



WHAT DOES THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU BUT TO DO JUSTICE, AND TO LOVE KINDNESS, AND TO WALK HUMBLY WITH YOUR GOD?

Micah 6:8

Every year after the summer break, as Good Shepherd resumes full services and programs, the staff and clergy discern a new theme, logo or scripture passage that clearly states what we as a community will be about during the coming year.

The Episcopal Day School does the same thing, so usually there are two scriptural beacons that guide Good Shepherd and EDS. This year EDS came up with the Micah verse that is the title of this little article. The Good Shepherd staff and clergy so resonated with this scripture that we asked EDS to let us join them with this single statement of purpose. EDS happily agreed!

Since the prophet Micah is probably not a household name, I'm writing to briefly introduce you all to him, and to give a sense of the circumstances that prompted him to pen those words. Micah is considered one of the minor prophets ("minor" prophets means that they wrote relatively short books). He was a contemporary of Isaiah, Amos, and Hosea and did most of his prophesy and writing between 737 BC and 696 BC.


Micah's messages and prophecies were directed toward Jerusalem. He was not happy with the dishonest business practices, which impoverished the city's citizens. He was the first prophet to predict the downfall and destruction of Jerusalem. Micah was a fierce champion of pure worship of the Lord and of social justice.

Micah also rebuked Israel because of dishonesty in the marketplace and corruption in government. He warned the people, on behalf of God, of pending destruction if ways and hearts were not changed. He told them that they could get out of their mess if they only did what the Lord required of them (Micah 6:8 KJV):

He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the LORD require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?

From reading Micah it seems that Jerusalem, Judah, and Israel in the 6th and 7th centuries BC had the same problems the world has in 2023 AD. Micah offers the remedy. Do justice, Love Kindness, Walk humbly.

I'm not sure we can convince the world that this is a good idea, but we sure can practice it at 2230 and 2248 Walton Way!

Peace, 

SUNDAY
AUGUST 13
8:00 AM
10:00 AM
6:00 PM

SUNDAY
AUGUST 20
8:00 AM
9:00 AM
11:15 AM
6:00 PM

CHRISTIAN FORMATION, SUNDAYS AT 10:00 AM

CHILDREN'S FORMATION: Resumes August 20th

- **Three Year Olds:** Level I Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, The Bride's Room
Catechists: Lucy Roth, Andrea Prosser, Katrina Selby
- **PK-K:** Level I Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, EDS (meet in the Small Parish Hall)
Catechists: Alyson Getchell, Mary Margaret Adams, Linda Wier, Renee Austin
- **1st-3rd Grades:** Level II Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Room 304
Catechists: Ashley Pritchett, Katie Tracy, Laura Irwin, Pam Wynn, Nancy Thompson and Lydia Bliven Smyth
- **4th and 5th Grades:** Weaving God's Promises, Room 302
Teachers: Jennifer Fowler, Walt Worsham, Matt Tracy

STUDENT FORMATION: Resumes August 20th

- **6th - 8th Grades:** *Rite-13, Room 208*
Teachers: Jessica Perry, Taylor McCutcheon
- **9th-12th Grades:** *J2A, Room 303*
Teachers: Katie Wynn, Brice Wright

ADULT FORMATION: Resumes August 27th

- **Young Adults Class:** *Meets in Room 209.* With August comes a new school year and a new Sunday School season. We have selected "Christian Leadership" as our study guide (from LifeGuides) for the fall. We have used other books from the LifeGuides series in the past and have found it to be approachable and good for engaging in discussion. Led by Matt Matson.
- **A Cup of Joe with Honey Buns:** *Sawmill Theology, meets in the Conference Room.* Join Ken Hardy, Bunny+ and Joe+ as they share God Stories – no telling what will happen next!



PARISH HOUSE UPDATE

We are replacing our Parish Hall roof and the aging HVAC units on that roof beginning August 28th. We are so thankful that we are able to complete this work that needs to be done to be able to continue to offer the usage of the Parish Hall for our parishioners, the Episcopal Day School, and the wider community. When this work is underway, we will not have air conditioning in the majority of spaces in the Parish House for two weeks. We will continue to offer Christian Formation and the nursery on Sunday, but we are going to be creative in where we meet. We will list all of this information in the Shepherd's Fold in the coming weeks, so please keep an eye out for it! All of the groups that meet in the Parish House during the week will have to make other arrangements during this time. Thank you for your patience!

