



GOOD SHEPHERD STAFF

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STEWARDS OF GOD'S VARIED GRACE: OUR UPCOMING COMMITMENT WEEKS

As a community rooted in God's grace, we are constantly reminded of the abundant blessings poured into our lives. In his first letter, the Apostle Peter reminds us of our distinct calling: "**As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace**" (1 Peter 4:10). Every unique talent, moment of time, and financial resource we possess is a reflection of that varied grace, entrusted to us to lift up our neighbors and glorify God.

This autumn, our congregation will gather for two foundational moments in the life of our church: **Commitment Sundays on October 18 and October 25**. These special services are a time when we collectively look forward to the coming year, discerning how we can best use our diverse gifts to support our shared mission and ministry. During worship on these weeks, we will have the opportunity to present our Statement of Intent card and Time and Talent forms for the upcoming year.

Stewardship in the Lutheran tradition is never about obligation or trying to earn God's favor. Instead, it is a joyful, free response to the unconditional love we have already received through Christ. When we commit our resources to the church, we become the hands and feet of Christ. We are feeding the hungry, teaching our children, comforting the grieving, and creating a space where all are welcome. Your unique gifts directly translate into vibrant worship, impactful outreach, and deep community care.

In the weeks leading up to **October 18**, we ask that you prayerfully consider how God is calling you to use your specific gifts to serve one another. No gift is too small, and every commitment allows us to share God's varied grace more fully.

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COME ONE! COME ALL!

On October 4 following worship (no Sunday School that day) everyone is invited to come to the FAB for brunch (casseroles, muffins, fruit, juice, coffee provided) and conversation!

Gathered in small groups at round tables we will discuss these questions:

What's going well here?

What needs attention?

Are there things that need to end, are there things we need to begin?

What's your vision for Good Shepherd over the next five years?

What gifts are needed in the next called pastor to lead you to that vision?

Your voice is important!

See you on the 4th!

On scan this QR code for online sign-up.



LEARNING COMMITTEE UPDATES

The Learning Committee will meet
on Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at
5:30 p.m. in Classroom 1.

New members are welcome!

HELP WANTED!

We still need volunteers to help provide ongoing Sunday School classes for all of our children and youth. If you are willing to be a helper or substitute, or interested in teaching the High School students, please reach out to Lisa Sanchez at mikelisasanchez@gmail.com or [803 736-2070](tel:8037362070).

ADULT LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- Please join us for Adult Sunday School every Sunday Morning after the Worship Service at 10:45. Two classes are offered.
- Bible Study with Pastor Jane takes place on Tuesdays from 11:00-12:00 at the church.

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Please bring your completed Statement of Intent card and Time and Talent forms to worship on **October 18 or October 25**, as we bless them together during the services. If you are unable to attend in person, you can mail your card to the church office. Your Statement of Intent card and Time and Talent forms will be mailed to you the first week of October.

Thank you for your ongoing faithfulness, your generosity, and your dedication to the ministry we share. Together, we look forward to seeing how our collective commitments will bring hope and healing to our neighborhood and beyond.

Sid Havird
Gifts Team Chair

	GOOD STEWARDS OF GOD'S VARIED GRACE 2027: STATEMENT OF INTENT In faithful response to God's everlasting grace, and in appreciation of Good Shepherd's ministry, I/we intend to give this offering during 2027 in support of the congregation's ongoing ministry. I/we understand that this amount may be changed, if necessary, by notifying the church office. \$ _____ (please list total ANNUAL commitment)
	☐ I/we intend to share my/our offerings (circle one): weekly monthly other ☐ I/we are interested in using the secure online giving program or an automated bank draft. Please contact me.
Name(s): _____ Phone: _____ Email: _____	
As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace. 1 Peter 4:10	

PATHFINDERS OF GOOD SHEPHERD POGS OCTOBER 14, 2026 – 12 NOON



ALL ADULTS are invited to participate in **POGS' monthly gathering** on Wednesday, **October 14**, at **12 noon in the FAB** for a fun time of games and pizza. Remember the TV show "Family Feud"? We will be having our own "Friendly Feud" with lots of competition, laughs and surprises. Lunch will be a catered pizza, salad and dessert meal - \$15 per person.

