

“I Know the Shepherd”

By Mile Riley, via gewatkins.net

The story is told of a Shakespearean actor who was known everywhere for his one-man shows of readings and recitations from the classics. He would always end his performance with a reading of Psalm 23.

Each night, without exception, as the actor began his recitation ***“The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want...”*** the crowd would listen attentively. And then, at the conclusion of the psalm, they would rise in thunderous applause in appreciation of the actor’s incredible ability to bring the verse to life.

But one night, just before the actor was to offer his customary recital of Psalm 23, a young man from the audience spoke up. “Sir, do you mind if tonight I recite Psalm 23?”

The actor was quite taken aback by this unusual request, but he allowed the young man to come forward and stand front and center on the stage to recite the psalm, knowing that the ability of this unskilled youth would be no match for his own talent.

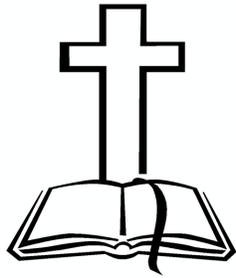
With a soft voice, the young man began to recite the words of the psalm. When he was finished, there was no applause. There was no standing ovation as on other nights. All that could be heard was the sound of weeping. The audience had been so moved by the young man’s recitation that every eye was full of tears.

Amazed by what he had heard, the actor said to the youth, “I don’t understand. I have been performing Psalm 23 for years. I have a lifetime of experience and training, but I have never been able to move an audience as you have tonight. Tell me, what is your secret?”

The young man quietly replied, **“Well sir, you know the Psalm. I know the Shepherd.”**

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Sunday, February 2, 2020

<p>Prayer List Updates</p> <p>Steve Elumbaugh – Linda Young's nephew; lung cancer</p> <p>Sherry Cagle – back surgery last week; home now</p> <p>Joe Cagle – doing poorly, not eating or taking medicine</p> <p>Birthdays</p> <p>Judy Drury February 5 Jennifer Penix February 5</p> <p>Anniversary Coy and Amber McCoy February 2</p> 	<p>Upcoming Events</p> <p>Tuesdays ladies' Bible class in activity building; children welcome</p> <p>tonight 5 pm men's business meeting in library</p> <p>Memory Verse</p> <p>Listen, Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is One. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.</p> <p>Deuteronomy 6:4-5</p>	<p>February Haiti Needs</p> <p>vitamins allergy medicine girls' underwear</p> <p>Last Week's Attendance</p> <p>Sunday morning: 49 Sunday evening: 29 Wednesday evening: 33</p>
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Weekly Service Assignments

Sunday Morning	Bible class: 9:45 am worship: 10:45 am	Sunday Evening	6:00 pm
First Prayer	Dakota Crossno	First Prayer	Dakota Crossno
Announcements	Rudi Cagle	Closing Prayer	Ken Beach
Second Prayer	Matthew Sills	Lord's Supper	Matthew Sills Rudi Cagle
Scripture Reading	Ed Young	Wednesday Evening	7:00 pm
Lord's Supper	1. Matthew Sills 3. Rudi Cagle 2. Jerry Bolar 4. Justin Beach	First Prayer	Ken Beach
Closing Prayer	Joel Ingram	Closing Prayer	Dakota Crossno