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On two occasions and by two Apostles, the Bible exhorts its leaders to "Shepherd God's flock" (Act. 20:28; 1 Pet. 5:2). In Acts 20 Paul meets with the Ephesus elders knowing it will probably be his last chance to see them. While he hints at mutual submission, he cradles his exhortation as a reminder that elders shepherd the entire flock of God, which he states was purchased by Christ's blood. Peter, on the other hand, when he makes the same exhortation, is checking motive. He wants to make sure that elders are shepherding for the right reasons; nothing worse than someone shepherding whose only concern is themselves or a select few people.

Lynn Anderson, in his book, *They Smell Like Sheep*, gives a brief definition of a shepherd as anyone who has a flock. For instance, a parent who has children is a shepherd. A Coach who has players is a shepherd. A teacher who has students is a shepherd. A Scoutmaster who has a troop is a shepherd. Of course an elder(s) who has church members is a shepherd.

When looking at the role of an elder in church, and the charge that both Peter and Paul gave the leaders, the imagery is profound. One must ask what it means to shepherd. Rooting the image in the Ancient Near East/First Century, I can think of four responsibilities of the shepherd.

· *Feed the Flock* > the shepherd leads the flock to places where fresh water and green grass is in plenty (Ps. 23:2). A bad shepherd is unconcerned that the water is dirty or the grass is brown or barren. Shepherding God's flock ensures that the church is being fed healthfully from God's word, by having a stake in who is preaching, or feeding oneself enough so that they are capable of feeding the flock whenever called upon.

· *Protect the Flock from Predators* > wolves, bears, and lions need to be chased off or killed less they destroy the flock (1 Sam. 17:34-36). Raiders or thieves pillaging flocks must be fought off (Ps. 23:4; Jn. 10:10), and the flock must be defended. Of course bad shepherds or hired hands run in the face of danger, or sit by watching the flock being torn apart. Elders must protect the flock as not everyone who enters the fold is a sheep; some are predators and some of those look like they're dressed as sheep but are intent to destroy the flock.

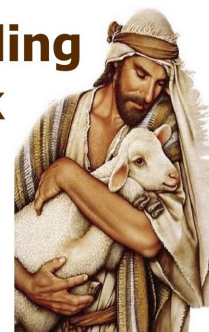
· *Provide a Healing Touch* > when sheep gets sick, attacked or cut by briars, the responsibility of the shepherd is to nurse the sheep back to health (Ps. 23:5b). Often times the healing involved pouring olive oil on the wound, cleansing it from an infection (mind you, wounded animals may fight the shepherd who is trying to bring healing). A bad shepherd will allow the wound to fester and infect the animal, or not realize an animal under his care has been attacked, or quit helping when the animal fights back. Elders, as fellow-wounded shepherds, counsel the wounded and assist in the healing process, and many times when bringing healing are accused of being part of the pain.

· *Seek Lost Lambs* > when sheep go astray, the shepherd seeks to find and locate the animal; certainly there is monetary motivation for losing even one from the flock. Jesus talks about the shepherd leaving the 99 behind in search of the one (Lk. 15:4), as if it was common practice. A bad shepherd cares less about one insignificant sheep and takes a loss. Elders are concerned about the people in the congregation so that when someone starts "missing," they begin the process of finding out where they are, and then leads them back to the flock.

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Shepherding The Flock

By Jon Partlow





For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations

For our nation

For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti, and other places.

For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ in our own time.

For the church in Siliguri and Naresh

Chhetri and Ashok Basfor

For the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel

Prayers For Sunshine Family

Alan Graff Chemo treatments have been discontinued. Home recovering from his most recent hospital visit.

Garnet Lindeman is in need of prayers. She is not doing well. Prayers for Garnet and family.

Bill Gammon is home recuperating from heart by-pass surgery. Continued prayers.

Judi Allison is home and still recovering. Continued prayers for Chuck and Judi.

Ben Shumway is at OSU Ross Heart Center ICU room 4032 recovering from his heart valve surgery. Continued prayers for Ben.

Cheryl Lemon is home now. Continued prayers.

Helen Creech prayers for ongoing strength.

Gene Crisp has been moved to River Bend House: 900 Pirate Dr, Wheelersburg, OH 45694. Continued prayers.

