

Welcome To boomerang**church**



UpComing Events:

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| Mon Oct 19th | 7pm Pastor Bryan preaching @ Locust Presbyterian |
| Tues Oct 27th | 6pm Boomachickas' Night Out! - 2 nd Street Sundries |
| Sun Nov 1st | Daylight Savings Ends- Fall BACK 1 Hour! |
| Nov 8-11 | Ted Shuttlesworth Jr @ Gleaning Mission |
| Nov 12-14 | Oakboro Tent Meeting @ Hinson's Auction |

Weekly Services:

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| Mondays | 7pm Men's Group at Blue Bay Restaurant |
| Wednesdays | 7pm Maturity Meeting |
| Thursdays | 6:30 ABLAZE Youth! Grades 6-12 |
| | 9am FrontLines Prayer |
| Sundays | 10am class, coffee & conversate! DISCIPLESHIP CLASS! |
| | 11am Worship Service |

Message Today: **Shepherd -Part 1**

Shepherd- Part 1: Why Do We Need A Pastor? 10/11/15

- **NOTES at www.BoomerangChurch.org/notes OR on YouVersion LIVE App**
Internet: **Boomerang-S** Key: **Gimitpt!** (God is moving in this place today !)

Pray for Albemarle First Assembly & Pastor Bob Gruver

What is a pastor? A real pastor is Jesus' answer to a problem.

Matthew 9:36 NASB Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed [*troubled*] and dispirited [*scattered, without morale or unity*] like sheep without a shepherd.

A true shepherd will bring peace, strength & unity to men!

In Ephesians 4: Jesus gave men the gift of a pastor(shepherd)

The interesting thing about a gift: It doesn't HAVE to be received!

The kingdom of God is based on Love, which involves choice.
God is not going to force you to be in a flock or submit to a shepherd.
But His gift of a shepherd shows our NEED for one.

If left alone, this is what sheep do:

1 Peter 2:25 NASB For you were continually straying like sheep, but now YOU have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

This verse shows WHO must make a choice to receive the gift of a shepherd.
God won't even MAKE YOU choose the Great Shepherd, Jesus!

But if we choose to get in our place(1 Cor 12:18), to get in our flock, to get under a shepherd that God has chosen, this is available to us:

Psalms 23:1-6 NASB

- (1) **A Psalm of David.** The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.
- (2) He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters.
- (3) He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake.
- (4) Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no

evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

(5) You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You have anointed my head with oil; My cup overflows.

(6) Surely goodness and lovingkindness will follow me all the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

These are not things that you walk in without a shepherd.

These are not things that you walk in without a pastor.

The question is:

- *How did Jesus determine to get us the promises of Psalm 23?*
- Did Jesus think that He was the ONLY shepherd that mankind needed?

If He did, then He would not have given the gift of a pastor in Eph 4.

Jesus' plan was to be the Great Shepherd as He gifted under-shepherds to men to oversee & guide His flock to the place of peace, strength & unity.

You need a pastor.

You need a shepherd.

God leaves that choice of submission & obedience to you.

He will prompt you.

He will lead you.

He will speak to your heart.

He will speak to your shepherd's heart.

He will even make you to know your pastor's voice.

Will you respond?

Will you submit yourself to God's plan?

Will you receive your shepherd?

Will you receive your gift?

Will you walk in God's plans of goodness for your life?

It takes a choice & commitment to a shepherd & a flock.