



# GOOD SHEPHERD *news*

## Pastor's Message

Maybe we could file this under the category "the Jesus we never knew".

In all four Gospels we have John the Baptist going out of his way to make clear that he is not the promised messiah and that he was preparing the way for the Promised One, the True Messiah, and Israel's promised Redeemer.

And John emphasized this point further by contrasting what he was doing with what Jesus was going to do: *I merely wash you in water that symbolizes your intent to redirect your lives back to God. But the one who comes after me, who is greater than me, will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.*

We know Jesus our savior who forgives us all our sins and builds a place in his Father's house where we will share all eternity with him.

We have a special fondness for Jesus the Good Shepherd who comes to give us life and life more abundantly.

Jesus is Lord and our focus on pleasing and obeying him is something I often reference.

And Jesus our healer and deliverer is coming more alive in us and through us.

But Jesus who baptizes us in the Holy Spirit has mostly been missing.

To make sure I was not just heading off on a tangent I asked some of the Jesus followers here at GS that I love and respect the most. These are serious students of the bible, excellent theologians, proven Jesus followers, and loyal members. We have many such people here.

I asked this group if they had any experience of being taught what it means that the Jesus they love and follow wants to baptize them in the Holy Spirit. As always, the answers were articulate and diverse. But the main consensus was in general there had been little to no focus on what it means that Jesus is the One who baptizes his followers in the Holy Spirit.

When God gave us the vision of *igniting passion for a life in Jesus* he launched us towards a destiny far beyond where we have been up until now. And as we head out into this preferred future one thing is becoming clear: we need more of Jesus and we need him more than ever. And we need Jesus to be all He is meant to be to us so that we can bring him to more people.

It is time to get to know Jesus, He who baptizes his people with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Pastor Todd Wallace



Pastor Todd's Sermon Series *PORTRAITS OF PASSION* is underway! To listen, go to [www.gschurch.us/more](http://www.gschurch.us/more) and click on SERMONS!

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# From The Council // President's Message

June 2018

Gratitude & joy have recently been so much more present in my heart, mind, and prayer. In that spirit, I will share examples of why I am thankful, perhaps sparking the emotion of joy in you. These examples are not random, however they are far from comprehensive.

God's love and grace for me is a free and everlasting gift. God sent his only Son to love us, teach us, and die for our sins. God is incredibly generous, and I am part of His royal family. Jesus is patient and forgives my sins. The Holy Spirit touches me emotionally. I will live eternally in heaven. Jesus is with me to help me and to refresh my soul. The Bible is an amazing historical record and teacher, providing tangible, reliable guidance. My faith gives my life purpose and meaning and endless opportunities for growth.

Love is present in my family, among my friends, and with my co-workers. I am privileged to be a member of an incredible church. I am an American and have always lived in this fabulous country. Time spent in the beauty and wonder of the great outdoors nourishes my body, heart and soul and grounds me in what is important and not important.

My re-immersion in gratitude & joy has very recently begun to help me to recognize and be less accepting of when I am not joyful. I now ask myself why am I not joyful? When I understand the why, I can then ask myself what I need to do about it. This is about way more than me. This is about gratitude leading to joy. Joy leading to loving others through relationships and service. Actively loving others leading to being a catalyst, in partnership with the Holy Spirit, to introduce others to a life in Jesus. We have so much to offer! I continue to be a work in progress. Now is the time to re-prioritize my approach and actions.

Praying for the help of Jesus and the Holy Spirit,  
Tammy Wilcox, Council President



## Pray For Our Men and Women in the Military//

Ryan Baker \* Heather Campbell \* Christopher Day \* Blake Fair \* Joseph Fullerton \* Michael Harrison \*  
Gregory Houghtby \* Zachary Jensen \* Cody Johnstone \* Alex Kraal \* Christian Lucero \* Douglas Murphy  
\*Cosme Munzo \* Michael Nolan \* Matthew Sirko \* Eamon Turnbull \* Nathan Wallace \* Noah Wallace

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6/3/18 —Resume Café @ 9:30AM

6/5/18—Thomas Edison 8th Grade Graduation @ 1:00PM

6/10/18 — GS Graduates Slideshow @ 8:30 & 11:00AM worship services

6/16/18 — F(4) @ 9:30AM in the Fireside Room

6/18-6/20/18 — IKON Middle School Retreat in Santa Cruz

6/21-6/23/18 — IKON High School Retreat in Santa Cruz

6/24/18 — GS Summer Challenge begins!