Mark your calendar. Invite a fellow member, friend or neighbor to come join us for good fellowship and food. For planning purposes, please complete the Sunday bulletin insert form and place it in the offering plate on Sunday or return to the church office by Sunday, October 11.

GREG ROWLES LEGACY THEATRE PRESENTS CHRISTMAS ON MAIN

PATHFINDERS OF GOOD SHEPHERD is sponsoring a trip to North Myrtle Beach on December 7-8, 2026, to see the Greg Rowles Legacy Christmas Show. The trip package includes one night lodging at Beach Cove Resort (Single - \$199 per person; Double - \$144 per person), 1 breakfast voucher, ticket to Legacy Theatre and dinner at Original Benjamin's; Transportation - \$25 per person.

Invite a friend to join us for this fun trip. See Sunday bulletin insert for Reservation Form, which is due with \$100 per person deposit (checks payable to Good Shepherd Pathfinders) by October 8, 2026. Balance due November 1, 2026, if not paid in full.



GSLC CELEBRATES STAFF ANNIVERSARY

During October, we are observing the 38th anniversary of Susan Sturkie beginning her musical service to Good Shepherd. As a congregation, we are grateful for Susan's talents and dedication. We give thanks for her commitment to serving with us here at Good Shepherd!

FUN FRIDAYS OCTOBER 9, 2026

Participants of Fun Fridays will visit Good Shepherd again on Friday, October 9, from 6-9 p.m. in the FAB for their bi-monthly event. Activities will feature a Halloween theme this month. Thanks to the members of Good Shepherd who have been Fun Fridays helpers for years. All members of Good Shepherd are welcome to be helpers at this event designed to give a night out to caregivers of individuals with lifelong disabilities while our guests have fun with their friends. If you can help or would like more information, please contact Susan Sturkie at sloopystur@aol.com or 803-788-6807 or just come to the FAB on October 9 any time from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to see what we do at Fun Fridays.



GSLC FOUNDATION APPLICATION DEADLINE—NOVEMBER 1

Grants must be for either:

- 1) Outreach into the community,
- 2) To institutions and agencies of the South Carolina Synod of the ELCA,
- 3) To members of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church for the purpose of attending an ELCA seminary, for church-related leadership conferences, etc.,
- 4) For non-budgeted special projects of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church.

All grants must have a Congregational Shepherd - an active member of our congregation who has knowledge of the proposed grant use and is able to ensure grants are used appropriately.

Please see the application for complete details and grant criteria.

Maximum amount awarded per grant is \$3,000.00.

The grant application form is located on the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church website:

<http://www.gslc.com/giving/good-shepherd-foundation/>

Printed copies are available on the table outside church office.



SOCIAL MINISTRY MONTHLY EMPHASIS

The October Social Ministry emphasis is the Free Medical Clinic on Harden Street in Columbia. This clinic provides free quality health care to members of the community without health insurance who cannot afford their medical services. The clinic relies on monetary support from the local hospitals, foundations, businesses, churches, and individual donors. To support this worthy cause and help our neighbors in need, you may contribute any time during October by putting your donation in a pink envelope and placing it in the offering plate on Sunday mornings or by sending it to the church office. Checks should be made out to Good Shepherd Lutheran Church and designated for the Free Medical Clinic.

FOOD PANTRY UPDATE

The Good Shepherd Food Pantry provided food in August for 53 families serving 153 individuals. Grocery expenditures for the month were \$1,314.30 with \$1,029.00 in donations received. Your support is so very much appreciated!!



FOOD PANTRY GROCERY LIST

Cereal boxes, grits or oatmeal packets
Shelf-stable milk
Canned fruit (peaches, fruit cocktail, pears, pineapple, applesauce cups)
Snack crackers, fruit/grain bars, saltines, popcorn
Peanut butter, jelly (jars or packets)
Canned meat (chili, stew, ravioli, chicken, tuna, Spam, Vienna sausages)
Pasta, rice, macaroni and cheese
Pasta sauce
Canned vegetables (corn, carrots, green beans, peas, mixed, baked beans, black eyed peas, tomatoes, potatoes)
Soups (ramen, chicken noodle, tomato, vegetable beef, mushroom)
Cornbread, biscuit, pancake mix

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE THANKS

Your donations to the School Supply Drive for Bradley and Forest Lake Elementary Schools were generous. We delivered a carload of supplies to each school. We also received \$700 in cash donations and purchased Wal-Mart gift cards for the schools to use for special needs.

