

Shepherd Tuesday Happenings for October 14, 2008

I have good news and bad news. Gas in Irmo was going for around \$3.29 per gallon. The good news is I filled up my car yesterday for just \$2.99 a gallon; the bad news is I had to drive 34 miles to do it. Isn't God great? Sunday was special as we observed Pastor's Appreciation Day, enjoyed the good music and two uplifting messages.

Just Thinking -- Have you ever been frustrated? Sure you have. If someone says they have not been, check and see if their nose grows when they say it (remember Pinocchio).

Well I have news for you frustration is contagious! It spreads quicker than bad gossip. Recently we have had some work done on our home; it was necessary, but frustrating. We had some plans and as soon as we locked in our non-refundable reservations, people and circumstances, over which we have absolutely no say so, started making changes. Savon and I have been passing the frustration back and forth faster than a couple of Olympic ping-pong champions.

Aren't you glad that we have a God that doesn't get frustrated at some of the things we do. He may not like it; but He will always forgive us. As Job said to the Lord, *"I'm convinced: You can do anything and everything. Nothing and no one can upset your plans."* (Job 42:2 The Message)

Pastor's Appreciation – Throughout the church world, October is Pastor/Minister Appreciation Month. The church board set this past Sunday as Pastor's Appreciation Day. The church presented Pastor and Mrs. Coleman with a gift card for a local restaurant and thanked them for the work they have been doing during the past couple of months. Everyone present was urged to express their own personal appreciation to the parsonage family. If you were not there Sunday morning, we encourage you to add your personal best wishes to the pastor and his family the next time you see them.

New Leadership Team Appointed – In accordance with the Manual, the District Superintendent has appointed/re-appointed the official church board for the church year 2008 -2009. They are Tom Bennett, Chad Branham, Larry Ellisor and John Frierson. Lorrie Whitaker is the Church Treasurer. At the October board meeting John Frierson was re-elected as Secretary of the Board.

In case you did not know, the minutes of all board and church meetings; as well as the Treasurer's report are posted on the far left bulletin board in the foyer. They are posted after the board has approved each; therefore the posted reports are for the previous month. If you wish any information regarding board activities and financial information, you may contact board members or send your e-mail request to board@shepherdnazarene.com.

Missionary Books – The missionary reading books and CDs are available in the foyer, please fill out the card and leave it on the table. This is the Centennial year for the Church of the Nazarene and the books review the fascinating and inspiring history of how the church has grown around the world in the past 100 years.

At Shepherd This Week – Here are your opportunities for worship this week at Shepherd Church of the Nazarene:

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

Bible study this week continues in James 1:19-27. Visitors and snacks always welcome. A special thank you to the folks that have been bringing snacks lately.

Finally -- "I hope you didn't take it personally, preacher," an embarrassed woman said after a church service, "when my husband walked out during your sermon."

"I did find it rather disconcerting," the Pastor replied.

"It wasn't out of any disrespect to you," insisted the church-goer.
"Fred has been walking in his sleep ever since he was a child."

See you at church. Come home to Shepherd where you are family.

John

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