



Shepherd Tuesday Happenings

for Tuesday, April 7, 2009

Dear Shepherdites and Friends

Last Sunday we observed Palm Sunday and waived our palm branches as did the crowd when they welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem many years ago. Then we received Communion. Sunday evening was also a blessing, why don't you join us next week at 5:00 pm?

Just Thinking -- This Sunday, of course, is Easter. We announced that the kids will be riding the Easter Train this week and there will be an Easter egg hunt also. A couple of days ago, Savon drug me, kicking and screaming, to shop for Easter clothes.

Last week I was watching the Tonight Show and Jay Leno was asking basic questions of people on the street about the meanings of things associated with Easter. It was amazing, the lack of understanding of the people that they interviewed. Now, I'm not naive enough to think that these responses were not edited for comedy; but when so many people around us only think of the Easter Bunny, colored eggs, new cloths and, oh yes, it was something to do with Jesus. We as Christians must be doing something wrong.

Most of us that attend church know the real meaning of Easter is the resurrection of Jesus after His crucifixion; but how good of a job are we doing in getting the word outside of our walls to the world?

Maybe we could take an idea from one eastern country that we have visited; it is tradition, for Christians, between Easter and Pentecost to greet a person you meet with "Christ is risen" and the response from the other person is, "He is risen indeed". Even if they did not know the prescribed response; maybe it would open the door for us to witness to the non-believer or even more so to the unknowing. The Bible tells us, "*If you love only the people who love you, you will get no reward. Even the tax collectors do that. And if you are nice only to your friends, you are no better than other people. Even those who don't know God are nice to their friends.*" (Matthew 5:46-47 NCV)

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 6 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. We need a little over \$1000, if 5 people gave \$200, we would have met our goal. Whatever you feel led to give will be appreciated as it goes to fund work on the mission field.



Mothers and Daughters – Again this year, you are invited to join the ladies at Central Church of the Nazarene for their Mother and Daughter luncheon on Saturday, April 25 at 11:20 am. There will be a special speaker and entertainment. The signup sheet is in the foyer. We thank Central Church for including our ladies

Revival



Rev. Mickey & Sarah Smith

April 26 -29, 2009

We're praying for a real old fashioned REVIVAL with South Carolina Evangelist Mickey Smith. There will be special music, including the Midlands Valley Singers, Monday through Wednesday. Sunday Services will be 10 am and 5 pm; week night services will be at 7 pm. We urge you to start praying and inviting now, for these very special services

Other Activities – Information about the upcoming 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.

District Newsletter – The South Carolina District Church of the Nazarene monthly newsletter is now available on-line. For news of District Camps and other activities from around the state, just go to www.scnazdist.net and click on the newsletter link on the left side of the home page.

Shepherd Happenings – *Shepherd Tuesday Happenings* is also available on line at www.shepherdnazarene.com; click on the Shepherd Tuesday link on the left, then click on the date for current and past editions.



Finally – Surrounded by all of the Easter finery displayed by the congregation, as she was coming out of church, Mrs. Smith asked her husband, "Do you think that Wilson girl is tinting her hair?"

"I didn't even see her," admitted Mr. Smith.

"And that dress Mrs. Greene was wearing," continued Mrs. Smith, "Really, don't tell me you think that's the proper outfit for a mother of two."

"I'm afraid I didn't notice that either," said Mr. Smith.

"Oh, for heaven's sake," snapped Mrs. Smith. "A lot of good it does you to go to church."

That's all folks; see you in Church and Sunday School. Remember, at Shepherd you ARE family.

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