Thank you!
Social Ministry Committee





Your prayers and presence are requested on
Saturday, October 24, 2026 at 10:30 AM

for the

Holy Eucharist

with the

Rite of Installation

of the Fifth Bishop of the South Carolina Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

The Reverend Wade Thomas Roof III

at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church
119 N. Church Street
Lexington, South Carolina 29072

A reception will follow the service.

*Pastors and Deacons of all faith traditions are invited to
vest and should arrive by 9:30 AM.*

The color of the day is red.

The service will be livestreamed at scsynod.com/installation



JOINT SUPPER CLUB IN OCTOBER

The Supper Club Event on October 17, 2026, has been CANCELLED.

We do apologize, we did not have enough participation. The Parish Life Team will look at rescheduling this event. If you have any questions, please reach out to Deb Whitlow, Parish Life Team Chair.

WELCA News

The Midlands Fall Conference Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 18, beginning at 3:00. The meeting will be at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 10000 Broad River Rd., Irmo. There will be a short meeting and a program. ALL ladies are invited to come.

JUST FOR ME KITS!

WELCA is collecting hygiene and comfort care items for elementary, middle and high school aged children who are entering foster care with Lutheran Services Carolinas.

Our spring donation was greatly appreciated by LSC. We have some items from the last supply drive, but others are needed to complete the kits. Look for the list of items needed in the Narthex. Donations will be accepted through October 25, 2026.



Sunday Schedule

9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)
 10:45 - 11:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School Classes
Come and See (CL 1) and Fellowship (CL 2)
 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Youth Sunday School (**Youth Room**)
 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Confirmation Class until May 10 (**E-112**)
 10:45 – 11:25 a.m. Children's Sunday School (**E-113**)
 11:05 – 11:20 a.m. Preschool Music (**E-115**)
 11:25 – 11:45 a.m. Children's Music (**E-115**)

October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue
4 9:30am Worship Service (Sanctuary) & Live-Stream 10:45am Brunch in the FAB following Worship Service 5:00pm - 7:00pm bRIDGE Meeting (FAB & Youth Room)	5	6 11:00am - 12:00pm Bible Study with Pastor Jane 5:00pm - 8:00pm Williamsburg Homeowners Annual Meeting
11 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE	12 5:30pm Parish Life Committee meeting (CL 2) 6:00pm - 8:00pm [private event] Beta Sigma Phi Council Meeting (Conference Room)	13 11:00am - 12:00pm Bible Study with Pastor Jane 3:00pm Executive Committee meeting (Conference Room) 5:00pm Finance Committee meeting (Conference Room)
18 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE Food Pantry Sunday Commitment Sunday 6:30 p.m. Council meeting (Conference Room)	19 6:30pm - 8:30pm [private event] Beta Sigma Phi Chapter meeting (Conference Room)	20 11:00am - 12:00pm Bible Study with Pastor Jane
25 SUNDAY SCHEDULE TIMES ABOVE Reformation Sunday Commitment Sunday	26	27 11:00am - 12:00pm Bible Study with Pastor Jane



DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

OCTOBER 15

Please see an updated church calendar
and the calendar for other months at
<http://www.gslc.com/>.

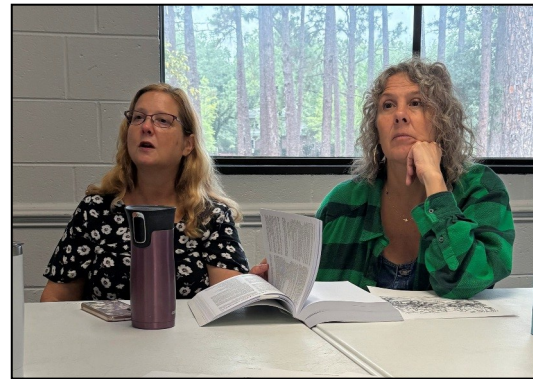
Click "See the Current Calendar" at the
bottom of the page.

