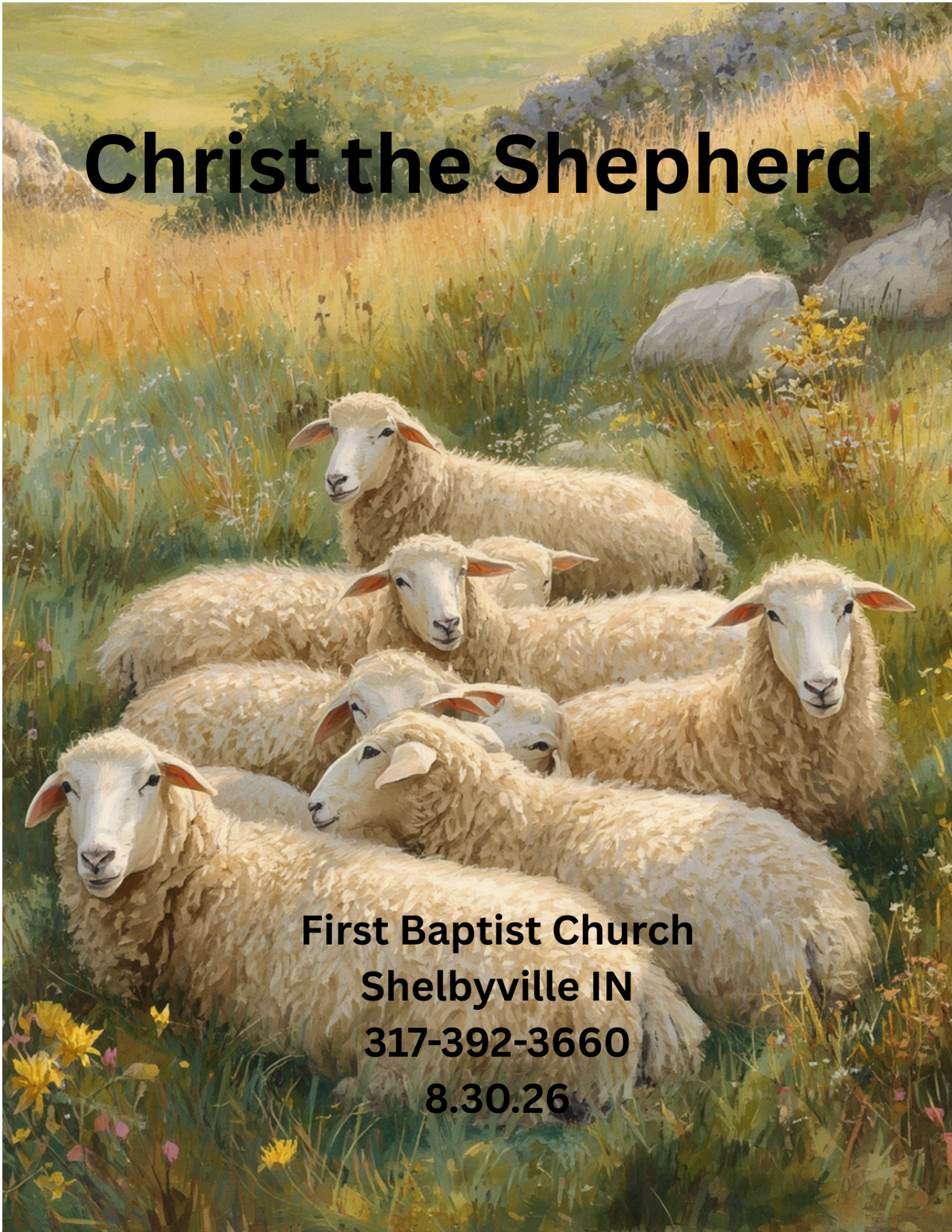


A detailed oil painting of a flock of sheep in a lush, sunlit field. The sheep are white with thick, textured wool, and several are looking towards the viewer. The field is filled with tall grasses, wildflowers, and large rocks. In the background, there are rolling hills and a soft, hazy sky. The overall mood is peaceful and pastoral.

Christ the Shepherd

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Call to Worship:

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it;
for he founded it on the seas
and established it on the waters.

**Lift up your heads, you gates;
be lifted up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is this King of glory?
The Lord strong and mighty,
the Lord mighty in battle.

**Lift up your heads, you gates;
lift them up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is he, this King of glory?

**The Lord Almighty—
he is the King of glory.**

Hymn of Praise: #461 He Leadeth Me

Prayer for God's Blessing

Prayer of Confession:

Father of Lights, God of all mercy, you are the source of everything that's good.

