

## **Good Shepherd Newsletter - July 31, 2021**

### **Calling “Time out”**

Someone once wrote, “The gift of Sabbath has been given to us by God to free us from slavery to time which drains our strength (see Exodus 16:22-30)...” In the Old Testament Sabbath was from sundown on Friday evening to sundown on Saturday evening. It was a recognition of God’s act of creation in the beginning. In the New Testament the Christian “sabbath” or “Lord’s Day” is the day on which we remember the new creation that has begun with the resurrection of Jesus, the Son of God and Savior. The Christian sabbath has another name, that is, Sunday. Both sabbaths are a time out or, more exactly, “stop”.

We bring healing and wholeness from God into our lives by stopping to rest in him, worship him and listen to him. The purpose of the Sunday of rest is to re-create that which has been expended during the week. Sunday allows us to receive the strength God supplies so we can continue to do the works that life calls us to do on other days. Sunday allows us to keep the other aspects of our lives in proper perspective. We rest in God as we stop and worship on Sunday.

Our busy, hurried culture tries to rob us of that rest. On Sunday there are things to do, stuff to buy, sports events to play, office work to get caught up on, the house to clean, the bills to pay, the kids to get ready for school, and on and on. It’s seductive and easy to rationalize. The problem is that this abyss has no bottom. If we get caught in this abyss, we can quickly lose our connection to God and perspective on the good and bad in our lives. What’s more important? Resting in God or jumping into the abyss.

Here’s a lifeline. Worship in person at Good Shepherd is available at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. this Sunday morning. Worship online at [umcgs.org](http://umcgs.org) is also available on Sunday. Resting in the Lord together is available through the Sunday morning groups at Good Shepherd for kids, youth and adults. Is it time for you to stop and rest in God? Is it time to call a “time out”?

### **CGS Job Opportunities**

Traditional Music Director Position Available:

Principle function: Develop, lead and direct Good Shepherd’s Chancel and Bell Choirs as well as lead congregational singing in and develop special music presentations for weekly Sunday worship and other worship events during the year. Attend related meetings. This is a part-time position. For further details or to apply for this position, contact Good Shepherd’s office at 324-1900 or send an email to [office@umcgs.org](mailto:office@umcgs.org) noting in the subject line “Music Director position”.

### **Christ In Action Seeking New Director**

Christ in Action is seeking a new Director for Good Shepherd’s after school program. Hours are Monday – Friday 1:00 – 6:00 p.m. Responsibilities for this position include

driving the church bus, managing daily operations of the program, planning the curriculum, etc. For further details or to apply, please contact the church office at 405-324-1900. Send resume to [office@umcgs.org](mailto:office@umcgs.org). Put "CIA Director Application" in the subject line.

### **Outreach Opportunities**

The CGS Outreach team is hosting two community work days to help the elderly in our communities. The outdoor work days are scheduled for August 28 and October 23 from 9:00-4:00. We are looking for lots of folks to help us clear trees, clean up flower beds, paint, caulk, etc. we are also looking for volunteers to prepare and deliver lunches to the local worksites. If you are interested in participating in this event, please reach out to Candice Parker at 405-919-8110. All ages are welcome to participate! More info to follow as we firm up the specific needs we are able to meet!

Please reach out to Candice Parker at [candice\\_parker@rocketmail.com](mailto:candice_parker@rocketmail.com) or myself, Jeanne Hathcock at [jeannehathx@cox.net](mailto:jeannehathx@cox.net) if you have any questions or if we can clarify anything.

### **Children's Day Out**

CDO is currently enrolling for our Fall session. Reserve your spot today!! We fill up quickly. Lots of fun, learning and giggles are involved. Ages 6 weeks to pre-kindergarten. We are also in search of teachers and subs. If you love children and having fun this is the job for you. Hours are Tuesday and Thursday 9:00-2:00. Fall session begins Tuesday, August 17th and runs until May 19th. Contact us at 405-324-1900 ext. 306 or [cdo\\_cia@umcgs.org](mailto:cdo_cia@umcgs.org) with any questions.