6/24/18 — Bruce Porter Memorial Service @ 2:00PM

6/26/18 — TapTalks @ Sactown Union Brewery @ 6:30PM

## TapTalks Summer Series //



Join Pastor Todd for four special events this summer featuring local brews and great conversation! The next event is Tuesday 6/26 @ 6:30PM at Sactown Union Brewery in Sacramento. The cost is \$10/person and includes beer. **Space is limited, sign-ups & pre-payment are required.** You can sign up at [gschurch.us/connect/events](http://gschurch.us/connect/events). This is a great event for guests! Don't worry if you can't make this one, there will be two more events this summer!

## IKON Summer Retreats //

Our IKON Teens are headed to Santa Cruz this summer! The Middle School Retreat is June 18-20 and the High School Retreat is June 21-23. Sign up at [gschurch.us/connect/teens](http://gschurch.us/connect/teens). The last day to sign up is Sunday 6/10/18.



# GS Summer Challenge: Put On The Armor Of God //

In Ephesians 6, Paul writes that our struggles aren't against flesh & blood but against the spiritual forces of evil. He echoes what Peter wrote in 1 Peter 5: that "your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour." By the power of the Holy Spirit, Peter & Paul had powerful, passionate ministries and both knew well what it was to encounter spiritual resistance to what God was doing in and through them. If they took spiritual warfare seriously, how much more should we?

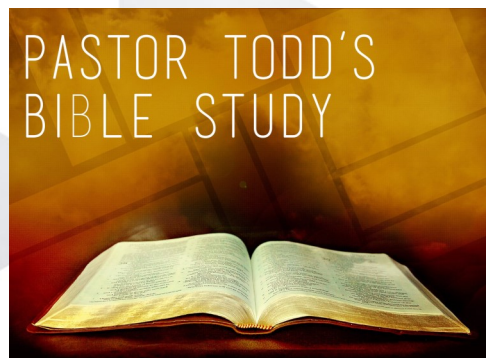
This summer at Good Shepherd, we have the opportunity to take the 2018 Summer Challenge: to put on the armor of God. For five weeks (June 24- July 28) we will learn to put on the armor of God that Paul lists in Ephesians 6 so that each one of us can stand firm in our faith, strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Each week we will learn about the armor of God, with an emphasis on memorizing Scripture and praying for one another.

Sign up at [gschurch.us/connect/events](http://gschurch.us/connect/events) to join the challenge and you will receive weekly emails beginning Sunday June 24 with your "challenge" for that week. To arms!



## Thursday Bible Study Break //

Pastor Todd's Thursday Bible Study will be on break from July 5th through August 23. We will be back on Thursday, August 30th @ 10:00AM in the Fireside Room. Have a great summer!



**Sunday Services** at 7:45 AM (30 Minute Service), 8:30AM (Classic), and 11:00AM (Contemporary). Fellowship at 9:30AM. Educational Hour from 10:00AM-10:45AM: Adults (Fireside Room), IKON YOUTH (Ikon Room—6th-12th grade), Kids (GS Kids Room—age 2 years - 5th grade). Library open on Sundays 9:30-11:00AM. Prayer Room open 7:15AM-12:30PM.



# Good Shepherd Preschool //

Good Shepherd Preschool is about to kick off our Summer Break this week! All of our little ones are taking a break before they come back to our new preschool building in August or start Kindergarten in a new school. We enjoyed sending off all of our little ones with a mini graduation party and a summer activity kit to keep their education going while enjoying family and sunshine!

Construction is continuing in the Arden building, and more drastic changes are about to take place on the playground. We are so excited for all of the hard work that is being done to create a wonderful environment for our preschoolers and congregation! Even while we are on summer break, we will be busy taking enrollments for the fall 2018 school year in our new building. Please recommend Good Shepherd Preschool to anyone that is looking for care this fall!

Thank you to all of the families who have chosen our sweet school to care for their children! We will miss you all! Our summer break officially begins June 6<sup>th</sup>, and we will reopen in the new building on August 6<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for allowing me to serve this ministry!

Kristen Ljung, Preschool Director



## GS Kids On Break //



We will be breaking from GS Kids Sundays through July 1st. We will be back on Sunday, July 8th.