In Jesus, you give far more than we deserve: the forgiveness of our sins, the fullness of your love, a place in your family, and a Kingdom that can't be shaken.

As Jesus tells us: to receive all that you have for us is like finding treasure in a field. **If we understood the value of what it is we've found, we'd scrimp and save and sell everything we have for a chance to make that hidden treasure ours.**

But our hearts do not receive you as the treasure that you are.

So often, we treat you like an afterthought —as if your Kingdom isn't real, your promises aren't true and your mercy is meaningless.

It's not that we don't want you or the goodness that you have for us. It's that smaller things seem better, more urgent, more engaging.

Forgive us for our apathy.

Break the hardness of our hearts.

Teach us to tend our hearts so that you are at the center. You alone are worthy of our worship and delight. Amen

Hymn of Meditation: I Need Thee Every Hour

I need Thee ev'ry hour,
Most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine
Can peace afford.

Refrain:

I need Thee, Oh I need Thee;
Ev'ry hour I need Thee;
Oh bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.

I need Thee ev'ry hour,
Stay Thou nearby;
Temptations lose their pow'r
When Thou art nigh.

I need Thee, Oh I need Thee;
Ev'ry hour I need Thee;
Oh bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee

I need Thee ev'ry hour,
In joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide,
Or life is vain.

Oh, I need Thee, yes, I need Thee;
Ev'ry hour I need Thee;
Oh bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.

Yes, I need Thee, Oh I need Thee;
Ev'ry hour I need Thee;
Oh bless me now, my Savior,
I come to Thee.

To Thee

Assurance of Pardon:

Who may walk before you and live in your presence, heavenly Father?

**Jesus is blameless, gentle, forbearing, peaceable,
upright, holy, self-controlled.
You exclaimed at his baptism,
“You’re my Son! You bring me great joy!”**

Jesus lived the life we couldn’t live
to die the death that we should die
to give us the life that we were made to live.

**The life I now live, I live by faith in the Son of God,
who loved me and gave himself for me.**

The same Spirit Jesus lived by, died by, and was raised by,
now lives in us.

**May we who have been given the Spirit
walk in step with the Spirit
to bear the fruit of the Spirit.**

Hymn: In Christ Alone

Hymn: How Deep the Father’s Love

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture: **Psalm 23**

Sermon: Christ the Shepherd

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd → Relationship

I shall not want → Supply

He makes me lie down in green pastures → Rest

He leads me beside still waters → Refreshment

He restores my soul → Healing

He leads me in paths of righteousness → Guidance

For His name's sake → Purpose

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death → Testing

I will fear no evil → Protection

For You are with me → Faithfulness

Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me → Discipline / Comfort

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies → Hope / Provision

You anoint my head with oil → Consecration / Blessing

My cup overflows → Abundance

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me → Pursuit

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever → Eternity

Ezekiel 36:22-27

²² “Therefore say to the house of Israel, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “I do not do this for your sake, O house of Israel, but for My holy name’s sake, which you have profaned among the nations wherever you went. ²³ And I will sanctify My great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst; and the nations shall know that I am the Lord,” says the Lord God, “when I am hallowed in you before their eyes. ²⁴ For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land. ²⁵ Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. ²⁶ I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷ I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them.

Ezekiel 36:36

³⁶ Then the nations which are left all around you shall know that I, the Lord, have rebuilt the ruined places and planted what was desolate. I, the Lord, have spoken it, and I will do it.”

Psalms 68:19

¹⁹ Blessed be the Lord,
Who daily loads us with benefits,
The God of our salvation! Selah

Exodus 14:8

⁸ And the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued the children of Israel; and the children of Israel went out with boldness.

Hymn: We Will Feast in the House of Zion

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
"He has done great things," we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

We will not be burned by the fire
He is the Lord, our God
We are not consumed by the flood
Upheld, protected, gathered up

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
"He has done great things," we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

In the dark of night, before the dawn
My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, O how long?
O God of Jacob, be my strength

We will feast in the house of Zion
We will sing with our hearts restored
"He has done great things," we will say together
We will feast and weep no more

Every vow we've broken and betrayed
You are the faithful one
And from the garden to the grave
Bind us together, bring shalom

We will feast in the house of Zion
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Benediction

Upcoming Announcements

In the Women's Bible Study, we are in the book of 'James,
The Relationship Between Faith and Works' by Dr. David Jeremiah.
Join us at the Christian Center at 10 am on Mondays.

Psalm 100: 5

For the LORD *is* good;
His mercy *is* everlasting,
And His truth *endures* to all generations