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 <i>Mary Group meeting (off-site)</i>	2 <i>FAB Reserved for Sunday Event</i>	3 <i>FAB Reserved for Sunday Event</i> <i>9:00am - 1:00pm AGO meeting (Sanctuary)</i>
7 <i>12:00-3:30 p.m. Food Pantry (CL 2) {Food Pantry serves 1-3}</i> <i>5:30pm Learning Committee meeting (Classroom 1)</i>	8 <i>1:00pm set up for Fun Fridays (FAB)</i>	9  <i>6:00pm - 9:00pm Fun Fridays (FAB)</i>	10
14 <i>12:00-3:30 p.m. Food Pantry (CL 2) {Food Pantry serves 1-3}</i> <i>12:00pm - 2:00pm POGS Luncheon & Meeting (FAB)</i> <i>3:00pm Worship Life Committee meeting (CL 2)</i>	15 Newsletter Deadline <i>11:30am - 12:30pm Dorcas Circle (FAB)</i> <i>6:30pm Tamar Group meeting (off-site Barbara Rowell)</i>	16	17
21 <i>12:00-3:30 p.m. Food Pantry (CL 2) {Food Pantry serves 1-3}</i>	22 <i>8:00am - 3:30pm [private event] Garden Club (FAB)</i>	23	24
28 <i>12:00-3:30 p.m. Food Pantry (CL 2) {Food Pantry serves 1-3}</i>	29	30	31 

RECAP OF THE WELCA RETREAT



The WELCA Retreat was held August 28-30, 2026, at Camp Kinard. Twenty-three ladies attended. Sister D'Etta Broome led the program. The Camp Kinard swimming pool was open and refreshing from the summer heat. Dinner was at Shealy's BBQ followed by the unit meeting and games. Sunday Worship was led by Jennifer Ross and Barbara Rowell. The WELCA Board would like to thank Deborah Whitlow, Laura Leigh Smith and Leigh Ann Tollison for creating this meaningful retreat.



BRIDGE RETREAT RECAP

The bBRIDGE Retreat was a Blessing! It was held at Lutheridge September 11-13, 2026. Our Good Shepherd participants enjoyed time away and getting to know the participants from Incarnation Lutheran Church. Good Shepherd and Incarnation will share the bBRIDGE program October - May, alternating host months. During this time together, Lutheridge counselors who have been trained for the bBRIDGE program, will teach the youth. The adults will have time to reflect together. We are all excited about this program that brings the fun of camp into congregations.

The bBRIDGE families and Youth & Children Committee would like to thank Neal and Richard Inman for sponsoring the bBRIDGE program in memory of their son Rev. Ricky Inman.



WORSHIP VOLUNTEERS FOR OCTOBER

COUNCIL PERSON OF THE MONTH: KATE FERLAUTO

DATE	10/4	10/11	10/18	10/25	11/1
GREETER	Sue O'Cain	Frances Plyler	Verna Sawyer	Frances Plyler	Pat Quattlebaum
USHERS	Marion Eargle, Chris Herrmann, Marcia Woodward	Marion Eargle, Pat Quattlebaum, Chris Herrmann	Sid Havird, Chris Herrmann Alice Buckner, Marcia Woodward	Marion Eargle, Sid Havird, Pat Quattlebaum, Alice Buckner	Sox Usher Team
WORSHIP ASSISTANTS	Lector: Minot Stanton Communion Assistant: Gaye Tucker	Lector & Communion Assistant: Bruce Shealy	Lector & Communion Assistant: Jan Haigler	Lector: Don Caughman Communion Assistant: Joey Allison	Lector & Communion Assistant: Charlene Fink
ACOLYTE & CRUCIFER BANNER & TORCH BEARERS	A: Jason Ortiz C: Adam Ortiz	A: Kate Ferlauto C: Natalie Ferlauto	A: Callen Gilbert C: Mike Sanchez	A: Jason Ortiz C: Blake Gross B: Mike Sanchez T: Madelyn Snodgrass T: William Snodgrass	A: Jason Ortiz C: Blake Gross
ALTAR GUILD	Nancy & Don Hyatt, Bobbie & Rick Storey	Nancy & Don Hyatt, Bobbie & Rick Storey	Nancy & Don Hyatt, Bobbie & Rick Storey	Nancy & Don Hyatt, Bobbie & Rick Storey	Gaye Tucker, Ellen Brown, Debi Powell
TABULATORS	Donna Foster, Jim Tucker	Kate Ferlauto, Mary Margaret Hoy	Karen Lucas, Steve Steck	Mike Sanchez, Jim Tucker	Rebecca Richardson, Rick Storey

OCTOBER COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Please call the church office to reserve a room for any upcoming meetings.

