



The Shepherd's Voice

April 2018

Services

Sunday:

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
Rite I

9:15 am Adult Spiritual
Formation (Nursery
available)

10:45 am Holy Eucharist
Rite II (Nursery
available)

10:45 am Children's
Church (Children go
directly to Children's
Church)

Tuesday:

7:00 pm Healing with
Soaking Prayer

Wednesday:

Noon Holy Eucharist with
Healing Prayer

The Rev. Dr. Bill
Breedlove
Rector

The Rev. George Choyce
Assisting Clergy

The Rev. Turner Guidry
Deacon

Easter Cantata

Come to Good Shepherd Episcopal Church on April 7 at 7:00 pm to hear that Chancel Choir perform an Easter Cantata: "What Love Is This?" is a moving musical and worship experience for choir and congregation alike as it walks through the last days of Christ's earthly life, from the jubilant entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and the difficult days of rejection and crucifixion to the triumphant resurrection of Easter Sunday. The fullest spectrum of music is represented in this dramatic thirty-five-minute work from composers Lloyd Larson, Mary McDonald, Brad Nix, Marty Parks, and Larry Shackley. A single speaker weaves the narrative between anthems ranging from celebratory to contemplative.

April is Child Abuse Awareness Month. We will be collecting items for the H.A.V.E.N. at the performance. H.A.V.E.N. Children's Advocacy Center opened its doors in January 2005 to serve victims of child abuse and their non-offending family members in Cherokee, Clay, and Graham Counties.

Things the H.A.V.E.N. needs are:

Snacks and Drinks
Cleaning supplies
Toilet tissue and paper towels
Copy paper
Burnable DVDs
Office supplies of all sorts
Spring plants (for outdoors)
Fireproof filing cabinet
Games for a DSi handheld video game (all G rated)

Watch for Upcoming Communications Happenings

The Communications Committee is planning three exciting happenings for the near future. First, on Easter Sunday, you can have your photo taken for the online directory. We particularly encourage our much-welcome newcomers to take advantage of having your photo in the directory. This is an ideal way for the long-time members to match your face with your name. In addition, if you have not begun using the online directory and need some help in signing on, see Rachel Baughn for easy tips.

A SIGN-UP SHEET HAS BEEN POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD. PLEASE LET US KNOW THAT YOU WILL HAVE YOUR PHOTO MADE EITHER BETWEEN THE TWO SERVICES ON EASTER SUNDAY OR AFTER THE 10:45 SERVICE.

The second exciting event will be the arrival of tote bags with the Good Shepherd "lambie" logo. Not only will the use of these bags cut down on the use of plastic bags at Ingle's, but they will also promote our image in the community. We'll let you know as soon as the bags are available.

Finally, the Communications Committee has been printing "Welcome to the Mountains" postcards that tell newcomers and visitors how to find Good Shepherd. When the next batch is available, with a lovely image of the area in springtime, they will be available to you to give out in your neighborhood, your beauty salon, a local realty office, or any other place where newcomers might find them. Help us get out our welcoming message! See Rachel Baughn, Holley Calmes, or Karen Sirmans.

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Christian Education

Ongoing

- **Lectionary Bible Study** meets in the Library downstairs. Join us each Sunday at 9:15 as we work through the appointed readings for the following Sunday. All are welcome.

