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All Lives Matter

Our Lord's Parable of the Lost Sheep is often used as talking point oriented against the expression "All Lives Matter."

The argument goes like this:

since the Good Shepherd will leave the 99 to find the one who is lost, then we ought to spend a disproportionate amount of time seeking to add "people of color" to the rolls of the Church."

You see, saying "All Lives Matter" is offensive to those who advocate for

#BlackLivesMatter. And their hostile, sometimes violent, reaction, to this expression, speaks volumes. For why do black lives matter? Not because they're black, but because they are human lives, souls created in the image of God. It isn't their blackness, but rather their humanity, that truly matters. Skin color is an accident; humanity is the substance.

The idea that All Lives Matter is

dangerous to the left, for it not only violates their Unholy Desacrament of Infanticide, it also cuts to the heart of the folly of identity politics, which attempts



to create levels of supremacy within the human family based on accidents as opposed to substance. BLM is anti-Christian at its very root, not by asserting the sacredness of black lives, but by their assertion of the sacredness of the accident of dark skin.

BLM is also Marxist and anti-family, pushing an agenda of deviant sexuality - which has nothing to do with the amount of melanin in the skin or ances-

tral origins from the continent of Africa. Our Lord's Parable of the Lost Sheep is a metaphor, that when applied to blacks, is rather insulting, if not a rein-

forcement of racist tropes. Using this passage of Scripture as a proof text for BLM is to play right into the hands of white supremacy.

In the parable, 99 sheep are where they are supposed to be, following

God's created order – obey-

ing the law, if you will. For sheep naturally flock, and it is in the flock that sheep find protection from predators. The Latin word for "to wander" is "errare" - from where we get the word "error." The errant sheep is foolish rather than wise. The errant sheep makes a stupid decision that subjects himself to victimhood. The errant sheep is rebelling against God's created order, because he thinks he knows better. The errant sheep is foolish,

like a child, lacking the wisdom normally acquired by age and life experience. In the parable, what makes the sheep errant is that he needs to repent.

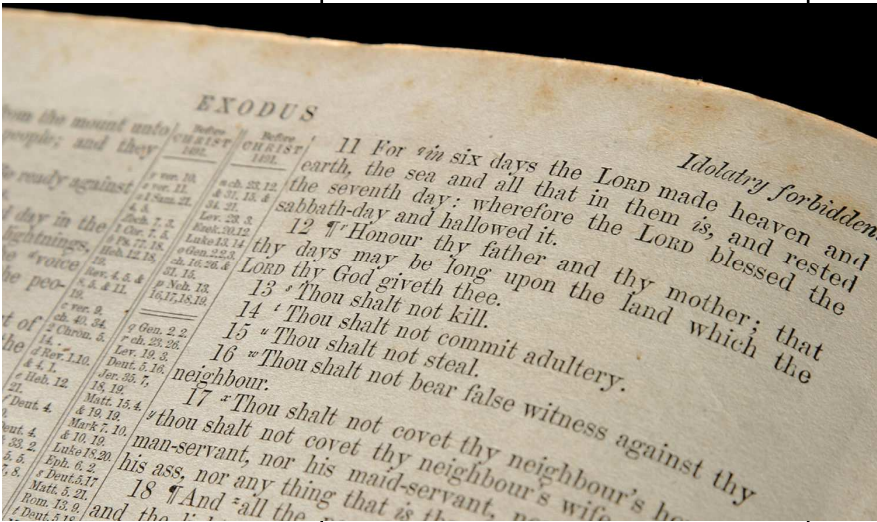
And in the parable, the shepherd is forced to leave the 99 obedient sheep to seek and save the

foolish errorist. And of course, the shepherd does – because He is the Shepherd, the Good Shepherd. He seeks out the sinner, the wanderer, the rebel, the fool, the one who thinks he knows better than God – and He goes after him (meaning “us”) to save him (meaning “us”).

