

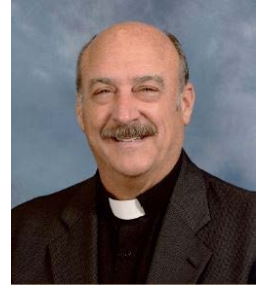


The Shepherd's Voice

September

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PASTOR'S PAGE



What is it that we do as a Church? When we do come to the church building, do we just sing songs, hear a couple of readings from the Bible, say a couple of prayers, and then go home? That takes about an hour and 15 minutes on Sunday morning. What about the rest of the day on Sunday let alone the other six days of the week? I know some folks come to the building on Sunday, stay to have coffee and pastries, meet friends, and catch up for the week. Some others come early in order to sing with the choir. I know there are a few who make plans for lunch after worship on Sunday morning. That begs the question; does anything we do or say make a difference for the rest of the week? Does it make a difference in anyone else's life other than our own?

What we do, what we say, who we trust says quite a bit about us as followers of Jesus. Consider the parable of the Life Saving Station. This is an old story, but the point is still as good today as it was the day it was first told.

On a dangerous seacoast where shipwrecks often occur, there once was a crude little life-saving station. The building was just a hut, there was only one boat, but the few devoted members kept a constant watch over the sea and with no thought for themselves, they went out day or night tirelessly searching for the lost.

Many lives were saved by this wonderful little station, so that it became famous. Some of those who were saved and various others in the surrounding areas, wanted to become associated with the station and give of their time, money, and effort for the support of its work. New boats were purchased and new crews were trained. The little life-saving station grew. Some of the new members of the life-saving station were unhappy that the building was so crude and so poorly equipped. They felt that a more comfortable place should be provided as the first refuge of those saved from the sea.

So, they replaced the emergency cots with beds and put better furniture in an enlarged building. Now, the life-saving station became a popular gathering place for its members, they re-decorated it beautifully, and furnished it as a sort of club.

Less of the members were now interested in going to sea on life-saving missions, so they hired lifeboat crews to do this work.

The mission of lifesaving was still given lip -service, but most were too busy or lacked the necessary commitment to take part in the life-saving activities personally.

About this time, a large ship was wrecked off the coast and the hired crews brought in boat loads of cold, wet, and half-drowned people.

They were dirty and sick, some of them had black skin, some spoke a strange language, and the beautiful new club was considerably messed up. So the property committee immediately had a shower house built outside the club where victims of shipwreck could be cleaned up before coming inside.

At the next meeting, there was a split in the club membership. Most of the members wanted to stop the club's lifesaving activities as being unpleasant and a hindrance to the normal life pattern of the club.

However, some members insisted that lifesaving was their primary purpose and pointed out that they were still called a life-saving station. They were finally voted down and told that if they wanted to save the life of all the various kinds of people who were shipwrecked in those waters, they could begin their own life-saving station down the coast. They did.

As the years went by, the new station experienced the same changes that had occurred in the old. They evolved into a club and yet another life-saving station was founded.

If you visit the seacoast today, you will find a number of exclusive clubs along that shore. Shipwrecks are still frequent in those waters, only now most of the people drown.

In the world in which we live, it is very easy to get lost and confused about what it means to be a follower of Jesus. Trusting completely in Jesus and being guided by the Holy Spirit means it is about seeing to it that people, whose lives are a "wreck", find rescue and relief. Now that we are in the beginning of the program year, we have quite a few ministries that need help and volunteer positions that need to be filled. Good Shepherd needs an assortment of all kinds of volunteers to make things happen for this church to be a life-saving station along our coastline. Will you join me in the boats?



Pastor Dennis

*Mightier
than the
waves of the sea
is His love
& for you*
PSALM 93:4





Deacon's Corner

Thank you, everyone, for the warm welcome back from the summer internship. It is wonderful to have a warm and loving church home. The internship was my summer school.

Speaking of school, please be aware of the school buses and children walking to and from school. Sometimes the kids don't notice what is happening around them.