October 7	Learning Committee (5:30 p.m.)
October 12	Parish Life Committee (5:30 p.m.)
October 13	Executive Committee (3:00 p.m.) Finance Committee (5:00 p.m.)
October 14	Worship Life Committee (3:00 p.m.)
October 18	Church Council (6:30 p.m.)

FROGS FIRST RESPONDERS OF GOOD SHEPHERD

If you are interested in joining the First Responders of Good Shepherd (FROGS) — or if you attended the training three years ago and would like a refresher — please send an email to Jan Haigler at janicehaigler@icloud.com.



Good Shepherd is blessed to have two faithful members who recently have celebrated their 100th birthdays!

Grace Boozer, left, turned 100 on September 14. Earline Suydam reached the century mark on June 7.

We are grateful for the wonderful models of the Godly life these two wonderful ladies demonstrate!



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS (ACCORDING TO CHURCH RECORDS)

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1 Donna Vaughn | 12 Valerie Evans | 17 Sylvia Anne Derrick |
| 2 Melissa Shukla | 13 Lib Quattlebaum | Juli Calhoun |
| Susan Faith Ellington | Eric Whitlow | 20 Libby Slice |
| Karin Culp | Elizabeth Whitlow | Amy Kemp |
| 5 Marie Currie | 14 Drew Green | 21 Carolyn Adams |
| Jennifer Ross | Nancy Hubert | Kerry Stubbs |
| 6 Mackey Robinson | Joe Woodward | Gloria Oakes |
| Lauren Chandler | 16 Trae Dent | 23 Thomas Elliott |
| 7 Dan Wuori | Don Wuori | Mark Whitlow |
| 9 Cindy Taylor | Minot Stanton | 25 Jordan Herrmann |
| 10 Mary Allen | Steve Steck | Charlie Calhoun |
| 12 Hilde Jakiela | 17 Evelyn P. McQuage | 27 Savannah Gross |
| Alicia McFarland | Pat Roche | 29 Gwen Barnes |

LECTIONARY FOR OCTOBER 2026

OCTOBER 4 NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

In today's gospel reading, Jesus tells a vineyard parable, which serves as an image of Israel, the prophets' mission, and Christ's death. For Christians, the vineyard also speaks of God's love poured out in the blood of Christ, given to us for the forgiveness of sin. Grafted onto Christ the vine at baptism, we are nourished with wine and bread so that we may share Christ's sufferings and know the power of his resurrection.

FIRST READING – Isaiah 5:1-7

The prophet sings a sad, parable-like love song about the relationship between God and Israel. In this song Israel is compared to a promising vineyard. Despite God's loving care, the vineyard that is Israel has brought forth "rotten grapes" of injustice and distress, when fine grapes of justice and righteousness were expected.

PSALM – Psalm 80:7-15

Look down from heaven, O God; behold and tend this vine. (Ps. 80:14, 15)

SECOND READING – Philippians 3:4b-14

Paul reviews some of his supposed credentials, which no longer have any bearing in comparison to the right relationship he has been given through the death of Christ. The power of Christ's resurrection motivates him to press on toward the ultimate goal, eternal life with Christ.

GOSPEL – Matthew 21:33-46

Jesus tells a parable to the religious leaders who are plotting his death, revealing that their plans will, ironically, bring about the fulfillment of scripture.

OCTOBER 11 – TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

In Isaiah we are given a vision of the great feast to come, when God will wipe away death forever. In Jesus' parable about a great banquet, those invited do not come, so the invitation is extended to others. In our liturgy God spreads a table before us. Even amid anxiety and hardship we rejoice in the peace of God which surpasses all understanding. With great joy we feast at the table of the Lord, and we go forth to share the wonderful invitation with others hungering and thirsting for the abundant life of God.