Prayer Requests

Sue Mefford (friend of Penny) having hernia pain. Prayers for healing.

Missy Wheeler (friend of Penny) is having personal problems. Prayers for Missy.

Roy Roach (brother-in-law to Rich and June) having pace-maker put in this past week. Prayers for Roy.

Bonnie Grashel (Kathy Gampp's Mother) has been diagnosed with colon cancer. Prayers for Bonnie.



8/7-12
9/29

Scioto County Fair
Deep Love Marriage
Enrichment Event

Sunshine Church Service Info

Anonymous Prayer Request Hotline:
Text **94706** & your request to the phone
22333

Sunday Morning Live Streaming: <http://media.sunshine-church.com> or <http://sunshinecofc.sermon.net>

Welcome To All of Our Guests

We give a special welcome to all of our guests today. If this is your first time to visit with us this year, please stop by the Welcome Center in the foyer at the conclusion of services, sign our guest register and pick up your gift for being one of our guests today.

Gluten Free Communion Available

We have gluten free communion available for anyone who needs it. It can be found at the Welcome Center. You can simply pick it up before the services or on your way into the auditorium.

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Honduras T-Shirt Fundraiser

Terese and Jordan Jones are selling the word cloud shirts to help fund their trip to Honduras as well as raising money for Breaking Chains Homeless Ministry. Please see Terese or Jordan if you are interested in buying a shirt. Thank you!

Prayers For Honduras Trip

We have many families going on the Honduras mission trip that is coming up this week. July 27-31 they will be traveling to Honduras and working with Breaking Chains Homeless Ministry. Please pray for a wonderful week. Thank you!

Sympathy Extended

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Fay and Norm McGinnis and the family of David Collins who passed away on July 10. Prayers and comfort for the family.

Elders Prayer Session

The Elders will be having their monthly prayer session this Thursday, July 27th. If anyone has a prayer request please contact any of the elders. Thank you.

Honduras Meeting Today

There will be a short meeting today after the second morning service in the annex for everyone who is going on the family Honduras mission trip.

Wedding Shower

Wedding shower for Jacob Miller and Michaela McCoy, August 5th at 10:30AM at 111 Church Road Piketon, Ohio. Please RSVP by July 22 to Meghan or Serena, or put your name on the sign up sheet at the front. They are registered at Walmart, Kohls, and Amazon.

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The role of the elder is complicated and filled with unbearable heartaches and decisions as salvation stands in the balance. In reality, shepherding the church flock looks more like herding cats than it does leading sheep, and most churches fail to appreciate the leadership before them. Shepherding, like any other ministry, is filled with failure (didn't the Good Shepherd lose one of his own?). So shepherds find the grace, not in the realm of perfection, but when one is simply doing what God called them to do. Shepherd the flock.

Soli Deo Gloria !

Family Bible Time

Week 29:

July 23—Lesson 59 Exodus 11 and 12:1-20
July 26—Lesson 60 text Exodus 12:21-51

Discussion Questions for Families:

1. When God sent the last plague, who died?
2. How did the Israelites plunder the Egyptians?
3. How long had the Israelites been in Egypt when they finally left?

Week 30 Text:

Exodus 13 & 14

Bible Knowledge For July

Name the 10 plagues that were inflicted on the Egyptians.



Those Who Serve

<u>Sun. Morning</u>	<u>7/23/2017</u>	<u>7/30/2017</u>	<u>8/6/2017</u>
Welcome	Don Coriell	Jon Coriell	Wayne Gampp
Reading	Johnny Beekman	Jacob Book	Roger Cooper
Midservice Prayer	Matthew Hoskins	James Jacobs Sr.	Jared McCray
Communion	Dale Kuhn	Aaron Kallner	Eric Miller
Sermon	Jon Partlow	Jon Partlow	Jon Partlow
Closing Prayer	Jeff Vanatta	Shaun Young	Spike Ferrell
<u>Sun. Evening</u>	<u>7/23/2017</u>	<u>7/30/2017</u>	<u>8/6/2017</u>
Song Leader	Zach Coriell	David Deacon	Greg Ferrell
Reading	Matthew Partlow	Don Ramey	Mark Risner
Communion	Ira Coriell	Josh Coriell	Ryan Coriell
Assist	Eli Cordle	Jay Coriell	Adam Cordle
Prayer	Tyler Meredith	Derek Miller	Greg Shepherd
<u>Wed. Evening</u>	<u>7/26/2017</u>	<u>8/2/2017</u>	<u>8/9/2017</u>
Song Leader	David Deacon	Greg Ferrell	Mark Gampp
Prayer	Jason Foster	Troy Gahm	Mike Gampp

