

The Good Shepherd – Part 4

This is the final article in a series of articles I have included in the bulletin of late under the title, "The Good Shepherd." It's my prayer that you have been encouraged by these over the past several weeks.

I heard a story once about a young shepherd. He had been an apprentice under a good mentor, but now it was time for him to lead the sheep on his own. He had heard word that predators had crept into the area where he would normally take his sheep to graze each day. Not wanting to face these predators at all, the shepherd made the decision to move his sheep to a different location. He did this for the next several weeks.

However, it wasn't long until he began to notice something wrong with the sheep. They looked skinny. They walked slowly. They just seemed to be...sick. What the shepherd failed to realize is that when he moved his sheep, he took them to a place where there was little to eat. He moved them to a place of safety, of comfort, but he was starving his sheep.

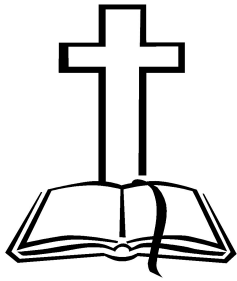
As David writes **Psalm 23**, he says of God, *"1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters. 3 He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake."*

When we think of what we need from God, our minds may take us to a place of health, financial means, wisdom, etc. We tend to lean toward thinking of God as a provider of comfort, but what the Psalmist alludes to is that God is more than that. God is a provider of nourishment and life.

Let us praise God today that He is exactly the shepherd that we need!

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Sunday, May 27, 2018

<p>Prayer List Updates</p> <p>Larry Brooks - hernia surgery last week</p> <p>John McKnight - hernia surgery last week</p> <p>Marvin Rickett - Kayla Robertson's father; out of hospital, recovering at home</p>  <p>Birthdays</p> <p>Louise (Cagle) Williams May 28 Carson Towell June 1</p>	<p>Upcoming Events</p> <p>Tuesdays ladies' Bible study; children welcome 10 am</p> <p>June 10 Drawn by Love ladies' meeting at 7th and Mueller; see Deanna or Pam to RSVP 6 pm</p> <p>June 19-21 VBS</p>  <p>May's Service Assignments</p> <p>announcements: Raymond Lasley scripture reading: Josh Vires</p>	<p>Correspondence Course Ministry</p> <p>week of May 21-26: 11 lessons graded</p> <p>June Haiti Needs</p> <p>oatmeal fingernail clippers</p> <p>Last Week's Attendance</p> <p>Sunday morning: 59 Sunday evening: 33 Wednesday evening: 31</p>
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Weekly Service Assignments

<p>Sunday Morning</p>	<p>Bible class: 9:45 am worship: 10:45 am</p>	<p>Sunday Evening 6:00 pm</p>
<p>First Prayer Ken Beach Announcements Josh Vires Second Prayer Joel Ingram Scripture Reading Justin Beach</p>		<p>First Prayer Rudi Cagle Closing Prayer Ken Beach Lord's Supper Larry Towell Rudi Cagle</p>
<p>Lord's Supper 1. Ed Young 3. Matthew Sills 2. Raymond Lasley 4. Justin Beach Closing Prayer Larry Towell</p>		<p>Wednesday Evening 7:00 pm</p> <p>First Prayer Ken Beach Closing Prayer Joel Ingram</p>