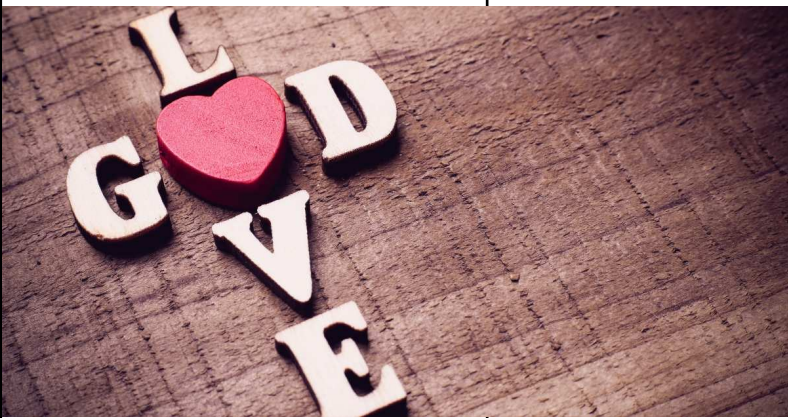
Of course, we are all the errant sheep in the parable. That’s the point of the story. It is about Jesus and His sacrifice on the cross to save sinners. This parable is not about supporting a Marxist, anti-family organization dedicated to intersectional anthropology and unbiblical sexuality.

To cast black people as the “villain” (which *all of us* actually are) in the Lord’s parable is rather condescending. It suggests that black people are not law abiding, are childish and foolish, and because of their folly, they are subject to victimhood. Moreover, resources that could be dedicated to the law-abiding majority have to be diverted to save the minority from himself. Could the Ku Klux

Klan have written a more racist trope? Moreover, consider the hypocri-



sy of BLM resorting to the Bible. According to its own statement of beliefs, BLM affirms: We make space for transgender brothers and sisters to participate and lead. We are self-reflexive and do the work required to dismantle cisgender privilege and uplift Black trans-folk, especially Black trans-women who continue to be dis-



proportionately impacted by trans-antagonistic violence. “Cisgender” is the derogatory term they’ve adopted to classify sexually normal people who confess the Scriptural view of

human sexuality and the created order of male and female. What does Scripture teach about sexuality? Do they really want to employ the Bible as a talking point? Interestingly, no BLM supporters are quoting Romans 1:24-28 as a talking point. Nor Leviticus 18:22. Nor Leviticus 20:13. Nor 1 Corinthians 6:9. Nor 1 Timothy 1:8-10 (in which homosexuals are equated with “enslavers”). BLM is incompatible with Christianity by its repudiation of the Sixth Commandment.

BLM is also openly Marxist, which seeks to abolish private property, a violation of the Seventh Commandment – not to mention the Ninth. Marxist governments universally become enemies of the cross and oppressors of the Church – as they cannot abide the First Commandment either. Marxism is

responsible for at least a hundred million deaths, not to mention Marxism’s universal support of

abortion, which is also a violation of the Fifth Commandment as well. But BLM and its adherents are going to use the Bible to try to convince you not to believe, teach, and confess that

"All Lives Matter."

Finally, this particular line of reasoning was shared and endorsed by Qasim Rashid, a Virginia Democrat activist and wannabe politician, who is not only Muslim, but a member of the Ahmaddiyya sect (his father is a "missionary" who came to the United States), which believes Jesus lies dead in a particular tomb in India, that the prophecies concerning the Second Coming don't apply to Jesus, and that Islam will enjoy a final victory in this world.

So, is this the guy whom some leftist Christians believe should be interpreting the Bible and the parables of Jesus for them?

Can you imagine if Christian politicians were lecturing Muslims about what their Koran really means and how they should interpret it? Rashid was born in Pakistan, a ruthlessly Islamic state that treats Christians worse than dirt, where they are routinely imprisoned for false crimes against the false prophet. Shame on Christians who support such a Luciferian inversion and mockery of the truth, and their use of the Holy Scriptures in so doing. All Lives Matter, because we are all created in God's image and redeemed by

Christ. And if that be treason, make the most of it.

