



The Shepherd's Voice

August 2017

Services

Sunday:

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
Rite I (Nursery available)

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

Parish Picnic

The Parish Picnic will be held Sunday, August 6 after the 10:00 am outdoor service – ONLY ONE SERVICE that day! Bring a chair for the service. Bring your

favorite summer dish to share. Hot dogs, hamburger and drinks will be provided. For info contact Mary Rose 404-626-6513 or aryosefigura@gmail.com.

It's a Wrap!

There's no doubt about it—the 2017 Parade of Tables and Silent Auction was a resounding success, raising more than \$10,450 for our outreach ministries and increasing our net income 40 percent over previous years. Kudos and well-deserved thanks go out to all the volunteers—leaders, table hosts and work-a-bees—and to all those who donated items for the auction, especially the artists! And, of course, special thanks go to our co-chairs Suzi Herbert and Laurie Wright, to Joy Fox who chaired the silent auction, and to all the members of the steering committee who planned, prepared and worked to make it our best ever. The additions of Keith as emcee, music, and the wine pull added just the right flavor!

Several of these hard-working volunteers are

stepping down and taking a breather next year so we'll be looking to see who will step into their shoes, ensuring the future of the event. Look for an announcement of a meeting in September to identify new leadership and discuss some creative new ideas for the 2018 evening format. For example, instead of a seated dinner with assigned seats, we're looking at a more simplified format, moving to a mix-and-mingle with heavy hors d'oeuvres and desserts. Flatware and dinnerware (the good stuff) will be provided so table hosts will only be responsible for the centerpieces.

Between now and September, please consider what your part will be in keeping this popular and profitable event, an annual affair that represents so well the fun side of the Good Shepherd flock.

Recent Mission Spending

Youth Ministry

\$1,365 7 youth to attend Camp Henry

Second Quarter Outreach Ministry Allocations

\$400	Matt's Ministry
\$200	Clay County Food Pantry
\$200	Towns County Food Pantry
\$800	R.E.A.C.H. of Clay County
\$800	H.A.V.E.N.
\$200	S.A.F.E.
\$800	Communities for Students, Clay Co.
\$200	Towns County Family Connection
\$200	The LAMB Institute, Honduras
\$200	Diocese of Durgapur, India

Diocesan Grants Received

\$3,500 Matt's Ministry

\$3,500 Mom's Connection

\$3,000 The LAMB Institute Anti-trafficking Initiative, Honduras

Thank you for your generous and sacrificial giving to the mission of God through Good Shepherd Episcopal Church. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

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Christian Education

Ongoing

- **Lectionary Bible Study** is on summer break.

Upcoming

- **Praying the Gospel Stories** — Mondays in September at 11:00 am. In this short course, participants will follow and Ignatian prayer practice to enter imaginatively into well-known stories from the Gospels. No prior Bible study nor experience with Ignatian prayer is required. This course is led by Fr. Bill.

- **Rector's Brown Bag Book Read** —More detail available in the hallway.
 - * *Conflict and a Christian Life* by Sam Portaro on Tuesday, September 12 at noon
 - * *The Celtic Way of Evangelism* on Tuesday, November 21 at noon.

Arts and Spirituality - Angel Wings Project Workshop



Coming.....Saturday, September 16 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Learn how to unlock your spiritual and artistic gifts; create your own angel wings through painting, journaling, prayer and meditation.

A light lunch will be catered by Evie's Trolley Stop. The cost of the Workshop is \$25 per person.

Spiritual Coach: Carolyn Cline Griffiths

Artistic Coach: Jennifer Sutherland Cline

.....More information coming soon

Smoky Mountain Medical Mission 2017

The military is coming to Clay County to staff a medical/dental mission August 2-10. Medical screenings, limited dental services, eye exams and same day glasses, veterinary inoculation and spay and neutering services are free to those in need.

