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Don't forget to turn your clocks AHEAD one hour on Saturday night, March 8th. See you bright and early for worship!

The period called Lent started on Ash Wednesday, February 6th. One of the things Lent challenges us to do is to give something up or to take on something until Easter. The goal of this is that every time you think of what you have given up, you will think of Christ giving up His life for you. If you take something on, then you will think of Christ taking your sins upon Himself. My invite to you this Lent is for you to take the Dollar equivalent of whatever you give up and put it towards my **Nothing But Nets bicycle ride from Houston to Fort Worth**. If you take something on, why not take on supporting this international outreach to children? This ride (see www.nothingbutswheat.com) is to raise money to buy nets to defeat Malaria, a disease that kills thousands of children a year.



See www.nothingbutnets.net for further information. - Wayne



OUR GOAL FOR THE "NOTHING BUT NETS" RIDE

Some have asked what our goal as a church is for this fundraising ride. If each person who is active at SOTH gives \$10 (one net) a month for the months of Feb, March and April, and gets \$20 outside sponsorship we will have \$5000, a GREAT GOAL! Wayne is well on his way to raising his goal of \$1000 outside of SOTH.

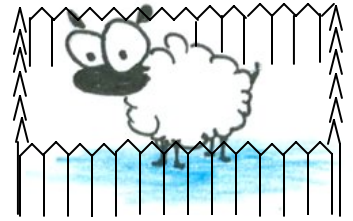
SOTH is looking for someone who would like to take on managing our website as their ministry. If you are very capable in this field and are interested, please contact the church office before March 6th.



SOUTH AFRICA MISSION TRIP: If you are interested in doing such a mission trip, We will meet at the church **after worship on March 2nd**. We will start lunch at 12:30pm and allow our guests to share about their experiences, including details like fund-raising. We are not asking you to commit to anything at this stage, so if you have even the slightest interest in being part of such a team, be sure to join us.



A Sheep Writing From A Pen...



Easter is upon us! Already. Think of all the things associated with Easter; pink, yellow, Tulips, Daffodils, Lilies, new duds, chocolate, marshmallow chicks, colored eggs, and bunnies. A long list to say the least and I am sure you have already thought of something that I have left out.

Then there are the hard-to-make-sense traditional events that go along with Christ's death and resurrection. I'm sure that the first thing that jumps to mind as you think of a cross and a resurrected Christ is an Easter Egg hunt or an Easter Egg roll. If you think those are strange, then consider this. The Romans celebrated the Easter season by running races on an oval track and giving eggs as prizes! And the connection there would be..?

Easter is an interesting mixture of religious beliefs and symbols with secular beliefs and symbols. Some would say the secular stuff takes all the meaning out of Easter, that it dilutes and detracts from the story of Christ dying for our sins and then being raised to new life.

Not at all, would be my response. Jesus came to make us more human, not more religious! It is just as important to remember Christ dying for us and the hope the Resurrection brings as it is to celebrate life. The very point of Jesus being human is that God interacts with us in our everyday, secular life. Without going into all the details about each Easter symbol and event, the connection of all the secular and the spiritual is celebrating life. New life in particular. Isn't that the very story Christ's life tells? Jesus' dying on the cross to bridge the gap that our sinfulness creates with God and His rising from the tomb to bridge the gap between our limited life on earth and an eternity in heaven, bring us the only true means of having a chance of turning our lives around, of new life.

Jesus being in the tomb is critical to fulfill His purpose here. Something mystical happened in that tomb. If it stopped there, however, then all that Jesus would be to us is a great man who had some weird stuff happen to him. The kind of happenings that breed conspiracy theories. The story doesn't end there though. The moment Jesus steps out of that tomb and interacts with the world, the mystical becomes profound.

When you are in church on Easter Sunday, something mystical will happen in your life as you fully comprehend just who Jesus is and just why He did what He did. If your Easter event stopped there, you would just be a nice person (hopefully!) that believed in some weird things. When you step out of church on Easter Sunday into everyday life, then the spiritual is combined with secular. That is profound. Jesus wouldn't want it any other way.



Have an awesome day!

Wayne



SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 16th
Worship - 11am



The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, which comes forty days before Easter, not counting Sundays, and ends on the Saturday before Easter day. Lent is marked by a time of prayer and preparation to celebrate Easter. Part of that preparation means taking something on or giving something up so as to remind you of what Christ did for you.

Maundy Thursday Service
Thursday, March 20th @ 7pm

Grace UMC—Houston
2020 Lockwood Dr.



MAUNDY THURSDAY

It was the day on which Jesus celebrated the Passover with his disciples, sharing a meal with them which we call the Last Supper.

Congratulations to Jerissa and Tom Belsha on the birth of their precious



baby girl. Emma Claire Belsha was born on Feb 20th, weighing 7 lb 14 oz and 20 in. long.

Easter Sunrise Service - 6:30am
KidStuf Family Worship - 9:30am
Easter Egg Hunt - 10:15am
Easter Worship - 11am



Our church is growing!

