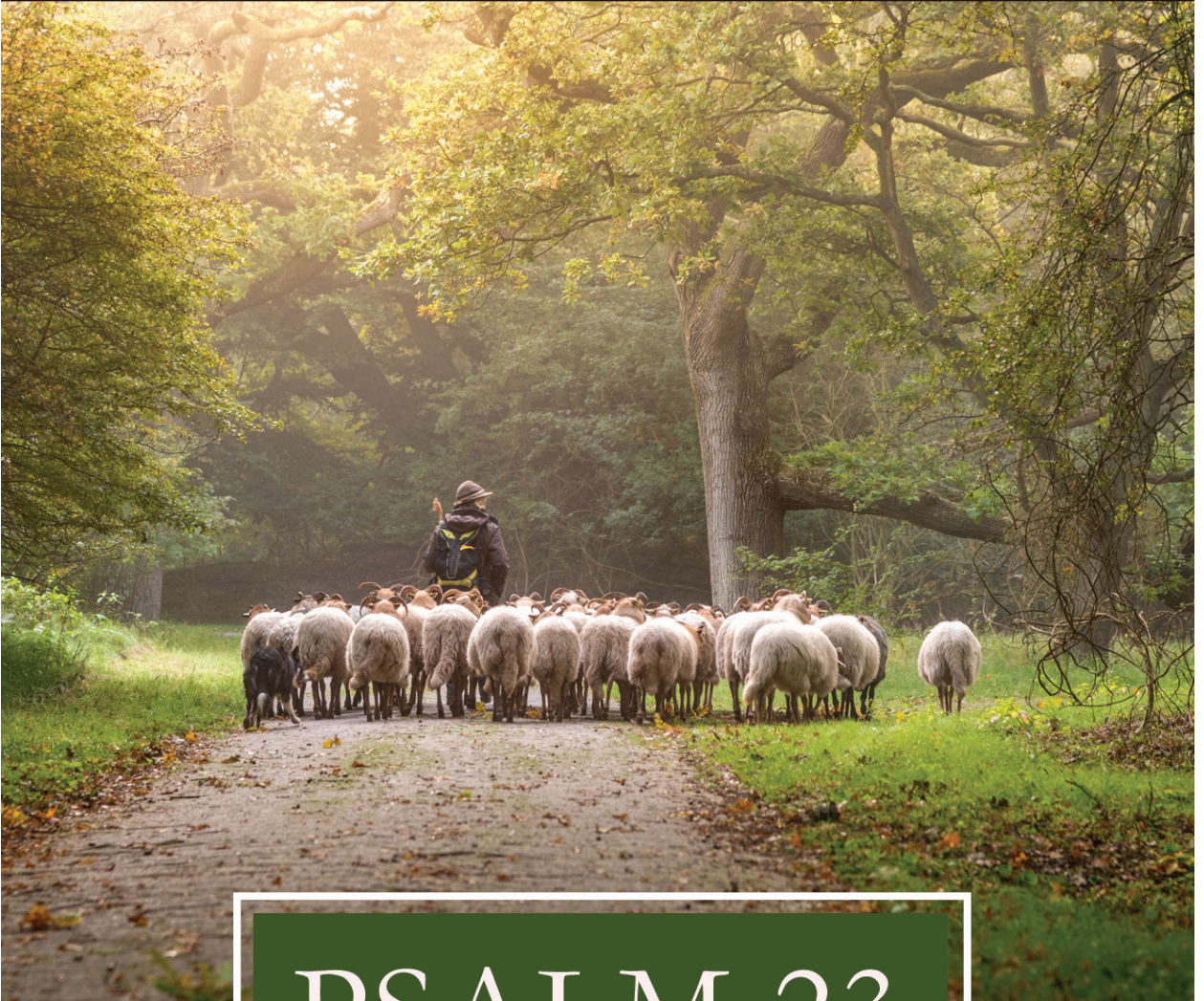


CALVARY CHAPEL OF PHILADELPHIA
2019/2020 WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY



PSALM 23

The Lord is **MY** Shepherd

Psalm 23:1 NKJV

PSALM 23

¹The Lord *is* my shepherd; I shall not want.

²He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.

³He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of
righteousness for His name's sake.