Volunteers are needed. Please see the sign-up sheet in the hallway for a job description and to volunteer. Call Jim Redmond at 248-425-0307 for any questions.

Hayesville Pet Celebration on the Square



On Saturday, September 23 beginning at 8:00 am, Good Shepherd is once again having a booth at this event. Dr. Z. and Fr. George will be there. We're providing a watering station for the pets and will be handing out 200 doggie goodie bags to the participants. We need 1) DOGGIE TREATS to be put in the goodie bags (please put them in the blue bucket in the Parish Hall and 2) VOLUNTEERS to fill the bags on Saturday September 9 at 10:00 am in the Undercroft as well as on the day of the event. Carole Webber is coordinating this event. Contact her at 828 389 1026 or webber42@frontier.com. Thank you!

Trusting God with our Future

I recently read a story about the conversion and baptism of the Gauls that speaks to the on-going challenge of living our faith. The Gauls were a fierce and warring people who once inhabited what is now France and Belgium. Before they were conquered by Rome and converted to Christianity, these ancient people spoke a Celtic language and followed a Druidic religion. Myth has it that when one of these warriors was baptized, he would extend and keep one arm up out of the water of baptism. Missionaries quickly learned the purpose of this odd act. It seems that not long after baptism, a warrior would hear of a skirmish, grab his sword or ax with his unbaptized arm and run off to smash his enemy in a most unchristian manner. The arm, they said, had not been baptized. Can you see how that may apply to our lives? Is there anything that we hold out on and not allow Jesus to be lord over? Maybe it is our work or our home lives? Maybe it is how we spend our time or how we use our talents? Maybe it is our plans and our future? Or perhaps it is that thing Jesus and the Bible talk about so much that remains not fully baptized - our treasure? In all of those we might discern areas of our lives that we suppose and act as if they are unbaptized and so left to our own direction and use.

Many will recall the story of Jesus and the rich ruler (Matthew 18, Mark 10, Luke 13). This man told Jesus that he had kept all the commandments since his youth. That is commendable and better than I could say, but there was something the young man was still holding out of the water. Jesus told him to sell all he had and give to the poor, then come and follow. This is not to say that all must do exactly the same, but it is to say that even our treasure is meant to be baptized and under Jesus' lordship. That young man went away sad because he had many possessions. He could not let go even though Jesus had told him he would gain the treasures of heaven. Letting go of what appears to be the sure thing and trusting God with our future can be hard.

Trusting that God will provide when we follow in faith can be hard for people who have been convinced that it is by our own doing that we sink or swim.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus tells the gathered, to not worry about things that are needed such as food and clothing. We might add education, health care, retirement, leisure and other things we experience as needs. Jesus says that worry is what unbelievers do, but believers are to seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness. Then all things needed will be given. Is it not a great faith challenge to trust the word of God that in seeking the Kingdom, and the way of the Kingdom, God will be faithful in providing what we need? It is a matter of trusting God with all we have been given. All our time, all our talent, all our treasure. All our hopes and all our dreams and our very future.

One of the most inspiring stories of trust I know is that of George Müller. George was a German evangelist who built a five house orphanage in Bristol, England. During the 19th Century, his orphanage cared for over 10,000 children and eventually 17,000 by the time it was sold to the city in 1958. The amazing thing is that he never made an appeal for money. Instead, he prayed and he did Kingdom work, and over £86,000,000 (\$112,000,000) was given to this Kingdom work. Müller dared to believe that God still heard our prayers and that God was active in the world working with those who sought the way of the Kingdom. So he prayed, and he worked, and gave the rest over to God, trusting that God would provide the necessary money. Here is George in his own words, "This, then, was the primary reason for establishing the orphan house. I certainly did from my heart desire to be used by God to benefit the bodies of poor children, bereaved of both parents, and seek in other respects, with the help of God, to do them good for this life. I also particularly longed to be used by God in getting the dear orphans trained up in the fear of God; but still, the first and primary object of the work was, and still is, that God might be magnified by the fact that the orphans under my care are provided with all they need, only by prayer and faith, without any one being asked by me or my fellow-laborers, whereby it may be seen that God is faithful still, and hears prayer still."



