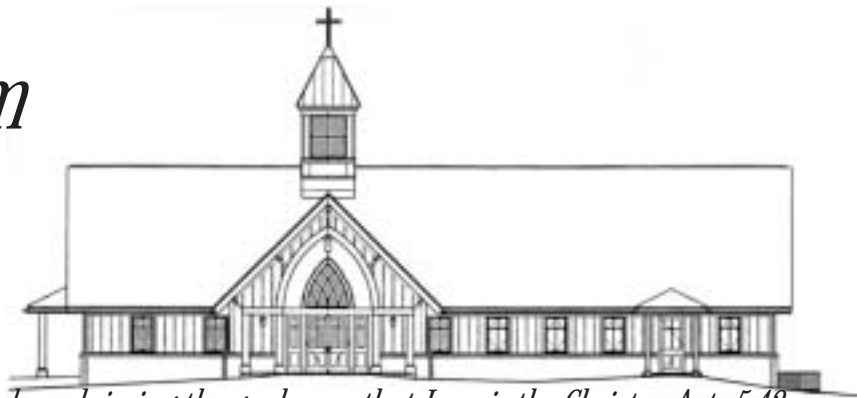


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Day after day... they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ. ❖ Acts 5:42
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The LORD Is My Shepherd, I Shall Not Want

Psalm 23 is probably the best known of all of the Psalms. It is easy to memorize because of the visual images that are painted by David. This Psalm conveys truths that sustain us, encourage us, and give us hope for the future. Our hearts and minds are awakened to a message that is almost unimaginable. What follows are some personalized thoughts from the Psalm.

The LORD is my shepherd. The eternal, all-wise, all-knowing, all-powerful God is my personal guide, overseer, mentor, and protector. He is the compassionate leader of my life. His love, affection, and knowledge of the details of my life exceed my closest relationships in life. He knows what I need and what is best for me. I am never destitute or lacking in any item that He deems necessary for my welfare. He nourishes me with sustenance for my body and soul. He restores the inner recesses of my being. He trains and enables me to behave rightly. When I am threatened by any type of harm, He reassures me that nothing can extinguish my life, but Him alone. He even guarantees that ultimately in time or in eternity I will see triumph through Him. He beckons me to be glad and to rejoice for all of His kindness and mercy, which are ceaseless now and later. He gives me confidence that I will always be welcomed in His home.

Is the LORD your shepherd? Could you agree with these thoughts or articulate your own? Read Psalm 23, and try it for yourself. Embrace the Psalm as your own. Say to yourself, "The LORD is my shepherd. He knows my name and I know His—Jesus Christ my Savior." ❖



Make a Joyful Noise!

I am very excited about the opportunity to work with a choir at Good Hope this fall. One of the greatest joys in my life is to help a group of Christians work together singing praises to God. Anyone who wants to sing and loves the Lord is invited. (You do not need to know how to read music!) We plan to rehearse at 5:30pm on Sundays before the evening worship service, beginning on **September 9th**. We hope to sing in morning worship once a month from September through November and several times in December. If you have any questions, please contact me at (301) 776-8256. I look forward to seeing many of you there and getting to know you.

Soli Deo Gloria,
Kim Monroe

Focus on Our Missionaries: *The Huber Family in Kiev, Ukraine*

On Sunday, I preached from Ecclesiastes 3. "There is a time for every matter under heaven." There is great comfort in knowing that our God has appointed all of the events in our lives and in the world around us. His providence saves us from chance and from meaninglessness. Below are a few of the current "times and seasons" in our lives in Ukraine.

A Time to Let Go

Yesterday was strange. I took the kids to school for the first day, but there was one missing. Actually, Lauren was missing as well, as she is in the States helping Tim, our oldest, make the transition to college. I miss him already. Our family has thrived on the mission field, and God has given us a closeness as a family for which I would have barely dared to hope. Many of us go through college transitions, but as you can imagine, leaving him (sending him?) on the other side of the world has torn out a chunk of our hearts. We rejoice in God's goodness as Tim takes this step, but we ache and weep as well.

A Time to Embrace

Speaking of rejoicing... As you read this, Lauren and I will be celebrating 20 years of marriage. An excellent wife, who can find? Well, by the grace of God and through His good hand of providence, I want to say that the answer is, "I can!" I really don't take credit for that, but I sure do rejoice in it.

