

# Memory Lane News



Good Shepherd Methodist Church  
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April—June 2025



## *From the Pastor's Desk*

The rains have ceased leaving behind our summer humidity and heat. I find it interesting that as a child we lived without air conditioning and played outdoors all summer. My Grandmother Hattie Mae Knabe would send us out with a quilt, some lemonade and a good book and we would lounge under the big old Gum tree until we heard the creek calling our names. What a life! Nostalgia makes old memories better than they really were because what was pleasant for us as kids was hard on my grandmother.

She was in a very hot kitchen canning the latest supply of fruits or vegetables that granddad



brought in from the orchard or the garden. I suspect many of you have similar memories – enjoy them as we sit in our air-conditioned houses thanking God, we aren't outside!

I have prepared a report on Annual Conference that was held in The Woodlands, Texas June 5 – 7. I won't bore you with the business sessions but do want to say thank you to the congregation for allowing Jana Smith, our Lay Leader and myself to attend.

As in the previous conferences the atmosphere was worshipful. At the end of business meetings, you left feeling like you had been to church. This report has been given to the Church Council.

Worship this year was tri-lingual – English, Spanish and Swahili. Thanks to modern technology we were able to understand what was being said no matter which language was being spoken. I believe the Holy Spirit was present and very much alive in all who attended the conference.

I do want to share that our paperwork for end of the year reports has been simplified – yeah!

Also, Clay Williams from our congregation is attending online classes to become a certified lay speaker. We are all so very happy to support Clay and his lovely wife Jennifer as they respond to God's call on Clay's life. For those of you who do not know Jennifer, she is our church treasurer. We are so blessed to have Clay and Jen in our church.

God is also blessing us with musicians/singers who are sharing their gifts and talents with our congregation. Cecil, JoAnna, Christina, Linda and Melody have stepped up to form a choir. The newly formed choir is now practicing one day a week at the church. Remember to tell them "Thank you" when you see them.

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As we celebrate America's Independence Day, let us remember to give thanks to our God who surely had a hand in developing a country such as ours. Pray that our hearts will turn back to Him and that He will draw our nation together in peace and unity. Pray for our leaders to keep their focus on God's will as they have been called to set an example for other countries. We belong to God first; we are Americans by the grace of God whether born here or as immigrants like both of my great-grandfathers.

Shalom,

**Pastor Jimmie**



***Good Shepherd Choir entertaining us with their talents. They have some surprises for us in the future.***



We need your updated information for the Church Directory, newsletter, church records and to contact each other.

Email your changes to—  
22gsmc@gmail.com

## Schedule of Events

***Children Sunday School***.....9:45 am

***Sunday Service*** ..... 11:00am at Church  
..... or YouTube (Good Shepherd Cotter)

***Movie& Dinner***—Starts again in September

***Graceful Stitches Sewing***

Monday.....2:00pm

Meet in basement of church

***Recovery Group***—Thursday ..... 10:00am  
Meet in basement of church

***Women of the Good Shepherd*** - Third Tuesday  
of the month at 10:00am

***Good Shepherd Brotherhood***—Fourth Thursday  
of month at 6:00pm

***Church Potluck***—Second Sunday of the month

## GRACEFUL STITCHES

*Monday 2pm*



***Come for the Fellowship and Learning.***

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## **Second Chance Fashion Show and Luncheon**

179 Memory Lane  
Cotter AR

**Saturday, August 16, 2025**

**Lunch begins**

**at 11:30am**

*All proceeds from the event go to our Community Missions*

**\$10 per ticket**

**Call Linda 870-321-8136**

**The Women of Good Shepherd Methodist Church  
invite you to join us for an afternoon of fellowship,  
food and a fashion show for those on a budget.  
*All fashions will be purchased at thrift and discount stores.***

## ***The Perks of Giving***

Although National Volunteer Week is officially observed in April, every week thousands of volunteers help people in need. As volunteers can attest, sharing one's time and talents leads to many intangible benefits.

New research shows that volunteering and giving also provide physical and emotional advantages. Givers report an improved sense of well-being, lower stress levels, better physical health, an enriched sense of purpose in life and increased happiness.

As Ralph Waldo Emerson said, "It is one of the beautiful compensations of life that no man can sincerely help another without helping himself."

## ***Don't Forget—Friendship Dinner***

We invite the community to join us for potluck every 2nd Sunday of the month. The next potluck will be July 13th. Invite someone you know to join us for fellowship and food.



**The biggest communication problem  
is we do not listen to understand.**

**We listen to reply.**

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