

THE

Shepherd's Fold

DISCOVER 150 YEARS OF PURPOSE

September 29, 2019

Goldenrod and North Winds

I love the South in every aspect, but I have never been able to appreciate the intense heat and humidity of our area. They become oppressive and stifling after a few weeks and seem to suck the life out of me. My mother taught me to look for the first bloom of goldenrod, as it signaled that autumn was not far away and the weather would change to cooler and enervating temperatures. Driving along on Saturday I saw the first goldenrod of the season and my spirit sang with anticipation.

So many of us see the signs of change about us. There are those who will be leaving their mortal coil behind soon and engaging in the greatest of metamorphoses. Some, like myself, have to come to terms with the fact that we are not in our twenties or thirties anymore. Others are creating a marriage and the new family that comes with it. On and on the list goes and in no way is it depressing, for it is all as it should be. In all these conditions and many, many others, we as Christians are upheld by hands mightier than our own. In the 1928 BCP these wonderful words remind us of that very fact... "We bless Thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all, for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory."

Bishop Zakayo of Kenya, taught me a great deal about trust in God. He once said to me, "Andy, in Kenya we pray to God and expect things to happen, because God is all we have to turn to." Here in our culture we get distracted from Godly things and are often sucked into a morass of our own making. Stop a moment, go outside and look at the sky. Observe how the light is changing at dusk and the night temperatures are cooling. God is painting before our senses the tapestry of His power and love, and all of us are truly interwoven into that creation.

At Good Shepherd we reside in two settings. One is the assuring tradition of Anglican worship. On the other hand, so much is about to change. The acquisition of new properties bodes well for both Good Shepherd and EDS. Our parish grows more and more devoted to the practice of Christian hospitality. The study of the Bible is practiced here more than almost any parish I know of. For people of all ages, we are an ark for all who will enter.

Finally, before we take too much credit, it must be said that all that effort on the part of so many, to make this place special and Christ centered, is due not to any of us, but because of persons who have experienced the grace change brought about by encounters with the Savior.

See you in church on Sunday,



Parish Registers

Our thoughts and prayers are with Harriet Brantley upon the death of her son, Steve Brantley on September 19th.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Maxime Warlick on the death of her husband, Byrd Warlick on September 23rd.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Malisa and Deke Copenhaver on the death of her sister, Kathryn Boardman on September 17th.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Anna and Mark Burgreen on the death of his father, Robert Burgreen+ on September 20th.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Brooks Payne Rode and Stephen Rode Jr. on the death of her father and his grandfather, Peter Payne on July 18th.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Kathryn and Dan Walker on the death of her father, Glen Powers.

Flu Shots at Good Shepherd

Stewart Flanagin will be giving flu shots in the church office Sept. 29, 8:30 am - 12:30 pm. Immunizations can be administered to youth 13 and older with a parent's authorization, and a high dose vaccine for senior citizens is also available, which is covered by Medicare. Insurance will cover vaccinations in a majority of cases and the cost, without insurance is \$40.99. Patient authorization forms are a little more time consuming to fill out this year so please allow for this. Protect yourself and others by getting vaccinated!

Adult Formation Readings

The Scarlet Thread of Redemption

September 29: *We Love God, We Hate God*

Exodus 15: 1-21, 22-27, 16:1-5, 17:1-7

October 6: *A Law for All Time*

Exodus 19:1-8, 20:1-19, 24:1-3

Kanuga Weekend

As our Parish Retreat weekend was cancelled due to housing hurricane evacuees, we are now taking registrations for a Kanuga Weekend to be held November 8th-10th. Please pick up a registration form in the church office. Deadline for registration is October 25th!

Blessing of the Animals

Bring your furry and friendly loved ones to be blessed on Saturday, October 5th. 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

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 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.



Parishioners of the Week

Phil and Julie Harison with daughters Kathryn and Elizabeth and friend, Shane Tuley

Christ Community Meal

Good shepherd will serve the Christ Community Meal on Saturday, October 5th. For more information or if you would like to help, please contact Lynn Prather: LBprather@goodshepherd-augusta.org.



A Pat on the Back

Roland Brune received the first St. Gregory Choir "Pat on the Back" award last Sunday. Roland has been setting a good example for the younger choristers by singing every word of our hymns and participating in all the spoken parts of the service. Well done, Roland!

Servers of the Shepherd

Sunday, September 29

8:00 am

Celebrant..... Joe Bowden
Preacher Bunny Simon Williams
Organist..... Nick Lowery
Lay Readers Cissy Bowden , Jack Speese

All Services

Vestry..... Kelley Norris
Altar Guild Team VI
LEV Terry Arliss, Jack Speese
Breakfast... Rose Anne Moore, Vivian Thornton,
Steve Glover, Alex Wier

9:00 am

Celebrant..... Lynn Prather
Preacher Bunny Simon Williams
Organist & Choirmaster Jim Nord
Choir St. Gregory
Verger Lydia Bliven Smyth
Lay Readers Bob Nesbit, Tom Smyth
Lead Acolyte Team Pidcock
Ushers..... Bubba Helton, Alex Wier

Monday, September 30

Morning Prayer.....8:00 am Jim Price
Grief Group6:15 pm.....Andy Menger

Tuesday, October 1

Morning Prayer.....8:00 am Chum Balk
Bible Study10:00 am..... Andy Menger
Healing Service 11:00 am Lynn Prather

11:15 am

Celebrant..... Robert Fain
Preacher Bunny Simon Williams
Organist & Choirmaster Jim Nord
Choir Good Shepherd
Verger Rob Dennis
Lay Readers Yvonne Harrison, Anne Floyd
Lead Acolyte Will Norris
Ushers... Matthew Matson, Choppy Woodward

Wednesday, October 2

Holy Eucharist7:00 am..... TBD
Morning Prayer8:00 amJack Speese

Thursday, October 3

Morning Prayer8:00 am Al Metzler

Friday, October 4

Morning Prayer8:00 am Neal Dickert

6:00 pm

Celebrant & Preacher Joe Bowden
Organist..... Wayne Lord
Lay Readers Mitzi McCoy, Carleton Vaughn
Lead Acolyte Adair Weston

Saturday, October 5

Morning Prayer8:30 am..... James Jones

Readings

Amos 6:1a,4-7, Psalm 146:4-9,
1 Timothy 6:6-19, Luke 16:19-31

