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## MESSENGER

### SUNDAY SERVICE

April 22, 2018  
THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF  
EASTER  
10:30 AM

Rev. Dr. Roger Verse

#### Scripture readings:

Psalm 23  
Acts 4: 5 - 12  
John 10: 11 - 18  
I John 3: 16 - 24

Sermon: "*Who Are the Other Sheep?*"



In this week's **Posts from the Presbytery of Tropical Florida** General Presbyter Daris Bultena discusses the scripture in Chapter 10 of the Book of John, as presented below.

Quoted from Rev. Daris Bultena: "The 4th Sunday of Easter is known as **Good Shepherd Sunday**. The Gospel passage comes from John 10 – the

Good Shepherd chapter.

Here is this wonderful passage where Jesus announces, "**I am the good shepherd.**" And we have lost touch with shepherds and sheep, so what comes to mind is one of those nice pastoral scenes. It is the kind of picture that you used to find in Sunday School classrooms where Jesus is there holding a little lamb in his arms and there are other lambs gathered around him. Peaceful, serene, calm, restful.

Hardly. Sheep are unruly. Sheep are difficult. Sheep go this way and that way. Sheep have a mind of their own. They will wander off. They will lose sight of the rest of the sheep and do their own thing. They are anything but tidy and organized and together.

Here is what sheep do: Sheep count on the shepherd. This is where the whole sheep/shepherd metaphor comes together. See, what is different about sheep from other animals is the movement. Other animals you push along and prod - you herd them. Not sheep. Sheep are led.

Sheep are oriented in a different way. You lead sheep. The shepherd leads them. The shepherd goes before the sheep. The shepherd does not come from behind pushing them along. Not with sheep. NO, the shepherd goes before the sheep calling back to the sheep to come after him. And the sheep follow.

So, when Jesus says “**I am the Good Shepherd,**” the dynamic is that Jesus goes before us. He takes the lead. And he does all those things that a shepherd does for the sheep. A shepherd cares for the sheep, a shepherd feeds the sheep, a shepherd keeps the sheep safe, and a shepherd leads the sheep. Those tasks - cares, feeds, leads - that is what a shepherd does.

Notice here in John 10 that Jesus adds to that list of what a shepherd does. Jesus says that there is something that other shepherds, the hired hands, do not do. Jesus says that the Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

We are supposed to hear in these incredible words of Jesus the cross and the empty tomb. When Jesus says that the Good Shepherd lays down his life for the sheep and that he will take it up again - oh, you had bet we are supposed to be translating that into crucifixion and resurrection.”

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## WONDERFUL NEWS TO SHARE

At last Sunday’s worship service a long-awaited announcement was made, telling the congregation that the Pastor Nominating Committee has selected a candidate to be called for the position of Installed Pastor at HSCPC. The Call has been approved by the Presbytery Committee On Ministry. The next step is for the HSCPC members to hear him preach and then vote on the Pastoral Call.

**Paul Bayerl**, is currently the Pastor at Belton Presbyterian Church in Belton, SC, having served that church since 2011. He grew up in the Miami area and is looking forward to returning to Florida, along with his wife, Zeomi, and being a part of a great community.

Rev. Bayerl will preach at HSCPC on Sunday, April 29. The worship service will be immediately followed by a Congregational Meeting at which the church members will consider and vote on accepting the Pastoral Call of Rev. Bayerl. If the call is approved, Rev. Bayerl will begin his service at HSCPC on June 24.

Over 2 ½ long years, the **Pastor Nominating Committee** has worked diligently to find just the right candidate to lead HSCPC into the future. This committee, consisting through these years of **Chairman Milla Finchum** and **members Skip Barlow, Cam Boynton, Connie Frazee, Peg Layton, Ingrid Krumdeick, Terry McCloy,** and **Peter Sharp**, deserves the most grateful THANK YOU from our church members and friends for the time and effort they have put in to make this wonderful announcement possible.

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## SO-LONG TO THE SNOWBIRDS

With the south Florida “season” coming to an end, many of our snowbirds are preparing to return to their northern homes. As a special treat, the Deacons prepared a “farewell” bar-be-que luncheon in place of the usual coffee hour following the worship service last Sunday.

A big “THANK YOU” to Deacon **Carla Tinsley** for coordinating this event and preparing the delicious bar-be-que pork, and to the rest of the Deacons for the wonderful array of side dishes that completed the traditional b-b-que meal. And a whole table full of desserts to top it all off!

We’re not actually saying “good-bye” to the snowbirds. We’re just wishing them a wonderful summer at their northern homes and looking forward to welcoming them back next year with another super meal at Fellowship Hour.