Written by Pastor Larry Beane, Salem Lutheran Church, Gretna, Louisiana

**Birthdays**

Sarah Manuel	9/1
Drew Newman	9/2
Alex Abend	9/2
Yvonne O'Grady	9/7
Jackie Augur	9/10
Alan Bozarth	9/11
Craig Schley	9/11
Tara Altis	9/14
Zackery Schmidt	9/16
Ian Larson	9/17
Curt Mayes	9/20
Allen Harris	9/20
Bill Moore	9/21
Brooke Schmidt	9/21
Andrew Swain	9/23
Mark Young	9/24
Nanette Stout	9/24
Joseph Goodroad	9/25
Shari Schley	9/27
Mike Jackson	9/30
Jeff Lehning	10/1
Jane Alshouse	10/3
Bonnie Harris	10/6
Cindy Williams	10/7
Scott Mayes	10/8

Baptisms

Larry Long	9/1
Blythe Larson	9/1
Kimberly Murphy	9/2

Ryan Schmidt	9/7
Tanner Slawson	9/7
Wyatt Mayes	9/9
Drew Newman	9/12
Amy Martinez	9/13
Debbie Abend	9/15
Grace Schroeder ..	9/15
Jackie Augur	9/16
Mike Owens	9/16
Gary Schmidt	9/17
Caroline Mayes	9/21
Emily Goodroad ..	9/22
Grace Slawson	9/26
Rob Stone	9/30
Mike Jackson	9/30

Sarah Manuel	10/2
Nanette Stout	10/6
Yvonne O'Grady	10/8
Sarah Pederson	10/9
Derek Chapman	10/9

Anniversaries

Gary & Diane Schmidt
9/6/1968

Drew & Linda Newman
9/13/1969

Jack & Nancy Oldag



9/16/1972

Mark & Jackie Augur
9/21/1981

Matt & Tiffany Robinson
9/24/2016

Melvin & Erma Altis
9/25/1971

Earl & Sarah Manuel
10/6/2018

Elders

Larry Goodroad
Dallas Hoffman
Bill Moore
Vic Edwards
Allen Harris
Tim Brammeier



Acolyte

Sept. 6 Andrew Swain
Sept. 13 Sam Wornson
Sept. 20 Colton Harris
Sept. 27 Simon Korondi
Oct. 4 Andrew Swain
Oct. 11 Sam Wornson
Oct. 18 Colton Harris
Oct. 25 Simon Korondi

Ushers

Sept. 6 & 13
Larry Long, John Luppess
Sept. 20 & 27
Bob Marchert, Don Mayes
Oct. 4 & Oct. 11
Scott Mayes, Ken Meier
Oct. 18 & 25
Bill Moore, Jack Oldag

Greeters

Until we resume normal operations we will not be officially greeting. In the meantime, greet on your own!

Altar Guild

Sept. 6 & Oct. 4
Mary Ellett, Pat Owens
Sept. 13 & Oct. 11
Leslie Young, Dee Hoffman
Sept. 20 & Oct. 18
Kari Goodroad,
Deanna Korondi
Sept. 27 & Oct. 25
Phyllis Clemens,
Sharon McCubbin

Coronavirus Update

Nothing much has changed since our last Newsletter. You are already familiar with what we have been doing as we try to remain faithful to our calling as Church to proclaim the pure Gospel of Christ and distribute His gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation, while also trying to honor the Fourth Commandment in respecting and not disobeying our leaders.



for the spiritual welfare of those whom Christ has entrusted to our care. I just recently reviewed the Clay County Health Department Guidelines for Churches, and what it says is that when you are inside and ***not able to maintain social distancing*** everyone should wear a mask. We believe that all our members are quite capable of following these guidelines and so we are not going to try and act as if we are the “social distancing police.”

For clarification then, while you are in the Nave for worship (if you are comfortable doing so) you may remove your face mask. Families and people who are together during the week anyway may sit together, but we are asking that when you come in you sit at either end of pews marked with the dots on the arm, or in the middle of the pews not so marked.



I want to reiterate that we are doing all we can to protect the health and safety of our members while trying to be Church

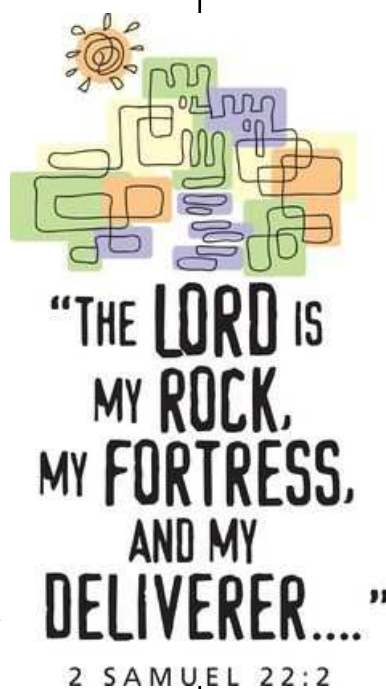
The Board of Elders and the leadership of the Congregation feel that we have reached a good compromise for the time being, and we ask for your support as we move forward, hopefully putting this whole mess behind us before too long.