Congratulations to Tom and LeAnn Jaeger (and soon to be Big Brother, Spence). They are expecting a "bundle of joy" later this year.



Meet the Pastor

Are you interested in becoming a member of Shepherd UMC?

Then mark your calendar for **Monday, March 10th at 7pm** for an open Meet the Pastor meeting *or* call the office to schedule a private meeting with the pastor. **Membership Sunday will be on March 16th!**

Monday Night Fellowship will meet at 7pm on the 2nd and 4th Mondays each month in Joe and Karen Brewton's home: 3135 Edgewood Dr. Pearland -281-692-9033.



Join us for prayer and study with lively discussion.

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THE NEXT YOUTH LUNCH/STUDY IS:

SUNDAY, MARCH 2ND - AFTER WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MARCH 16TH - AFTER WORSHIP

WE WILL BE DIGGING FURTHER INTO THE BOOK OF JAMES AND I'M WORKING ON A LITTLE FUN THAT WII CAN HAVE ON THE 16TH.

SOTH LEADERS OF THE MONTH



TOM BELSHA

Church Ministry Title: *Church Council Chair*
I remember when... *I thought I knew everything*
For fun I... *play games - athletic, board and video*
The craziest thing I've ever done was... *help my wife through labor*
My favorite sport is... *football*

Favorite praise song... *"Heart of Worship"*

Favorite Scripture... *Romans 5:1-5*

Favorite movie... *"Gladiator"*

Favorite dessert... *Vanilla ice cream*

I would really love to travel to... *New Zealand*

If I could take one thing to the moon, it would be... *my wife*

My best habit is... *reading everything*

One word that sums me up... *truth-explorer*



SHANNON FLUKE

Church Ministry Title: *Church Council Vice Chair*
I remember when... *I first heard myself utter the words "ya'll."*
For fun I...*spend time with my family and friends*

The craziest thing I have ever done was...*base jumping off of the Houston ship channel bridge.*

My favorite sport to watch is...*football*

Favorite praise song...*"The Heart of Worship"*

Favorite scripture...*Ecclesiastes 4: 9-10*

Favorite movies...*"The Bourne Identity" & "Shakespeare in Love"*

Favorite dessert...*anything chocolate*

I would really love to travel to... *the Mediterranean*

If I could take one thing to the moon, it would be ...*my dogs*

My best/worst habit is...*attention to detail*

One word that sums me up...*Christie says I'm... supercalifragilisticexpialidocious*



ROLAND TINK

Church Ministry Title: *Chair - Council of Ministries & Lay leader*

I remember when... *TV's had to warm up, and we had record players, and Atari video games.*

For fun I... *go sailing*

The craziest thing I ever done was... *Running in the snow with-out...(you get the idea)*

My favorite sport is... *football!*

Favorite praise song... *"God of Wonders"*

Favorite Scripture... *John 8:1-11*

Favorite movie... *"Raiders of the Lost Ark"*

Favorite dessert... *Crème Brulee*

I would really love to travel to... *the Greek Isles*

If I could take one thing to the moon, it would be...*a spacesuit*

My best habit is... *leaving the seat down*

One word that sums me up... *Nuts!*



EUGENE DE GEUS

Church Ministry Title: *Co-Chairperson Council on Ministries & Alternate Lay Leader*

I remember when...*children memorized Scriptures in Sunday School and recited them in worship.*

For fun I...*watch TV*

The craziest thing I ever did was...*me, crazy?*

My favorite sport is...*baseball*

Favorite praise song...*"How Great Thou Art"*

Favorite Scripture...*Micah 6:6-8*

Favorite movie...*Lord of the Rings Trilogy*

Favorite dessert...*German Chocolate Cake*

I would really love to travel to...*Hawaii*

If I could take one thing to the moon, it would be...*oxygen*

My best habit is...*punctuality*

One word that sums me up...*dependable (boring)*



DANICA MARRELLI

Church Ministry Title: *Women's Representative to the Church Council*

I remember when... *gasoline went up to \$0.42 per gallon, and my grandmother and mother were having a cow about it!*

For fun I... *play with my puppy dog, Ginger*

The craziest thing I've ever done was... *get a peanut stuck up my nose (don't ask)*

My favorite sport is... *football*

Favorite praise song... *depends on my mood - love them all when Chris is playing!*

Favorite Scripture... *Ephesians 2:8-9*

Favorite movie... *"Life is Beautiful"; "The Wizard of Oz"; "The Sound of Music"*

Favorite dessert... *bread pudding; no, tiramisu; no, wait - cheesecake; no, that's not right - any kind of pie - oh, but I also love cake! and crème brulee... is ice cream a dessert? how about brownies?*

