



The Shepherd's Voice

May
2025

Blessings for the New Month

Services:

Sunday

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

I lam service is live
streamed to Facebook at:
[facebook.com/
goodshepherdhayesvillenc/](https://facebook.com/goodshepherdhayesvillenc/)

Coffee Hour in the
Parish Hall
following I lam
Sunday service

Tuesday

7:00pm Soaking Prayer

Wednesday

12:00pm Holy Eucharist
w/Healing Prayer

1:00 pm Lectionary
Bible Study

The Rev. Dr. Bill
Breedlove,
Rector

May your month ahead be filled with:
Good Health, Strength, Friendship,
Kindness, Compassion & Love.
May God bless you & your loved ones and keep you
safe.



And now what?

Alleluia, Christ is risen! And now what? I would expect people to say something like "Now, when I die, I get to go to Heaven." Or some may make that a conditional statement like "Because I believe, now when I die, I get to go to heaven." Either way, Christ is risen = future life beyond this life. True, but there is something big that this misses. This future orientation misses that the Gospels, the Acts of the Apostles, and the Epistles do not direct us toward an afterlife as nearly as much as they direct us toward how to live in Christ's new creation and as new creations in Christ.



For example, the prologue of John's Gospel takes us back to the beginning, back to Genesis, signaling that something new is coming into being. He tells us that the Word of God is the light of the world that shines into the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it. At the end of his Gospel, his resurrection scene begins in the dark of the eighth day. It is the first day of a new creation. The enemies of God have been defeated. Death has been defeated and so also the fatal consequence of our sins. It is a different reality now. This is what Jesus says to Mary Magdalene. Not "Wow, Mary, you now get to go to heaven." But, "Go tell the disciples that I am alive. Go tell the world that the forces of evil and death have been defeated." Alleluia, Christ is risen! And now what? Now get to work. The world needs to know. The world needs to hear the good news in word and by good deed. This is God's plan. That although God could do it all by God-self, God has chosen to work with and through us by the spread of the Gospel to make the world right. Imagining the task ahead, God must have great faith in the power of the Spirit working through us.

It is that same God-plan to save the world that we see at the end of the three synoptic Gospels. Mark's Gospel tells us that very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go anoint Jesus' body. They find the tomb open and a young man inside who tells them "He has risen. He is not here." And now what? And now go tell the disciples and go find Jesus because he has gone back to Galilee. It is a new day, a new start, back in Galilee where it all began but now the world is a different place because God is setting things right and we are to be part of that rescue plan. Matthew tells us much the same, but it is an angel who says "He is not here, he is risen." And now what? And now go tell the disciples and go to Galilee where you will see him. It is a new day, a new start, back where it all began. There is work to do and Matthew adds detail on what that work is: making disciples, baptizing them, and teaching them his commandments. Luke adds his own witness. Two angels instead of one and the disciples are told by the risen Christ to stay in Jerusalem until they receive the Holy Spirit. And then what? Then, there is work to do.

The witness of the Gospels is not so much that Christ has died, Christ is risen, and so we now go to heaven as it is, Jesus is the crucified and risen messiah, Jesus is the Christ, Jesus is now Lord of all, and God has commissioned us to be messengers to all the world of that good news in word and by good deed. God is making the world right and has empowered us by the Holy Spirit to be participants in that work. And then what? Then, heaven.

The Lord is risen, indeed.

Fr. Bill+



May

SCRIPTURE WRITING PLAN

Identity in Christ

Day 1: John 1:9-13

Day 2: Ephesians 1:1-4

Day 3: Ephesians 1:5-10

Day 4: Ephesians 1:11-14

Day 5: Romans 14:7-9

Day 6: Genesis 1:26-27

Day 7: Colossians 2:6-12

Day 8: Colossians 1:1-6

Day 9: I Peter 4:1-16

Day 10: Revelation 3:5

Day 11: Revelation 21:5-7

Day 12: I Thessalonians 4:16-18

Day 13: I Thessalonians 5:23-24

Day 14: II Thessalonians 2:13-17

Day 15: I Timothy 6:17-19

Day 16: I Peter 2:9-10

Day 17: II Timothy 2:1-7

Day 18: II Timothy 2:8-12

Day 19: II Timothy 2:15-16

Day 20: II Timothy 2:19-22

Day 21: Titus 2:11-14

Day 22: John 17:9-13

Day 23: John 17:14-19

Day 24: John 17:20-26

Day 25: Galatians 3:27-28

Day 26: I Corinthians 6:19-20

Day 27: II Corinthians 6:14-18

Day 28: Jeremiah 1:5

Day 29: I John 3:1-3

Day 30: II John 1:9-11

Day 31: III John 1:11

*Commit to spending 10 minutes every day to meditate and reflect on God's Word.
Write down what you have gleaned from each day's scripture.*

The Ruffled Mango

Mother's Day Carnations

The story of Mother's Day in the United States began in 1908, thanks to the dedication of Anna Jarvis, a woman determined to honor her mother and mothers everywhere.

