



Shepherd Tuesday Happenings
for March 31, 2009

Dear Shepherdians and Friends,

There's an old saying, either from the circus or the zoo, "One monkey doesn't stop the show." Well this monkey was in bed with the "grunge" or whatever they call this upper respiratory stuff that is going around; but I have reports that Church and Sunday School was great as usual. You are doing so well, even without me being there to remind you, I understand that not a single beeper or cell phone went off during either service. (You have to be a regular attendee to understand that.)

Just Thinking-- A couple of days ago, Savon was looking at some old pictures from the Nazarene campground from around 1985. While they were recognizable, time had taken its toll and some were washed out and the colors were fading. She scanned them into the computer and asked me if I could do anything to restore them.



Now I have a program on my computer that can enhance pictures, old and new; so I gave it a shot. Some detail was beyond help, but I was able to bring them back to a form of their former appearance. Incidentally this program can also remove wrinkles and blemishes or place a person in scenes where they have never been. It's like electronic magic.

Wouldn't it be nice if we could do that in real life? Well the wrinkles, we will have to leave to the plastic surgeons and placing you in different scenes, we will leave to your travel agent. However, there is a way to remove blemishes from your life, just trust them to Jesus and they can be removed. The Bible says, "*Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation*" (Colossians 1:21-22 NIV).

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 5 chapters and join in the discussion. We meet in the Fellowship Hall at 7 pm; visitors and snacks are always welcome.



Easter/Missions Offerings – Please remember the Easter/Missions offering and be sure to mark it “Missions” on your check or envelope.

Revival – You are asked to keep 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.

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.



Congratulations -- Congratulations to **Don & Joyce Estep**, parents of our District Superintendent, Dr. Eddie Estep, as they celebrate 50 years of marriage.

Good News and Praise – We thank God and are happy to report that **Roberta Evans** came through her recent medical tests and all is well.

Newsletter – If you know of someone who might like to receive this weekly newsletter, have them send their name and e-mail address to news@shepherdnazarene.com .



Finally -- A minister delivered a sermon in ten minutes one Sunday morning, which was about half the usual length of his sermons. Very apologetically, he explained, "I regret to inform you that my dog, who is very fond of eating paper, ate that portion of my sermon which I was unable to deliver this morning".

After the service, a visitor from another church shook hands with the preacher and said, "Pastor, if that dog of yours has any pups, I want to get one to give to my minister".

Right, we all tried that with homework in school; it didn't work then either. That's all for now, see you in Church and Sunday School. Remember, at Shepherd you ARE family.

John

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