

THE Shepherd's Fold

June 9, 2024

Third Sunday after Pentecost

THE LITTLE ONES

Jesus said “Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 18.3) “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” (Matthew 19.14) “Whoever welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me.” (Mark 9.37) It is safe to say that Jesus had a real love of the little children. So much so, he says that we must become like little children if we want to enter the kingdom of heaven: a difficult saying to those of us who have always aspired to be a grownup. What is Jesus telling us in his words about children? Are we really supposed to revert to being childish?

Jesus' sayings about little children can be confusing to us adults. Biblical scholars have spilled a lot of ink trying to explain what Jesus “really meant.” What a waste of perfectly good ink! If you ever want to understand what Jesus was saying, don't go to your Bible commentaries; instead, come to Good Shepherd for a morning of Vacation Bible School. To see nearly a hundred children from preschool through elementary school singing, jumping up and down, giving rapt attention to Bible stories, and otherwise expressing true joy in knowing Jesus as a loving friend is to understand Jesus at a deeper level than any scholarly treatise. The simple, unadulterated faith of these little ones is something that is both awe inspiring and instructive.

Admittedly, we need to do our “adult” studies of Scripture. We need to know the doctrines that underpin our faith. We need to wrestle with the difficult questions. BUT, we need at the same time to recognize that our Christian faith is ultimately about the unconditional love of our Lord Jesus, to accept that love, and to let it animate our lives like it does for those VBS kids. In truth, I believe that we adults volunteering with VBS are the ones learning the most about what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Maybe you might want to volunteer next year?



PARISH NEWS

Our thoughts and prayers are with Will; Trevor, Danielle and Lily Huggins, Kevin and Lauren Huggins; Hailie and Hayden Harrison; and Sada Huggins; upon the death of his wife, and their mother, grandmother and daughter-in-law, Stephanie Huggins, on June 4, 2024.

RECEPTION FOR TED CLARKSON

Join us for a reception to honor the Rev. Ted H. Clarkson, Sunday, **June 23rd**. Plan to attend the Sunday morning service at 10 am and stay for a reception (catered by Jennifer Shuford) with mimosas in the Parish Hall. His last Sunday as our Interim Rector is June 30th. We are grateful for his time here as our Interim Rector, and we look forward to celebrating with him! **Please RSVP by June 16th: bit.ly/tcreception.**



SCAN ME



KANUGA PARISH WEEKEND

Join us for a crisp, beautiful fall weekend in North Carolina, **September 20-22**. 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. 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**

BACK TO THE BIBLE

For the monthly readings pick up a bookmark or navigate to our B2B page: goodshepherd-augusta.org/b2b.



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BREAKFAST TEAMS

Join a breakfast team! The time commitment is a few hours on Sunday morning every 4-6 weeks during the program year from August to May. The teams have fun cooking and fellowshiping together, and we would love a few extra volunteers! For more information, contact **Harriet Deas, (706) 373-0780**.

YOUTH NEWS

Head to the Shell Newsletter for details & to sign-up for upcoming events. For any questions, email Mary Grace Wynn at mgwynn@goodshepherd-augusta.org.

POOL PARTY: Youth currently in grades 6th-12th are invited to join us for a Pool Party on **June 23rd** from 4-6 pm. Please RSVP to Mary Grace.

PJS AND PAJAMAS: Mark your calendars for the annual PJs and Pajamas breakfast party! **June 9th** directly after the 10am service. Wear your PJs and join the fun!

JULY ACOLYTE SIGN-UP: For the month of July through early August, we will use Sign Up Genius to schedule acolytes for the 10am service. Please head to the Shell Newsletter to add your name to dates available.



PJS & PANCAKES

 **SUNDAY, JUNE 9TH** 

Kids be sure to wear your pajamas and join us for a delicious pancake & bacon breakfast!

Immediately following the 10am Service



Servers of the Shepherd

Sunday, June 9, 2024

8:00 AM

Celebrant.....Joe Bowden
Preacher.....Ted Clarkson
Organist.....Cindy Wilkinson
Lay Readers.....Mitzi McCoy, Lynn Tyson

10:00 AM

Celebrant.....Joe Bowden
Preacher.....Ted Clarkson
Organist.....Cindy Wilkinson
Choirmasters.....Mollie Baldwin, Pamela McCorkle
Vergers.....Sada Huggins
Ushers.....Drew Daniel, Jack Dugan
Lay Readers.....Lynn Smith, Kelley Norris
Acolytes.....Lucy Roche, Anne Ross Roche
May Roche, Darby Martin, Sam Bradford

6:00 PM

Celebrant & Preacher.....Ted Clarkson
Organist.....Nick Lowery
Lay Readers.....Anne Floyd, Jim Price

All Services

Altar Guild.....Team IV
Vestry Person of the Day.....John Manton