We are all adults and we know everyone will do whatever they need to do to ensure that our fellow members are neither exposed to Covid-19 nor made to feel like they might be in danger by coming to worship services.

Luther Said

The first kingdom is a kingdom of the devil. In the Gospel the Lord calls the devil a prince or king of this world [John 16:11], that is, of a kingdom of sin and disobedience. To the godly, however, that kingdom is nothing but misery and a vast prison, as we find foreshown in times past in the sojourn of the children of Israel in Egypt. They were compelled to cultivate the land, to toil and suffer much woe, yet they gained nothing but the death that was planned for them [Exod. 1:10–16]. Thus he who submissively serves the devil in sin must suffer much, especially in his conscience, and yet, in the end, he will thereby earn nothing but everlasting death.

Now, all of us dwell in the devil's kingdom until the coming of the kingdom of God. However, there is a difference. To be sure, the godly are also in the devil's kingdom, but they daily and steadfastly contend against sins and resist the lusts of the flesh,



the allurements of the world, the whisperings of the devil. After all, no matter how godly we may be, the evil lust always wants to share the reign in us and would like to rule us completely and overcome us. In that way God's kingdom unceasingly engages in combat

with the devil's kingdom. And the members of the former are preserved and saved because they, within themselves, fight against the devil's kingdom in order to enlarge the kingdom of God. It is they who pray this petition with words, hearts, and deeds. Thus the holy apostle Paul says that "we must not let sin reign in our mortal bodies, to make us obey its passions" [Rom.

6:12]. He says as it were: You will indeed have and feel evil lusts, a love of and inclination to anger, greed, unchastity, and the like, all of which would lure you into the devil's kingdom, that is, into sin. These emotions issue out of that same kingdom and are sins in themselves. However, you must not give way to them, but fight against

them and forcibly subdue these traitors left behind from the old kingdom of the devil, just as the children of Israel did with the Jebusites and Amorites [2 Sam. 5:6-7]. In that way you increase the kingdom of God—that is,

the true promised land – in you.

From "An Exposition of the Lord's Prayer for Simple Laymen"

From Properties

Thanks go to Larry Goodroad for mowing and

to the following families for sponsoring a week of lawn care: Don Mayes, Don McCubbins, and Eric Altis.

Since we are experiencing unusual weather this year with all the rain we have been skipping some weeks due to being too wet. If you would like to sponsor a week please call Melvin at 560-



9256 to schedule.

From C.S. Lewis

C.S. Lewis lived in Britain during World War II when the Nazis were attempting to bomb Britain into oblivion. He also lived afterward, in the Atomic Age, when the fear of the atom bomb being dropped on Europe or the United States was hang-

ing over everyone's head. Given the situation of the present age, Lewis sheds some light on where our thinking ought to be as we face these uncertain times ...

In one way we think a great deal too much of the atomic bomb.

"How are we to live in an atomic age?" I am tempted to reply: "Why, as you would have lived in the sixteenth century when the plague visited London almost every year, or as you would have lived in a Viking age when raiders from Scandinavia might land and cut your throat any night; or indeed, as you are already living in an age of cancer, an age of syphilis, an age of paralysis, an



were going to die in unpleasant ways. We had, indeed, one very great advantage over our ancestors – anesthetics; but we have that still. It is perfectly ridiculous to go about whimpering and drawing long faces because the scientists have added one more chance of painful and premature death to a world which already bristled with such chances and in

which death itself was not a chance at all, but a certainty.

This is the first point to be made: and the first action to be taken is to pull ourselves together.

If we are all going to be destroyed by an atomic bomb, let that bomb when it comes find us doing sensible and human

things – praying, working, teaching, reading, listening to music,

age of air raids, an age of railway accidents, an age of motor accidents."