Like George Müller, I also believe that God is active in the world, listening to our prayers, seeking co-workers for building the Kingdom, and is calling us to a greater trust. Trust was not easy in Jesus' day nor was it in Müller's. It is not now but it seems clear that we must try. I invite you to join me in a season of prayer where I will be praying that we would all become more faithful in seeking God's Kingdom, discerning what God is asking of us in mission and ministry, living according to God's righteousness, and become trusting that if we would submit more of all we have been given to the lordship of Jesus, he will provide the treasures of heaven we need to accomplish the work he has called us to do.

Grace and peace and trust be yours, now and always,

Fr. Bill+

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All About the Kids — Bethel-Guidry Scholarship Golf Outing

The Bethel-Guidry Scholarship Golf Outing is Saturday, September 30, at the Ridges. The goal is to raise \$10,000 to support our scholarship program. This year is our fourth year but the first it will support high school student scholarships and specifically our Bethel-Guidry scholarship in both Towns County and Clay County. All funds after expenses go to the scholarship fund.

The vestry, scholarship committee and parish members are asked to identify businesses and people in Towns and Clay County that would support the scholarship fund honoring Turner and Georgia through sponsorship funding and or individual and four person golf teams for the "tournament".

As always we will need lots of volunteers. The ability to play golf is not required to help with the event. A golfers lunch, putting contest, chipping games, a round of golf and a celebratory dinner (open to all) will again be a part of the event this year. We will be reaching out to our high school teachers to come and be part of events of that day.

Separate information detailing sponsorship levels, team registration, volunteer list, and the celebratory dinner will be posted and distributed.

Kanute Rarey and Jim Redmond are co-chairmen. A golf committee is working on the details for the outing. We appreciate those who have already volunteered to help with event.

2017 Bethel-Guidry Scholarship Awarded

The members of the Bethel-Guidry Scholarship Committee are happy to announce this year's recipient of the scholarship: Courtney Giles, 2017 graduate of Towns County High School. Jonathan Bethel, who chairs the committee, says that Courtney plans to attend Young Harris College to study early childhood education and that she hopes to stay in North Georgia after graduation.

More good news from the Scholarship Committee is that last year's recipient, Hunter Reaux from Hayesville High, is doing well at Clemson University and has renewed his scholarship.

The Bethel-Guidry Scholarship was established in 2015 to honor Georgia Bethel and Turner Guidry for their many years devoted to educating Hayesville students. The scholarship is given in the amount of \$500 per year to each student receiving it; eventually, as the fund grows, four students will be on scholarship at the same time. This year's Annual Golf Outing will raise additional funds for the endowment.



Financials (June 30, 2017)

2017 General Fund Balance:

Balance January 1, 2017	\$20,513
Income year to date	176,798
Expenses year to date	-175,436
General Fund Balance on June 30, 2017	\$21,875

Balance on bank mortgage \$151,803

Balance on Mt. of Faith loan \$24,000

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.

From Fr. George:

I know that I'm "preachin' to the choir" here. Or in this case, "writin' to the choir" here. That includes all of us – not just the choir. There is, nevertheless, always room in the choir for more; don't hesitate to try it out this Fall.

What am I preachin'? It's really a reminder of where we live. You know that there are times in the morning when a thin yet wet mist is rising from the fields, and there are times that the thick whitish and greyish colored clouds are surrounding the tip-tops of the mountain in a graceful hug, and there are times when the water flows down the Hiwassee River in mystical moments when the minute hand on the watch seems to disappear, and there are times when wild deer scamper across uncut fields of weed and hay where the space is shared with domesticated cows swishing their tails back and forth in a nonverbal manner of communicating that they are bored with such a sight, and the list of nature's majestic manifestations can continue. I am stopping purposefully here so that you can fill in your own gaps in nature. Is it birds? Is it some type of wild animal? Is it a flower or plant? Is it the sunset? What adjectives would you use to describe other events that touch your soul? Do you see the Creator taking delight in their creation?

