

Shepherd Tuesday Happenings

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Dear Shepherdians and Friends,

It was a memorable Sunday as the Pastor spoke about 2 traitors, Judas and Peter. Don't get the connection? Invite him to lunch, I am sure he will be glad to explain the issues involved over the meal. Gene Horton was amazing as he sang; he's only 85 years young, just think how good he's going to be when he grows up. Seriously, a great job; you should hear him.

Just Thinking -- Have you ever gone to a restaurant or even a doctor's office where they validate your parking receipt and you do not have to pay or get a reduced rate for parking? In other words they are willing to pay the price for a benefit that you received.

Sort of like Jesus, Jesus validates our life and we receive the benefits. He paid the price that we might receive eternal life. There's a hymn that goes "He paid a debt he did not owe I owed a debt I could not pay." (Elias Crum ©1977 Ellis J. Crum, Publisher)

With revival coming up next week, are you willing to pay the price by attending the services and give Jesus a chance to validate your life? The parking is free.



Rev. Mickey & Sarah Smith

Revival -- Our revival services start next Sunday morning; right after Sunday School. South Carolina evangelist Mickey Smith will be leading us. Pray for a touch from the Holy Spirit for each of us.

Special happenings during the revival: Sunday Services at 10 am and 5 pm; Monday through Wednesday, services start at 7 pm.

Monday through Wednesday we will have a meal together at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Come early and enjoy a free meal before services.

Special music will also be provided by a group from Midlands Valley Church of the Nazarene, Monday through Wednesday night.

Members, former members, visitors and guest are invited to attend all services.

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 week Tim Davis will lead the study. We meet in the Fellowship Hall at 7 pm; visitors and snacks are always welcome.

We completed our study of the Gospel of John – Part 1 last week. Congratulations to the 16 people who received Continuing Lay Training (CLT) credits for the course and will receive completion cards soon. We hope to start another CLT study in the near future.

Ladies, Please – No, it's not Deal or No Deal; just a reminder that the Mother-Daughter Luncheon at Central Church of the Nazarene is this Saturday at 11:30 am, for those that registered to attend.

Church Business – The next few weeks there will be several items of church business that will affect us all: This Sunday morning – Approval of the Nominating Committee ballot for Church Board members for the church year 2009-2010. You will have the opportunity to add names, if you wish.

Sunday morning, May 3, will be the Church elections and a Memorial Roll Service. For the election of Church Board and Assembly/Convention delegates, the polls will be open from 9:30 am until 10:05 am. Register at the desk in the foyer and cast your secret ballot during that time. Any ties will be voted on that evening. Sorry, but absentee ballots are prohibited by The Manual (113.2).

Sunday evening, May 24, will be the Annual Church Meeting.

World Missions – We are within shouting distance of reaching our giving goal for World Missions; if you haven't given your Easter Offering or Faith Promise, we need you now. If you have we thank you and ask could you do just a little more. Missions are the hope of the church and we want to do our share. We are less than \$300 from our goal for this church year (ends May 31).

Interested in Church Membership or Baptism -- Please see the pastor.

Faithful Few – This is a program to finance future revivals and special services for Shepherd Church. Just \$2.00 per week, per person, and we won't have to pull for money for these spiritual services. Each family that participates gets a free, one-year subscription to the denominational magazine, HT (Holiness Today).

Scrap-booking – Meets monthly in the Fellowship Hall. See Lorrie Whitaker or Loraine Coleman for details.



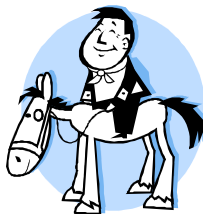
Prayer Requests – We have received requests to remember the following folks in prayer:

Wes Tweed—Wesley Tweed is a former member and a good friend of Shepherd. He is suffering from pneumonia. Please remember Wes and Brenda in your prayers.

Larry Weathers – Please remember Larry, he has been in serious condition in a hospital Emergency Room. He is the son of Sara and Dennis Caldwell, who have been friends of Shepherd Church for many years.

We just heard our friend, *Jeanette Moskell* from Central Church, is under the weather, please remember her also.

The Lord knows the needs; we trust in prayer.



Finally – The old time pastor was galloping down the road, rushing to get to church on time. Suddenly his horse stumbled and pitched him to the ground.

In the dirt with a broken leg, the pastor called out, "All you saints in Heaven, help me get up on my horse!"

Then, with superhuman effort, he leaped onto the horse's back and fell off the other side.

Once again on the ground, he called to Heaven, "All right, just half of you this time!"

That's all for now. Please be praying for the revival, inviting folks and plan to attend all services. See you in Church and Sunday School. Remember, at Shepherd, you ARE family.

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