School is in for us!

Our good friend Saint Paul has some instructions for Saint Timothy, which might be helpful to us as the election season ramps up.

1 Timothy 2:1-5

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and for everyone in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceful life in all Godliness and dignity. This is right and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth."

Paul is correct. Prayers for our leaders work for everyone.

Deacon Rick



Bible Quiz

Not long before Jesus' arrest, he said: "I did not come to ____ the world, but to ____ the world." Fill in the blanks.

- A. judge; save
- B. hate; love
- C. condemn; teach
- D. disrupt; conform to



Answer: A (See John 12:47, NIV.)



Church Council News

The Council is excited to have the new members elected and starting in January. You are more than welcome to sit in on a meeting and see what happens. We meet on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 3:00.

Officers are Joe Adams-President, Gladys Kean- Vice-President, Ann Neville-secretary, Kathy Swartz -Treasurer. Members are John Colson, Sally Hennessey, Sharon Maxwell, Fran Stetson, Tom Stickler, Carol Wagner, Shelly Fortin, Ron O'Keefe, and Vera Swade.

Clergy Appreciation will be Sunday, October 8.



Executive Council Meeting
September 7th @ 9:30 AM
Council Meeting
September 14th @ 3:00





*Stewardship is living
out our commitment
to Christ.*

Applying Bible Principles

The vast majority of people like to excel at something. Most of us like to do what we do in a manner that is truly first-class. Whether we are involved in one of the trades, or whether we are working in a profession, or doing volunteer work, we like to excel in what we do.

In the Christian life, most of us like to demonstrate our love for the Lord in ways that will reflect properly on Him and that will bring honor to Him. As His servants, we take great care that our Christian service is of such quality that what we do for His sake is first-class. Thus, whether we sing a solo in a worship service at church, prepare a meal for someone who is a shut-in, or teach a Bible class, we strive to do what we do for God in the very best way possible.

The Apostle Paul indicates we are also to excel in the grace of giving. “Now as you excel in everything ... in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you ... so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking” (2 Cor. 8:7). In other words, just as we might seek to excel in other ways which demonstrate our Christian faith in action, we are also to excel in the grace of giving.

In the context of the verse we just read, Paul commends the Macedonian Christians for giving as much as they were able and more. When we follow their example, we experience “grace giving” in action, not only giving as we are able, but also, giving beyond our ability. Another term for this type of giving is “consecrated giving”. Consecrated giving never results from arm-twisting, brow-beating, or squeezing. Consecrated giving, the kind that honors God, comes from a motivation that only the Holy Spirit can provide. When we give in this way, we demonstrate the fruit of the Christian life by the power of the Holy Spirit within us. As we step out by faith (one of the signs of a Spirit-controlled life), we are able to give in ways which might seem improbable or impossible at first. The Spirit of God thereby motivates us and compels us to excel in the grace of giving!

Early in the 19th century, Frederick William III, King of Prussia, found himself in great financial difficulty. He was carrying on expensive wars and

endeavoring to make a great nation of the Prussian people. But he did not have enough money to accomplish his plans.

After much thought, he decided to ask the women of Prussia to donate their gold jewelry to be melted down and made into money for their country. He resolved, however, that for each gold ornament, he would give in exchange an iron decoration as a token of his gratitude. Each decoration would bear the inscription, "I gave gold for iron, 1813."

The response was overwhelming. And what was even more important was that these women prized their gifts from the king more highly than their former possessions. The reason, of course, is clear. The decorations were proof that they had sacrificed for their king. It became unfashionable for women to wear jewelry, and the Order of the Iron Cross was established. Members of this order wore no jewelry except for a cross of iron.

Commenting on this lesson from history, Stephen Olford wrote this: "The church today needs an army of people who are so committed to the King of Kings that sacrifice becomes a way of life. Such an army would do exploits for God; such an army would hasten the coming and reign of the King ... Recruits for this army should be known as members of the Order of the Cross of Christ because they have experienced the grace of giving."