A Time to Keep Trying to Gather the Stones Together

Do you ever get frustrated with evangelism? I do. I would love to be the kind of man/pastor/missionary who not only invites people to church, but then actually sees them come to church and to the Lord! I think I invited at least four non-believers to church on Sunday. All of them seemed interested, and all are friends to some extent, but alas, when Sunday came, they were not there.

Last week, I sat in a café with two of them for several hours and talked. The topics flowed from one to another and included deep conversations about life, doing good, sin, and politics. One of the men is extremely successful in the material sense. But in a private moment when the other man had left the table, he confided to me, "Eric, I just don't know what I am doing or why. I don't really know what I want from life." Oh, that our God would continue to transform hearts of stone and gather them together in His church. So, though discouraged, I will press on in the talking to these folks and longing for them to know and love King Jesus.

A Time for Two-Week Teams

Summer is our season for visitors, and we had countless folks here in Ukraine to help this summer. We had families seeking to adopt children, churches seeking ways they could partner in the ministry, and teams from many churches who did a range of ministries, including youth camps, visiting orphanages, and VBSs. It is sometimes exhausting, but it does seem that these teams really can add to the life of the church. Our prayer now is that the many contacts which have been made would translate into many new believers in the churches.

A Time to Teach

I have a number of opportunities set before me this fall for teaching, and I would ask you to pray for them. I will be preaching, teaching a Sunday school series, leading a men's group, and speaking at a few conferences and retreats. Perhaps the most challenging thing will be traveling to a country in Central Asia to teach at an underground seminary. I confess that I have some trepidation about it, but I am privileged to try to serve and assist in the growth of the church there. Please pray for safety and the many logistics of this trip, including the very real challenge of getting a visa. Then pray that I would be able to encourage the church leaders in this difficult environment.

A Time for Thanks and Prayer

As always, we are thankful to all of you for sending us here to serve in the kingdom. Our lives here (as yours are in Maryland) are full of the vicissitudes that we see in Ecclesiastes 3. Please pray that we will be good stewards and make the most of every opportunity set before us.



Blessings,
Eric Huber

Join us for Sunday School at 9:45am and Worship at 11:00am each Sunday.
Evening Worship is held each Sunday at 6:30pm.

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Coats and Shoes for Afghanistan

Many of you know **Keith Hoekman**, a former member of Good Hope. He and his wife Lori and their children Olivia, Zoë, and Nikolas worshipped with us during the several years that they lived in Maryland. Keith, a medical officer in the Navy, is currently stationed in Afghanistan and has started a coat and shoe drive for school children in the Nawur district, where people die every year due to exposure to the severe winter weather. For six months of the year, this district is cut off from the rest of the province due to impassible mountain gorges covered by feet of snow.

If you have new or used (but in good condition) children's coats or shoes that you would like to donate, there will be boxes available in the Fellowship Hall on **Sundays, September 2nd and 9th**. Also, if you are unable to help with these items but are interested in other ways to contribute, a continual need is for hygiene products for Afghan women. Examples of what has been sent and well received before are soap, shampoo, lotion, maxi pads, toothbrushes, toothpaste, emery boards, etc. These items will be used for educational classes on hygiene and disease prevention.

All items collected will be sent to Keith for distribution to the people of Nawur, Afghanistan. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Keith at hoekmank@gmail.com. Thank you in advance for your expressions of the love of Christ to our distant neighbors in Afghanistan. ❖

Sunday Bulletin Information

All announcements for the weekly Sunday bulletin should be given to **Carol Taylor** at (301) 570-9651 or carol_taylor5@verizon.net by the preceeding Thursday. Announcements received after this point may be too late for inclusion.

Outreach Ministry Meeting

A meeting of the Outreach Ministry is scheduled for **Wednesday, September 5th** at 7:00pm at the church. Please contact **Ian Macdonald** for more information.

Growth Groups Resume This Fall

If you are interested in participating in a "Growth Group" (small group Bible study), please contact **Jack Waller** or **Jim Haber**. Groups will begin meeting during the second week of September with times and locations to be announced. Stay tuned for further details!