I also have those moving moments at Ingles when a woman with two children – one a flailing infant in a portable car seat and the other a shy toddler clasping his mother's right leg – drops her purse. Its' contents splatter the floor in front of the dairy section. At that precise instant a teenage, young man comes to inquire of her if she would like some help. She nods her head because her eyes are tear-filled. Do we see Christ in these types of occurrences?

There are also those times that are quite annoying at first. It takes some reflection to realize the grace of the moment that we missed but came clearly into view upon reflection of the moment. For instance, fishing on Lake Chatuge on the Fourth of July was a disaster, that is, if your ultimate goal was to catch fish. All I did was drown worms. But at least I could blame the safety of the fish on the boats that were coming so close to the bank where I was casting out my two lines. To their credit, however, the drivers would see me and turn abruptly away. Most of them were towing along screaming or wailing children (sometimes both) on inflatable innertubes. The measured waves would then mechanically follow and flap against the rock foundations just barely out from the shoreline. And yes, it was annoying. It was, however, upon reflection an outward and visible symbol that the joy of life is taking place. Do you see, even in those kinds of moments, that God is still present? Maybe not at first. Reflect, nevertheless, on **all** moments where we think that God has abandoned us.

In one of my colleague's houses, there is a sign roughly carved into a piece of flat and polished wood the words – "Bidden or not, God is always present." I'll leave you with that.

Faithfully yours,

George+



Turner Guidry Celebration

We are "Roasting" Turner on Saturday, September 23, but we also want to honor him as well for all the ways he has impacted our lives over the past 20 years or more -- as our deacon, friend, counselor, preacher, teacher, youth leader, fellow adventurer, jokester -- you name it! How has Turner's ministry impacted you or the life of a young person in your life? We are compiling a keepsake scrapbook

made up of YOUR memories, stories, and photographs. Please write down a favorite memory or put into words what his ministry means to you, and by all means share your photographs. Send to rachel.baughn@gmail.com or place hard copy in her vestry mailbox. All photos will be returned. Deadline for your submission is August 15. Don't delay!

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Holley Calmes to Head Communications



Faithful parishioner Holley Calmes is the new chairperson for the Communications Committee. Holley brings to this position decades of experience in marketing, publicity, new business development, and sales support. She has worked closely with

the Gwinnett Ballet Theater and the Hudgens Center for the Arts. With her energy and enthusiasm, Holley is sure to bring new awareness of what we do at Good Shepherd to all our communities.

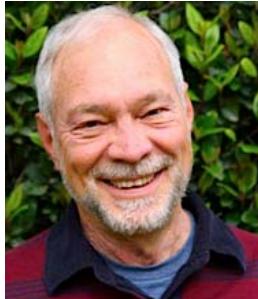
If you have information for external communication such as newspapers, please direct it to Holley. When you have information for internal communication such as the website, talk to Rachel Baughn.

Choir

The choir has enjoyed a well deserved rest this Summer and will be starting up again on August 3, Thursday at 7:00 pm for our first rehearsal of the 2017-2018 Choir season. This year we will be singing a Christmas Cantata as well as an Easter Cantata. Our Choir Retreat will be on August 5 in the Parish Hall from 9:00 am-noon with lunch to follow. The retreat is open to all Choir members and all potential

choir members who may want to "test the waters" before completely diving in. If you have ever sung in a choir, the shower, your car, while mowing the lawn or back in elementary school; rediscover the joy and health benefits of raising your voice and praising God. All are welcome in this place (Choir).

