

Shepherd Tuesday Happenings for February 10, 2009

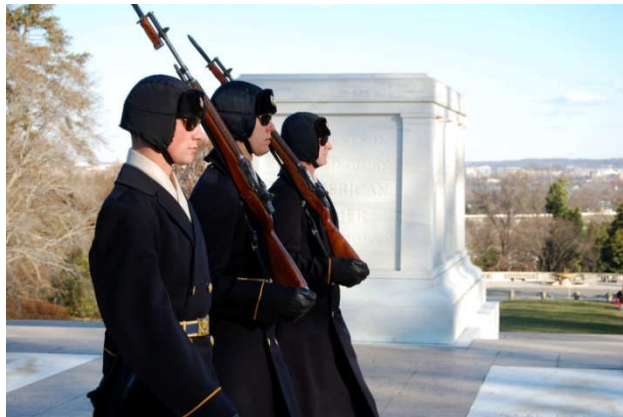
Dear Shepherdians and Friends,

Please don't start checking your calendar page or counting the dates on your fingers, those of you that receive Shepherd Tuesday Happenings by e-mail are receiving it on Monday this week; because, like Willie Nelson, I'm on the road again

Sunday was a blessing as we learned about Christian principles and the nearness of God. The Pastor spoke from Perry Mason, Chapter 1. If you were accused of being a Christian, would the evidence support your claim?

Just Thinking – I guess this comes under the category of deep thoughts. Not too long ago, we had the privilege of visiting the Tombs of the Unknown at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington DC. I say tombs because there is more than one.

The original was to memorialize those killed in World War I, probably the most familiar. The inscription says the tomb is an American soldier "Known but to God". Originally it was guarded by a civilian watchman; but was replaced by the military in 1926. These dedicated soldiers have walked their post day and night ever since, in cold, heat and even during hurricanes.



Changing of the Guard at the Tombs of the Unknown

Later tombs of the unknown were added for World War II, Korea and Viet Nam. Strangely, with the advancement of science and DNA, the Viet Nam unknown was identified in 1998 and returned to his family for burial; but the stone remains. We are given the promise that with DNA, there will never again be an unknown soldier.

Then there was a tomb, a couple of thousand years ago, guarded by Roman soldiers, yet the stone was removed when the occupant was raised from the dead and returned to His earthly family, not for burial, but happily to let us know that there is life after death. He has returned to his Father, with the promise that he will be back.

We salute the military that guards the Unknowns; and we praise the One that rose from the grave to bring the promise of salvation to those that accept His invitation.

This Week at Shepherd --

Wednesday @ 7 pm – Prayer and Bible Study
Sunday @ 9 am – Discipleship Training
Sunday @ 10 am – Morning Worship
Sunday @ 4:30 pm – Praise Team Practice
Sunday @ 5:00 pm – Evening Worship

Wednesday Night – We continue with the study from “Rendezvous” and the Biblical truths about God’s love. Visitors and snacks are always welcome.

Alabaster Sunday – This Sunday is Alabaster Sunday. Money collected in this offering is used to build churches around the world.



If you haven't started to fill your Alabaster Box, checks and cash are welcome

Bridal Shower – There will be a Bridal Shower for Jina Coleman on Sunday March 1 from 2 pm until 4 pm, at 233 Porth Circle, Lexington. Jina and Geoffrey are moving to Norfolk after the wedding, gift cards are suggested, to aid them when they have to pack for the move.



Geoffrey, Jina & Wyatt

All are invited; the invitation and complete directions are available in the foyer at the Church. If you do not have a GPS, from Lexington, take US 378 toward Saluda; turn right on St. Peters Church Rd.; turn left on Old Cherokee Rd.; Turn right at Brady Porth Rd.; turn left on Porth Circle, destination will be on your right.

Membership & Baptism – As I opened the service Sunday morning, I referred to Shepherd as one of the worst kept secrets in Lexington. The word is out, Shepherd Church of the Nazarene is special and on the move. If you would like to be a part of our growing family, if you would like to be baptized, or just want more information about our church; please contact the Pastor, in person, by e-mail at pastor@shepherdnazarene.com, or at (803) 957-4348. Our invitation as always is “Come home to Shepherd, where you ARE family.”

New Newsletter Option – You now have a new option when receiving *Shepherd Tuesday Happenings*.

For technical reasons, what you now receive by e-mail is a text only version, meaning that it is just the writing. Often there are pictures and graphics to better illustrate an item. That is the version that the folks who receive it by U.S. Mail and on-line see; therefore, they need do nothing else.

You now have the option of receiving the full version as an attachment to your e-mail.

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Either way you will continue to receive the news from *Shepherd Tuesday Happenings*.



Finally -- A new teacher was trying to make use of her psychology courses. She started her class by saying, "Everyone who thinks you're stupid, stand up!"

After a few seconds, Little Johnny stood up. The teacher said, "Do you think you're stupid, Little Johnny?"

"No, ma'am, but I hate to see you standing there all by yourself!"

Johnny 1, Teacher 0...You win some you lose some. See you in Church and Sunday School (Discipleship Training).

John

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