Regular Service Times

Sunday

Early Worship - 8:15 am

Late Worship - 10:00 am

Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

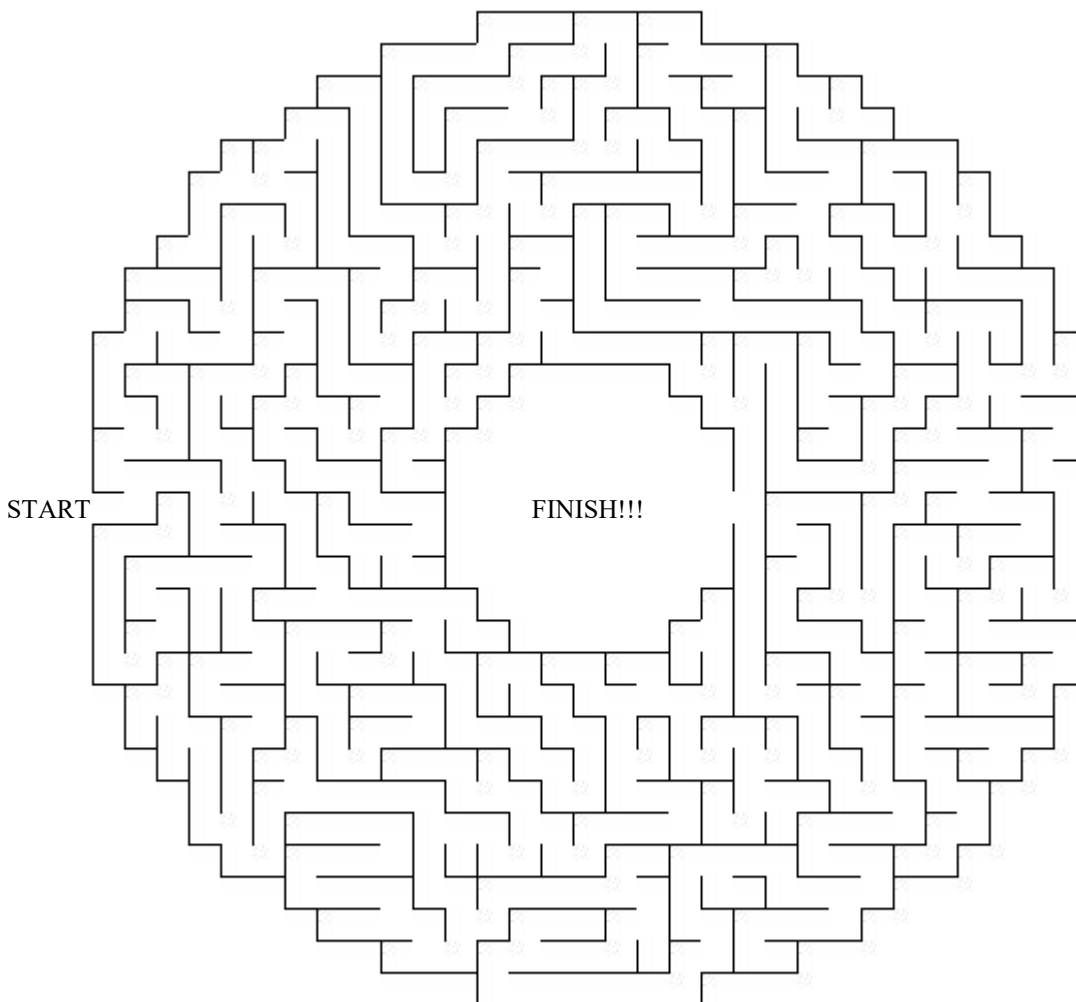
Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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Maze Challenge