



Good Shepherd Episcopal Church
Weekly Highlights
September 5, 2025



Psalm 139:1-4

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Christian Education

Wednesday- Lectionary Bible Study

We meet on Wednesdays at 1:00pm in the Undercroft. This group works through the appointed readings for the following Sunday. Please contact Fr. Bill for more information.



Spiritual Journaling, a spiritual practice that incorporates Gratitude, Paying Attention, and Reflection is a powerful tool for self-development & awareness and spiritual growth. There are many different journaling methods, and when starting out, it can be unclear where to begin, or what technique to use. If you're interested in journaling, you are invited to join in a time to learn from one another and share our journaling experiences. Our class will be held from 10-11:30am in the Library each Thursday in September: 4, 11, 18, 25.

Please, contact Carol Smucker with questions/interest: 706-994-8104 or carolsmucker@hotmail.com



Parish Life and Church Community



We are in need **volunteers for the nursery**. Please, contact Liz Rybicki @ 404-510-0246 if interested.

REMEMBER!!!!

ONE SERVICE ON SEPTEMBER 7 AT 10:00AM!!!!!!!

A delicious brunch (especially made for you by our Order of St. George folks) will be following the service in the parish hall with Fr. Bill and your leadership team also providing an update on the state of our parish. Please plan to attend!!!!



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Parish Life and Church Community



Interested in learning how to make a pretty handmade card? Come join our **Stamping Class** for a day of creativity and fellowship. No experience needed. Your class instructors, Kaye TeRonde and Jan Freeman will guide you through the steps to create a greeting card friends and family will cherish. All supplies provided. The next date is **Wednesday, September 24th** from **1p to 4p** in the Parish Hall. Cost is \$12 for 4 cards. Sign up on the hallway bulletin board if you plan to attend. For further information contact Kaye TeRonde at kteronde@gmail.com or Jan Freeman at jansfreeman@gmail.com.

The **Bethel Guidry Scholarship** awards 2 scholarships each year to deserving students at the 2 local high schools. Our Annual **Golf Tournament** raises money for these scholarships and will be held this year on **September 20th**. Donations payable to Good Shepherd (memo: Golf Tournament) can be left in the church office, in the offering plate, or with Sanford or Kevin in the parish hall after services. Additionally, volunteers are needed to help serve lunch and run the fund raising games on the 20th. See Kevin Conley or Sanford Freeman if you have questions.



The "ber" months are here. It's time to **clean up the church grounds** and put things to rest for the winter. If you're available and would like to come help, we'll be gathering at the church on **September 27th at 9am**.

Lunch will be provided and we ask that you **please sign-up** if you plan to participate. Bring your gloves, clippers and anything you might need to get the job done! Please call Jeff with any questions: 423-744-4107



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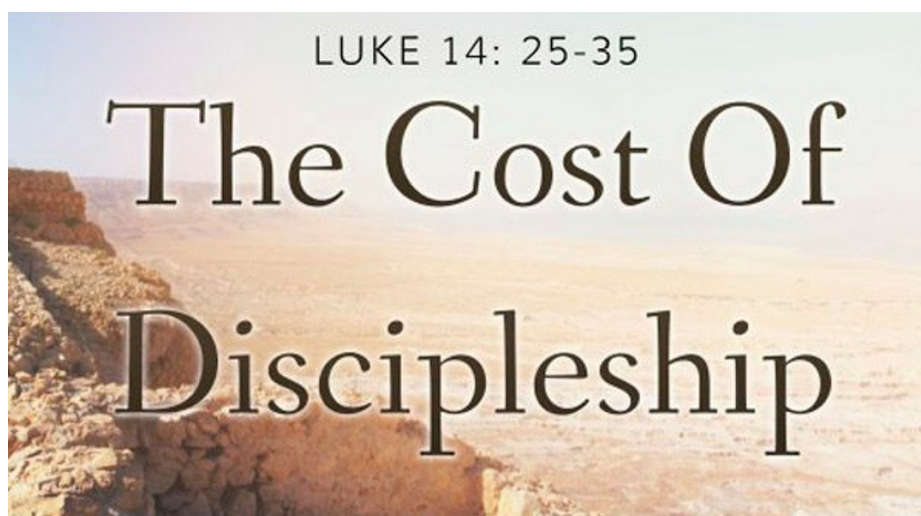
Stewardship Reflections

Our theme for the 2026 Stewardship Campaign is Making Choices. Today and each Sunday in September you will find a brief reflection on the scripture concerning the choices we make. These are offered for your use as you consider the gifts of time, talent, and treasure you will choose to pledge toward the work of this church in 2026.