I would really love to travel to... *Africa; Hawaii; Alaska*

If I could take one thing to the moon, it would be... *gravity*

My best habit is... *using my turn signals EVERY time I turn!*

One word that sums me up... *forthright*



SEAN MARRELLI

Church Ministry Title: *Men's Representative to the Church Council*

I remember when... *I could eat anything I wanted and not gain weight.*

For fun I... *enjoy reading and getting together with friends.*

The craziest thing I've ever done was... *I'm taking the fifth on this one. I've got two more years on the statute of limitations.*

My favorite sport is... *football to watch and soccer to play.*

Favorite praise song... *Oh, they're all so good...*

Favorite Scripture... *Acts 20:7-12*

Favorite movie... *"Monty Python and the Holy Grail".*

Favorite dessert... *anything with the words death and chocolate in it.*

I would really love to travel to... *Mount McKinley.*

If I could take one thing to the moon, it would be... *oxygen.*

My best habit is... *I wash behind my ears every day.*

One word that sums me up... *'wry', no 'flippant', no 'wry'. Yes, definitely 'wry'.*

SHEPHERD OF THE HEART - CALENDAR OF EVENTS - MARCH 2008

Sunday, March 2nd

Journey/Bible.....9:45am
 Adult Sunday Study group..... 10am
 Worship..... 11am
 South Africa Mission Luncheon
after Worship

Tuesday, March 4th

Trustees Meeting.....7pm

Wednesday, March 5th

Women's Bible Study..... 10am
 World Religion Study.....7pm

Thursday, March 6th

Disciple Class.....6:30pm

Friday, March 7th

Men's Breakfast.....7am

Saturday, March 8th

KidStuf practice.....9am

Sunday, March 9th (Daylight Savings)

KidStuf.....9:30am
 Adult Sunday Study group..... 10am
 Worship..... 11am

Monday, March 10th

Monday Night Fellowship.....7pm
 Lay Teaching Committee.....7pm
 Meet the Pastor.....7pm

Tuesday, March 11th

SPRC.....7pm

Wednesday, March 12th

Women's Bible Study..... 10am
 World Religion Study.....7pm

Thursday, March 13th

Disciple Class.....6:30pm
 Worship Design Team.....7pm

Friday, March 14th

Men's Breakfast.....7am

Sunday, March 16th (Palm Sunday)

Journey/Bible.....9:45am
 Adult Sunday Study group..... 10am
 Worship - (New Member Sunday)..... 11am

Tuesday, March 18th

COM Meeting.....7pm

Wednesday, March 19th

World Religion Study.....7pm

Thursday, March 20th

Disciple Class.....6:30pm

Maundy Thursday Service.....7pm

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2020 Lockwood Dr, Houston

Friday, March 21st (Good Friday)

Men's Breakfast.....7am

Saturday, March 22nd

KidStuf practice.....9am

Sunday, March 23rd (Easter)

Sunrise Service.....6:30am
 KidStuf.....9:30am
 Easter Egg Hunt.....10:15am
 Adult Sunday Study group..... 10am
 Worship..... 11am

Monday, March 24th

Monday Night Fellowship.....7pm

Tuesday, March 25th

Church Council.....7pm

Wednesday, March 26th

Women's Bible Study..... 10am
 World Religion Study.....7pm

Thursday, March 27th

Pearland Youth Alliance lunch..... 11:30am
 Disciple Class.....6:30pm
 Stewardship Meeting.....7pm

Friday, March 28th

Men's Breakfast.....7am

Sunday, March 30th

Journey/Bible.....9:45am
 Adult Sunday Study group..... 10am
 Worship..... 11am

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30 am - 2pm



This morning, Olivia (Marrelli) had a mosquito bite on her leg, and she said, "At least these aren't the mosquitoes that carry blood"... well, I told her that they actually were, and I wondered out loud about why she said that.

She launched into this description of the kids in Africa who get "magnolia" from mosquito bites, and that these nets were going to save them. I said something about buying nets for each child, and she told me "Oh no, they only need one per family, the whole family sleeps under one net" (I don't know if this is true or not).

Then I told them that Wayne was riding his bike from Houston to Dallas (they know Dallas because their cousins live there) to raise money for Nothing But Nets and they (all three of them) were thrilled! They were so excited and they all wanted to give some of their allowance for this. We talked about how God must be very happy when we care for others.

Just another indication of how KidStuf is having an impact. Thanks! Danica



Please note that the 25th of each month is the deadline for the monthly newsletter.

Please submit info by email for your meetings, events, or announcements.

Thanks, Christie



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**NEW SERMON SERIES: WHAT
DO YOU BELIEVE...**

MARCH 2ND

...ABOUT GOD?

MARCH 9TH (DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME)

...ABOUT THE CHURCH?

MARCH 16TH (PALM SUNDAY)

...ABOUT FORGIVENESS?

MARCH 23RD (EASTER SUNDAY)

...ABOUT ETERNAL LIFE?

Member Care – If you'd like to phone someone when they're ill, help arrange meals or cards for someone while they're sick or postpartum, or help organize weddings or funerals for our church family members. Perhaps the Member Care committee is for you. If you know of someone that may need our care ... please



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