



The Shepherd's Voice

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The Rector's Comments from the Annual Parish Meeting 2012



To begin, I wish to thank the retiring Vestry members: Steve Grindon, Senior Warden, David Antypas, Clerk, Patty Britt and Kim Terry. They deserve your appreciation and applause. Their commitment to Good Shepherd and our life together is to be

commended. They are examples of the people whom we have come to know make up Good Shepherd.

I want to thank all the Vestry members who are not retiring from their term office: Vance Shaffer, Morry Ellis, Brian Wilcox; Karen Marinov, Rich Van Etten, Robbie Burns, Mark Baron and Robert Moseley. All of these folks worked hard at preparing our dinner this evening!

I also wish to thank those who make up our paid and volunteer staff group. These folks are creative, committed and work very hard to provide program for Good Shepherd. They are Judy Hollandsworth, Lannette Dunnivant, David Crosby, George Knieriem, Patty Britt, Cathy Kennedy and Cynthia Seifert. Thank you for being on this journey with us.

2011 marked the sixteenth year that Lannette and I have been leaders in ministry here. In March we will have been here 17 years. We have seen this place of worship and community and caring blossom and flourish in that time.

The year 2011 was a good year for Good Shepherd. It has been a good year because we have

worshipped, gone to Sunday School, sang in choirs, played music and met in Bible Studies together. We have assisted at St. Luke's Community House, Graceworks, Bridges, Room in the Inn, the West Nashville Partnership, Thistle Farms and Magdalene House and such as these together. We have supported or traveled to San Jose Obrero together.

It has been a good year because we have carried off another Spring Fling, a Fall Weiner Roast, our Stewardship Dinner and instituted a quarterly potluck for the 10:30 am service together. We have enjoyed visits to the Sounds game and Predator Games together. We have eaten some great Italian food in support of our youth and bought auction items and cosmetics and artwork and items from the Holy Land and on and on together.

We have called a new Youth Minister to replace our last one who answered a different call in life.

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Father Randy addresses the 2012 Annual Meeting.



Rams' Report

Dear Men of Good Shepherd,

I'm sure all of you have a memories of when you knew that COGS was a unique place. For me, one of those was soon after joining the RAMS men's group. As I got to know this group, I felt this congregation had a spirit of service that I wanted to join. A good church men's group like the RAMS can make a profound difference in the life of its church by following a few loose guidelines. First is to make the work fun, and the fun work. Serving the people of COGS



Best wishes to outgoing president Vance Shaffer as he welcomes the new Rams president Jim Molpus.

should never feel like a chore. Second is to have enough organization to make things run smoothly, but if you need to get out the Excel spreadsheets then something is amiss. And, of course, you must feed the members and feed them well. Mostly what's important is to have a group of men who just want to help--whether it is in our regular ministries like Room in the Inn, or helping with our church events like Spring Fling or Italian Feast, or the many quiet acts of service to members of the congregation and community in need.

I know that we all lead incredibly busy lives with work, raising families, kids activities or caring for family members. So perhaps RAMS seems like another commitment of time you do not have. So I would ask simply that every man in the church try one meeting in 2012. We meet the first Saturday of eve-

ry month at 8 am. in Herlong Hall for food, fun and fellowship. If it's been a while since you attended a RAMS meeting then come on back, and if you have never been then come check it out. Give that hour and you will want to come back.

We have our next two meetings on Feb. 4 and then March 3. We hope to see you there.

Jim Molpus
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It has been a good year because we have prayed, studied, feasted, fasted, worked, cleaned, taught Sunday School, served in the nursery, lay-read the Scriptures, served the chalice, served as acolytes, arranged flowers, washed linens for the altar, cleaned up after Sunday's services, made coffee, brought goodies to share, folded bulletins and sent welcome letters together. We have served as Daughters of the King, Rams, or youth members, together. We have helped one another and fed each other and prayed for each other and served one another.

It has been a good year because we have grown our numbers (even though we marked some of our members as inactive - that makes everything else we have done even that more impressive!).

But more than that, it has been a good year because we have followed our mission to serve Christ as Episcopal Christians and have shared Christ with others on the way and honored Christ in others - after all, that is why we are here.

And the thing that brings all this to happen is that we did it together!