As Paul wrote so pointedly to the Christians at Corinth, we are to excel in the grace of giving. Are you excelling in the grace of giving? If not, why not take God at his Word ...by faith ... and begin today?

Shelly Fortin, Stewardship

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Is Jesus calling you to serve?

A complete listing of all the volunteer positions available here at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church is on our website, and printed copies are available in the Narthex.

Please prayerfully consider volunteering for one or more of these positions.

Bearing Fruit for Jesus!



Our Annual Stewardship Campaign will be starting in October 2023

Christian stewardship is an expression of the fruit of the Christian life by the power of the Holy Spirit within us.

“Now as you excel in everything - in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you - so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking” (2 Cor. 8:7).

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“God has a storehouse of blessings. Prayer is the key to that storehouse. Faith turns the key and unlocks the door.” *(Anonymous)*

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God's Work, Our Hands Sunday - September 10th



Ten years ago, our national church started this project to celebrate the birthday of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Bishop Elizabeth Eaton is encouraging all ELCA congregations to use the second Sunday of September to get out the door and help in the community. Many ELCA congregations aren't actively engaged with the community around them. **BUT WE ARE!**

This year, we want to celebrate all the things WE do within our community, not just in our church. We thank you for the support you have

given and urge you to stay involved or GET involved in all the things we do.

On Sunday, Sept 10th, when you walk through the narthex, you will see a number of activities this congregation does to help the community around us. Please take a good look at **get involved**.

S. O. S. – distributing food to the hungry in Citrus County, donate goods and/or help with sorting and distribution

Bread Pick-up and Delivery – receive bread from Publix on Saturday night or deliver it to either Family Resource Center or CUB (Citrus United Basket).

Adopt-a-Highway (along Norvell Bryant Hwy) – organized by Linda Koch

Back-to-School Supplies Collection – August collection for local schools

Christmas Angel Tree – shop for Christmas gifts for local kids

Craft and Share – clothes and kits made for people who need them

Quilters – make quilts for Lutheran World Relief and youth quilts for Family Resource Center.

Drivers with a Mission – volunteering to take members to doctor visits

Trunk or Treat –giving candy to neighborhood kids at Halloween



Adopt a Highway Program



Our next Adopt-a-Highway road clean-up will be Saturday, September 2nd. We meet at the church. Safety vests, gloves, trash bags, and pickers are provided. For any questions, contact Linda Koch at LCK1164@gmail.com or 386-589-4727.

Eucharistic Ministry

Eucharistic Ministers



Eucharistic Ministers are active and willing to bring communion to those members unable to attend church. We are not mind readers, however, so please let Pastor know or call Ann Neville or the church and leave a message.

Social Ministry



Publix.

**Saturday Night Pick-Up
&
Food Share Monday Delivery**

The Bockers and Sue Fowler



Memorials



Frank D. Wheatley

December 30, 1934 - August 5th, 2023

WELCA NEWS

As a community of women created in the image of God called to discipleship in Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves to grow in faith, affirm our gifts, support one another in our callings, engage in ministry and action, and promote healing and wholeness in the church, the society and the world.

THANK YOU to all who made our School Supplies Drive a big success!



On Saturday, September 9th, Janice Martin, our local Senior Liaison and Advocate will be in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM to discuss all aspects of Senior Living, including the Senior Services

available in our area, Assisted Living Options, and the work she does as a Senior Advocate. Copies of her books will also be available for purchase. All GSLC members, your friends, and your neighbors are invited to this informative event.

Date Change for 2023: Thankoffering Sunday will be September 17th.

Our next WELCA Circle Meeting will be held on September 13th at 1:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Shelly Fortin will lead the Bible Study, Maggie Bregger and Helen Maidhof will provide refreshments.

Our next WELCA Board Meeting will be September 5th at 9:30 AM.