MORE CHRISTIAN FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES!



WEDNESDAYS AT GOOD SHEPHERD COGS in the World starts September 13!

This fall we will be looking at Christ's love in the world through the lens of various organizations that Good Shepherd support in the Augusta area. Come and hear the stories of lives sustained and lives changed through this work. Dinner begins at 6 pm, followed by the program at 6:30 pm, which will include not only a speaker from the organization but also a chance to reflect how we can further Jesus' message of love in the world. We wrap up our program with compline and end at 7:15 pm.



BACK TO THE BIBLE (B2B)

Ten years ago, Good Shepherd started a program of reading the entire Bible in a year in the context of small groups. The program was a great success at the time. Of course, many who are at Good Shepherd now were not here at that time, so we are going to offer B2B again, starting in September. Keep a lookout for more details!

SEARCH COMMITTEE FORUM

Join us **August 20th at 10 am** in the Parish Hall for an open forum to elaborate more on the survey results from Holy Cow and to discuss a timetable. We urge as many of you as possible to attend this sess

SUNDAY EVENING YOUTH GROUP

- 5:00-6:00pm: Rite-13 (Grades 6th-8th), Youth Lounge
- 6:00-6:30pm: Dinner (Grades 6th-12th), Small Parish Hall
- 6:30-7:30pm: J2A (Grades 9th-12th), Youth Lounge

NOTE TO PARENTS: An email newsletter for all Youth and Children's news is sent out weekly and is called 'The Shell'. If you are not subscribed to The Shell newsletter, please email mgwynn@goodshepherd-auguta.org.

FEAST AND FELLOWSHIP

It is time to kick off Feast and Fellowship Fall reorganization. Please join us Sunday, August 27, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall for dinner. Bring your favorite dish to share. Fried chicken, wine, iced tea, and water will be provided. We will reform small groups during dinner so that you have an opportunity to meet and plan your first dinner. Feast and Fellowship includes small groups of 8 – 10 people (singles or couples) that meet once a month for dinner in the home of each group member until everyone has hosted. These dinners are meant to be casual and informal. The purpose is to get to know more Good Shepherd folks and have a great time in a relaxed, informal setting. If you are interested in participating, but can't join us on the 27th, please email Jan Jackson infaucus2001@gmail.com, Laura Rollins lhrollins@icloud.com, or Bobbie Ingenito bobeee8@gmail.com. You will be added to a group. Please send your name(s), email, street address, and phone numbers for contact information. Looking forward to seeing you then. Bring friends!

GET PLUGGED IN



KANUGA PARISH WEEKEND

Join us for a crisp, beautiful fall weekend in North Carolina September 29 - October 1! We will have activities for kids and youth, s'mores by the fire, a cabin crawl, drinks and compline on the lake, movie and game night, hiking, and more. Bring your tennis rackets as we will have a friendly round of tennis play on Saturday afternoon. This is a fun weekend that you do NOT want to miss. Pick up a form in the lobby or register online: bit.ly/gskanuga.

PARISH DIRECTORY

It's time to publish a new pictorial directory! Jerry Woods will be taking photos of parishioners from 10 am until 12:30 pm Sunday mornings beginning August 27 and ending September 17. If you are unable to be present for these times, you may email your family photo to either Toni (toniclay@goodshepherd-augusta.org) or Emily (emumford@goodshepherd-augusta.org). You may also stop by the church office to have your photo taken.



CHOIR FOR CHILDREN

The St. Gregory Choir (Grades 3 and up) sings every Sunday at the 9am service. As an affiliate of the Royal School of Church Music, the choir provides a invaluable opportunity in Christian education and music for children. We begin rehearsals this Sunday from 4:30-5pm. Please contact Jim Nord (jnord@goodshepherd-augusta.org) for information.

ORDER A T-SHIRT

Order online, by scanning the QR code or by going to bit.ly/cogstee or on the provided sign up. Tees are \$20 a piece. You may pay by check or with Venmo, [@cogsaugusta](https://www.venmo.com/@cogsaugusta). Those going to the Parish Weekend at Kanuga receive a free t-shirt!



AUGUST SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 20th - 10:00 am

- Children & Student Christian Formation Resumes
- Search Committee Forum
- Breakfast Resumes

Sunday, August 27th - 10:00 am

- Adult Christian Formation Resumes
- Pictorial Directory Photos in the Lychgate
- Sunday Breakfast