⁴Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow
of death, I will fear no evil; for You *are* with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me in the presence of my
enemies; You anoint my head with oil; my cup runs
over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the
days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the
Lord forever. NKJV

2019-2020 Women's Ministry Tuesday Evening Bible Study

Ladies Junior High age and older,

We want to invite you to study through Psalm 23 with us on Tuesday evenings once a month from October-May. The title of our study is **The Lord is My Shepherd**.

We hope you can join us! Feel free to bring your friends, there is no registration required to attend. We are sorry but there is no childcare offered and no children are permitted to attend. We are very excited to have Jean McClure and Sandy MacIntosh as our Guest Speakers. You can read their bios on page 4.

Schedule for the Evening:

6:45pm: Doors Open

Hostesses will be at the Info Kiosk greeting ladies and selling books.

7:15-8:00pm: Welcome, Worship & Special Music

8:00-8:45pm: Teaching on Psalm 23 & the book, "A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23" by W. Phillip Keller

8:45-9:30pm: Refreshments & Fellowship

Hostesses will be at the Info Kiosk selling books.

Church App and Website: All of the teachings for the Psalm 23 Bible Study will be on the church app and website-<http://resources.ccphilly.org/> click on Women's Bible Study.

Follow us on Instagram: Search for Calvary Philly on Instagram to see reminders for the Tuesday Evening Bible Study.

Parking & Entering the Building: Please park in the front parking lot and enter through the main front doors. If you cannot do steps, please park on the Philmont Avenue side of the building and use the Handicapped Entrance.

Cancellation Information: In the event of inclement weather, please check the church website at www.ccphilly.org for cancellation information.

Questions: Any questions regarding this Study, email Women's Ministry at womensministry@ccphilly.org or call 215-969-1647.

The book for the Psalm 23 Bible Study is: “A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23” by W. Phillip Keller

We have been so blessed by this book, here is what it is about:

“With a true shepherd’s experience and insight, Phillip Keller guides readers to discover the green pastures and cool waters of fulfillment described in Psalm 23, the “Shepherd’s Psalm.”

Keller’s beloved classic will reward you with peace and calm as you rediscover the steady and faithful love of Christ, the Great Shepherd. Relax as you place your trust in the Lord who watches closely over you, one of His beloved sheep.”

The Straight From The Heart Bookstore has this book available for a discounted price of \$5.00 until the Study ends in May. We will also be selling it at the Information Kiosk at the Bible Study for \$5.00.

If you would like to read Psalm 23 and the book, “A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23” with us each month, here is who will be teaching and what we will be reading.

<u>Dates of the Study:</u>	<u>Psalm 23 verse (s):</u>	<u>Phillip Keller Book:</u>
October 22 (4th Tuesday): Jean McClure	Psalm 23:1-6	Intro pages ix-xi
November 12 (2nd Tuesday): Sandy MacIntosh	Psalm 23:1	Chapters 1-2
December 10 (2nd Tuesday): Jean McClure	Psalm 23:2	Chapters 3-4
January 21 (3rd Tuesday): Sandy MacIntosh	Psalm 23:3	Chapters 5-6
February 18 (3rd Tuesday): Jean McClure	Psalm 23:4	Chapters 7-8
No March or April Study		
May 19 (3rd Tuesday): Sandy MacIntosh	Psalm 23:5	Chapters 9-10
May 26 (4th Tuesday): Jean McClure	Psalm 23:6	Chapters 11-12

Commentary Booklet on Psalm 23

When you come to the Study, we will be giving you a free booklet with commentaries on Psalm 23 by Robert Morgan and Charles Spurgeon. Each month you can read a verse from Psalm 23 and the commentary about it. We loved what these men had to say about Psalm 23 and wanted to share it with you.

