

September 16, 2008



Shepherd Tuesday Happenings



We got this week started with good attendance in both worship services on Sunday. If you weren't there you missed the brand new Praise Team that debuted in the evening service. You also missed the pastor telling about his wedding or running across the Cooper River Bridge.

Just Thinking -- The late poet Robert Frost once wrote of "the road less traveled". That was written long before so many people had GPS. Don't worry it's not contagious; it means Global Positioning System or navigating by satellites. OK, it's the little grey or black box that people have hanging from their car's windshield or mounted in their dashboard. It tells you when and where to turn to get to your destination. They go by such names as Tom-Tom, Garmin, Magellan, etc.

These innocent looking little devices are great on trips to unfamiliar places; but they have taken on a personality of their own. Ours even have names; Savon's is Maggie and mine is Matilda. These are two really nagging ladies, especially on local trips where you think you know all of the shortcuts. I turn the ways that I have always turned while traveling in the Columbia area for almost 60 years and Matilda will loudly announce "Recalculating", meaning that my direction did not agree with her computer. This goes on and is funny, for a while; until I get disgusted and hit the mute button. I let it know who the boss is.

Life's sort of like that, God gives us directions through the Bible and the Holy Spirit; this is great, as long as we agree with His directions. Then we think we know better and "mute" or ignore His words. That's often when we get lost. Let God be your life's GPS and you will never get lost. Jesus assures us, "And when I come I will give further directions." (1 Cor. 11:34 NIV)

This Week -- Tuesday, 7 pm, Discipleship Training @ Pastor's home.
Wednesday 7 pm, Bible Study @ the Church – Luke 18
Thursday 7 pm, Discipleship Training @ Clarence Coleman's

Alabaster Sunday – This Sunday is Alabaster Sunday. Don't forget your Alabaster Boxes. Cash & Checks also gratefully accepted.

Church Parking Lot – We have received a couple of sizeable donations for the re-paving of the church parking lot. We are about half-way there and all designated donations go entirely to this project.

Great News – Folks have started volunteering to help with the many jobs needed to make the church run smoothly. Thanks to all that have, but there are still plenty of places to serve.

Missionary Reading Books & CD's – They are available, have you started reading yet?

Centennial Sunday – The evening service on October 5 will be a Nazarene community event celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Church of the Nazarene. We will meet at Columbia First Church of the Nazarene at 6 pm. Arrive early for good seating and parking.

Farewell, Chris & Katie – Chris and Katie Rude announced last week that they will be leaving us to move to Tennessee. Chris has accepted a new job and Sunday was his last service with us as he goes house hunting. Katie will be with us a short time longer. We appreciate all they have done for the church in the past 3 years. Chris has served as our Sunday School Superintendent, worship leader, guitar and base musician, audio-visual guru and numerous tasks. Katie has served as the church treasurer.

We wish them well and pray God's blessing upon them as they begin this new adventure.

New Treasurer – Lorrie Whitaker has accepted the job as church treasurer. Thanks Lorrie.

Finally – The pastor got up, walked to the pulpit, arranged his notes, checked his watch adjusted his glasses and stated out loud, "Where to begin; Oh, where to begin?"

From back in the corner, came the response, "As close to the end as possible".

Could I have an "Amen"? Remember; come home to Shepherd where you are family.

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