Shelly Fortin, President, GSLC WELCA



Worship & Music

September 5th @ 10:00 AM -
Monthly Meeting



September is Classical Music Month



Health Ministry

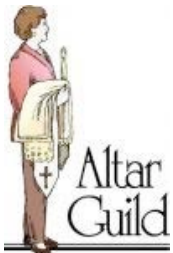


Your Faith Community Nurse is Kathy Metz, she can be reached @ 352-746-1911 and the Health Team members are: Barb Lauer, Ann Neville, Donna Pease, and John Colson. On the last Sunday of every month, we provide blood pressure screenings after service.



See you September 24th

Altar Guild



Altar Guild needs helpers to sign up so we will know who will be helping and who gets the day off. We are non-sexist and will be happy for have male or female.

Serving Our Savior

SOS Food Pantry
PO Box 640774
Beverly Hills, FL 34464
email sos4food@gmail.com



Special Dates

4th - Labor Day

5th - WELCA board Meeting

9th - WELCA Speaker, Janice Martin

10th - Grandparents Day

- God's Work, Our Hands Sunday

11th - Patriot Day (9/11)

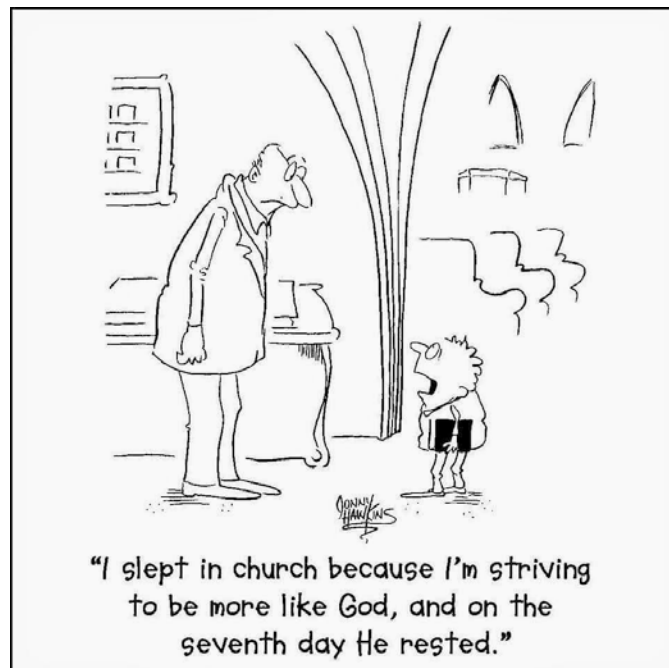
13th - WELCA Circle Meeting

17th - Thankoffering Sunday

23rd - Autumn Begins



Dan's World







Every Tuesday @ 7:30 AM
Breakfast at Mama's Kuntry Kafe

Wednesdays @ 9 AM
A Time for Prayer

First Thursday @ Noon
Lunch @ Angelotti's

September 2023



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><u>Link to Pastoral Prayer Calendar</u></p>					<p>1 8:00A – Workday on Grounds</p> 	<p>2 8:00A - Adopt a Highway</p> 
<p>3 10 A Worship Sunday School</p>	<p>4 Office Closed</p> 	<p>5 9:30A - WELCA Mtg 10 A- Worship & Music 6:30P - Bells 6:30P - Scouts</p>	<p>6 7:30A-SOS 11:00A - Beginner Bible Study 1:00P - Newcomer's Club 6:30P - Choir</p>	<p>7 7:30 A- SOS</p>  <p>9:30 A Executive Council</p>	<p>8 8:00A – Workday on Grounds</p> 	<p>9 11A- Janice Martin, Senior Liaison Fellowship Hall</p>
<p>10 10 A Worship</p>  <p>Sunday School</p> <p>SALE </p>	<p>11 1:30P Fellowship Committee Meeting 1:30P Social Ministry Meeting</p>	<p>12 6:30P - Bells</p>	<p>13 7:30 - SOS 10:00A - Quilters 11:00A - Beginner 1:00P - WELCA Circle 6:30P - Choir</p>	<p>14 7:30A - SOS 9:00A Pastoral Care Committee 3:00P Church Council</p>	<p>15 8:00A – Workday on Grounds</p> 	<p>16 8A - 1P</p>  <p>DEADLINE: Newsletter Articles</p>