Upcoming

- *The Jesus Fatwah on Mondays*, April 2 thru 30 - 5:30 pm - Dr. Robert Schneider will be in the Library facilitating a video/discussion course. The program is written and produced by Living the Questions. This 5 week program explores the Muslim faith and pairs the conversation with the Christian faith. Dr. Schneider has lived and worked in 2 mostly Muslim countries and has personal knowledge of the subject matter. Classes will last about 1 hour. Sign up in the Hallway so enough copies of written materials are printed.
- Rector's Brown Bag Book Read — *Pastrix* by Nadia Bolz Weber on Tuesday, April 17 at noon. Heavily tattooed and loud-mouthed, Nadia, a former stand-up comic, sure as hell didn't consider herself to be religious leader material-until the day she ended up leading a friend's funeral in a smoky downtown comedy club. Surrounded by fellow alcoholics, depressives, and cynics, she realized: These were her people. Maybe she was meant to be their pastor.
Using life stories-from living in a hopeful-but-haggard commune of slackers to surviving the wobbly chairs and war stories of a group for recovering alcoholics, from her unusual but undeniable spiritual calling to pastoring a notorious con artist-Nadia uses stunning narrative and poignant honesty to portray a woman who is both deeply faithful and deeply flawed, "giving hope to the rest of us along the way.
Wildly entertaining and deeply resonant, this is the book for people who hunger for a bit of hope that doesn't come from vapid consumerism or navel-gazing; for women who talk too loud, and guys who love chick flicks; for the gay man who loves Jesus, and won't allow himself to be shunned by the church. In short, this book is for every thinking misfit suspicious of institutionalized religion, but who is still seeking transcendence and mystery.
- *The "Big Picture" Bible: God's story and our story* - Saturday, April 21 - 9 am - 4 pm - The Rev. Dr. Delmer Chilton tours churches offering his stimulating and joyful talk about God and includes us in the Spring Tour. The Bible is his topic on April 21 in Good Shepherd's Parish Hall. This event will be offered at no charge. Delmer describes this as a "romp through the Bible from Genesis

to Revelation". We ask for donations to assist with lunch expenses. Sign-up sheet in the Hallway for lunch count. Please save the date and plan to be there.

- Rector's Brown Bag Book Read — *The Great Divorce* by C. S. Lewis on Tuesday, June 19 at noon. C. S. Lewis' *The Great Divorce* is a classic Christian allegorical tale about a bus ride from hell to heaven. An extraordinary meditation upon good and evil, grace and judgment, Lewis's revolutionary idea in *The Great Divorce* is that the gates of Hell are locked from the inside. Using his extraordinary descriptive powers, Lewis' *The Great Divorce* will change the way we think about good and evil.
- Confirmation, Reaffirmation, Reception—Sundays at 12:15 pm
To be an Episcopalian is to be a member of a worldwide fellowship of some 80 million Christians who find common ground in their belief in the triune God of holy scripture and the liturgies of the Book of Common Prayer locally adapted. It is customary for us to welcome baptized adults and youth over age 12 into this fellowship through a course of preparation preceding the annual visitation of the diocesan bishop. This course is meant for those seeking confirmation, for those already confirmed in the Episcopal church who wish to reaffirm their confirmation vows, and for those confirmed in another Christian church who wish to be received into this church. Others interested in the fundamentals of the Christian faith and our Episcopal way of life are welcome to attend. This course is led by Fr. Bill.
 - * May 27 - One Lord
 - * June 3 - One Faith
 - * June 10 - One Baptism
 - * June 17 - Episcopal Theology
 - * June 24 - Episcopal Worship
 - * July 1 - Episcopal Ecclesiology
- *First Light* - Sundays May 6 - June 10 - 9:15 am - Kathy Wright will be Facilitator. This is a Living the Question series production. John Dominic Crossan and Marcus Borg present a course about the time Jesus lived. The course covers daily living, economics, literacy, the politics of Rome, and much more. Borg and Crossan are internationally renown Jesus scholars with a wonderful ability to speak to us clearly of these times and issues. The class consists of a short video and discussion each week. Study materials will be provided. The entire program is 12 weeks. We will be doing the first six weeks now and balance of sessions in September after our summer break. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Hallway so we know how many copies of course materials to print.

Going to Galilee

"But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

- Mark 16:7

Have you been to Galilee? It is that place where Jesus was from, where his family lived and where he was reared. Had he been born in more modern times, it may have been that his home in Nazareth would have been turned into a tourist destination with website, advance ticket purchases, and strict tour times. No lolly-gagging and holding up the line. Be sure to stop at the Manger Gift Shop which doubles as the exit. One would also be able to see where he went to primary school, attended church camp, and the stadium where he played quarterback for the Nazareth Saints. People in the area still talking about that "Hail Mary" play his father, the coach, called and that he pulled off on that Good Friday against the Gehenna Demons. I do not know what is to be found in the real Galilee, though I suspect there are plenty of places claiming to be the authentic place where this or that happened. I have not yet been to that Galilee, though I have been to Galilee.

