



# The FLOCK

The official Newsletter of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
822 Belvoir Ave., East Ridge, TN 37412



# CHANGES ARE COMING

**COVID-19  
UPDATES**

## Dear Members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church!

We have been praying for you! We sure have missed seeing you at church as we have lived through these trying times. However, God is good. We pray that the Lord has kept you strong in your faith and lifted you up in his grace in those times when you have struggled.

A leadership committee was organized to oversee safe worship practices in response to COVID-19 consisting of our pastors, Steve Meyer (Chairman), Lane McKown (head of lay ministry), Dr. Mark Steele (medical expertise), Nolan Polley (AVL), Katie Baumann (DCE), Sandy Morris (music director), Andrew Swain and Craig Mullinax (board of properties). As you know, we have been live streaming services up to this time.

Now, having looked at the different directives from the Center for Disease Control and government officials, this group feels it is time to offer worship services in the sanctuary. Let me say up front, as the Center of Disease Control has noted, there is always an increased risk in larger social gatherings including a worship service indoors. Even singing with masks increases these risks to some degree. The CDC is recommending that people with compromised immune systems or who are older than 65 not join in these larger gatherings. That being said, there are other factors which need to be taken into account. Some are struggling isolation. Others are struggling in their faith even if you are watching services online. Some of our members have no access to online services. It has been 10 weeks since they have been in church. These struggles are real as well. Each person needs to make their own decision based upon their circumstances and what they are facing as they seek to put their faith in the Lord and to love their neighbor. If you feel that it is too risky for you to attend church at this time, we are going to still offer live streaming services on our Facebook site for all three services, traditional worship, contemporary worship, and Grace Place. Regarding Grace Place, a large number who attend this service feel they need to stay at home. So Grace Place will continue to ONLY live stream until further notice. We will also offer curb side communion on Saturday from 3 pm to 4 pm and on Sunday from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm. If you need a home visit, please contact us, and we will be there for you.

The above being said, we are going to offer worship services in the church on Sunday for Traditional and Contemporary worship services on Sunday. The times of these services are 9 am

for Traditional (yes please note the time change which will be explained below) and 11:15 am for Contemporary. To help prepare us to do this in a safe way, we had a trial run with a small group of worshippers this past week. Please do not be offended if you were not asked to come. We were trying to get a small sample group of single people, families with older kids and younger, and others who will be helping with different duties during the worship services. The purpose of this was to do a test run with a smaller group to make sure everything ran smoothly before inviting the larger group. This was all done for the sake of safety considerations only.

**To help make time back together a good one, we want to inform you about the steps we are taking so you feel safe, and so you are not surprised by anything.**

*First, please plan to bring a face mask.* If you do not have one, one will be given to you. While these are not going to perfectly protect you, they do help. They will also help stop you from spreading anything to someone else. For the sake of your neighbor, please help us here. We want to help people where they are at so that when they come, they can have their mind on worshipping the Lord. Please know, we are happy to talk with you about any concerns you may have. **So here are the things to expect:**

**1. Note that all pews, bathrooms, and door knobs are disinfected between services.**

This is why we moved traditional worship to 9 am, to allow us to disinfect pews between services as both services are in the sanctuary.

**2. At the door,** you will have your temperature taken by medical professional person and you will be asked a couple of questions recommended by the CDC to make sure people are healthy before enter the worship area.

**3. If you do not have a mask, you will be given one.** Everyone is expected to wear a mask with the following exceptions: 2 years old and younger, no mask; ages 3 to 10, at the discretion of the parents. If there is a

medical condition that does not allow someone to wear a mask such as autism or some other condition, there will be special allowances. (*Note that musicians do not all wear masks nor the pastor when he is preaching as it is not possible to preach or sing with these masks at the volume required to lead worship. These people will be further back from the congregation when they are singing or preaching.*)

**4. We will not offer nursery** at this time though we are working on this. Please be patient.

**5. Greeters will meet you to do the following:**

- A) You will be given a paper bulletin by the greeter with a rubber glove. No hymnals are available in the pews.
- B) They will invite you to use the restroom facilities before worship. Safe social distancing will be assured in bathrooms by the bathroom monitor.
- C) They will direct you to enter the sanctuary by one of the two side doors so we have foot traffic in one direction.
- D) They will direct you to Sarah's desk. Please note that tape is in place to help with social distancing.