<p>17 10 A Worship Sunday School</p> <p>Thankoffering</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19 6:30P - Bells 6:30P - Scouts</p>	<p>20 7:30A-SOS 11:00A - Beginner Bible Study 6:30P - Choir</p>	<p>21 7:30A - SOS</p> 	<p>22 8:00A – Workday on Grounds</p> 	<p>23</p>
<p>24 10 A Worship Sunday School</p> 	<p>25</p>	<p>26 6:30P - Bells</p>	<p>27 7:30A-SOS 10:00A- Craft n Share 11:00A - Beginner Bible Study 6:30P - Choir</p>	<p>28 7:30A - SOS</p>  <p>10A- Christian Ed Meeting</p>	<p>29 8:00A – Workday on Grounds</p> 	<p>30</p>

ANNIVERSARIES AND BIRTHDAYS



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

John & Elaine Giammassi	9/11
John & Lisa Nelson	09/11/87
Jim & Gerry Kauth	09/23/78
Fran & Cathy Stetson	09/23/96
Dell & Gloria Peterson	09/24/66



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS



2 - Roger Johnson

12 - Linda Cashman

20 - Dylan Schortemeyer

4 - Laura Nichols

14 - Sylvia Hartsfield

23 - Maggie Bregger

6 - Elaine Giammasi

15 - Amy Gilbert

24 - Ryan Towne

8 - Michael Koch

17 - Elin Bendtsen

27- Hope Schortemeyer

11 - John Lepore
Derek Nelson

19 - John Colson

30 - Abigail Swartz

"FOR WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE



**GATHERED
IN MY NAME,**

THERE AM I AMONG THEM."

MATTHEW 18:20, ESV



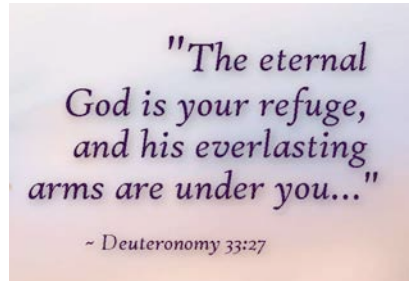
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Wildman, Joe

Let us remember:

Bendtsen, Elin	Hassinger, Doug & Donna	Masters, Leith
Benefiel, Larry & Karen	Jimenez, Jeanette	Meltesen Family
Brit-Busler, Elizabeth	Johnson, Carol Lee & Roger	Miles, Ilse
Clark, Dawn	Koch, Dennis, Linda, & Michael	Mongardi, Eloise
Costa, Denise	Lauer, Barbara	Page-Wood, Jeremy
Drennen, Rose & Family	Lawrence, Ivalee	Pawelko, Diane
Fowler, Bob	Lepore, Linda	Wagner, Carole
Hartsfield, Sylvia	Lowe, Faye	Whitcomb, Ray



Those who are shut in or residing in assisted living homes:

Charon, Carol	Frost, Joann	Moll, Bob	Philipp, Dick
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All who serve our country in the military:

Burba, Jake	Jackson, Brad	Radosevitch, Eric
Ceballos, Jason	Johnston-Garcia, Christian	Springer, Dennis
Corsino, Mykael	Luchay, Alan	Stroble, Jeramy
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Harrington, Bryan	Miller, Tyler	Thomas, Peter Chris
Heinz, Karinne	Much, Jason	Thompson, David
Hickman, Richard	Piott, Trenton	Timpe, Chris
Hicks, Nathan	Posa, Codymicheal	
Holman, Evan	Radloff, Steven	