The evangelist Mark ends his gospel with a mysterious scene from Easter morning. Some of Jesus' followers are headed to where he had been buried, carrying spices and other things that would commonly have been used for a proper burial. With the Passover coming and it being late in the day when Jesus died, his body was simply wrapped in linen and placed in a tomb. So these women were coming to do what was proper. Their concerns were practical. The right thing needed to

be done, did they have enough spices, and who would roll away that large stone they had watched being rolled into place a couple days earlier. Perhaps they hoped the guards would help them. What they find is an empty tomb and a messenger saying that he is not there, that they will find Jesus in Galilee. "There you will see him, just as he told you." How often it is that we want to go back to what used to be, to try to fix things, to try to make things better. How often it is that we get stuck in places where something precious has died. Jesus calls us out of those places into new life. That is Easter. He has gone back to where it all began and where it all continues. He is out there among his people, teaching, healing, feeding the poor, welcoming children, and raising the dead. Have you seen that Galilee? Have you been there?

Mark tells us that the women who went to the tomb were frightened by what they saw and heard, and so told no one. Well, we have the story, so apparently they did tell someone. They told what they saw and heard, and importantly, they told others where they could find Jesus. He is out in Galilee. Have you been there?

Easter blessings to you,

Fr Bill+



Christian Education (continued)

- God Forbid: End of Life Planning — Saturdays, June 9—June 30 at 11:00 am in the Undercroft
Christian Stewardship requires that we look forward to and prepare for the end of our days. For some, that end will come unexpectedly. God forbid that should happen but taking time to prepare now will be a great gift to those who survive the loss of a spouse, parent, or other loved one. All are welcome to join the

conversation as we explore some dimensions of end of life planning.

June 9—Getting Your Information Together
June 16—Hospice Care and Your Five Wishes
June 23—Planned Giving
June 30—Writing Your Burial Plan

Please sign up in the hallway if you plan to participate.

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Message from your Bereavement Hospitality Ministry

The Bereavement Hospitality Ministry would like to thank our congregation for their support through the years. Basically our ministry provides a gathering place for family and friends following church memorial/funeral services. We set up and decorate the Parish Hall, serve refreshments supplied by the congregation and then clean up afterward. Of late, we have been asked to give suggestions for appropriate dishes. These are a few suggestions for "finger foods":

Dips/crackers/breads
Deviled eggs
Small sandwiches
Fruits/vegetables
Cheeses/cheese balls
Cheese straws

Quiche, meat or fruit tart shells
Spreads/crackers/breads
Olives/nuts/chips/pickles
Meatballs/ shrimp/deli trays/chicken fingers
Desserts

If the family chooses to have a mid-day meal instead of an afternoon reception, they are asked to supply the main dish, ready to be served. Not only will we need the finger foods but we will contact certain congregants to bring casseroles, etc.

Thank you again for your support of your Bereavement Hospitality Ministry.

Mary Stewart King & Becky VanGorder – co-chairmen

Spiritual Direction at Good Shepherd with the Rev. Dr. Delmer L. Chilton

What is Spiritual Direction?

"Spiritual Direction is not psychotherapy nor is it an inexpensive substitute. Spiritual Direction is not pastoral counseling, nor is it to be confused with the mutuality of deep friendships, for it is unashamedly hierarchical. Not because the director is somehow "better" or "holier" than the directee, but because, in this covenanted relationship the director has agreed to put himself aside and so that his total attention can be focused on the person sitting in the other chair."

Episcopal priest and Spiritual Director Mary Guenther in her book *Holy Listening*

"I see Spiritual Direction as a relationship within which one Christian accompanies someone else along the journey of faith towards maturity as a follower of Jesus Christ. It takes place in conversations that cover all aspects of life. It is privileged and confidential; its aim is to be as

honest and open as possible. There is a clear recognition that God is important and present as a third party in the relationship, which unfolds against a background of prayer."

Canon Peter Ball. St Paul's Cathedral, London - in his book, *"Anglican Spiritual Direction"*

When: Wednesdays and Thursdays, 1:00 - 5:00 pm. Formal spiritual direction sessions are by appointment and are \$35 per session.