Charles Spurgeon said, “The sweetest word of the whole is that monosyllable, “MY.” He does not say, “The Lord is the shepherd of the world at large, and leadeth forth the multitude as his flock,” but “The Lord is my shepherd;” if he be a Shepherd to no one else, he is a Shepherd to me; he cares for me, watches over me, and preserves me.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study Guest Speakers

Jean McClure



I went to Westmont College for 2½ years and then transferred to Point Loma and graduated from there. Don and I met at our church and were married our senior year in college. God had called him to the ministry shortly before I met him. We were headed down the same road and excited about our future. The following year we went to Bible College in England and then home to land in the middle of an exploding revival that would later be known as the “Jesus Movement.” We were on staff at Calvary Chapel in Costa Mesa, CA when Kay Smith, Pastor Chuck’s wife, came and taught a Bible Study in our home. It grew so large that it had to move to the church. It was during this time that I fell in love with ministering to women. Kay, my mother, and mother-in-law were great

examples to me of how to pray, what it looked like to have a heart for God’s Word, and how to practically show the love of Christ to the women in the church. Out of those experiences, the Lord has given me the privileged opportunity of heading up women’s ministries in the churches Don has pastored and sharing through the years at women’s retreats and couple’s retreats with Don. The Lord gave us three boys that have given me countless illustrations and now twelve grandchildren and two great-grandchildren that do the same. It is not easy to be a wife or mother or woman in the crazy world we live in today but Jesus has answers for us. How grateful I am to Him and His precious Word. Don and I have a ministry called Calvary Way. We consider it our responsibility to the Lord and to the body of Christ to serve His church by proclaiming God’s message in all its fullness.

Sandy MacIntosh



Sandy and her husband Mike MacIntosh have been happily married for 53 years. For 41 years, Mike faithfully pastored Horizon Christian Fellowship in San Diego where his son, Phillip, has now transitioned into that role. This new season of ministry is providing Mike and Sandy more opportunities to travel and equip the church worldwide, as well as reaching those who are hurting and lost. Sandy is an author, she has spoken evangelistically, and has been an encouragement to pastors’ wives and women across the United States and internationally. She has five children, twenty grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren. The women of Calvary Chapel of Philadelphia have enjoyed Sandy’s rich and inspiring teachings from the Word of God for many years.

Footnotes on Psalm 23

From the Life Application Bible

23:1 In describing the Lord as a shepherd, David wrote out of his own experience because he had spent his early years caring for sheep (1 Samuel 16:10, 11). Sheep are completely dependent on the shepherd for provision, guidance, and protection. The New Testament calls Jesus the Good Shepherd (John 10:11); the great Shepherd (Hebrews 13:20, 21); and the Head Shepherd (1 Peter 5:4). As the Lord is the Good Shepherd, so we are his sheep—not dumb, frightened, passive animals, but obedient followers wise enough to follow one who will lead us in the right places and in right ways. This psalm is not to focus on the animal-like qualities of sheep, but the discipleship qualities of those who follow. When you recognize the Good Shepherd, follow him!

23:2, 3 When we allow God our Shepherd to guide us, we have contentment. When we choose to sin, however, we are choosing to go our own way and we cannot blame God for the environment in which we find ourselves. Our Shepherd knows the “meadow grass” and “quiet streams” that will restore us. We will reach these places only by following him obediently. Rebelling against the Shepherd’s leading is actually rebelling against our own best interests for the future. We must remember this the next time we are tempted to go our own way rather than the Shepherd’s way.

23:4 Death casts the most frightening shadow of all over our lives because we are the most helpless in its presence. We can struggle with many other enemies—pain, suffering, disease, injury—but we cannot wrestle with death. It has the final word. Only one person can walk with us through death’s dark valley and bring us through safely to the other side—the God of life, our Shepherd. With the time of our death uncertain, we should follow this Shepherd with an eternal confidence.

23:6 In Middle Eastern culture, hosts were expected to protect their guests at all cost. God offers the protection of a host even when we stand in the midst of enemies. In the final scene of this psalm, we see that believers will dwell with God. God, the perfect Shepherd and Host, promises to guide and protect us through life to bring us into his home forever. (TLB)



Ewe comin’?

Other Excellent Books on Psalm 23

If you would like additional books to read on Psalm 23, we recommend the following books which are available at a discounted price at the Straight From The Heart Bookstore until the Study ends in May:

“The Lord is My Shepherd” by Robert Morgan \$11 (An insightful and inspirational journey through the 23rd Psalm)

Serenity...peace...calm...rest... Do you long for these? Bestselling author Pastor Robert Morgan explores the rich meaning and transcendent comfort of the world’s best-known and most-loved poem: Psalm 23. Verse-by-verse explanations of the psalm uncover the blessings of these time-tested promises, and intriguing stories of men and women who have lived the psalm in the difficulties of life offer invaluable insights for your own life.