**6. Attendance and prayer requests at Sarah's desk.**

- A) To avoid passing paper, attendance will be taken at Sarah's desk so we can see if someone is not coming. Many members do not have internet or email. We want to minister to them as well. Please help us.
- B) If you have a prayer request that you would like to be prayed for during worship, our volunteer at the desk will write this down and get it to the pastor.
- C) If you have a prayer request that you would like to have put in prayer list for the following week, that will also be tak-

en by our volunteer and passed on to the pastors and secretary.

## 7. Entering and seating in the sanctuary

*(Please follow the directives of the ushers for the sake of the safety of all)*

- A) You will be directed by the greeters and the ushers to enter the sanctuary by either of the two side doors.
- B) We will only be using every other pew for seating to provide for safe social distancing.
- C) One family group will sit at the end of each pew and a second family group at the other end. A family group may be on single person or a family. Dating couples will be allowed to sit together.

## 8. Communion

- A) People will line up on the side aisles to go down front for communion at the direction of the usher. Note the tape in the aisle to allow you to practice safe social distancing while you stand in line.
- B) When you take communion, a fresh paper plate will be put down on the table by someone with rubber gloves. Both the wafer and individual cups will be placed on the plate using rubber gloves.
- C) Please follow the directives of the Usher as he will assist you in stepping up to your family table at the proper time to practice safe social distancing with all concerned
- D) When all family groups have stepped up to the 6 tables, the pastor will speak the words to invite you to partake of the body and blood of our Lord.
- D) After partaking of the supper, the pastor to dismiss you, one family group at a time. You will return to your seats leave the altar area up the center aisle.
- E) Each communicant will drop his cup into the bowl on a table and dispose of their paper plate in the trash can. Both the ta-

ble with the bowl and the trash can will be in clear view as you exit the altar area.

## 9. Offerings and Exiting the church

- A) There will be an offering plate as you exit the church.
- B) All will exit the sanctuary up the center aisle to keep one direction traffic to allow for social distancing.
- C) Rows will be dismissed one row at a time by the ushers to allow us to practice safe social distancing. Please note the tape in the aisle to aid you in this. Pastor will greet you as you come out the center doors.
- D) We know people want to talk. The parking lot is the perfect place for this. Parking spaces are just a little over 6 feet wide and you can talk as long as you want.

Thank you in advance for helping us by working with us. The leaders have worked hard taking all things into consideration as we trying to meet the spiritual needs of our congregation, listen to the directives from the CDC and our governing officials. Most of all, we want to do all this to assure everyone we are trying to make worship as safe as possible for you and for everyone while trying to take special circumstances into account. We want people to come knowing we love them in the Lord and are doing all we can so they can do the most important thing of all, gather together in the name of our Lord to be fed with his grace in Christ and to enjoy the gift of the fellowship we have in our Lord Jesus Christ. We pray for all to walk in the spirit of faith in our Lord and in love for our brothers and sister, especially the weak. We have a Lord who went to the cross for us when we were helpless. May that same spirit of love fill all our hearts as we come to minister to one another in Jesus.

In Christ's Service and Yours,  
Rev. H. Christopher Sheets

# Celebrating OUR GRADUATES

**Congratulations to those in the GSLC family who have graduated this year.**  
If we have missed a name, please call the office!

Edna Butterfield– Chattanooga State– AS: General Transfer. Going to Maryville for BS in American Sign Language Interpretation.

Hamilton Chadwell– Boyd Buchanan High School– Going to The University of the Cumberlands in Williamsburg, KY in the fall.

Savannah Denton– Ringgold High School

Tabitha Lanning– UTC (cum laude)- BS in Exercise Science. Chosen for Physical Therapy Assistant program at Chattanooga State.

