

Shepherd Tuesday Happenings for October 7, 2008

Dear Shepherdians and Friends,

What a celebration we had Sunday as we observed the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Church of the Nazarene. We welcomed new members, surprised some folks with a special honor, received communion, and the pastor spoke on 1 Peter 2:9 about God's chosen people and service. Sunday evening some Shepherdians gathered at Columbia First Church to continue the celebration.

Just Thinking -- My Pop was amazing. He had a second grade education, drove a cab and later a city bus until he retired. He lived almost 30 years after that. Pop loved fishing, bowling and golf. He played golf until a couple of weeks before he died at the age of 90 and shot a score of less than his age.

He joined the Church of the Nazarene after he was 60; he loved his church so much he felt that he had to be there when the doors opened and stay until they closed. He would tape record every sermon and listen to them several times. Even after listening to the same ones several times, he would cry with emotion at the message.

One of his most memorable traits was that he was a "pack-rat". He would stop the city bus and pick up a lost tool or part in the middle of a busy street. He saved "things" and when someone would try to get rid of them, his standard reply was "You never know when you might need it". Whenever something needed fixing, he would just rumble through his "stuff" till he found what he needed, fix what needed to be fixed, then remind us that he had told us that whatever it was would be useful one day.

You know, maybe we should keep in closer touch with our Heavenly Father, "You never know when you might need Him", and He will be there with what it takes to fix the problem. *"For your Father knows what you need before you ask Him."* (Matthew 6:8)

Welcome New Members – The church extended the hand of membership, by transfer to Janet and Larry Ellisor Sunday morning. They have become a part of the Shepherd family in the past several weeks and now it's official. Welcome Janet and Larry.

Shepherd Couples Honored – Bob & Suzy Coleman and John & Savon Frierson were honored by the church with the presentation of the Church of the Nazarene Centennial Heritage Awards. This award is presented in recognition of *"faithful service poured out in obedience to God for the salvation of others, the continuation of the Church, and the good of this community."* The Colemans have attended Shepherd from the beginning in 1989 and the Friersons have been members since 1996.

This Week – Tonight @ 7 pm– Discipleship @ Pastor Coleman's
Wednesday @ 7 pm – Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
Thursday @ 7 pm – Discipleship @ Van & Clarence Coleman's
Thursday @ 8 pm – Monthly Board Meeting after Discipleship
Sunday @ 10 am – Morning Worship
Sunday @ 4:30 pm – Praise Team Practice
Sunday @ 5:00 pm – Evening Worship

Scrap Booking – Do you enjoy scrap booking or want to learn? Join Lorrie Whitaker in the church fellowship hall Monday, October 13 at 6 pm. Bring your own supplies; refreshments will be available. If you have any questions, contact Lorrie Whitaker by phone at (803) 808-0385 or by e-mail at LorrieW1234@yahoo.com.

Bible Study – This week we continue to look at the first chapter of James. Visitors and snacks welcome.

RSVP – If you plan to attend Jeremy and Melissa's wedding on October 25, please RSVP to Loraine Coleman by Wednesday, October 8. There is a shower planned on October 11. Information is available in the foyer of the church.

Got Quarters? – John & Savon Frierson will be attending the dedication of a new Nazarene church building in Cancun, Mexico, later this month. As a memento and a prayer reminder to our Mexican brother and sister Nazarenes, they would like to have enough **South Carolina quarters** to present one to each person present at the dedication. The symbols on the back of the coin are to remind the recipients of the South Carolina Nazarenes that will be praying for them and to requesting them to remember us in their prayers. The front of the coin says, "In God We Trust" and that's what it's all about.

If you have some South Carolina quarters, John & Savon would like to purchase them from you, at face value; then you, in a sense will be a part of the work on the mission field. They need them by October 19 and would like to thank you for your assistance.

Coming Attraction – The pastor's birthday party and bond fire on Friday, November 7.

Finally -- A woman approached the minister after the sermon, and thanked him for his discourse. "I found it so helpful," she said.

The minister replied: "I hope it will not prove as helpful as the last sermon you heard me preach."

"Why, what do you mean?" asked the astonished woman. "Well," said the minister, "that sermon lasted you three months."

I won't touch that one. See you in church. Remember, "Come home to Shepherd where you are family".

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