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# Shepherd's Fold

DISCOVER 150 YEARS OF PURPOSE

*September 22, 2019*

## **FLOWING WELLS CAMPUS – HOLY GROUND**

I had the opportunity to visit the Flowing Wells Campus this week and was impressed with the significant progress that has been made this summer. The amphitheater is well along to completion. The sports field should be finished in two weeks. The permanent bleachers are nearly finished. As I was sitting in those bleachers I let my imagination flow forward to what our children would experience and learn in the years ahead. I imagined the kids having their own gardens. I imagined a child preparing the soil and planting a single kernel of corn. That child would care for that kernel of corn and be amazed as the first green sprout came out the earth. Imagine that child's wonder as the tiny fragile shoot grew to a full-sized seven feet tall corn stalk putting off little flowers that would become ears of corn. Each of those ears would produce hundreds of kernels from the single kernel that was planted months before. After the child had harvested their corn they would watch the stalk turn from green to brown and be removed from their garden.

Just think what planting that single kernel would teach that child. They would learn about soil chemistry, plant genetics, pollination, photosynthesis, meteorology, nutrition, seasonal astronomy, seasonal life cycles, mathematics, and business. They would also learn the rewards of having ownership of something and caring for it.

That kernel of corn would also teach the child theology. Jesus taught using parables. Many of those parables were pastoral in that the stories were of land, farm, or animals. A child spending their early years on the Flowing Wells Campus would have no trouble understanding the Parable of the Sower and seeds that fell on rocky ground and good ground. The child would have no problems understanding that weeds are detrimental to young plants and themselves. The child would have no problem understanding a Good Shepherd. The child would also learn that he or she has been given a wider responsibility to care not for just their corn stalk, but they are to care for all of God's creation. They learn all of this and much more, doing what a child loves best, playing in the dirt.

The potential for learning all about life is right there on those thirty-eight acres. The only thing that will limit this "in-the-dirt education" is our imagination, but knowing our EDS leaders and teachers, I don't believe that will be a problem.

Peace,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "Joe", written in a cursive style.



## Cursillo

Is it time for your Cursillo? Join us at Cursillo #126 on October 17-20, 2019 at Honey Creek. You can register at [www.cursillo.georgiaepiscopal.org](http://www.cursillo.georgiaepiscopal.org)

Cursillo is a Spanish word meaning 'little' or 'short course' in Christianity. This short course has assisted generations of Christians with the goal of faithfully following Jesus in their daily lives.

**The concept of pilgrimage is as old as the Christian faith.** If you have an interest in being a part of a pilgrimage on the Camino do Santiago join Brice Wright in room 208 this Sunday morning to discuss the movie "The Way." It stars Martin Sheen and Emilio Estevez is about lessons learned on the pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela. This class will last four weeks and the group will then consider the interest of adults who may want to engage in this spiritual journey to Spain.



## Wednesdays at Good Shepherd

The series *Sweet Cherry Wine* continues this week with the topic: *What the World Needs Now is Love, Sweet Love: Practicing Hospitality*. Dinner is served at 6:00 pm. Nursery and programs for children and students are also available.

## The Lamb Shoppe

### T-Shirts on Sale!

You may have gotten one of our new Good Shepherd shirts at the brand refresh meeting, but if you don't have one yet--or want another one--we are now taking orders for tee-shirts! Email your size to [office@goodshepherd-augusta.org](mailto:office@goodshepherd-augusta.org). The shirts are green or gray with a white and gold logo. Sizes: youth xs-adult 4x. Cost \$12, adult 2x-4x \$14



### New car decals are in!

Pick up your new car decal in the church lobby.

## ***Stressed Kids=Stressed Parents=Stressed Kids...***

The pressure of growing up in today's world can be overwhelming. But then, so can parenting.

How do we teach our children to stand up to peer pressure? How do we prepare them to negotiate the sensitive issues of sex, smoking, drinking and self-medicating? Is tough love too tough or is lenient love too enabling? How do we help them to be successful in a competitive world without robbing them of their childhood? How do we engage them with Jesus? These questions are pertinent to parents and grandparents of children of all ages.