In other words, do not let us begin by exaggerating the novelty of our situation. Believe me, dear sir or madam, you and all whom you love were already sentenced to death before the atomic bomb was invented: and quite a high percentage of us

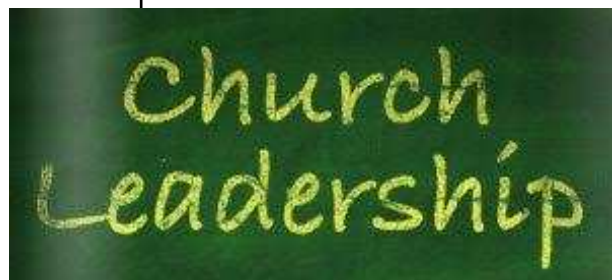
bathing the children, playing tennis, chatting to our friends over a pint and a game of darts – not huddled together like frightened sheep and thinking about bombs. They may break our bodies (a microbe can do that) but they need not dominate our minds.

"On Living in an Atomic Age" (1948) in Present Concerns: Journalistic Essays

Board of Directors

August 10, 2020

Attendance: Pastor (Drew Newman), President (Mark Fairhurst), Elder (Larry Goodroad), Properties (Melvin Altis), Public Relations (Derek Chapman), Planning (Tim Brammeier), Services (Dee Hoffman), Youth (Deanna Korondi), Education (Michelle Fairhurst) Treasurer (Connie Brammeier), Secretary (Erma Altis), Guest (Marlo Howard)



Call to Order: President Mark Fairhurst

Scripture and Prayer: Pastor Drew Newman. Augsburg Confession Article 24, Beware of False Prophets Matthew 7:49-78, and Conclusion.

Reading of the Minutes: Secretary Erma Altis. Motion was made to approve the minutes by Tim Brammeier, seconded by Deanna Korondi. Passed

Report by Pastor: Admission and Dismissal of Members. Deanna Korondi made a motion to approve transfer membership of Keith & Mary Wornson to King of Kings of Kansas City, seconded by Larry Goodroad. Vote taken, passed. Baptism on Sunday 16th, Sam & Dana Goodroad baby girl, Rose Marie Goodroad.



Report by Treasurer: Connie Brammeier. Larry Goodroad made a motion to approve the Treasurer Report, seconded by Derek Chapman. Passed.

Report by Directors: President Mark Fairhurst. Still compiling an inventory of written policies. We have identified Constitution; Building Use; Shearer Memorial Fund' Elementary & Secondary Education Fund. Pastor found a Wedding Guidelines draft but it has not been adopted – we will put that on the to-do list.

Elections are coming up in November. The following positions are on the ballot this year: VP, elders, Education, Stewardship, Youth & Services. Please let Larry know by the September meeting if you are running for re-election. If you aren't running for re-election, please help us identify candidates for your position.

Elders: Larry Goodroad. The Elders have been making phone calls to check on everyone in their zone. They had a meeting on July 20th .

Properties: Melvin Altis. Report on present roof problems, report on roof repair bid/estimates, mowing, cleaning, recycling, elevator repairs pending, carpet issues. Education: Michelle Fairhurst.

Still planning on ordering things for the kids.



Youth: Deanna Korondi. Higher Things. She reported that they had 3 members and 1 guest, it was a lot different than going to Higher Things, with only 6 people singing.

The kids still had a good time.

Public Relations: Derek Chapman. Numbers are down on the people watching the live streams.

Planning: Tim Brammeier. Getting prices on a Big Screen TV for the Church. Tim and Allen

Harris had someone come and give a bid what it would cost to change the key lock to a card scan lock.

Services: Dee Hoffman. The basket is ready for Baptism on Sunday 17th , Sam & Dana Goodroad's baby girl, Rose Marie. Working on a basket for Dan & Emily Goodroad's baby that is



due in a few months.

Secretary: Erma Altis. Nothing to report.

Unfinished Business: Stream Camera Equipment. Derek got

some prices on what we will need for the live stream. Motion was made Deanna Korondi to approve the funds to purchase the items that we need, seconded by Tim Brammeier. A vote was taken to approve to fund this purchase. Passed.

New Business: Request for the use of the Building on September 19th , to have baby shower for Emily Goodroad. Motion was made by Melvin Altis to approve the use of the building

on September 19th for the baby shower, seconded by Tim Brammeier. Vote tak-



en and approved.