Jarvis and her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, were both activists and shared a tight bond. When Ann fell ill, Jarvis cared for her by her side up until her death in 1905.

Jarvis' inspiration for creating Mother's Day stems back from a prayer her mother said about caring for and appreciating mothers everywhere. On the first official Mother's Day service held at Andrews Methodist Episcopal Church in Grafton, West Virginia, Jarvis distributed hundreds of white carnations, her late mother's favorite flower, to each mother present. This gesture was symbolic, representing the purity, strength, and endurance of a mother's love.

Over the years, the tradition of giving carnations on Mother's Day has evolved but the essence remains the same. The color of the carnation flower also began to hold significance: red carnations came to signify a mother who is still living, while white carnations are used to honor a mother who has passed away. This distinction allows individuals to express deep emotions and respect through the simple act of giving flowers.

Please, join us this Mother's Day in honoring and celebrating your mother by wearing either a red (if living) or white (passed) carnation.



Dear Mom,

Thank you for supporting me even when I pushed you away.

Thank you for showing me it's okay to make mistakes.

HAPPY BODD

Thank you for taking care of me, because I still need you.

Thank you for showing me what unconditional love truly is.

Thank you for being my teacher, my mentor and my best friend.

Thank you mom, I love you

BIBLE MOTHERS

Delve into the heart of biblical heritage with this word search, spotlighting the names of mothers whose faith and strength echo through generations.

ABIGAIL
BATHSHEBA
BILHAH
ELIZABETH
EUNICE
EVE
GOMER
HAGAR
HANNAH
JEZEBEL
JOCHEBED
JUDITH
KETURAH
LEAH
LOIS
MARY
MILCAH



NAOMI
PENINNAH
RACHEL
RAHAB
REBEKAH

RUTH
SARAH
TAMAR
ZILPAH
ZIPPORAH

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“Hymns of Glory; Songs of Praise”



St. Augustine is credited with the quote: “He who sings prays twice.” Mindful of that saying, Good Shepherd’s Arts and Spirituality Ministry will be sponsoring “Hymns of Glory; Songs of Praise,” an evening with organist Jerry Taylor.

The program will take place on **Wednesday evening, May 14**, from **5:00-6:30pm**. The evening will start with a simple meal of sandwich, chips, salad, dessert and beverage, followed by a musical program featuring a selection of favorite hymns. Jerry will be bringing several antique reed organs to accompany the singing. As we sing the

hymns, Jerry will share information regarding the history of the musical instruments, as well as information about the hymns and the authors themselves.

There is a sign-up sheet for the program in the information hallway. So that we may prepare for all who are coming, the final sign-up will be Sunday, May 11, 2025.



For more information or questions, please contact Betsi Wilson.



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Parish Life Event

On **May 17th**, Parish Life is enjoying a hike at **Riverwalk Park** in Murphy while learning local history, flora, and fauna. We'll **meet at church at 9:30am**, then carpool or caravan to the parking lot located just past Murphy Elementary School. Sign up if you plan to attend.



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SIGN UP

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We are meeting at **4:30pm**, for fellowship at Crane Creek Stone House Tasting Room
1040 Crane Creek Rd,
Young Harris, GA 30582



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On Tuesday, **May 20th** we are hosting our Cancer Support Group in the Parish Hall at **5pm**. We are hoping to offer support to those on the journey of dealing with, surviving, and/or caring for someone with cancer. Bring something to share in thoughts, ideas, and of course some food. Contact Jose Arias by email if you can't attend in person but would like to be part of the meeting by zoom: jose_m_arias@hotmail.com



Memorial Day

Thank you to all of our men & women who serve, and to those who have served and passed.