FIRST READING – Isaiah 25:1-9

After a hymn of praise acknowledging God as a shelter for the poor, the prophet portrays a wonderful victory banquet at which death—which in ancient Canaan was depicted as a monster swallowing up everyone—will be swallowed up forever. The prophet urges celebration of this victory of salvation.

PSALM – Psalm 23

You prepare a table before me, and my cup is running over. (Ps. 23:5)

SECOND READING – Philippians 4:1-9

Though writing from prison and facing an uncertain future, Paul calls on the Philippians to rejoice and give thanks to God no matter what the circumstance. God's peace is with us and binds together our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ, especially when things around us do not seem peaceful.

GOSPEL – Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus tells a parable indicating that the blessings of God's kingdom are available to all, but the invitation is not to be taken lightly.

OCTOBER 18 – TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

In today's first reading God uses the Gentile ruler Cyrus to accomplish divine purposes. When the Pharisees try to trap Jesus, he tells them to give the emperor what belongs to him and to God what belongs to God. To gather for worship reminds us that our ultimate allegiance is to God rather than to any earthly authority. Created in the image of God, we offer our entire selves in the service of God and for the sake of the world.

FIRST READING – Isaiah 45:1-7

The prophet announces that Cyrus the Persian emperor is the one the LORD has anointed to end Israel's exile. The LORD makes this choice so that the whole world will recognize this LORD as the only God. Persia had a god of light and a god of darkness; the LORD claims sovereignty over both light and darkness.

PSALM – Psalm 96:1-13

Ascribe to the LORD honor and power. (Ps. 96:7)

SECOND READING – 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Most likely this letter is the first written by Paul. Paul gives pastoral encouragement and reassurances to new Christians living in an antagonistic environment. Their commitment of faith, love, and hope makes them a model for other new Christian communities.

GOSPEL – Matthew 22:15-22

After Jesus begins teaching in the temple, religious leaders try to trap him with questions. First they ask if God's people should pay taxes to an earthly tyrant like Caesar.

OCTOBER 25 – REFORMATION SUNDAY

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.

FIRST READING – Jeremiah 31:31-34

The renewed covenant will not be breakable, but like the old covenant it will expect the people to live upright lives. To know the LORD means that one will defend the cause of the poor and needy (Jer. 22:16). The renewed covenant is possible only because the LORD will forgive iniquity and not remember sin. Our hope lies in a God who forgets.

PSALM – Psalm 46

The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold. (Ps. 46:7)

SECOND READING – Romans 3:19-28

Paul's words stand at the heart of the preaching of Martin Luther and other Reformation leaders. No human beings make themselves right with God through works of the law. We are brought into a right relationship with God through the divine activity centered in Christ's death. This act is a gift of grace that liberates us from sin and empowers our faith in Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL – John 8:31-36

Jesus speaks of truth and freedom as spiritual realities known through his word. He reveals the truth that sets people free from sin.

WITH PRAYER

<i>Joey Allison</i>	<i>Cheryl Christian</i>	<i>Judy Hoy</i>	<i>Justine Parker</i>
<i>Gwen Barnes</i>	<i>Dot Correll</i>	<i>Richard Inman</i>	<i>Frances Plyler</i>
<i>Trisha Benson</i>	<i>Sylvia Anne Derrick</i>	<i>Lisa Lehman</i>	<i>David Pursey</i>
<i>Grace Boozer</i>	<i>Larry Evans</i>	<i>Sara Loyd</i>	<i>Penny Sox</i>
<i>Steve Bowden</i>	<i>Charlene Fink</i>	<i>Mary Clare McAbee</i>	<i>Barbara Sutton</i>
<i>Victoria Brown</i>	<i>Violet Fetner</i>	<i>Cathy Mileczak</i>	<i>Linda Van Duys</i>
<i>Alice Buckner</i>	<i>Bob Fortner</i>	<i>Joyce Mobley</i>	<i>Elaine Zornow</i>
<i>Charles Buckner</i>	<i>Trisha Holman</i>	<i>Joann Nagy</i>	<i>Peter Zornow</i>
<i>Lavina Chandler</i>	<i>Kitty Howard</i>	<i>Gloria Oakes</i>	

PLEASE UPDATE THE PRAYER LIST

Those who have requested friends and loved ones to be included on the prayer list, please contact the church office at parishadmin@gslc.com or (803) 787-4413 to renew your request or add prayer concerns by the newsletter deadline of each month. You may call or email anytime to remove a name. Please do not assume that we know the name should be renewed or removed.



