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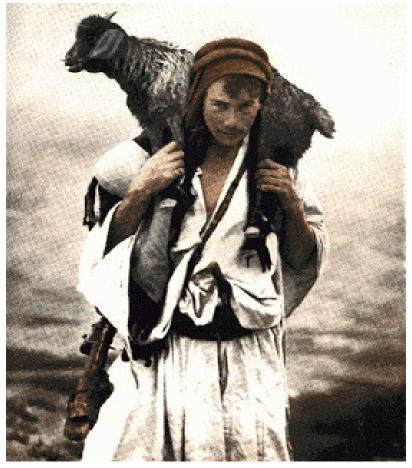
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September 11, 2013

Desire Is Fun

Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them.

Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country
and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?

And when he finds it, he joyfully puts in on his shoulders and
goes home.

Luke 15:4-6

Desire

Why do you sometimes wander off, do something "crazy," or just get lost for a while? A big part of the answer we sometimes find hard to admit is chasing after our desires is fun. It is far too easy to to feel guilty for doing something we really want to do. The truth of the matter is that God gave you your desires. When you chase after your desires you will meet God in a very profound way. Notice the parable of Jesus about going after the one sheep who wandered off. The shepherd went out and met the lost sheep. When you wander off chasing after your desires God is going to meet you where you are. No matter how lost, confused, mixed up, turned around, or misled you become chasing after your desires God will meet you, as he does with every wandering sheep.

Fruit of Desire Is Usually Not Forbidden

Following the longings of your heart will bring you to a deeper experience of God. What is the one thing God has placed within your soul that you are always looking for? Underneath that desire is the eternal desire for God. Only God can fulfill it. Meeting God in the place of your desire always takes you one step closer to knowing God more completely. People with a similar desire will notice that you have something more, something only God can give. People who have a desire that is much like yours will notice how God has put you on His shoulders and carried you homecarried you to where you belong. Their thirst to know the God who does that with us will increase because of how God has carried you.

Coming Attractions

Sunday, September 15 worship at 10:00am

Sunday, September 22 worship at 10:00am; book study group on Missional Communities by Reggie McNeil

Saturday, September 28 Work Day at St. Francis

Thursday, October 3 Vestry Meeting 6:00pm

Saturday, October 5 10:00am Blessing of the Animals

Blessing of the Animals



October 5, 2013
10:00am
St. Francis Episcopal Church
1484 <u>Hockett</u> Rd.
Manakin Sabot, VA

Sunday, October 13 4:00pm Celebration of a New Ministry (no morning worship that day).

The Rt. Rev. Susan Goff
Bishop Suffragan of the Diocese of Virginia
and the people of
St. Francis' Episcopal Church, Manakin-Sabot, Virginia
invite your prayers and presence at

The celebration of a new ministry they share with The Rev. Dr. John F. Maher, Jr. Vicar of St. Francis' Episcopal Church

Sunday the 13th of October 2013 4pm

1484 Hockett Rd. Manakin Sabot, VA 23103

Reception to follow

Clergy: unvested and seated with the people

Please email rsvp by October 9, 2011 to vicar@stfrancisva.org or call 804-784-6116

Centerville Circle of Prayer: for the Manakin Sabot Cosmetic and Family Dentistry and Dr. Sarah Wilmer that many people would have improved health and well being through this dental practice.

Metro Richmond at Prayer: For schools and educational institutions of Metropolitan Richmond: For all private and religious schools, pre-schools and daycare centers, and for children in home schools.

For the anniversary of 9/11: For all those who have lost family friends on this date, for all firefighters, public safety officers and all first responders, for the leaders of the

world, that we may live in peace and quietness all the days of our lives, and that all "swords will be beaten into ploughshares" until the day of Jesus' return.

Grace and Peace,

John Maher

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