Luke 14:25-33

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. ... none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

Quite the shocking statement about discipleship from Jesus. "None of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions." And before that, that we must hate family and carry a cross if we are to be his disciple. These are hard sayings and call us to make hard choices, and that is a good thing. Jesus calls us to do the harder thing that will bear the greater fruit for our souls and for the mission of God in the world. He calls us to a commitment, to making a choice for him and his way of sacrifice and service above our commitment to anything else. Hyperbole is for emphasis, so do not literally hate your family or despise your possession. But, choose what is primary and all others things will be added (see Matthew 6).



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Deadline for Sunday Bulletin Announcements and Weekly Highlights –

No later than Wednesday of each week at noon.

Service

Matt's Ministry – Contact Joe Rybicki

Meal Ministry – Contact Kathy Wright

Medical Loan Closet – Contact Helga Reaves

The Order of St. George – Contact Turner Guidry at 828-361-0497

Brotherhood of the Fire – Contact Turner Guidry at 828-361-0497

Meals For Friends– Contact Aline Conley at 504-214-1909

Drivers on **September 9, 2025** are:

<u>Town:</u>	Linda Milt
<u>City:</u>	Jan Freeman
<u>Tusquittee:</u>	Aline Conley



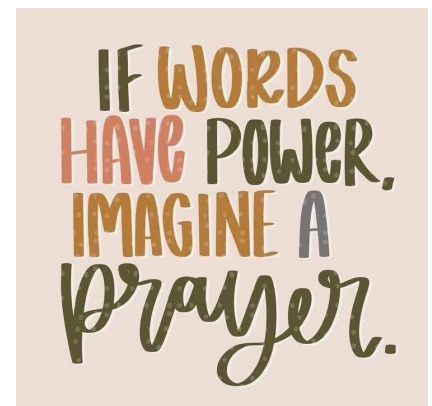
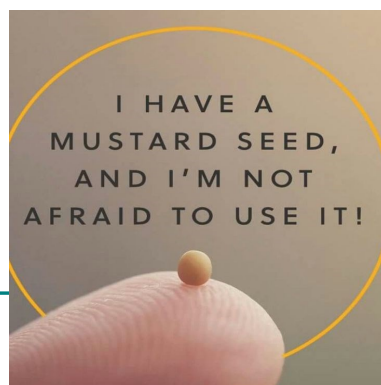
In Our Prayers

Those in Need of Comfort and Healing-

Pat Fox, Pat Halloran, Chosh Dacey, Linda Wingo, Pat Hicks, BJ and Bob Schweikert, Bev Larson, Chris Mulholland, Patti and Chuck Underwood, Ed and Sue Kelley, Jeanne Harper, Nora and Rich Broszeit, Ann Wolf, Wally Figura, Ella Angelillo, Philip Bannister, Kathy Wright, Frank Burdo, Helen NaiSmith, Teresa and David Gribble, Mary Strange, Cooper Godfrey, OV Lewis, Shiloh Farmer, Sallie Free, Brenda Scheneman, Meagan Borro, Tom and Angela Wilkerson, Adelaide Fullilove, Sharon and Rick Sanderson, Shane Douylliez, Janice Lemaire, Jay Miller, Anne Hourdequin, Megan Hoffer, Kelly Crawford, the Bateman family, Jim Toncos, Randy Emberg, Vicki Lake & the Garpetti family, Lillian Mann

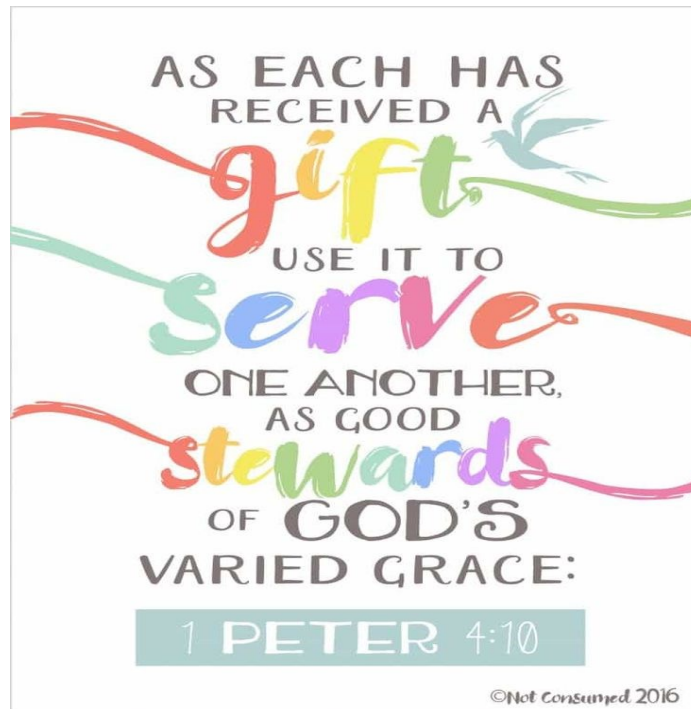
Good Shepherd Ministries –

This week we pray for *The 2026 Stewardship Campaign* at Good Shepherd.