These and other questions will be addressed at the next Follow the Star Dinner and Program on October 8. Sid Gates, M.S., D. Min.; Anna Wright, Ph.D., and Danny Wright, LCSW will be with us to address these questions and others. The evening will begin at 6:00 pm and dinner will be provided by The Butcher Shoppe. Nursery care and supper will be provided for the children. Cost for dinner is \$10.00 per adult attendee.

Submit your own questions to Bunny Simon Williams+ at [bunny@goodshepherd-augusta.org](mailto:bunny@goodshepherd-augusta.org) so that the speakers can address them. Please RSVP no later than Thursday, October 3. early so that we can have a correct count for supper and nursery care.



## ***Blessing of the Animals***

Bring your furry and friendly loved ones to be blessed on Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM in honor of the feast day of St. Francis of Assisi.

We will be collecting donations to benefit Dog & Cat Networking Agents, Inc.

## ***Meet the Nominees for Bishop***

You are invited to come meet the five nominees to be elected the next Bishop of Georgia on Tuesday, October 22nd at 6:00 pm.

Good Shepherd will host this convocational meeting in our Parish House. Read the nominees' biographies at [www.georgiabishopsearch.org](http://www.georgiabishopsearch.org)



## ***Work Day at 933 Milledge Rd.***

Volunteers needed to help with gardening chores at the Clay property on Saturday morning, September 28th from 8:30 -10:30 am. Chores will be mostly weeding and raking up. Please bring gloves, trowels or small digging tools. Helpful children with a parent would be welcome. Please bring bottled water to stay hydrated. For more information, contact Kay Allen at the church office: 706-738-3386.

# Servers of the Shepherd

Sunday, September 22

8:00 am

Celebrant..... Lynn Prather  
 Preacher ..... Robert Fain  
 Organist..... Nick Lowery  
 Lay Readers ..... David Lentz, Camilla Davis

9:00 am

Celebrant..... Bunny Simon Williams  
 Preacher ..... Robert Fain  
 Organist & Choirmaster ..... Jim Nord  
 Choir ..... St. Gregory  
 Verger ..... Ed Enoch  
 Lay Readers ..... Kelley Norris, Karen Ellestad  
 Lead Acolyte ..... Andrew Daniel  
 Ushers..... Trey Hargrove, Matt Martin

11:15 am

Celebrant..... Lynn Prather  
 Preacher ..... Robert Fain  
 Organist & Choirmaster ..... Jim Nord  
 Choir ..... Good Shepherd  
 Verger ..... Stovall Walker  
 Lay Readers Nancy Greenwood, Heather Evans  
 Lead Acolyte ..... E Nesbit  
 Ushers..... Yves Latremouille, Eric Smith

6:00 pm

Celebrant & Preacher ..... Joe Bowden  
 Organist..... Wayne Lord  
 Lay Readers ..... Jim Price, Faith Moore

All Services

Vestry..... Courtney Capps  
 Altar Guild ..... Team V  
 Breakfast..... Brice Wright, Matthew Norris,  
 Alex Wier

Monday, September 23

Morning Prayer.....8:00 am ..... Debby Moore  
 Grief Group .....6:15 pm.....Andy Menger

Tuesday, September 24

Morning Prayer.....8:00 am .....Matt Matson  
 Bible Study .....10:00 am..... Andy Menger  
 Healing Service .... 11:00 am.....Andy Menger

Wednesday, September 25

Holy Eucharist.....7:00 am..... Joe Bowden  
 Morning Prayer .....8:00 am .....Jack Speese  
 Brandonwilde.....4:00 pm .....Andy Menger

Thursday, September 26

Morning Prayer .....8:00 am . Jennifer Bradford

Friday, September 27

Morning Prayer .....8:00 am Mary Anne Haynes

Saturday, September 28

Morning Prayer .....8:30 am..... Katrina Selby

Readings

Amos 8:4-7, Psalm 113,  
 1 Timothy 2:1-7, Luke 16:1-13



The **St. Clare Guild**  
 will be meeting for sewing on October  
 7<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> in room 306 at 4:00 pm

**Parishioners of the Week**  
 Stuart and KC Prather