RELATIVES AND FRIENDS

<i>Shawna Ashton—friend of Bryson Palmer, Verna Sawyer's great grandson</i>	<i>Barbara Reese—friend of Justine Parker and Joyce Mobley</i>
<i>Beckham Family—friends of Lawson-Nabors family</i>	<i>Joe Roche—brother of Ronnie Roche</i>
<i>Robin Boggs—daughter of Anne Rush</i>	<i>Dick Sanders—father-in-law of Suzanne Sanders</i>
<i>Ross Boheler—father of Ty Boheler</i>	<i>Joanne Schweitzer—sister of Mary Clare McAbee</i>
<i>Jimmy Caughman—brother of Don Caughman</i>	<i>Butch and Jean Smith – brother and sister-in-law of Mark & Laura Leigh Smith</i>
<i>Betty Cox—former member</i>	<i>Ann Summer—sister of Verna Sawyer</i>
<i>Kathy Deckbar—friend of Terri Tokaz</i>	<i>Dorothy Toth – Aunt of Barbara Nagy</i>
<i>Landon Derrick—friend of Amanda Snodgrass</i>	<i>Joey Turner—college friend of Trisha Benson</i>
<i>Burke Drew—cousin of Ben Haigh</i>	<i>Peggy Vitiello – friend of Terri Tokaz</i>
<i>Idona Erwin—friend of member</i>	<i>Sandra Wardlaw—friend of Terri Tokaz</i>
<i>Patrick Gundlach Family—family of Sandy Gundlach</i>	<i>Catherine Wheeler—family of Jason Fowler</i>
<i>Harmon Family—friends of Anna Lawson</i>	<i>Bobby Wilson – brother of Pam Fusco</i>
<i>Forrest Hinebaugh—father of Elaine Zornow</i>	<i>Jim Wilson – brother of Pam Fusco</i>
<i>David Hinshaw—Deb Embrey's nephew</i>	<i>Zelma Winbourne—mother of Deb Whitlow</i>
<i>Melodie Jerrell—friend of Pat Quattlebaum</i>	<i>Shirley Zornow—mother of Peter Zornow</i>
<i>Steve Johnson—friend of Wade Wingard</i>	
<i>Shea Kautz—Amy Kemp's sister-in-law</i>	
<i>Sylvia Kelly—niece of Gaye Tucker</i>	
<i>Dawn Kingsley—friend of Shepherd's Visitors</i>	
<i>Naomi Lambert—sister of Laura Leigh Smith</i>	
<i>Sylvia Livingston—mother of Cheryl Beaman</i>	
<i>Chris Powell—husband of Debi Powell</i>	

SYMPATHY

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CALENDAR



OCTOBER

October 1
October 3
October 4

11:00 a.m. Mary Group Meeting (off site)
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. AGO meeting (Sanctuary)

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
9:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)
10:45 a.m. Brunch following Worship Service
No Sunday School

October 6

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. bRIDGE Meeting (FAB & Youth Room)
11:00 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Jane
5:00 - 8:00 p.m. [private event] Williamsburg HOA mtg (FAB)
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Fun Fridays

October 9
October 11

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday Schedule
6:00pm - 8:00pm [private event] Beta Sigma Phi Council Meeting (Conference Room)
11:00 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Jane
12:00 p.m. POGS Luncheon & Meeting (FAB)

October 12

October 13
October 14
October 15

November Newsletter Deadline
Dorcas Circle (11:30 a.m.)
Tamar Group (6:30 p.m.)

October 18

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost
Commitment Sunday
Food Pantry Sunday
Sunday Schedule

October 19

October 20
October 22
October 25

6:30pm - 8:30pm [private event] Beta Sigma Phi Chapter meeting (Conference Room)
11:00 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Jane
8:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. [private event] Garden Club (FAB)

October 27

Reformation Sunday
Commitment Sunday
Sunday Schedule
11:00 a.m. Bible Study with Pastor Jane