



Love God, Love People, and Serve Together

“What’s The Deal With Sheep?”

May 7, 2023

I remember growing up watching the Bugs Bunny and Road Runner Show. It was a huge cast of animated characters from Bugs Bunny, Peppy Le Pew, Daffy Duck, Foghorn Leghorn, Yosemite Sam, Chicken Hawk, Elmer Fudd, Wile E. Coyote and of course the Road Runner-beep beep. That’s not to mention that there were not other characters that I will cease to mention only because we could truly go down a deep rabbit hole (no pun intended.)

But one of the side characters that was very instrumental in my understanding of being a shepherd and watching the sheep was Sam the Sheepdog. If you ever watched the cartoon series, Sam and Ralph, a different coyote, would check in and continue the story from the previous day. Ralph would do everything possible to steal a sheep to have for dinner, and Sam would act pretty nonchalant but be in the right place at the right time to foil the plans of Ralph. As I continued to watch the storyline unfold, I would always think to myself, “What’s the deal with sheep?”

It is easy to suggest that sheep are some of the most simple-minded animals that God ever created. That is not to say that sheep are not fully cognizant of their surroundings, but they are what we call follower animals. They do have a very good memory and can remember the voice of their shepherd from 50 other voices in the field. However, I believe that there is an intentionality that the word *sheep* is referenced 108 times in scripture. Jesus understood that these simple minded animals were the perfect example to represent the needful nature of humanity. I believe that Jesus understood that God created them in such a way that allowed us to be clueless about the impending danger surrounding us, but very focused on the voice of the Shepherd that we are to follow.

In our journey from resurrection to revival, we continue to see that Jesus encounters people who are searching for the voice of the Shepherd. Some people are completely unable to recognize the dire situations that surround them on a daily basis. They continue to graze in their fields not realizing the death that surrounds them and could be imminent. They seek out a voice of someone that can feed them spiritually and equip them physically to endure the trials of their life.

Jesus was very specific when it came to the importance of the Shepherd. In John 10:11-15 Jesus says, *“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. “I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me— just as the Father knows me and I know the Father—and I lay down my life for the sheep.”*

We are called to know our sheep and to lay down our lives in order that they may grow in safety and peace. Jesus knew exactly what He was doing when He referenced us as sheep. He was intentional in letting us know that we have to be mindful to His voice and be aware of our surroundings. May we take the opportunity today to step out of the sheep pen and into the role of shepherd in order that others may receive the same opportunity to experience the fullness of God’s love.

In His grip,
Jason



The Chancel Flowers are given in memory of Betty Woodliff on what would have been her 100th birthday by Sheryl and Jim Creek.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Frances Van Horn** by Georgia & Fred Wise

In memory of **Jack Thomas** by Lynda & Bennett Massey

In memory of **John C. Bray, Sr.** by the New Beginnings Class; Candice Cotton; Pam & Bob Gilstrap; Lynda & Bennett Massey



We are gearing up for an amazing WYNK kids summer! From Sunday Fun-Day events to VBS, we can't wait for the exciting events we have planned!

VBS will run from July 17th -21st, at 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. To register your child, you can either use the QR code or email Meghan Gross at mgross@wynntonumc.org.

For more information on our summer Sunday Fun-Day events, please check the WYNK Children section of Wynnton UMC's website or email Meghan Gross.

If you would like to find out more about how to volunteer for our children's ministry events this summer, please contact Meghan Gross.

Meghan Gross
Director of Children's Ministries

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

Robert Sterling is a well-known songwriter, composer, orchestrator, and arranger. He is the winner of many awards, including six Dove awards, which is an accolade by the Gospel Music Association. Sterling also authored a book that resulted from his experience teaching for the Academy of Gospel Music Arts, titled "The Craft of Christian Songwriting." Practical and well-structured, his book challenges its readers to aspire to their highest level of excellence.

Robert Sterling's impressive career lends remarkable support to the treasured text of this Sunday's Chancel Choir anthem, "Jesus Paid It All." The expressive Chopin-esque piano accompaniment, exciting rhythms, and rich harmonies combine to make this anthem a choir and congregation favorite, and a powerful affirmation of faith.

"Jesus Paid It All" arranged by Robert Sterling

*I hear the Savior say, "Thy strength indeed is small!
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in Me thine
all in all" Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe; sin had
left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.
For nothing good have I where-by Thy grace to claim.
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's
Lamb.*

*Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe; sin had left a
crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.
And when before the throne I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died my soul to save," my lips shall still repeat.
Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe; sin had left a
crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.*

Hebrews 9:28

*so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of
many; and will appear a second time, not to bear sin,
but to bring salvation for those who are waiting for
him.*

God's Great Peace to You!
Diana B.

GRADUATES

Please call the church office (706-324-2424) with information on those who are completing degrees at the College or Graduate School level. We would like to mention them in the bulletin.

*Prayer Breakfast & Jesus, Fridays
 7:00 - 7:30 a.m. at Chick-fil-A on Whittelsey Rd.
 *CORE group this week 5-7p.m. in the Basement
 *Youth Information: Text @basement22 to 81010
 *Youth Parents Info: Text @wumcpa to 81010
 *River of Life forms due ASAP. Here is the link
 for Tifton registration:



Youth ROL
 Registration



Adult ROL
 Registration

Children's Programs

The nursery is available from 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. as well as Sunday School for grades K-12 from 9:45-10:50 a.m. The nursery for infants through age 3 is on the first floor of the Grimes building. Children's Sunday School for Pre-K-5th Grade is on the first floor of the Grimes building, and youth Sunday School is in the basement under the sanctuary. Children's Church will be offered for children through 5th Grade in the Children's Center in the Grimes building during the worship hour.