Greater Love

LORD JESUS, THANK YOU FOR MAKING WAY FOR US TO HAVE VICTORY OVER SIN. YOU'VE SHOWN US YOUR GREATER LOVE, EVIDENCED IN THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE YOU MADE AT THE CROSS! YOU LAID YOUR LIFE DOWN AND CALLED US YOUR FRIENDS. HELP US REMEMBER THESE FALLEN SOLDIERS, OUR FAMILY, AND FRIENDS WHO ALSO DEMONSTRATED THIS GREATER LOVE BY PAYING THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE.



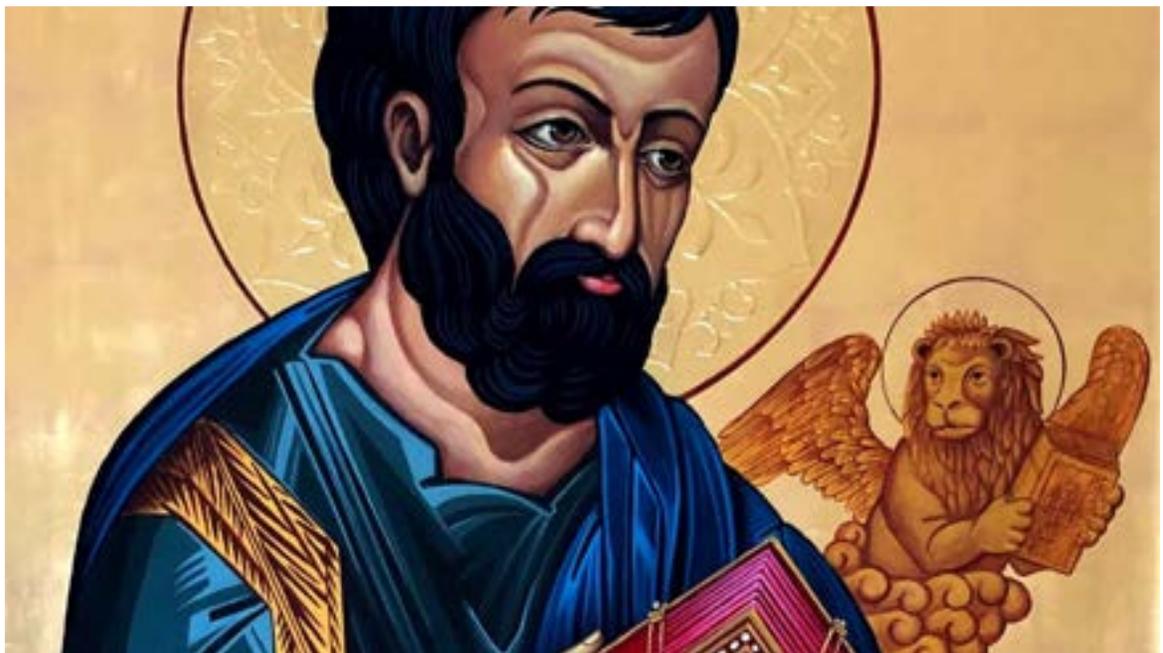


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Reading Mark
Mondays at 10 AM
June 9 -30 in the Library

The earliest written of the four Gospels, the Gospel according to Mark provides much material found in both Matthew and Luke. Those Gospels borrow heavily from Mark but reorganize and extend that borrowed text to make their own witness to the mission and ministry of God in Jesus Christ. Mark has been considered lesser than the other Gospels: lesser as a piece of literature, lesser theologically, lesser as a basis for liturgy, lesser as a call to mission. A closer examination of Mark, however, reveals some of its genius and why it is the first among the Gospels.

Bring your Bibles as we read Mark and discover some of its riches. This will be the first in a series of short courses on the four Gospels.





After the 11am service on June 18th, we will be Roasting & Toasting Keith Christensen & Carol Smucker as they retire!

The church will be providing ham & biscuits. We ask that you join us and please, bring something to share. Also, please be thinking of your toasting ideas!



Calling All Good Shepherd Artists and Crafters!



Our Annual **Blueberry Festival** is coming July 20, 2025 at 12:15 pm! GSEC would like to showcase our very own artists & crafters. We are inviting parishioners to share their talents with us by donating handmade works as a donation to sell at our fundraiser. All mediums are encouraged. Pieces featuring **blueberries** or the color **blue** would be festive, but any designs would be welcomed. Items will be displayed on tables or stands. Nothing will be mounted, so size matters! We hope that those of you that create works of art will feature items for our festival - God gave you those gift to share! All proceeds from the **Blueberry Festival** benefit our dental ministry, providing basic dental care for our students without insurance. Please contact Patti Brownlee at 863-517-0070 or Brownleepj@aol.com with your interest/questions.