It was for just such as this that Good Shepherd came into being in 1995. It was for just this that the Diocese of Tennessee started us on the way nearly 17 years ago.

And I am convinced that if we just keep on doing what we have done living into our mission, we will continue to grow and draw other people into a relationship with God and to know Jesus the Christ. And it was for this that we became a congregation nearly 17 years ago.

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission as a church is to know Christ as Episcopal Christians,
to serve Christ in others, and to make Christ known to others.

Vestry Officers & Program Coordinators

Senior Warden	Morry Ellis
Junior Warden	Mark Baron
Clerk	Brian Wilcox
Treasurer	Paul Eggers
Assisting Treasurers	Susan Hailey, Kim Poole, Joye Arbuckle
Other Vestry Members:	Robbie Burns, Robin Kitora, Karen Marinov, Robert Moseley, Adam Rennhoff, Vance Shaffer, John Shedron, Rich Van Etten, Jim Weatherly.

Ministry Team Leaders:

Webmaster & Voice Editor	Judy Hollandsworth
Buildings & Facilities	George Knieriem
Long Range Steering	Morry Ellis
Sunshine Committee	Shirley Hilmer

Staff Ministries Team Leaders:

Sunday School	Patty Britt
Flower Ministry	Bobbie Noreen
Altar Guild	Patti Dietrick
Youth Minister	David Crosby
Vergen	Cathy Kennedy
Music & Choir Director	Lannette Dunnivant
Assistant Rector	Cynthia Seifert
Rector	Randy Dunnivant

Good Shepherd Treasurer's Report Through December 2011

[Reviewed and Approved at the Annual Meeting]

<u>Year 2011</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>
Contributions	704,216	585,335
Expenses	720,115	717,542
Difference	(15,899)	(132,207)

Cash on Hand December 31, 2011 \$60,525

Consider an automatic payment of your contribution to Good Shepherd by having your bank mail your checks. Contact your bank's "Online Banking" for details.

Have you considered Good Shepherd in your will? If you are interested, please contact Paul Eggers for more details: cogstreasurer@hotmail.com.

February 2012

Feb 3	Stations of the Cross, Noon
Feb 4	Cogs Room in the Inn Night at St. B's Ram's Breakfast, 8 am
Feb 5	DoK Meeting 11:30 am
Feb 6	Women's Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm
Feb 8	Staff meeting, 1 pm
Feb 10-11	Vestry Retreat
Feb 11	ECW Board for Diocese 10—noon
Feb 12	Women's Retreat Planning mtg 11:30
Feb 16	Senior Shepherd's Lunch 11:30
Feb 17-19	Women's Retreat weekend
Feb 19	Ultreya Luncheon 12:30-2 pm, Choir Dinner 5 pm
Feb 20	Women's Evening Bible Study 6:30 pm
Feb 21	Shrove Tuesday Dinner 5:30-7:30 pm
Feb 22	Ash Wednesday Services Noon & 7 pm
Feb 23	Thursday 7AM Stations of the Cross
Feb 23	Vestry meeting
Feb 24	Friday Noon Stations of the Cross
Feb 28	Tuesday Lenten Series begins

Regular Weekly Meetings:

Mon.	Boy Scout Troop 8, 7 pm
Tues.	Morning Prayer 7 am
Wed.	Noon Bible Study Youth Group 5:30-7:00 pm Traditional Choir Rehearsal 6:30 pm
Friday	Men's Discipleship Study 7 am

Please send information for the newsletter to Judy Hollandsworth before the 20th of the month.

E-mail judyhollands@comcast.net

Check us out on the web!
www.goodshepherdbrentwood.org



Good Shepherd Youth Group Upcoming Events:

We have some very exciting plans coming up for 2012 in the month of February.

February 12th, Middle School Night Out - Star Wars Episode 1 in 3D - Sign up by **February 8th with David**

February 21st, Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper
- We are helping as servers

*****February 22nd**, We will be going to the Ash Wednesday Service at 7pm***

March 6th, Predator's Game - \$15 tickets contact Jenifer King for more details and to sign up

April 13-15th Youth retreat at Camp Deer Run! \$125 per person, contact David for more information.