About Delmer L. Chilton: Rev. Chilton holds a Doctorate of Ministry in Spiritual Direction from the Graduate Theological Foundation, is a Certified Spiritual Director, and served 2002-2006 as Director of Spiritual Formation, Hinton Rural Life Center, Hayesville.

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Sacred Threads

EXHIBITION OF ART QUILTS

Exploring Themes of Spirituality, Joy, Inspiration, Peace, Brotherhood,

Grief and Healing

JULY 15-29, 2018

Good Shepherd Episcopal Church

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Hayesville, North Carolina 28904

Please visit: goodshepherdhayesville.org/events

www.sacredthreadsquilts.com

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From Fr. George

All one has to do is face towards the Altar and gaze in awe of one of the most peaceful *stained-glass windows* that there is in the Episcopal Church, or almost any church for that matter. Ironically, there is no stained-glass to it at all. The glass is perfectly clear so that it does not cover up any of the splendor in the distance. There is a series of mountains that are extraordinarily adorned in any season of the calendar year: the vibrant, varying jade greens of summer; the explosion of a gamut of nearly unpredictable, multi-colors in autumn; the powdery, white snows and leaden grays of winter; and the inking of emerald, inflamed buds just starting to pop out from their winter doze.

Words do not do anything that is close to recounting the naturally splendid beauty that these mountains portray. It is like something spiritual is reaching down into our most intimate part – our soul – to whisper that creation is reflecting a Creator. The longer I have lived in Hayesville, I continue to be stunned by the splendor the area of Western North Carolina and North Georgia communicates. Mountains and fresh water – there is something incredibly special about the combination of those two. And this is coming from a guy who always has been mesmerized by sand, shells, and salt water.

We can look out upon those mountains every Sunday or any other time you happen to be at Good Shepherd; nevertheless, where we call home additionally has the hypnotic gifts of bodies of water. Lake Chatuge spans North Carolina and Georgia. Additionally, Fires Creek, Tusquittee Creek, and the Hiwassee River twist and turn their way throughout where we call home, literally in some of our backyards. If, however, you are willing to do some exploring of the origins of the rivers, creeks, and streams, you might just find yourself in an environment that takes you by complete astonishment.

I believe that *Creation reveals a Creator*. Admittedly, it is not that hard of a stretch for a priest to hold to this belief. There is, nonetheless,

quite a difference to experience it along a root-riddled, rocky trail leading to a whispering waterfall. Over time the whisper grows louder as the conversation of the falling water picks up in volume. Quite suddenly the conversation becomes a pleasing roar that woos me to discover what I barely even visually behold.

White water stunningly succumbs to gravity down and off elevated rock formations. It even splashes outward and onto uneven rock outcroppings, as well as micro-forests of Mountain Laurel. Sometimes my glasses and my cell phone camera mist over with the imperceptible union of the blending of air and water. The entire atmosphere plainly feels both pure and powerful. I simply stay and breathe it all in.

While a drop of water is an absolute wonder, combine it with other tiny drops of water and a miraculous transformation occurs. Archbishop Desmond Tutu wrote this: *Too frequently we think that we have to do spectacular things. Yet if we remember that the sea is actually made up of drops of water and each drop counts, each one of us can do our little bit where we are. Those little bits can come together and almost overwhelm the world. Each one of us can be an oasis of peace.*

The pouring of fresh water from our baptism brings us into the Church community where *each one of us can be an oasis of peace*, as well as part of something bigger than we could ever be as a single drop of water. As a single drop of water and as hundreds of drops combined, you and I are part of God's creation, where God is our Creator.



Financials (February 28, 2018)

2018 General Fund Balance:

Balance January 1, 2018	\$20,700
Income year to date	57,812
Expenses year to date	<u>-63,308</u>
General Fund Balance on February 28, 2018	15,204

Balance on bank mortgage \$136,628

Balance on Mt. of Faith loan \$20,000

The church's financial statements are posted each month on the bulletin board by the office door.

For any questions, please contact our church bookkeeper, Susan Wyman in the office on Mondays.