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O'Keefe, Chris	Rothmeyer, Heidi	Traywick, Edward	Woods, Donna Jean
Pach, Barbara	Sbani, Carol	Tuegel, Chuck	Woolf, Nick
Page-Wood, Jake	Scheetz, Cathy & Family	Vespa, Hazel	Wright, Matthew
Parruche, Linda Ama	Sillen, Rita	Vulkelich, Alejandra	
Pope, Jeff	Small, Brenda & Steven	Wells, Emmarie	

Please take this prayer list and use it in your private or family devotions in the coming month. You can see that our congregation has a great many people who are in need of our prayers. Please let us know if your loved one is no longer serving in the military. Contact gslchernando@gmail.com for any updates.

Newsletter Editor

ALL submissions for the **newsletter** or website should be sent to:

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Stephanie



October  is **September 16th.**

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Susan Fowler

USHERS

10:00

3rd & 10th

Gladys Kean
Lois Lenhart
Harv Johnson

17th & 24th

Cheryl Cox
Harv Johnson
John Kivat

MEDIA CENTER

Fran Stetson
John Gifford
Joe Adams
Dan Cashman

LECTORS

September 3rd

Linda Koch

September 10th

Ginny Gopadze

September 17th

Brenda Landfried

September 24rd

Pat Mainster

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Deacon Rick Mainster
Deacon Robert Bonomo

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Susan Fowler



God's work. Our hands.

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Kid's Corner



SEARCHING FOR SILVER

Godly, biblical wisdom is more valuable than gold or silver. Make this do-it-yourself toy to practice your searching skills.

What you need:

- 12 small, smooth rocks
- An empty, clean egg carton
- Paintbrush
- Acrylic paint (gold or silver)
- Black permanent marker

What you do:

1. Clean the rocks and egg carton. Place newspaper on a table to protect it from paint.
2. Paint all sides of the rocks and carton. Let dry. Add a second coat, if desired.
3. When rocks are dry, number each rock (1-12) with marker. Place rocks in the carton.
4. Play hide-and-seek with a friend. Take turns hiding the rocks in a room, sand-box or backyard. Give clues, if needed, and count the rocks as they're returned.
5. Use your imagination to incorporate a treasure hunt into study time or family devotions.

Grandparent's Day

September 10th



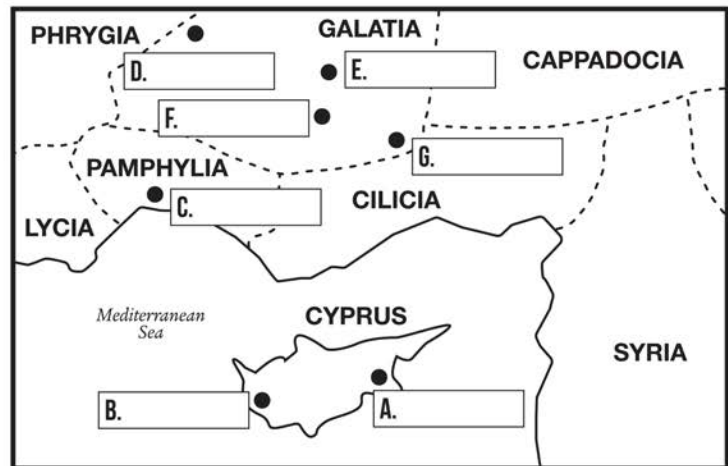
CITY SEARCH

God used Paul to spread the Gospel to many cities during his first missionary journey. Can you find them all?

Directions: From the fragments, guess each city and locate it on the map. Use the Bible references to help.



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| A. SALAMIS (ACTS 13:5) | E. ICONIUM (ACTS 13:51) |
| B. PAPHOS (ACTS 13:6) | F. LYSTRA (ACTS 14:6) |
| C. PERGA (ACTS 13:13) | G. DERBE (ACTS 14:6) |
| D. ANTIOCH (ACTS 13:14) | |



Answers: Salamis, Paphos, Perga, Antioch, Iconium, Lystra, Derbe