

THE Shepherd's Fold

April 14, 2024

The Third Sunday of Easter

THE CHURCH OF GOLF

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." In the days that followed God created all sorts of things, such as grass, Azaleas, pine trees and magnolias. On the sixth day God created humans in his image and gave them dominion over all the earth and all that is on it. This concept of "dominion" has led us to the theological belief that humans have been given responsibility for the world and we are expected to take care of it! The word for that responsibility is stewardship.

In 1931 Bobby Jones, seeing the abandoned Fruitland Nursery for the first time said, "It seemed that this land had been lying here for years just waiting for someone to lay a golf course on it." Against significant odds, Jones and Clifford Roberts did just that, but they didn't just take a beautiful part of God's creation and build another golf course, they built an experience that transcends the ordinary into the extraordinary. That transcendence happened because they and all who followed them clearly understood the meaning of stewardship. The golf course, the tournament and the respectful way patrons are treated epitomizes that concept.

For the past six days the world has focused on Augusta as another Masters Championship is contested. High drama, tragedy and humor is the order of the day, but that's the stuff golf is made of. That's the stuff life is made of. So, might golf be a metaphor for a "spiritual" life? Why not? Life and golf are difficult and never quite mastered. We never know what the day or the next shot will bring. Life and golf require patience - life is lived one day at a time - golf is played one shot at a time.

Golf is played by the rules, but in golf, as in life, the spirit of those rules is realized only if the player is the enforcer.

**Service times this Sunday:
8:00 am, 10:00 am & 6:00 pm*

Bobby Jones was a man of epic integrity. He knew what it meant to lead a righteous life, and that spilled over into his golf. Jones was the quintessential steward, and he left the world a legacy of stewardship. God calls us to do the same.

In golf and in life always replace your divots out of respect for those playing behind you.

Peace,



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PARISH NEWS

Our thoughts and prayers are with Douglas and Tiphani Batchelor III, Thomas and Nicole Blanchard Batchelor, and Julia Anne and Mike Batchelor Hubert; eight grandchildren, Lauren Anne Batchelor, Catherine (Kate) Monahan, Myron Fowler, Jr., Douglas Hinson Fowler, Denver Owen Hubert, Michael Austin Hubert, Matthew Thomas Hubert and Evan Christopher Hubert upon the death of their father and grandfather, Doug Batchelor.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Lucy, London, Natalie Kay and Augustine, upon the death of her husband and their father and grandfather, Trees Smith.

COGS MINISTRIES

Our next COGS outreach will be returning to work with Downtown Cooperative Church

Ministries Food Panty whose mission is to “feed the hungry in our community.” Our group will be volunteering on **April 20th** from 8:30am until 11:30am. Volunteers should come to the St. John UMC parking lot (736 Greene Street) between 8 and 8:30am where the DCCM volunteers will be setting up the food distribution. Volunteers should plan on parking on 8th St. or across the street on Telfair since the parking lot is used for the drive through and walk-up distributions. The volunteers will be at the various stations with the food and place it in the client’s trunk as they drive up. They have a separate area for the walking clients. A volunteer “personal shopper” takes their cart and goes to get their food. The food distribution generally occurs between 9am and 11am.

Volunteers must be at least twelve years of age all youth under 16 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Please e-mail Lynn Tyson at **ltyson517@gmail.com** if you would like to volunteer or call or text at **706-833-7415**. Name tags for our COGS volunteers will be available. They report that donations of granola bars or ready to eat items such as peanut butter crackers for snack bags for the homeless are always

appreciated. DCCM reports that this ministry is doing what Christ has asked us to do. “Feed his sheep.”

BACK TO THE BIBLE

For the monthly readings pick up a bookmark or navigate to our B2B page: goodshepherd-augusta.org/b2b.



KANUGA
Good Shepherd Parish Retreat,
September 20-22, 2024.
Registration coming soon!

DAILY DEVOTIONALS!
The Forward Day by Day have arrived. Booklets are available for you to pick up in the church lobby.

Hello, Spring!
BLOOD DRIVE

 Church of the Good Shepherd

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

9 AM - 12:30 PM

 **FREE SHEPARD BLOOD UMBRELLA FOR ALL DONORS!**

 SKIP THE LINE!
SCAN OUR QUICK PASS TO ANSWER SCREENING QUESTIONS THE MORNING OF THE DRIVE
PHOTO ID REQUIRED

 **Shepard Community Blood Center**
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Good Shepherd Sunday Services
Masters Week
8 am, 10 am & 6 pm

 Church of the Good Shepherd

Servers of the Shepherd

Sunday, April 14, 2024

8:00 AM

CelebrantBunny Simon Williams
PreacherTed Clarkson
OrganistJim Nord
Lay ReadersCissy Bowden, Bobbie Ingenito

10:00 AM

CelebrantJoe Bowden
PreacherTed Clarkson
Organist & ChoirmasterJim Nord
Verger..... Gene Rollins
Lay ReadersBob Nesbit, Mitzi McCoy

6:00 PM

Celebrant & Preacher..... Ted Clarkson
Organist Nick Lowery
Lay ReadersMitzi McCoy, Jim Price

All Services

Altar Guild Team VI
Vestry Person of the Day Greg Haltiner

YOUTH NEWS

Head to the Shell Newsletter for details & to sign-up for up coming events. For any questions, email Mary Grace Wynn at mgwynn@goodshepherd-augusta.org.

YOUTH GROUP

Due to Easter and Masters Week, Youth Group and Christian Formation will resume on **April 21st**.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mark your calendars for VBS at Good Shepherd from **June 3rd** through **June 7th**. For registration head over to the SHELL.