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Ultreya!

We are having an Ultreya at Good Shepherd at 2:00 pm on Saturday, April 14. All are welcome; those who have made a Cursillo and those who are interested in what it is all about. As we are inviting

parishioners from nearby Episcopal churches, Good Shepherd Cursillistas are asked to bring a small snack to share. Please come and join in the food, fellowship, singing, sharing and planning.

April Featured Ministries

This month the church prays for the following ministries at Good Shepherd. If their work sparks your interest, we invite you to contact the lead contact person to see how you may become involved.



COMMUNICATIONS

Holley Calmes

Mission Statement: The Communications Ministry helps develop and implement marketing and communication strategies to increase community awareness of Good Shepherd. To engage the world

as God's shepherds, we must communicate our eagerness to share God's blessings.

This ministry is responsible for developing and implementing marketing and communication ideas for the church that will increase community awareness of Good Shepherd. The communication 'umbrella' includes logo/image development, advertising, brochure/ business card/ stationery design, church signage, press releases/publicity, and web site development and maintenance.

Good Shepherd is such an active church, articles appear in local newspapers almost weekly and keep our writers and photographers busy. If you have expertise or ideas on how to spread the word about Good Shepherd, please contact us. If you have photos of a Good Shepherd activity, please send them to

photos@goodshepherdhayesville.org for our archives.

CURSILLO, ULTREYA

Bill Rutledge, Tom Griffith

Cursillo, a Spanish word meaning "a short course in Christianity" is a program to help Christians know God's love and grace, and live out their personal vocations as Christ-centered leaders in the world. It begins with a weekend retreat of healing and renewal and continues with small weekly support groups called Reunion Groups and larger periodic group meetings called Ultreyas (which means "Onward").

Our diocesan Cursillo is in a period of discernment and is not holding Cursillo weekends at this time. Many Good Shepherd members have found great spiritual blessing in Cursillo or similar 3-day renewal

program such as Tres Dias or Walk to Emmaus, and a few weekly Reunion Groups still meet regularly. Tom Griffith is helping to organize a Good Shepherd Ultreya on Saturday April 14 at 2pm. Everyone is invited for food, fellowship, singing, sharing, and planning. Cursillistas are asked to bring a snack to share. Come and see!

DESOTO SQUARE

Pam Roman and Harry Baughn

Good Shepherd was one of four churches from Hayesville and Murphy who united to found this low-income apartment complex for the elderly or handicapped. Desoto Square is located in Hayesville next to the Senior Center. Two parishioners from Good Shepherd serve on the board of Directors at all times. You can help encourage and enliven the lives of the residents by participating in occasional sponsored social events or volunteer to serve on the Board.



ENERGY SAVING VOLUNTEERS

Amy and Gil Nicolson

Energy Saving Volunteers is founded on the idea that if we help people save energy, we can both protect God's Creation and help God's people. We visit homes of people that face high energy bills and have limited financial ability or knowledge on ways to reduce their energy consumption. We know the tricks of the trade to get bills

down through simple energy saving solutions such as efficient lighting, weather stripping, changing water heater temperatures, adding insulation, reducing water consumption and many others. All of our labor is volunteer and our supplies are provided through donations. Our services are no charge, although for some higher cost items, we work out cost sharing arrangements with our clients and local contractors or equipment providers.

This ministry has been particularly helpful to members of the community during the challenging winter we have just experienced. Your help, energy, and contributions carry an immediate impact in this Good Shepherd outreach ministry.

Parish News

Birthdays in

- 1 Claudia Mahaffie
- 4 Betsy Reynolds, Linda Wingo, Joe Mamo
- 7 Barbara Boswell
- 8 Sharon Faircloth, Nicole Wright
- 9 Alan Armstrong
- 10 Wally Figura
- 11 Randye Williams, Jacob Paul Smith
- 13 Andrew Eagan
- 15 Jenny Bethel, Ben Kennedy
- 21 Anne Hourdequin, Larry Howell
- 25 Jan Freeman, Kanute Rarey
- 26 Keith Christensen, David Werdin

Anniversaries in

- 7 Barb and David Field
- 21 Wendy and Greg Walker
- 24 Peggy and Andy Dickert
- 25 Mary and James Ackerly, Georgia Bethel and Turner Guidry
- 26 Kathy and Glenn Marcel
- 29 Brenda and Charlie Gignilliat
- 30 Jenny and Cameron Bethel

In Sympathy we are thinking of:

Mary Rose Figura on the death of her brother, John Bendele.