Link for employment: <https://umcgs.shelbnextchms.com/external/form/319fa2f8-b2b7-4493-af3f-d8fcb5f9495f>

Link for enrollment: <https://umcgs.shelbnextchms.com/external/form/7d58ddfb-cfc7-4a4c-8bb1-2cca9bcd39ab>

### **The Green Team Needs YOU**

Are you looking for a place to serve and enjoy being outside? We've got a spot for you! Consider joining the Green Team. This group of volunteers mow the church grounds. We've got the equipment (several riding lawnmowers). We have open spots on the Green Team rotation. To volunteer call the church office @ 405-324-1900, or Gregg Hutto at (405) 593-9204.

### **Seeking Volunteers for Wednesday Night Meals**

Do you like to work behind the scenes? Do you have the gifts of hospitality or administration? Come be a part of the Wednesday Night Meals Crew! We are looking for volunteers to coordinate and serve simple meals. The fall season begins Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>. Meals are served on Wednesdays 5:30-6:30 p.m. For more information contact Cathy Childers, [cathy@umcgs.org](mailto:cathy@umcgs.org).

### **New Adult Study**

A new study called, “Modern Parables” is Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in the Theatre Room. “Modern Parables” is an opportunity to consider the biblical parables and how the same story might look today. You are welcome to be part of this group as they explore the characters of the parables of Jesus and be encouraged to dig a little deeper in your faith journey.

### **Adult Sunday Groups**

Adult study groups are being held at 9:00 am and 11:00 am Sunday morning in the Christian Life Center’s Theatre Room. At 10 a.m. another class is being held in the adult classroom S2 near the women’s restroom in Good Shepherd’s sanctuary building. If you would like to be part of one of these Sunday adult groups, please contact Cathy Childers or just show up for the group.

### **Nursery Available**

Good Shepherd’s nursery for children from birth to age two will be open on Sundays from 9:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. The nursery is located in the southwest corner of the sanctuary building in the Ocean Room of Good Shepherd’s Children’s Area.

### **Coffee Time Available**

Free coffee is available for you in the Sanctuary’s Narthex area and in the back of the CLC. Coffee may be taken into the Sanctuary or CLC and enjoyed during worship if you desire.

### **Givers Receive**

The Gospel of Luke tells us that Jesus said, “Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap, for the measure you give will be the measure you get back” (Luke 6:39).

We do not give in order to get something back from God. That would be a form of spiritual selfishness likely to damage us more than help us. Yet, the Bible is clear—in both the Old Testament and the New Testament—that we will receive in the same measure that we give. Our offerings each week as part of worship do more than help with God’s work. They also give God a chance to deliver on that promise from scripture.

### **Weekly Worship Offerings**

Below are three ways to give worship offering at Good Shepherd:

- First, you can ***mail worship offerings*** by check to the church at: 10928 S.W. 15th, Yukon, OK. 73099. For ease of routing, put “attn: Misha” on the envelope.

- Second, you can give **worship offerings electronically** by going to Good Shepherd’s website at umcgs.org. As you scroll down the page, you will see the “Give” button. By clicking the “Give” button, you will be sent to our giving portal operated by ShelbyNext Giving. Once in the Giving portal, you will see “My Donation.” Under “Fund” is a drop down menu entitled “Choose a Fund.” You can donate to the general ministry fund of the church either through pledged or unpledged choices.
- Third, you can also give your **worship offerings in person** at our worship on this Sunday at Good Shepherd’s 10 a.m. or 11 a.m. worship services

**Online Worship Order**  
8-1-21

Countdown Video

Welcome  
Burkett

Pastor Michael

Opening Prayer

Song

Jordan Cardenas

Sermon Series Introduction

Sermon

“The Joyful Self”

Pastor Michael

Communion

Prayer of Consecration

Invitation to Partake of Communion

Prayer after Communion

Encouragements

Benediction