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Bible Trivia

Those who have served on vestry with me as your rector know that I consider vestry members to be the spiritual leaders of the community. Toward that, our vestry meetings are interlaced with prayer and we listen for what the Spirit is saying to our community. Knowing the Bible is a challenge for all of us and wondering how well our current spiritual leaders would do, I sent them the following questions. Give them a try. Heaven credits for effort. Heaven credits for joining us for our study of the Gospel according to Mark, Mondays at 10 AM beginning on June 9.

How many books make up the Torah?

How many sons did Abraham have?

Who were Isaac's sons?

Who was the first king of Israel?

What is sheol?

Which prophet tended sycamore trees?

In what language was the New Testament primarily written?

Which of the gospels is not one of the synoptics?

Where was Jesus born?

How many wise men were there?

In John's gospel, what was Jesus' first miracle?

Which disciple's mother-in-law did Jesus heal?

Which gospel includes foot washing but not the Last Supper?

Who was the first person sent by Jesus to tell others about his resurrection?

What was Paul's original name?

Who was the deacon who became the first martyr of the church?

What is the last book of the Bible?



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Notes from our Financial Statements for March 2025

Income Statement

Income received for March \$31,680

Expenses for March \$32,555

Net Income/(Loss) for March (\$875)

Total Income for the Year \$80,730

Total Expenses for the Year \$90,556

Net Income/(Loss) for the Year (\$9,826)

Net Income/(Loss) for the Year (March 2024) (\$6,960)

Net Income/(Loss) for the Year (March 2023) (\$4,961)

Net Income/(Loss) for the Year (March 2022) (\$6,367)

Net Income/(Loss) for the Year (April 2024) (\$7,076)

Account Balances

UCBI Operating Account (Checking) \$ 50,303

UCBI Petty Cash \$ 1,405

UCBI Restricted Accounts \$ 19,249

(Was "Dental Fund")

Investment funds at Edward Jones

Operating Funds Money Market (30) \$122,228

B&G Scholarship Money Market (60) \$125,599

Camp Henry (62) \$ 3,965

Capital Reserve Money Market (61) \$ 41,343

HVAC Reserve (59) Closed \$ 00000

Rector Sabbatical Money Market (54) \$ 4,945

Parish News

Birthdays in *May*

- 05/01 Mili Arias
- 05/03 Benjamin Bethel
- 05/03 Susan Gray
- 05/03 Dwain Zagrocki
- 05/08 Jordan Bender
- 05/08 Alba Jones
- 05/08 Diane Welton
- 05/13 Mary Carol Campbell
- 05/15 Mel Halfon
- 05/17 Lou Lanwermyer
- 05/18 Summer Bigham
- 05/18 Angela Wilkerson
- 05/18 Susan Wyman
- 05/24 Clarice Edmondson
- 05/24 Abby Joyce
- 05/26 Robin Kolar
- 05/27 Tom Griffiths
- 05/28 Clyde Taylor
- 05/30 Jerry Taylor
- 05/31 Ella Angelillo
- 05/31 Shirley Stillwell



Anniversaries in *May*

- 05/01 Janet and Bruce Beall
- 05/10 Sue and Ed Kelley
- 05/16 Sharon and Ed Faircloth
- 05/16 Kathy and Kanute Rarey
- 05/27 Hannah and Andrew Jones



Directory Updates:

Please note the following changes in your directory.



Please email Amanda in the church office with any birthday or anniversary updates:

gsepicsopal@brmemc.net

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Lectionary Readings for *May*

Third Sunday of Easter

[Acts 9:1-6, \(7-20\)](#)
[Revelation 5:11-14](#)
[John 21:1-19](#)
[Psalm 30](#)

Fourth Sunday of Easter

[Acts 9:36-43](#)
[Revelation 7:9-17](#)
[John 10:22-30](#)
[Psalm 23](#)

Fifth Sunday of Easter

[Acts 11:1-18](#)
[Revelation 21:1-6](#)
[John 13:31-35](#)
[Psalm 148](#)

Sixth Sunday of Easter

[Acts 16:9-15](#)
[Revelation 21:10,](#)
[22-22:5](#)
[John 5:1-9](#)
[Psalm 67](#)



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