Jonas Lee– 5th Grade-BCA.

BCA Class of 2020: Simon Bastnagel, Braxton Ervin, Sadie Pacenti, Jahel Valentin, Samantha Woodfin.



## High School & Jr. High

**You're Invited to the weekly PULSE Zoom Calls that take place on Wednesday Nights @ 8 pm.**

**Contact Katie to get the meeting info.**  
[dcekatieb@gslcflock.org](mailto:dcekatieb@gslcflock.org)



# PUZZLE

## A FATHER'S INSTRUCTION

Although babies don't come with instructions, God tells parents how to raise their children.

Directions: Fill in the blanks with letters, using the number grid to find the correct coordinates. The first number goes across, and the second one goes down.

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2	m	b	o	k	h	u	s
3	e	n	c	x	t	p	f

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EPHESIANS 6:4, NIV

Answers: "... bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."

**Don't forget about our weekly devotional videos!**

## Quarantine with Jesus

"For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, [ \*nor COVID-19], nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord."  
 - Romans 8:38-39 [ \*not even this]

It's been a journey, y'all. Need a bit of encouragement? Check out our weekly devotional videos, *Quarantine with Jesus* Episodes 1-9, on the Pulse Facebook page and our IGTV channel on Instagram.

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## Everyday Faith from GPH

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## Anniversaries

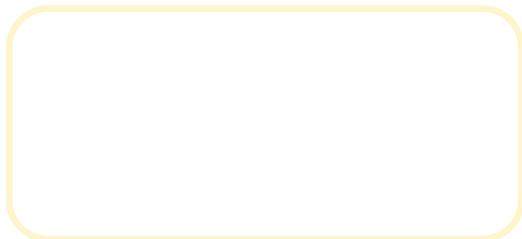
6/5- Greg & Kelli Besh (26 yrs.)  
6/8- Steve & Gail Meyer (46 yrs.)  
6/8- Craig & Jane Mullinax (24 yrs.)  
6/9- Calen & Shelia Hall (30 yrs.)  
6/9- Dan & Sherry Jacobs (47 yrs.)  
6/10- Jimmy & Debbie Smith (48 yrs.)  
6/12- Randy & Linda Mauritzsen (49 yrs.)  
6/14- Vince & Kaitlyn Brannan (6 yrs.)  
6/14- Kevin & Ann Skidmore (40 yrs.)  
6/14- Paul & Alicia Webb (12 yrs.)  
6/15- Jeremy & Sara McIntyre (19 yrs.)  
6/16- Ross & Edna Hatcher (47 yrs.)  
6/17- Barry & Maria Irwin (22 yrs.)  
6/19- Michael & Laura Barrett (16 yrs.)  
6/19- Wes & Teri Keene (21 yrs.)  
6/21- Daryle & Amber Beam (29 yrs.)  
6/24- Brent & Jessica Durham (20 yrs.)  
6/29- Michael & Teresa Morris (7 yrs.)  
6/30- Daryl & Cindy Massengill (41 yrs.)



## Birthdays

6/1- Tom Bright  
6/1- Joshua Sosna  
6/2- Kim Holcomb  
6/4- Connie Foster  
6/4- Catelyn McCoy  
6/5- Dan Norey  
6/5- Shelby Stone  
6/6- Tammy Clark  
6/9- Miranda Irwin  
6/9- Samantha McCoy  
6/11- Chuck Lutz  
6/13- Maddison Mosby  
6/14- Isaac King  
6/17- Tim Fuller  
6/17- Vivian Johnson  
6/20- Andrew Mullinax  
6/21- Brenda Locklear  
6/21- JoQuel Slater  
6/23- Alina Earnshaw  
6/23- Jennifer Harvey  
6/24- Myra Steele  
6/25- Daniel Wingard  
6/25- Dabney Padgett  
6/27- Daryl Massengill  
6/27- Gloria Bevill  
6/27- Evan Norey  
6/28- Vince Brannan  
6/29- Suzan Marsh  
6/29- Lisa Scott  
6/29- Theresa Johnson

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