



THE BETHLEHEM STAR

Shepherd Me, O God | based on John 10 and Psalm 23

That Jesus is our Good Shepherd is perhaps the best-loved imagery of all the Bible. Whether it's the pasturing and watering; the leading and defending; or the comforting and refreshing; Christians have enjoyed the Good Shepherd's care since before he took on flesh and was made like one of us.

He even proves his shepherding by laying his life down on some miserable cross of torture, for us and for our rescue. Yet this Shepherd delighted to do it, and so this beloved Shepherd is just what we deeply desire.

We desire this Shepherd most because we know how powerless we are as we travel along in this world of sin and tragedy. Every breath is a gift from God, every moment, every heartbeat. Then God goes on to give us certain things we want as well as certain things we need. Every son and daughter, every mother and father, every brother or sister is not to be taken for granted.

These were my thoughts after we vacationed in Tennessee at my parents' 40th wedding anniversary celebration. Our Good Shepherd guided us there safely, fed us and led us on vacation, and brought us back to Bethlehem, a special new place in our hearts. God feed you and lead you as your Summer travels draw to a close!

Pastor Bode

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The Bethlehem Star Caption Corner

Freshly painted walls ...

... window-shopping the vibrant colors ...

... color me young, it's all back together again!

*"For now we really live, since you are standing firm in the Lord."
(1 Thessalonians 3:8)*

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July Voter's Recap:

- > Outreach committee reported an event schedule;
- > Ellie Bode was formally accepted into membership;
- > Youth discipleship is excitedly prepping teachers for a new year;
- > A request to voters was made for an ad-hoc committee under property and finance to explore the building loan. Are you a member with a financial mind and willing to help?
- > Questions may be directed to Pastor Bode; Barry Geipel, pres.; Cory Sulfridge, secy.; or any other councilman!

The Little Town of Bethlehem Preschool has a makeover! Our freshly painted walls (thank you, Gene Bradburn) look fabulous. We can't wait to hang up our new religious art pieces and do a little redecorating!

On Wednesday, July 25, the Little Town of Bethlehem hosted a preschool summer session. Students had a blast coming back to school to learn and play together. We look forward to coming back in August for our Summer Open House before school sessions begin again in September.

Bring your Bible and your appetite to church on Sunday, August 5. In honor of the first Bible class of the new season, we will provide beverages and snacks during the Bible class hour, beginning at 8:45am. Free will donations will go towards the purchase of items for the Little Town of Bethlehem Preschool ministry.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of our Little Town of Bethlehem Preschool ministry.. *Mrs. Campbell*