

**Shepherd Church of the Nazarene
Tuesday Happenings – July 1, 2008**

Dear Shepherdians and Friends,

July 1 already! Where did the first half of 2008. It seems like when you are young time passes like the slowest turtle and as you get older it races like a NASCAR contender.

Well we had a great Family Camp last week and some Shepherdians made it to most of the services and some to a few. If you didn't make it, you missed a blessing and need to start planning now to attend next year.

I understand there were some familiar faces at Shepherd last Sunday and that there was an outstanding Sunday School class (as usual). It was good to have Rev. John & Charlotte Sanders visiting; also great to welcome back the Draft family and Sharon Rast.

Just Thinkin' -- A couple of weeks ago, Savon and I went to one of our regular restaurants, where I ordered a steak sandwich. Now I do not eat rare, medium or even medium-well meat. My standard order is "no pink, but not cremated". The waitress, who we have known for quite some time, knows the drill and it usually turns out right.

However, when the sandwich came out, I cut it in half and sure enough the inside was solid pink. Back it goes to the kitchen to be cooked some more. When it came back, I took one bite; I looked and it's not pink, it's more like red. Well I was done for that meal. The waitress was more upset than I was and brought the manager out. He apologized for the cooking problem, and he hoped that we would be back again. We told him that it was all right, mistakes happen and we assured him that we would come back.

Sometimes being a Christians is like that cook in the restaurant, you try your best in your walk with God, but you just can't seem to get it right. We admit our mistakes to God and tell Him that we are sorry. Sure enough He tells us that it's all right and to come on back. In 1 John 1:9, we are told "*If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*" (NIV)

Wednesday night -- We're back on schedule with the Wednesday Prayer and Bible Study at 7 pm. We will continue with the Book of Acts. This week we will look at the 27th chapter, "*Facing Problems and Pain*". As always members, friends, visitors and snacks welcome.

Have you met our new pastor? – Some of you that attended Family Camp last week got to meet our new pastor, Rev. Richard Coleman. Some of you know him and his wife, Loraine; while others have not had the pleasure. I have placed a picture at the end of this newsletter so you can begin to get to know them. (If the picture does not come through on your e-mail go to <http://www.scigas.org/coleman.jpg>)

District Assembly – The next big event on the church calendar is the District Assembly and Conventions. It starts Sunday night, July 27 and concludes on Wednesday, July 30 with the Ordination Service. We will print a schedule and post it on the board in the foyer. This year is special as the presiding General Superintendent will be South Carolina's own Dr. Nina Gunter.

Finally -- An exasperated mother, whose son was always getting into mischief, finally asked him, "How do you expect to get into Heaven?"

The boy thought it over and said, "Well, I'll just run in and out, and in and out, and keep slamming the door until St. Peter says, 'For Heaven's sake, Jimmy, come in or stay out.'"

See you in Sunday School and Church. Come home to Shepherd, where you are family.

John

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