We are also continuing our series "All About Jesus" on Wednesday nights during youth group as we take a deep look in to the life of Jesus Christ and learn how to follow him. In film school we are watching Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets. If you haven't been to either youth group or film school I encourage you to come and check them out! Please call me 615-342-9772 if you have any questions.

Blessings in Christ,
David Crosby
Youth Minister

Register Now for the 2012 Women's Retreat

February 17-19th

Ladies of Good Shepherd and your friends and neighbors are invited to meet us on the mountain as we learn how to get *Nearer to the Heart of God* (while getting further away from laundry, dishes, and kids!)

The retreat planning team is excited to bring to you a program of learning, prayer, retreat, fellowship and fun! We will be blessed by a presentation from the Rev. Canon Pamela Snare

on "Lessons for Life from a Monastery" on Saturday. We hope you will join us at DuBose Conference Center, Friday Feb 17th at 6pm to Sunday, Feb 19th at noon. Retreat Registration forms can be found on the tables in Herlong Hall and on the church website at <http://www.goodshepherdbrentwood.org/>.

Romans 8:38-39

38 And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from his love. Death can't, and life can't. The angels can't, and the demons can't. Our fears for today, our worries about tomorrow, and even the powers of hell can't keep God's love away. 39 Whether we are high above the sky or in the deepest ocean, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord.



Reflections

from Evelyn...



Lent is upon us. Epiphany is almost over. Christmas decorations are stored away for another year. Manic holiday advertising has given way to anticipation of Super Bowl ads.

I have a love/hate relationship with advertising, having boldly proclaimed it a field of lies.

And that was when my dear, patient husband, in Sales and Marketing where he was employed, oversaw the advertising campaigns they created. It was in the early 70s when women were portrayed in ads as keeping their homes clean while wearing shirtwaist dresses, pearls and high heels...REALLY!



Who actually believed that what they wore made the FloorGlo work better, or that using the product was so easy one could do the chore on the way out the door to something more interesting?

I do get a kick out of some ads - the gecko, Mike Rowe selling Fords, Flo, Afflac duck, among them, and no doubt I'll enjoy the ads during the big game.

The one that got me recently was for a nutritional beverage. The cast come on screen with holes through them like a shot up character out of an old Dick Tracy cartoon. As they imbibe the touted drink, the holes begin to fill in with adequate vitamins and minerals.

And it hit me that we approach the throne room of God in the same shape. As we make our confession, returning to His Word Written, resuming the trust we affirmed at baptism and confirmation in His Word Incarnate, and trusting once again in His Holy Spirit to guide us, the holes that have sapped our spiritual strength begin to fill up. And we find ourselves once again able to worship and work for the growth of His kingdom on earth. May this be our Lenten discipline.

Ephesians 4:2-3 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

O Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen. (BCP p. 216)



Direct from the Farm to your Fork!

Doe Run Farm's Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) is in their sixth year of delivering fresh from the farm, premium quality vegetables, berries, fruit and produce to middle Tennessee families! Weekly deliveries will once again be made to Church of the Good Shepherd in Brentwood, May through August. **Sign up BEFORE Feb. 1 and receive a discount!** CSA Shares are limited, be sure to sign up now to reserve your share-we generally sell out!

The price you pay for your season's share of the harvest goes directly to the farmers practicing good stewardship on their farms, and growing good food for your table! To register **ONLINE** and for more information about our other share options, go to www.doerunfarm.com.

February Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 1- John Shedron, Jay Wilcox, Stephen Page
- 2- Jacob Baron, Deb Blouin
- 3- Charlene Gibson
- 4- Keaton Gaffney
- 5- Brook Broussard, Scotty Wild
- 6- Tom Shelton, Lisa Shelton, Bob Dietrick
- 7- Greg Matthews, Armelle Maxey
Steve Zeger
- 8- Robert Jones
- 9- Jenny Mays
- 10- Curtis Moseley, Lana Suiter, Jerry Vinett
- 11- Lynda Mayo, John Russell
- 12- Sarah Lovett
- 15- Rhett Broussard
- 16- Brock Morss
- 17- Sydney Sorrell
- 20- Dan Stewart
- 21- Chris Thompson, Shalan Trotz, Matthew
Van Eppen
- 22- Morry Ellis, Tammie Howalt
- 23- Joey Stephens, Philip Stephens
- 24- Rebecca Combs, Olivia Jones
- 26- Biff Porter, Lexie Zeger
- 28- Patrick Lovett

Anniversaries

- 1- Tom and Susan Hailey
- 7- Rick and Sharon Hake
- 13- Bill and Susan Bailey
- 14- Randy and Lannette Dunnavant,
- 29- George and Georgeanne Oxnam,

If your anniversary or birthday is not listed or is incorrect, let the Church office know and we shall correct our records.

