## From the Pastor's Heart

We are His people, the sheep of His pasture. Psalm 100:3 (NIV)

Fellow Believers,

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

I am told that sheep, being not very bright animals, frequently become alarmed and run over each other to escape real or perceived danger. The shepherd corrects the problem by catching the sheep and gently, yet firmly, forces the sheep to lie down and feed quietly on the grass beneath its feet.

In our chaotic, confused, and unpredictable age in which anti-anxiety medications and headache remedies have become the best-selling commodities, we must flee the initial response to medicate our problems away, and to simply trust the Great Shepherd of our souls to lead us to calm down, feed on the rich pastures of His Word, and lie down at His feet.

When Jesus steps into our world, He compels us to rest, a deep rest of body and soul. Listen to His marvelous just now. His says, "Come unto me all you who are heavy laden, and I will give you – rest!"

Joyfully Serving,

Pastor Bill