BE A WYNNTON WELCOMER

WE NEED YOU! to sign-up as a Sunday morning welcomer. We are looking for volunteers to fill open slots through the end of May. Check your calendars for a few Sundays you are available to help us greet our members and guests on Sunday morning. Sign-up sheets will be available in the main hallway this Sunday.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Children in Pre-K through 4th grade are welcome to join us for Children's Sunday School from 9:45 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. in the Grimes Building on the first floor in the Children's Church room next to the nursery.



We had a great packing party last October! Thanks to all who participated in collecting and/or packing.

NOW we are ready to try again to do more so children everywhere can learn about Jesus. We have information in each Sunday School class and at the Welcome Center. We will continue to highlight items to bring in each month, but if you find a deal on something, buy some and let us know.

May: We will be collecting money to go towards purchasing plastic cups and bowls from Ikea.

River of Life Mission Trip

Dates: July 12th-17th
 Tifton, Georgia

*Amazing time of helping families in the Tifton Community- Painting, Wheelchair Ramps and Community Service!

*Contact Pastor Jason for more details!

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Please help us update our information (or pick up a card in the church) by using this QR code. Contact Will Walley at the church for more information or questions.



ADULT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Join us every Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. in the Alpha building for a low intensity group fitness class. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Come and participate in game day! Every first Thursday at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

We will be touring the Hills and Dales Estate on May 18th at 1:30. The cost is \$20 per person. If you would like to come with us, please reserve your spot with your payment by May 8th. Contact Michaela Walley if you have any questions mwalley@wynntonumc.org or 304-439-4202.

Flower Delivery

Anne Spell

Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers	Lexy McRae
Aubrey Walker	Jennefer Spell
Daro Miller	Benjamin Feagle
David Woolbright	Frank Feagle
Pam Feagle	Barbara McKenzie
Julee Robinson McGehee	Richard Holmes
Betty Garrett	Freddie Richardson
Tom Stafford	Shelley Montgomery
Jeanine Cotton	Tina Martinez
Joe Batastini	Sarah Jessie Avant
Joan Colquitt	Robert Garrard
Joy Graham	Shirley Moon
Michelle Foote	Garrett Smith
Kaye Hill	Beth Hendrickson

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

Family of Margaret Ellen Alexander
Family of John C. Bray, Sr.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

7	Billy Daffin
10	Rosemary Woodall
11	Chad Kerstetter, Sally McDaniel
12	Lou Hearn, Tommy Hudson
13	Kecia Cawthorne, Neita Denny

READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

MOSES SCRIPTURE READINGS

Moses Reading Plan

This week we read about Joseph and the struggles he had after being betrayed by his brothers. Joseph was a man of faith; he believed firmly in the power of God to protect and bless him. No matter how difficult the circumstances seemed to get, God continued to keep an eye on Joseph. Joseph was betrayed by his brothers, sold into slavery, and sent to prison. But even from a jail cell, Joseph was given blessings from God. Over and over through these verses the Bible tells us that the Lord was with Joseph. No matter how dark the situation, the Lord was with Joseph. Just like with Joseph, God is with us too. Never forget that God Our Father is with us in all we do, answering our prayers and continuing to guide us along the path He has picked for us. God is with us, so trust in Him always.

-Will

Week 4

May 7: Genesis 39-40

May 8: Genesis 41

May 9: Genesis 42

May 10: Genesis 43-44

May 11: Genesis 45

May 12: Genesis 46-47

May 13: Genesis 48-49

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, May 7

8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for Adults, Youth & Children
11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Service - Sanctuary
5:00-7:00 p.m. CORE Group - Youth

Monday, May 8

9:00 a.m. Fitness Group - Alpha Building
10:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Library
5:30 p.m. Bible Study - Home of Beth Hendrickson

Tuesday, May 9

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting - Library
10:00 a.m. Quilting Group - Alpha Building
6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting - Alpha Building

Wednesday, May 10

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study - Alpha Building
12-1 p.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
6:15-7:15 p.m. Prayer Time - Chapel (drop in)
6:30 p.m. Handbell Choir Rehearsal
7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, May 11

7:30 a.m. Men's Bible Study - Alpha Building
9:45 a.m. Backpacks of Grace

Friday, May 12

7:00 -7:30 a.m. Prayer Breakfast & Jesus - Chick-fil-A - Whittlesey Rd.

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies May 5-7
Dr. Jason Wade 770-289-4039

OUR STEWARDSHIP

4-30-23

General Fund.....7,428.00
Endowment.....75.00
Missions..... 100.00
Loose Offering.....69.00
Other Contributions.....25.00

OUR ATTENDANCE

4-30-23

10:30 a.m. Service.....135

SUNDAY'S SERMON

Feed My Sheep
John 21:15-24

Dr. Jason Wade

WYNNTON SAFETY SQUAD

May 7: **Team 3:** Rob Harbison, Bruce Boretsky, Bennett Massey

WELCOMERS

8:00 a.m. Lynda Massey
9:30 a.m. J.T. Taylor