Good Shepherd Music Ministry

You need to join the choir.

Our dedicated singers work diligently to give their best to God and Good Shepherd at each worship service.

We need more choir members.

We need more choir members. It may look like the choir is full on Easter morning or Christmas Eve, but those two services do not tell the whole story.

We need more choir members. Everyone needs or wants a Sunday off from time to time. When that happens we have an empty seat and praises that do not get given to God.

We need more choir members. More people singing equals more fun. And in the choirs of Good Shepherd having fun while serving is a priority!

We need more choir members. Listen in case God is calling you.

There is a place for you in Good Shepherd's Music Ministry. For more information contact me, Lannette Dunnavant, at lannetted@comcast.net, 776-5833 h, 668-5951 c or just see me at church!



Teen Confirmation Classes begin in February

Do you have a teenager, aged 15 and over, who is interested in being confirmed? Starting February 5th, the Teen Confirmation class will likely meet on Sunday afternoons. Once we know who is interested, however, we'll try to negotiate a best time for everyone. Confirmation Day will take place when the Bishop visits Good Shepherd on April 29, 2012. Contact Rev. Cynthia at: cynthiaseifert@gmail.com

San Jose Obrero Mission Trip 2012

June 12th -19th 2012



Next meeting will be on Sunday,
February 26 after the 9 am service

Upcoming Events:

Friday, March 16th

Wine & Cheese

Sunday, April 29th

Silent Auction

Questions contact Paul Wholley
at 615-828-1800

What It Means to be an Episcopal Christian Winter 2012



Good Shepherd's Newcomers & Inquirers
Classes meet from 7:00-8:30 pm

*These classes are not only informational, but also
prepare adults for the Rite of Confirmation or
Reception at the hands of our Bishop.*

Class #1 March 1

The American Church and its connections to
the Church Universal

Class #2 March 8

Scripture, Tradition and Reason

Class #3 March 15

A Guided Tour through the Prayer Book and
the Sacraments of the Church

Class #4 March 29

A "Show and Tell" Time or "What is this
called and what is it used for?"

Class #5 April 12

An Instructed Eucharist (open to whole parish)

Class #6 April 19

Membership in the Church, its privilege and
responsibility

To register, Contact Randy at

GoodShepherdRector@comcast.net

or at the church office 661-0890

The Alpha Course: Daytime

The Alpha Course, a ten week class in basic Christianity,
is launching March 5th
with a "Taste of Alpha" Introductory Session.

Monday Mornings, 10:30AM-Noon



Alpha

For more information contact Cynthia Seifert at 661-0890 ext 24; or cynthiaseifert@gmail.com

Good Shepherd's Guest Book: Visitors & Transfers

Visitors to our Worship since last month:

Elizabeth and Chuck Hibbett
Dick Blackburn
Mary, Alexa, Angelo, Madison Marcowitz
Amy, Matt and Cole Everett
Bette and Christina Lordeman
Cassey Winofsee
Dick and Mary Zseltvay
Lisa Nandety
David and Sophie; Molly, Eddie and Jack, Moran
Richard and Karen Selsor
Steve and Jeanne Grode

Coffee Hour Sign Ups! We need folks to volunteer for the 9 and 10:30 post service time of hospitality. Please see the sign up sheets in the hallway.

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Your ministry and participation in our life at CoGS is more important than ever to make this happen. Your commitment to the life of this parish is what makes it a special and great place. Do you realize that people come here from other churches and then don't go back - they choose to stay here because they find God's Spirit in us - do you know how special a place this is here? Well, they certainly do!

Thank you for all that you do here; for your ministry; for your sharing your lives with me; for your financial gifts that make all this happen in CoGS; making it not just a growing church, but a great community of faith, full of hope and full of joy and full of God's presence.

See you in Church!

Randy