“Shepherd Psalm” by F.B. Meyer \$10 (Verse-by-verse commentary on Psalm 23)

This psalm has sometimes been called the Psalm of the Crook. It lies between the Psalm of the Cross and the Psalm of the Crown. If the Twenty-second tells of the Good Shepherd, who died, and if the Twenty-fourth tells of the Chief Shepherd, who is coming again, the Twenty-third tells of the Great Shepherd, who keeps His flock with unerring sagacity and untiring devotion. No hireling is He. He asks no wage; He takes no reward. He counts not the cost. The sheep are His own. And in these sweet words we learn what He is towards them to-day, in all His shepherd tenderness and love.

This psalm speaks in language that the universal heart of man can comprehend. Nor is its work done. It will go on singing through all the generations of time, and it will not fold its wings till the last pilgrim is safe and time ended; then it shall fly back to the bosom of God, whence it issued, and sound on, mingled with all those harmonies of celestial joy which make heaven musical forever.

“Safe in the Shepherd’s Arms” by Max Lucado \$11 (Gift book includes a 30 day devotional)

The 23rd Psalm was written by a shepherd who became a king- because he wanted us to know about a King who became a Shepherd. With this Psalm of comfort, you can release your burdens, cast away your fears, and rest safely in the Shepherd’s arms. When you have the Shepherd, you have everything you need.

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Outreach for Calvary Chapel Word of Life “Change for Christ”



The Women’s Ministry is doing an Outreach for Calvary Chapel Word of Life called “Change For Christ.” The church is located at 1901 W. Girard Avenue Philadelphia, PA 19130. For more information you can visit their website at ccwordoflife.org. A box (pictured above) will be out at the Women’s Bible Study and during the week in the Church Office (see Joyce Black). All of the proceeds will go to Calvary Chapel Word of Life for their outreaches and ministry to the people of Philadelphia. **Last year, we were able to collect \$1,402.00 to give to them!** Thank you all for giving so generously!



Outreach to the community



Saturday Night Service



Saturday Night Service

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Calvary Chapel Word of Life

Pastor Mark Abrams loves the Word of God and His people. He also has a heart for inner city missions and evangelism coupled with a desire to serve and partner with local pastors in inner city churches for the furtherance of the gospel. Mark has served many churches in the inner city as a missionary and has witnessed countless souls being ushered into God's kingdom. During that time Mark responded to God's call for him to settle down and start a Bible Study in North Philadelphia. Responding to the call, Calvary Chapel Word of Life was birthed, where he teaches the scripture verse by verse. Mark loves serving at Calvary Chapel Word of Life together with his family and has seen God add to their spiritual family a host of wonderful people that they labor with daily. They have recently added a Saturday Night Service that is followed by a community pantry geared toward helping single moms.

Calvary Chapel Word of Life has adopted PTTI (Philadelphia Technician Training Institution). They have come alongside this post vocational trade school to minister to various students who come to this program downtrodden, brokenhearted and battered. They have also been able to share the love of Jesus Christ and several of the students have become a part of their fellowship. They are able to serve them in a number of ways: they provide them with steel toe work boots for those that cannot afford them; they feed them every Wednesday prior to the Bible Study and assist them with transportation, clothes, and short-term housing arrangements.



Pastor Mark Abrams



Sunday Morning Service

2019-2020 Women's Ministry Leadership

Women's Ministry Board

We would like to introduce you to the ladies on the Women's Ministry Board. The Lord has brought us together as a team to pray for the women at Calvary and to seek the Lord for what He would want us to do for Women's Ministry.

We thank the Lord for all the ladies who volunteer each year to help us with the different Women's Ministry functions. We are also thankful for all the ladies who come out to the Women's Bible Studies and Special Events. You are all such a gift to us! We are very excited about serving Him this year!



Dee Dee Ricker, Hannah Chandler,
Dee Gray, Cathy Focht, Kae Comfort,
Pat Zaborowski, Jill Martin, Joyce Black,
Kristin Steenbakkers

To contact Women's Ministry, call 215-969-1647, or email us at womensministry@ccphilly.org. You can also view or print out this brochure from our website at ccphilly.org/womens-ministry/bible-studies/.