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Those Who Serve



Sunday, September 7, 2025

10:00am:

EMs: Sharon Kyser, Amy Nicolson; **Lector:** Furie Soles; **Intercessor:** Carol Smucker; **Usher:** Joe Rybicki; **Altar Guild:** Jan Chatterton, Gail Criss; **Altar Linens:** Kathy Marcel; **Nursery:** Kathy Marcel, Barb Field; **Flower Guild:** Patricia Champ; **VPOD:** Patti Brownlee; **Videographer:** Jay Miller; **Ingles cards:** Elizabeth Rybicki; **Greeter:** Laurie Wright

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

Leader: Joe Rybicki

Prayer Minister: Carole Stringer

Tuesday, September 10, 2025

Altar Guild: Beth Hitchcock

GOD is good

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Monday **September 8**

9:00 am	Exercise Class
9:00 am	Women Walking, Women Talking @ Chatuge Dam
10:00 am	Crafts Group

Tuesday **September 9**

10:00 am	Yoga
6:00 pm	Brotherhood of the Fire
7:00 pm	Soaking Prayer

Wednesday **September 10**

9:00 am	Exercise
12:00 pm	Holy Eucharist
1:00 pm	Lectionary

Thursday **September 11**

6:45 am	Order of St. George
10:00 am	Yoga
10:00 am	Spiritual Journaling (Library)
11:30 am	DOK Meeting (Undercroft)
6:30 pm	Choir Rehearsal

Friday **September 12**

	Parish Office Closed
9:00 am	Exercise Class

Saturday **September 13**

No Activities Scheduled

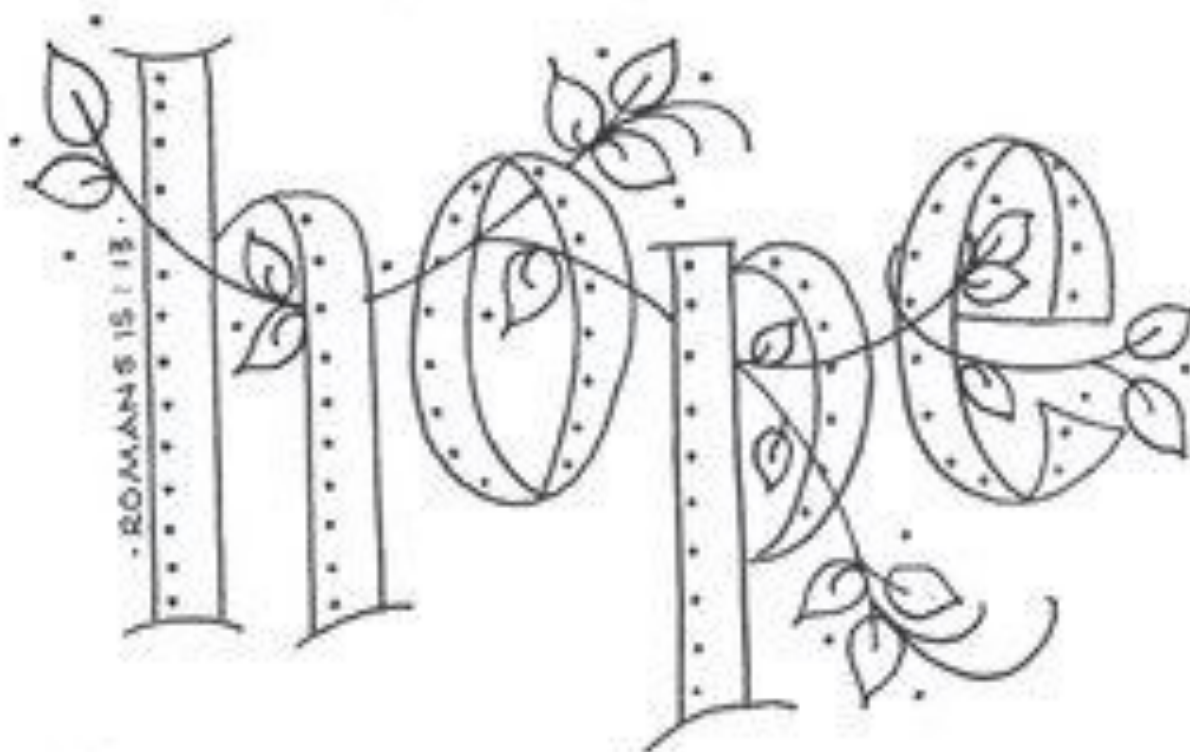
Sunday **September 14**

9:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite I
11:00 am	Holy Eucharist Rite II



Church Activities

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May the God of
HOPE
fill you with all HIS
JOY and PEACE...
as you trust Him ♡♡♡

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