

Welcome!

- ✓ *Grab a cup of coffee and breakfast.*
- ✓ *Say hello to someone you don't know.*
- ✓ *We'll gather at 10:20am.*

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Welcome Longhorns!



LHS Softball Spotlight

HOOK 'EM HORNS





Home Games @ The Ranch

Thursday, Aug. 14 (6pm) vs. South Forsyth H.S.

Saturday, Aug. 16 (10am) vs. Peachtree Ridge H.S.

(2pm) vs. Providence Christian Academy

Tuesday, Aug. 19 (6pm) vs. Milton H.S.

Conversation

1. What's your **Good News** (highlights) from this past week?
2. What's your "**Gold from God**" (scripture verse of encouragement)?





Kathy Trawick

ABOUT YOU

Birthplace, Family, Vocation,
Passions, Interests

ABOUT FAITH

Growing up, Life B.C., Turning
Point, Surrender, Life A.D.

What is the Good News?

Titus 3:3-5a

At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.

A shepherd, seen from the side, is herding four sheep in a lush green field. The shepherd wears a light-colored head covering and a long, flowing robe with a blue stripe. He holds a long wooden staff. The sheep are grazing on grass with small white and yellow flowers. In the background, a rustic stone wall separates the field from a hillside with more vegetation. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

Psalm 23

The Shepherd
& Our Stories

The 23rd Psalm

1 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.

The 23rd Psalm

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 mercy (lovingkindness) will follow me all the days of my life, And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalm 23:4

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.

“Even though I walk through the valley...”

Jesus knows our sufferings because He knew suffering Himself, and His suffering was far beyond anything we could ever experience.

“Even though I walk through the valley...”

Jesus was despised, rejected, criticized, made fun of, misunderstood, gossiped about, disrespected, betrayed, abandoned, falsely accused, brutally beaten, inhumanely tortured, and unjustly killed.

“Even though I walk through the valley...”

Jesus purposely experienced every element of suffering, so that He could be with you in yours.

*“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but **we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are - yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.**”*

– Hebrews 4:15-16

“I fear no evil, for You are with me.”

*When you go through deep waters and great trouble, **I will be with you.** When you go through difficulty, you will not drown! When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you. For I am the Lord, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. - Isaiah 43:2, 3a*

*Don't be afraid, for **I am with you**. Do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. I will help you. I will uphold you with my victorious right hand. - Isaiah 41:10*

*Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord is the one who goes before you. **He will be with you**; he will neither fail you nor forsake you.
- Deuteronomy 31:8*

“Your rod and your staff,”

Rod - שֵׁבֶט (shay'-bet)

Correction

- *Literal meaning – club or stick (for correction), scepter (of justice)*

Staff - מִשְׁעָנָה (mish-ay-naw')

Protection

- *Literal meaning – a long stick with a hook*

“they comfort me.”

The combination of the rod of correction and the staff of protection, by the ever-present shepherd who is watching over and watching out for the sheep, results in great comfort.

Richard Wurmbrand (1909 – 2001)

*“There’s always a
good reason to
rejoice.”*



Final Thoughts

1. We all need Shepherding.
2. Suffering is God's path.
3. Comfort is God's plan.

The Blessing

Psalm 23 & John 10
(from Jesus' perspective)

*I am your Good Shepherd, and I will take care of you.
When you're weary, I'll give you rest in green pastures,
When you're anxious, I'll guide you beside quiet waters,
When you're exhausted, I'll restore your soul.
When you're lost, I'll guide you in the right direction.*

*When you walk through the darkest valleys of life,
you don't need to fear because I will be with you.
When you're surrounded and under attack,
I will protect you.*

*I have laid down My life for you, so that you
can have life with fullness of joy.*

*My lovingkindness will follow you every day of your life,
and you will dwell with me in the house of God our
Father, forever and ever. Amen*