LWML: Marlo Howard. Marlo Howard representing the LWML was present to explain their opposition to the suspension of recycling in the Narthex by the Property Director, Melvin Altis. Mark Fairhurst requested that the Elders work out a solution. Elder Larry Goodroad agreed to this.

Adjournment: Elder Larry Goodroad made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Derek Chapman.

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Grace Alone or What?

The following is a newspaper article written by a good friend of mine, Pastor Mike Strong, of Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Farmersville, Illinois. Enjoy.

"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." ... Ephesians 2:8-9

How can a person be saved when he has not asked Christ to come into his life and heart (A question recently asked of me)? This question goes to the very heart of how a person is saved. The false reason and teaching (behind the question) goes like this. Yes, Jesus died on the cross for my sins. Yes, Jesus paid the full price for my sins by being my sin substitute. But wait! Unless I make a decision to believe or follow Jesus, I cannot be saved. Hence, everything hinges on my "decision."

Now if that sounds familiar to you (and I'm sure it does to most), you need to be aware that this line of logic is contrary to

Scripture. Consider St. Paul's assertion in the Bible passage printed above. Where God's

Word says that we are saved, not by **any-thing** we do, but by grace alone.

And if that is so, then my (emphasis up-
on **my**) so-called "decision" to follow Jesus doesn't earn me anything. At least that's what God says through St. Paul in the passage above. I have nothing to "boast" about.

But isn't it reasonable to say I have to do something? Certainly! St. Paul said to the Philippian jailer, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved." But remember that in this context Paul and Silas had been witnessing to the jailer for hours. In those words and hymns Paul and Silas spoke, the Holy Spirit had worked faith in the jailer's heart. All glory be to God!

So, regarding salvation my heavenly Father and my Lord Jesus Christ receive all the honor for creating faith in me and saving me. Yes, I believe, but all glory be to God alone for my faith!

Believing this Good News that God does the saving; from first to last is called "Divine Monergism" i.e., God does the work of salvation alone. God, the Father sent the Son to die for my sins and the Holy Spirit has

worked faith in my heart. And because of that even my "decision" to follow Jesus is God's divine work and not mine at all. All I can say to that is "All glory be to God in high."

One of my favorite hymns (verse 2) pretty much says it all: "By grace God's Son, our only Savior, came down to earth to bear our sin. Was it because of your own merit that Jesus died your soul to win? No, it was grace, and grace alone, that brought him from his heavenly throne."

Encourage your pastor to preach grace alone.

"Beloved... it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 1:3).

LWML

Please mark your calendars for the postponed LWML Zone Rally, which has been rescheduled for Saturday, October 17, at 9:00 here at Trinity.

Also, we want to thank everyone who has been supportive of the efforts of the LWML to collect aluminum pop-tabs, used medicine bottles and stamps to support some of our mission and service projects. For the time being we are asking that you not bring these things to the Church until the Coronavirus guidelines have been lifted as we are able to resume these projects. We will advise you when we are ready to starting collect-

ing these items again, and we will have a designated place in the Church where they can be dropped off. Again, thanks!

Thank You

On Behalf of Concordia Theological Seminary, I thank you for your recent donation of \$810. Gifts, such as yours, al-



low us to provide the finest theological education to the future pastors, deaconesses and missionaries who will serve The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and our partner churches worldwide. I thank God for you and ask for your continued support. Together we partner in an essential mission of forming servants in Jesus Christ who teach the faithful, reach the lost and care for all. - Your servant in Christ, Rev. Dr. Lawrence R. Rast, Jr. President.

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Men of Trinity Rod & Gun Club,

Thank you very much for your generous gift and your continued prayers. Part of the gift card went towards buying bullets to take my Ethiopian friend, Olif, to the local shooting range and

teach him about guns. They are difficult to get in Ethiopia and he had only fired one by accident before. We had an excellent time and he even hit the target a couple times. I am keeping you in all my prayers. Blessings in Christ, - Thomas Goodroad

Top of the Hill

The Top of the Hill group is still in limbo. We'll let you know when we decide to have our first lunch and game day. Watch for more details as we know more.

Stay In Touch

With everything up in the air regarding what we can or can't do, will or won't do, want or don't want to do, please don't lose touch with us or your fellow members. If you have any special needs or would simply like to talk, please feel free to

call or text Pastor at (816) 651-8047 or drop him an e-mail at gnuguy1946@gmail.com.

