heart Senior Care. She will be talking about many aspects of caring for the elderly. If you are 50 years or older, please come join us for some good food, fellowship, and informative information.

**In Sympathy**

We extend our prayers and thoughts to Myra Lakins and family upon the passing of her sister, Peggy, last week.

May God comfort you at this time of loss.

Cards may be sent to:

1548 Turnberry Village Dr  
Centerville, Oh 45458

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Prayers and thoughts also go out to Doris Greenwood upon the passing of two of her sisters in the past month. May God comfort you at this time of loss.

Cards may be sent to:

Doris Greenwood, Grand Court  
280 Walden Way #618A  
Kettering Oh 45440



**Remember Spring Ahead 1 hour  
Daylight Savings Time begins  
Sunday March 10, 2013.**

**OVER 1,000 EGGS  
TO FILL**



**Easter Egg Hunt Preparations**

The Easter Egg Hunt will be March 30. We will need individually wrapped candy to fill over 1,000 plastic Easter eggs. Please put the candy in the church office. Cheryl Barnett (429-2884) - Membership/Fellowship Committee



**Procession of the Palms**

**Palm Sunday, March 24, 2013**

8:45/ 10:45 AM services, includes  
Rite of Confirmation

**Maunday Thursday, Mar. 28**

7:00 PM service,  
Communion served  
Remembering



**EASTER SUNDAY—  
Mar. 31, 2013**

7:00 AM Sunrise Service  
7:40 AM Breakfast served  
8:45 AM—Early Service  
10:45 AM Morning service  
( only Nursery services will be available on this day at the 10:45 AM worship service.  
No Adventure Bible class.



**Ladies BIRTHDAY BASH—Mar. 17**

All ladies of the church are invited to join in the Annual Birthday Bash on Sunday, March 17, following morning worship. Lunch will be included with the celebration. Everyone is asked to bring a white elephant gift to exchange.

- Sue Smitley

**"Treasure Island" presentation**

A Home School group is to put on a play for the Preschool children presenting, "Treasure Island". This group of approx. 20 homeschooled children ages 4 up to teenagers have delighted us with plays for the past 4 years. We are looking forward to their play presentation, for the children.

The play is open to anyone with little children, grandchildren to attend. You may join us on Monday, March 11 or Tuesday, March 12 at 10:30 AM to see the play, in the Donut room. The play lasts approximately 45 minutes.

**Moving Forward  
Search Committee News**

The search process has now completed the church profile and is at the step to receive and review Pastoral profiles. The committee will meet with SONKA Assoc. Interim Pastor to begin this step. Please lift our Search Committee in prayer as they begin work on this new step of the process.

Mark your calendar for March 23, 2013 at 8:30 p. m. to go dark for one hour. Join with the WWF Conservation Action Network to go dark for one hour. Local communities across the country are facing increasingly extreme weather, from heat waves & wildfires to coastal storms and flooding. As climate change worsens, dangerous weather events are becoming more frequent. Now more than ever, we all need to do our part to turn this tide and protect our planet. Join the world and make a symbolic gesture in turning out your light for one hour.

Anna Slaidins, Social Action