*Give rest, O Christ, to Thy servants with Thy saints, where sorrow and
pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.*

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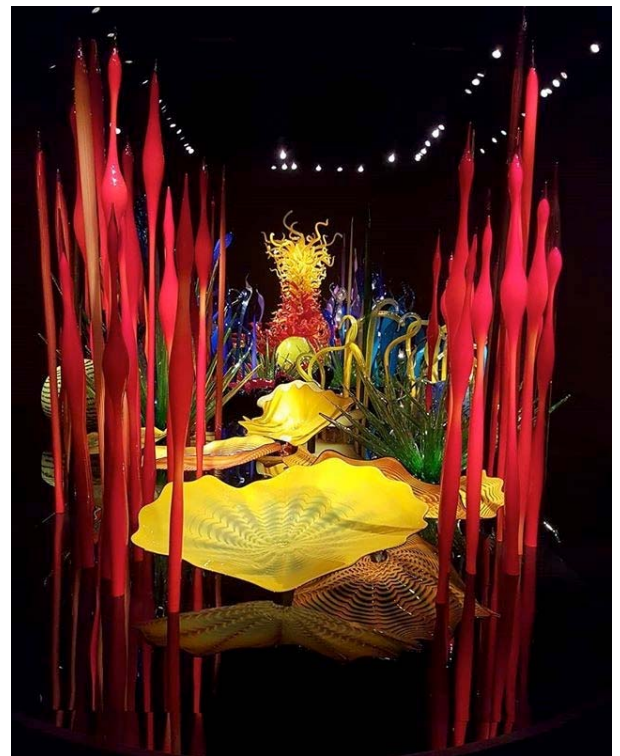
Congratulations to:

Pat and Paul Jordan on the birth of their great-granddaughter,
Birdie Faye Woody.

Chihuly Nights at Biltmore

The Arts and Spirituality ministry is sponsoring a trip to Asheville the evening of June 7 to see the large-scale glass sculptures of Dale Chihuly. *Chihuly Nights at Biltmore* is a reservations-only opportunity to witness the effects of nighttime lighting upon Chihuly's spectacular pieces of art on display in the Biltmore gardens. 30 discount tickets are available for purchase at \$53.50 each for entry to the exhibit at 8:00p.m. Tickets allow entry to grounds and winery at any time but entrance for the exhibit is at 8:00p.m., only.

We also have reserved a group of rooms for the night at the Baymont Inn, Asheville, with a discounted double room rate of \$153.68 which includes taxes and breakfast. The hotel is close to the Biltmore, Biltmore Village and Asheville proper. You may sign up for rooms and/or tickets in the information hallway. Suzi Herbert will be collecting the money for the tickets and the rooms, as they must be paid for in bulk to keep the discount. Deadline for sign-up is April 15 and payments must be made to Suzi by May 15. For questions, contact Suzi Herbert or Betsi Wilson, or for more information visit the event website at <http://www.biltmore.com/visit/plan-your-visit/buy-tickets/chihuly-at-biltmore?cid=ppc:exhibits:google:seg-2exhibits:brand-chihuly&c>.



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Lectionary Readings for April

Easter Day April 1	2 Easter April 8	3 Easter April 15	4 Easter April 22	5 Easter April 29
Isaiah 25:6-9	Acts 4:32-35	Acts 3:12-19	Acts 4:5-12	Acts 8:26-40
Psalms 118:19-24	Psalms 133	Psalms 4	Psalms 23	Psalms 22:24-30
Acts 10:34-43	1 John 1:1—2:2	1 John 3:1-7	1 John 3:16-24	1 John 4:7-21
Mark 16:1-8	John 20:19-31	Luke 24:36b-48	John 10:11-18	John 15:1-8



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