



Shepherd Tuesday Happenings
for March 24, 2009

Sunday the weather was great and we learned that we are not supposed to live in sin or fear because Jesus knows us. Also we learned the meaning behind “casting” your ballot and received a stone to remind us. If that doesn’t make sense, contact the Pastor, promise to be in church next Sunday and he will explain it to you.

Just Thinking -- Last Sunday, during the morning sermon, the Pastor was talking about how his camera would not work, until he put lithium batteries in it.

Well he lost me right there, because I immediately started visualizing the Energizer Bunny marching around, beating his drum and going...and going...and going.

I guess it would be nice if we could be energized like the bunny and keep on going, and going, and going; but the truth is that we weren’t built to run on batteries. Regardless of what the bunny says, he will eventually run down and need new batteries

However, God did make us a promise, that if we believed in and followed Jesus, we could keep going, and going, and going. *“For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,^[a] that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.”* (John 3:16 NIV)

By the way, Pastor; you didn’t totally lose me, I heard message, including the part about the casting my vote (rock) for Jesus.

This Week at Shepherd --

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



Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study – This Wednesday night we continue our study of the Gospel of John. You are encouraged to read the first 4 chapters and join in the discussion. We meet in the Fellowship Hall at 7 pm; visitors and snacks are always welcome.

Prayer Needs – Richard and Barbara Clark will be flying home this Thursday and Friday, from a visit with their son in Japan. Please remember them in your prayers that they may have safe travel.

Richard Guess is scheduled to go home from the hospital, Nellie Drafts is at home and Curtis Freeman is awaiting the results of his medical tests. We ask you to continue to remember all of these folks in your prayers.



Don't Let the Pastor Be Lonesome – Pastor Coleman has invited you to join him for some good exercise and a free lunch at Camp Work days on March 30 & 31. So far I have only heard of one other volunteer. If you can and will, please keep the Pastor company. Workers can also earn meal credits for Family Camp for each day that they work.



Easter/Missions Offerings – It's not too early to start planning and/or giving your Easter offering. We are about \$1100 short of our goal for this year. This is due by the end of May. Be sure you mark your check or envelope "Missions".

Revival – You are asked to start praying and inviting people to our revival services, April 26 – 29. We have South Carolina evangelist, Rev. Mickey Smith. Please pray for a good outpouring of God's blessings.



Mothers and Daughters – Again this year, you are invited to join the ladies at Central Church of the Nazarene for their Mother and Daughter event. There will be a special speaker and entertainment. The signup sheet is in the foyer. We thank Central Church for including our ladies.

Baptism or Church Membership – Contact Pastor Coleman if you are interested in information about Baptism and Church Membership. He is planning a Baptism service in the near future.

Other Activities – Information about the upcoming Biker Retreat, the Work and Witness trip to Panama and Missionary Reading books/CDs is all available in the foyer.

The **Annual Church Meeting** will be on Sunday, May 3; if you would like to serve in a church office or as an assembly/convention delegate; please sign a form that is available in the foyer or from the pastor.



Finally -- Three friends decided to go deer hunting together. One was a lawyer, one a doctor, and the other a Nazarene preacher.

As they were walking, along came a big buck. The three of them shot simultaneously. Immediately the buck dropped to the ground and all three rushed up to see how big it actually was.

Upon reaching it they found out that it was dead but had only one bullet hole. Thus a debate followed concerning whose buck it was.

A few minutes later a game officer came by and asked what the problem was. The doctor told him their reason for the debate. The officer told them he would take a look and tell them who shot it.

Within a few seconds the game officer said with much confidence, “The pastor shot the buck!”

They all wondered how he knew that so quickly.

The officer said, “Easy. The bullet went in one ear and out the other.”

In the words of Porky Pig, “That’s All Folks!” See you in church and Sunday School. Remember, at Shepherd you ARE family.

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