

Shepherd Tuesday Happenings for September 23, 2008

Dear Shepherdinianites and Friends,

Sunday morning service was lit up by the debut of the new, improved Praise Team. Their talents were a blessing to the service. We received the Alabaster Offering for World Missions, but more about that later.

The late, actor John "The Duke" Wayne, in one of his many movie roles stated, "Never apologize, it's a sign of weakness". Well folks, I had a weak moment last week and tried to "fancy-up" the newsletter by adding a few simple graphics (decorations) to the beginning. Apparently these graphics did not agree with some of your computers, and you could not read the newsletter.

I have learned my lesson and we are back to plain type, for now. However, should you have any problem with future newsletters; please contact me and let me know. For information, you can read the current newsletter on the church website at www.shepherdnazarene.com or I usually bring a few printed copies to Wednesday night Prayer and Bible Study and leave them on the welcome stand in the church foyer.

Just Thinking -- Several times a week we drive across the Dreher Shoals (Lake Murray) dam, traveling to Lexington. A few months ago, they opened a walking/jogging path along the upper level and it seems that, regardless of the time of day or the weather, there is someone using this path. I often ask myself, "Why?"

One thing that I have noticed, over the months, is that I have yet to see anyone on this path, whether in groups or alone, smiling. The people that do this sort of thing (exercise); tell me that it is healthy and good for you. Don't these folks know they are doing something good?

Well, it's sort of like some folks. The kids used to sing a chorus in church, "If you're happy and you know it, your face will surely show it..." Yet, in worship, we sing "Oh how I love Jesus" and look like we have lost our last friend. If you truly have Jesus in your heart, maybe it's time you let your face know about it. *"When I smiled at them, they could hardly believe; their faces lit up, their troubles took wing!"* (Job 29:24 *The Message*)

I feel like shouting – I almost did after the Alabaster offering from last Sunday was counted. Little Shepherd Church raised \$522.00. Way to go Shepherdians! If you forgot your Alabaster box or were not here last Sunday; it's not too late. If you can bring your offering by next Sunday, September 28, we can still include it; however, we must turn it in and report it by then. Thank you for all of you have done to help World Missions.

This week's schedule: Discipleship – Tuesday 7 pm @ Pastor Coleman's Bible Study, Wed. 7 pm @ the church – Luke 12
Discipleship – Thursday 7 pm @ Clarence Coleman's Young Adult Fellowship – Thursday 7 PM @ O'Charley's
Morning Worship 10 am @ the church
Praise Team Practice 4:30 pm @ the church
Evening Worship 5 pm @ the church

Young Adult Fellowship – The Young Adult Fellowship will meet this Thursday at O'Charley's on Sunset in Lexington (near Wal-mart) at 7 pm. This is for young adults, under 35; just bring your appetite and \$5.00 per person. Spouses, dates, guest within this age group are welcome. Pastor Coleman will lead the group.

Coming Events – October 5, our evening service will be a community celebration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Church of the Nazarene. We will meet at 6 pm at Columbia First Church of the Nazarene at the corner of Saint Andrews Road and Kay Street. Guest and visitors are welcome. You are encouraged to arrive early for good parking and seating.

You are invited to a **wedding** on Saturday, October 25, 2008 at 11 am at the Camden (SC) First Church of the Nazarene. Pastor and Mrs. Coleman's son Jeremy Coleman will wed Melissa Cotton. All Shepherd members and friends are invited. There is a copy of the invitation in the church foyer; you may RSVP by contacting Loraine Coleman.

On November 7, there will be a **birthday party**, cook out and bond fire for Pastor Coleman, at his house at 7 pm. I won't tell how old he will be; but think I heard that the fire marshal allegedly gave a choice of a birthday cake with candles or the bond fire, but not both.

Thank you – Thanks to all of you that are volunteering to help with the many jobs around the church. If you haven't stepped forward yet, there are plenty of jobs left. Also musicians and singers for the Praise Team and/or Specials are needed.

Finally -- A pastor was walking down the street when he came upon a group of about a dozen boys, all of them between 10 and 12 years of age. The group surrounded a dog.

Concerned that the boys were hurting the dog, he went over and asked, "What are you doing with that dog?"

One of the boys replied, "This dog is just an old neighborhood stray. We all want him, but only one of us can take him home. So we've decided that whichever one of us can tell the biggest lie will get to keep the dog."

Of course, the reverend was taken aback. "You boys shouldn't be having a contest telling lies!" he exclaimed. He then launched into a ten minute sermon against lying, beginning, "Don't you boys know it's a sin to lie," and ending with, "Why when I was your age, I never told a lie."

There was dead silence for about a minute.

Just as the reverend was beginning to think he'd gotten through to them, the smallest boy gave a deep sigh and said, "All right, give him the dog."

It's hard to fool a kid. See you in Church; remember, "Come Home to Shepherd Where You are Family."

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