Healing Winds Conference 2017



August 25-27th at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina
 "God's Message, God's Power"
"My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power, so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power." (1 Corinthians 2:5)

Members of Good Shepherd have been a part of Healing Winds Conferences since its inception 23 years ago. Come join us at beautiful Lake Junaluska for the 23rd annual conference. This year's keynote speaker is Pastor Mike Evans, the founder of Wholeness Ministries. Learn how to make healing prayer a part of your daily life. Visit healingwindsconference.org for details on how to register or ask members of your healing ministry about their experiences at Healing Winds.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Prayer Shawl Ministry meets once a month on the 4th Monday from 10:00 am to 12 noon. We have both knitters and crocheters in our group. We Make prayer shawls, lap blankets, and prayers squares for those in need of prayer and comfort due to illness and other life

situations. If you or someone you know would like a prayer shawl, you can contact Beth Hitchcock, Meliss Czarnecki, or any member of the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

Nathan Bourne's Ordination

Rev. Dcn. Nathan Bourne, son of parishioners Judy and Clarke Bourne, will be ordained to the sacred order of priests at 11:00 am on September 9th at St. Johns Church in Portsmouth, NH. Nathan was

sponsored for ordained ministry by Good Shepherd. Please keep Nathan in your prayers.

Parish News

Birthdays in

- 1 John Notchie, Jim Redmond
- 3 Meg Gring Whitley
- 4 Barbara Lanwermeyer, Chuck Underwood
- 5 Danny Wilson
- 7 Signe Ehrhart, Violet Howell, Bill Clark
- 10 Jan Chatterton, Gayle Graziano, Michelle Lawrence, David Hourdequin, Andrew Jones
- 11 Avery Furlong, Candy List
- 12 Debbie Sanford, Nevin Rice
- 13 Brenda Gignilliat, Mary Anne Kooš, Mark Barbaro, Elmer Wilson
- 15 Lynn Kirby, Geoff Schwartz
- 17 Barb Hansen, Becky Underwood
- 18 Bill Monahan, Furie Soles
- 19 John Granacki
- 21 Bev Larson
- 23 Bill Breedlove, Jim Halloran
- 24 Barb Field
- 26 Mary Ackerly
- 31 Don Roman

Anniversaries in

- 2 Elizabeth and Joe Rybicki
- 3 Anne and George Choyce
- 4 Amy and Gil Nicolson
- 8 Stephanie and Bob Forbes, Barb and Lou Lanwermeyer
- 9 Lois Ann and Ed Wentzel
- 10 Sharon and Rick Sanderson
- 11 Becky and Craig Underwood
- 17 Candy and Pat List, Barb and Jim Redmond, Pat and David Werdin
- 18 Liz and Dorman McLamb
- 19 Shirley and Bob Stillwell
- 22 Robin and Mel Halfon
- 27 Cheri and Mac Pinner
- 28 Cathy and Bob vander Meer

Congratulations to:

Jan Freeman on the birth of her granddaughter, Charlotte Patton.
Barb Hansen on the birth of her great-grandson, Silas David Connors



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Lectionary Readings

The Transfiguration of Our Lord	10 Pentecost	11 Pentecost	12 Pentecost
August 6	August 13	August 20	August 27
Exodus 34:29-35	Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28	Genesis 45:1-15	Exodus 1:8-2:10
Psalm 99:5-9	Psalm 105:1-6	Psalm 133	Psalm 124
2 Peter 1:13-21	Romans 10:5-15	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Romans 12:1-8
Luke 9:28-36	Matthew 14:22-33	Matthew 15:21-28	Matthew 16:13-20

Diocesan Picnic

August 19, 2017

Valle Crucis Conference Center

Join us for our diocesan picnic! The diocese will provide hot dogs (and

lemonade) and each parish can bring dishes to share and a dessert for the dessert table. We will have lots of opportunities to play outside, enjoy the beauty of Valle Crucis Conference Center, hike, etc.



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