



Faith Talk

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May / June 2008

Upcoming Events

June 8, 2008

(Sunday)

Pastor Clifton Martin

10:30 AM & 6:00 PM

June 27, 28, 2008

(Fri night / Sat am)

YOUTH BLAST

Eastside YMCA

Harborcreek, PA

August 16, 2008

(Saturday)

MGCC Church Picnic

Howard Whitford Park
Wesleyville, PA

YOUTH NEWS

MGCC youth who receive a straight A report card for their **final grade for 2008** will receive a \$100 scholarship. In order to receive the gift, students must get a copy of their final report card to Mr. Heidelberg or Mrs. Young.

Mt. Gerizim Christian Center

Following the Shepherd

Psalm 23:1 KJV
A Psalm of David.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

Here in the 23rd Psalm, David, by the Holy Spirit, shares some information about his relationship with God. He compares his walk

with God to that of a sheep following the shepherd. It is significant that this Psalm follows the 22nd Psalm which prophetically foretells in great detail the suffering that Christ would endure on the cross. I believe this Psalm reveals not just the relationship that David had with God but also the provision that is available to those who have been redeemed by the sacrifice of Jesus.

In verse 1 the word translated want is the Hebrew word **chacér. It means to lack, fail, or to want.** The Holy Spirit makes it abundantly clear that if we learn to follow the shepherd, we can experience the same benefit that David described here. I like to say it like this; **great provision awaits those who follow the shepherd.**

In John 10:11

Jesus said “ ***I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.***”

Jesus is still leading His sheep today and we need to understand how to follow Him. We know that Jesus is not on the earth today in His physical body to lead us, but he has sent us a helper, the Holy Spirit.

John 16:13 “***Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will show you things to come.***”

The Holy Spirit has a very specific mission in the earth. Part of that mission is to guide us into all truth. He does help us to understand the scripture, but He also does much more. The word guide in this passage is the Greek word **hodgeo.** It means to guide, to lead, to show the way.



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Great provision awaits those who follow the shepherd...

It is the picture of an experienced guide who will help you navigate your way through a foreign land. It is one thing to visit a place and try to find your way around and see some of the sights, but when you have an experienced guide who knows the way you can experience and enjoy so much more. A good guide knows where you should go and the best way to get there.

In the same way the Holy Spirit knows where you should go in your life and the best way for you to get there. He will also, as part of His function as guide, show you things to come. I have known things that would happen in my life sometimes years before they happened by the Spirit. I have observed that most men are not good at asking for directions when they get lost. I am the same way, so I guess it is the way some men are wired. I recall many times being in unfamiliar cities trying to work my way to a certain place but not really knowing how to get there. A few years ago, Garland Ferebee, Courtney Gibson and I went to an anniversary celebration in Philadelphia, and almost got lost. We ended up stuck in traffic and late to the event. We finally did get there, but not when and how we wanted to and we missed a lot because we were late. On the way back to the hotel I decided to use the navigation system I had in my truck. It took us through some old neighborhoods and narrow streets, but we got to our exact

destination in less than half the time. I should have used the navigation the first time but didn't. In the same manner all of us have a divine navigation system built within us called the Holy Spirit. Learn to follow Him and let Him lead you, guide you and show you the way. Remember, great provision awaits those who follow the shepherd.

Bill Young

Body and soul

Faith based program (healthy eating)

MGCC has six *1 year YMCA memberships* available through the Body and Soul program. The membership is free but we require that you only obtain a membership if you are going to use it.

Health tip of the month:

Walking just 30 minutes a day can help decrease your risk for heart disease.

Prayer focus

Please agree with us in prayer for the following:

- - An effective open door to share the Gospel with a greater audience.
- - The salvation of multitudes through our ministry efforts.
- - The perfect facility to meet the needs of our growing congregation.

Recommended reading

Sparkling Gems From the Greek

by Rick Renner

Christ the Healer

by F.F. Bosworth

Breaking Intimidation

by John Bevere