We will be using this time to revamp our volunteer vetting process, set up security and safety procedures and protocols, standardize behavioral expectations across ministries, recruit and train people to serve in kids, youth and impact ministries, train and inspire our team to be amazing, and work out logistics of upcoming fall changes. If you have any special expertise or input in any of these areas, feel free to contact me.

Cathleen Demant, Director of GS Kids ([cathleen@gschurch.us](mailto:cathleen@gschurch.us))

## Thank You CHOIR! //

For all of you who contributed to the music ministry this past year, and especially to all those who sang with us in the choir, THANK YOU! We had a wonderful year with some awesome milestones to boot. Looking forward to another amazing season starting in the Fall of next year.

Choir resumes on Wednesday, September 5th @ 7:00PM. All are welcome!

Blessings in Christ,  
Jeff Schulz  
Director of Worship and Music



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## UPDATE!

May was a busy month for outreach as we wrapped up both our Girls of Grace and Sons of Thunder programs for summer breaks. We ended the school year with a fun roller skating party. Our girls enjoyed a special onsite spa day and photo shoot while the boys bonded over video games and tasty snacks.



## HOORAY!

Nick Rebholtz and Amy Smith wrote and presented a LDSS (Lutheran Development Society of Sacramento) grant for Resume Cafe-- and were awarded \$5,000 to help expand the youth job training program. More details coming soon.



## #MissionMentality

**Book Fair:** We had 10 church volunteers show up and serve (some served multiple days!) at this 4-day school event. Thank you to Tammy Wilcox, Rachel McKinney, Melissa Macomber, Lisa Taron, Sally Spratt, Rick Morat, Elizabeth Houlihan, Kim Harris, Kathy Olson and Kirstin Fitzgerald.

**Teacher Appreciation:** We delivered handmade gifts to 50 teachers at Thomas Edison. A special thank you to Julie Johnson, Kim Lillard and Mallory Schulz for making this happen.



## LOOKING AHEAD:

**Thomas Edison 8th Grade Promotion:** Volunteer opportunities are still available on Tues., June 5th from 10am-3pm. Please contact Amy Smith.

## **Camp iMPACT - Summer 2018 presents GAME ON!**

June 18 - Aug 2  
9am-1pm

Youth volunteers (6th-12th graders) must apply by June 8th, be interviewed, and attend mandatory training before camp starts. Limited spots.



GSLife allows our Good Shepherd family to securely communicate with one another. It brings together a church directory, calendar, group information, service opportunities, event signups and more.



## WHY USE GSLIFE

- Access our church directory
- Connect with groups
- Find ways to serve
- Manage your giving
- Update your personal information
- Direct your church communication
- Sign up for events and classes

## HOW TO ACCESS GSLIFE

Three different ways!

- **App:** GSLife icon in the Good Shepherd Sacramento app
- **Website:** GSLife link at [gschurch.us](http://gschurch.us) from the *MORE* tab
- **Internet:** GSLife URL at <https://gschurch.ccbchurch.com>
- **SIGN UP** for a username on the login page. You will receive an email response to set your password

## WHAT TO DO NEXT

- Review your personal profile
- Update information for you and your family
- Adjust your communication settings
- Assess your privacy settings
- Manage your service schedule
- Explore groups
- Set up a recurring gift
- Find tips in *HELP* and on the *HOME* page

## GS LIFE FAQ

### Is my information secure?

The information contained in GSLife will not show up in any search engine and can only be viewed by members with a login and password.

### Who can use GSLife?

Church members are the only people who can view the online directory. Attenders may be granted GSLife logins, but with absolutely no access to people information.

### What can others see about me?

Church members can see your name, contact phone, email address and gender until you update your personal privacy settings. Your picture will also be visible if one is uploaded. You will only be identified with a group or class you participate in if you are the leader of that group.

### Why should I add personal information?

There is a difference between what you *put in* GSLife and what you *choose to share*. What you put into GSLife is important for our church records, but you may choose to display as much or little of your personal information to other members in GSLife as you prefer.

### Is information about children protected?

Children under the age of 14 are only visible in GSLife to their parents and appropriate church leaders and staff.

### Who can see my giving?

Only you and appropriate church leaders and staff can view your personal and family giving records, or download your giving statement.


### What if I don't have internet access?

*Inside News* is available weekly inside your worship program. Our monthly publication, *Good Shepherd News*, is available in the Welcome Center. Contact the church office to receive a printed member directory.

### Who do I contact with questions?

Call the church office at 483-0451 or email [info@gschurch.us](mailto:info@gschurch.us) with any questions.





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