

## Shepherd Tuesday Happenings For August 26, 2008

Dear Shepherdites and Friends,

We had a good crowd Sunday morning and the pastor brought a stirring message. Iris McKinney, great as always, thrilled us with a special in song. But we have a secret; many folks have not realized that we have a Sunday evening service again. The pastor spoke on Matthew 13; if you missed it, we will be in that same chapter Wednesday night, but different verses. If you come on Sunday morning, why not come back Sunday evening and invite someone to come sit with you; you won't be disappointed.

**Just Thinking** -- We had the privilege of worshiping in a small church recently, only about the size of ours. The music was exciting and the Spirit was in the message.

This tiny church has already started 2 other churches and one of those churches has started another church. This small church is entering a building program that would seem impossible, in order to meet the needs of its community.

Do they own an oil well or a gold mine? Not that I know of. Are they wealthy people? No, just working class like us. Will they succeed? That's in God's hands; but you can't convince them that they won't.

Isn't it amazing what can be done, if we let God have his way; instead of, like some, sitting around on padded pews or in committees, discussing why it can't be done and what would people think if we failed? A song we sang last Sunday sums it up, "*God Can Do Anything but Fail*". Luke tells us, "For nothing is impossible with God." (Luke 1:37 NIV)

**Tuesday Night Discipleship Training** – We are having good groups at Discipleship training on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 pm. Be sure to join us for one this week. Tuesday night we will be at the home of Pastor and Mrs. Coleman, 225 Charter Oak, Lexington; the Thursday night group will meet at the home of Van & Clarence Coleman, 2840 Dogwood Trail, Lexington. Call for directions.

Speaking of Discipleship training; if you are willing and able to host one of these meeting in your home; please contact the Pastor. It would be good to rotate the meetings occasionally and we get to know our church family better. The lesson only lasts about a half hour, and then we have refreshments and fellowship.

**Wednesday Prayer and Bible Study** – This week we will continue studying the Parables of Jesus, Matthew 13. We have been having good groups and you are invited. Guest and snacks are always welcome.

**You Are Invited** – All Shepherd members and friends are invited to the wedding of Miss Leea Faith Painter and Mr. Mark Edwin Smith on Saturday, August 30, 2008 at 1 pm at Shepherd Church of the Nazarene. There will be a reception to follow. Leea is the sister of Iris McKinney.

**Congratulations** – Congratulations to Van Coleman upon receiving the Distinguished Service Award from the District Missionary Council. There is a picture in the SC District Newsletter at [www.scnazdist.net](http://www.scnazdist.net), click the link to the District Monthly Newsletter on the left.

**Communion Sunday** – We will be receiving the Lord's Supper during the Sunday evening service this week. Please plan to attend and participate.

**Exciting Times at Shepherd** – These are some exciting times at Shepherd Church of the Nazarene as our attendance grows.

Last Sunday, I was really excited, when I got to announce, after many months, that the children were "Dismissed for Children's Church", so bring your children, grandchildren, neighbor's children; we have a special service for them.

The nursery is also open during services.

We have reached the point where we need others to get involved with the ministry and worship services. (Ushers, greeters, nursery attendants, teachers, etc.) If you are interested, let us know.

We are paying our bills and our budgets and there is even talk of re-paving the parking lot; though it may be cost prohibitive at this time.

The point is we are looking toward the future, not just trying to keep our heads above water.

Please continue to pray for the church and its people.

**Visit Our Website** – Have you visited our church website lately, it's just a click away at [www.shepherdnazarene.com](http://www.shepherdnazarene.com).

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**Finally** – (Not at our church) A retired pastor was talking to the young, senior pastor at his church.

He said, "When you get to my age you spend a lot more time thinking about the hereafter."

"What do you say that", enquires the preacher.

The elderly man of God replied "Well, I often find myself going into a room and thinking what did I come in here after."

(To some of us, "That ain't funny!")

See you in Church and Bible Study. Come home to Shepherd, where you are family.

*John*

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