



Shrek the sheep became famous several years ago when he was found after hiding in caves for six years. When he was found and shaved, his fleece weighed an amazing sixty pounds.

Over those years Shrek increasingly carried more and more fleece. In the end he was lugging around about six times the normal weight of fleece. Shrek was separated from his shepherd, and lost the loving care provided through that relationship.

In John 10 Jesus compares Himself to a shepherd. Shrek is like a person who knows the LORD but has wandered away. When we stay away from Jesus we usually accumulate extra

weight from this world; our shoulders often get weighed down by problems, worries, riches, pleasures, and feelings of guilt.

When Shrek was found it took only 28 minutes to be shorn. Shrek simply had to reconnect with his shepherd. Scripture makes clear that anyone who has been separated or estranged from Jesus is continuously invited to return.

We always find our Good Shepherd ready and willing to forgive us and set us free. The Savior states it directly. "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28-30).

**Upcoming Events**

**Wednesday, Feb. 5**

5:15 p.m. – Movin' Up

6:45 p.m. – Deacons Meeting

**Thursday, Feb. 6**

6:30 p.m. – Christian Ed Meeting

**Sunday, Feb. 9**

9:00 a.m. – Bible Study

10:05 a.m. – Kids' Time

10:15 a.m. – Worship Service

11:15 a.m. – Let's Do Lunch

**Teacher Schedule**

Feb. 9, 2020

**Nursery**

Davis Family

**Kids' Time**

Angie Bynum / Jessica Bynum

**LOL**

Traci Heller

**Stewardship Report**

Jan. 27, 2020


Giving Toward:

Current Expenses 1891.00

Missions 185.00

Building/Maint Fund 80.00

**Total \$2,002.00**



**LET'S DO LUNCH**

THIS SUNDAY, February 9, 2020

11:15 a.m.

*Our Low Hassle Get Together*

Provided: Pulled Pork & Sloppy Joes / Table Service & Drinks

You Bring: Large sides → Try a familiar salad, an easy fruit or vegetable, or a quick dessert or chips. Make it simple and stress-free. We just want to get together as friends.

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An updated photo and note from the Good Family. You can see the original note on the entryway bulletin board

Dear First Baptist Family, Thank you so much for your ongoing care and support of our family, and for helping to share the hope of Jesus in Hungary. Your prayer makes all the difference; we know it is only by God's grace that good things happen. God bless you today & always. Yours in Jesus,  
The Goods

## Our Prayer List

Cold and Flu – Several in our fellowship have been sick with the influenza and/or a cold. Please pray for healing and that no one else in our church family would become ill.

Earl Brickley and Shirley – For comfort in the recent passing of his sister Phyllis, and shortly thereafter the passing of his brother-in-law Francis. All these difficult losses occurred during Earl's already stressful tax season.

Karyn and Larry Gilly – For Larry to continue to do well at his home in Markle. Ask that Karyn would be kept safe and she travels back and forth to visit him.

Mariah Davis – Ask God to give Mariah wisdom and direction as she navigates through various personal and family issues.

Ed Higgins – Ed has dealt with various health issues related to his breathing and his shoulder. Keep asking the LORD to give Ed wisdom and encouragement.

Carolyn McBride – She faces chronic pain, which can be very discouraging. Ask for healing of her pain. Pray that Carolyn can stay encouraged and keep going, while she waits for miraculous intervention. Ask that she will discover strategies to also help.

Ashleigh Houtz – Praise the LORD that she passed her certifications tests and is now a licensed RN. Ask God to give her wisdom in her new nursing job at Parkview Hospital.

Charles and Linda Isch – Chas entered the hospital on Monday to begin the stem cell process. He will be in the hospital for 3-4 weeks. Pray for this procedure to go well and to further accomplish the eradication of all cancer cells from his body. Also pray that Linda will be strengthened by Jesus as she supports Chas in this extensive treatment.

Rex, Julie, and Shelby Tuttle & Jack and Erin Pezo – Comfort them all with the recent passing of Rex's brother Kerry.

Holly Zoll – She is working through some books that involve difficult steps. Pray Holly has the courage to keep going and actually do the hard things in this beneficial program.

Don and Gloria Reeves – Ask that they would have strength and wisdom in dealing with various health and mobility issues.

Doris Wolf and Ruth Risser – God's peace as they both adjust to life in this world without their beloved husband and brother, Waldo. He recently went to be with the LORD.

Danny and Norma VanDoorn – Danny's mother is declining quickly in her battle against terminal cancer. Pray that Danny and Norma would have wisdom as they seek to help his mother in the best ways possible.



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