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## FROM THE HSCPC MARKETING COMMITTEE

### Attention Snow Birds and Year-rounders on summer holiday!

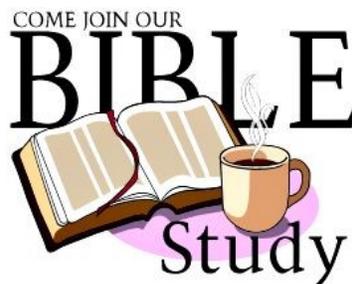
Keep up to date on our church activities this summer, no matter where you are, by visiting our **website** at [www.hspc.org](http://www.hspc.org) . Like us on **Facebook** to get weekly inspirational posts and special notices. Simply go to [facebook.com/hobesoundpresbyterianchurch](https://facebook.com/hobesoundpresbyterianchurch) and the miles will melt away (or will that be us melting?!).

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## BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULED

### Women of the Bible

Wednesdays, 10:00 – 11:00 AM.



A discussion group on **Women of the Bible** is meeting on **Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM**. The book “**All the Women of the Bible**” by M.L. delMastro, is the source of information for discussion, which is led by Elder **Arline Holloway**, chairman of the Women’s Fellowship committee.

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## LOOKING AHEAD

The **Instrumental concert**, which was postponed due to illness of one of the musicians, has been rescheduled for **Tuesday, May 1 at 7:00pm in the Sanctuary**.



This concert features **Amy Clark** on flute, **Carrie Fox** on oboe and our own **Brandon Glick** on

piano. You will be supporting your church music program and enjoying a mixture of show tunes, jazz, and classical music when you attend this special concert. The concert is free of charge, and a free will offering will be received at its conclusion. Please come, and invite your friends and neighbors.

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## IT'S ALMOST TIME FOR A GOOD SPRING CLEANING

At the March Session meeting a date was set for a good **spring cleaning** of the church property, including both the structures and the grounds.

**Saturday, May 19, 9:00 AM til?** is the date.

This seems like a long way off, but time goes fast and it's never too early to start planning. Please report to the church office, any Elder, or any Deacon, anything you see that needs attention, and plan on coming to help out on this up-coming workday.

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## USHERS NEEDED!

HSCPC is in need of people to volunteer as ushers at the Sunday church services. No experience necessary. Please contact **Roy Kindberg** at [kindberg@bellsouth.net](mailto:kindberg@bellsouth.net) or see Roy at church if you are interested in serving the church in this important capacity.

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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTOR PART-TIME JOB OPENING

HSCPC is looking for a Part-time Children's Ministry Director. Are you looking for a fulfilling opportunity to work with the children of our church? or, do you know someone who might be interested and qualified to fill this part-time position?. This position would be perfect for a person with a CE or educational background who wants to stay active in CE work but is unable to commit to a full-time position.

Please see the ink below (posted on the Presbytery website) for Job Posting, <http://www.tfpby.org/administration/employment/> and/or send your resume to [church@hscpc.org](mailto:church@hscpc.org)

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## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

**April 4** - Ruth Jubb  
**April 10** - Robert Wagner  
**April 13** - Julie Norrish  
**April 14** - Marilyn Nyman  
**April 15** - Linda Byrd  
**April 22** - Earlene Thompson  
**April 24** - Retta Galloway  
**April 27** - Owen Pratt  
**April 30** - Luke Moore

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

**April 6** - Milla and Lennie Finchum

**April 16** - Dari and Billy Bowman

*(If we have missed your birthday or anniversary, please let us know so you can be included here for the rest of the month.)*

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## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Alex Lopez-Estrada
- The George Mulleneix family
- Gary Shriver
- Judy McCloy
- Kris Herd
- Josephine Scricca
- Gail Shriver
- Tom Prestegard
- Skip Barlow
- Bill Carlson
- Hisa Clark
- Bob Kehres
- Terry McCloy
- Laurie Updegrave
- Sarah Williams
- Freda Jones
- Clara and Norman Douphinais
- Mitsn Mitchell

Names will be removed from this list after three weeks unless a request is made to keep them on. This request should be made to Diane Atkisson in the church office. Phone – 772-546-5043, email – [church@hscpc.org](mailto:church@hscpc.org)

WHEN YOU WANT TO MAKE A PRAYER REQUEST: To request prayers through the Prayer Circle, for yourself or someone else, contact Jan Norrish, 772-486-5514, [jannorrish@hotmail.com](mailto:jannorrish@hotmail.com), To have a prayer request included in the Church Sunday bulletin and the MESSENGER, fill out the prayer request card found in the Church pews or contact Diane Atkisson in the church office. Phone – 772 546-5043, email - [church@hscpc.org](mailto:church@hscpc.org)

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