

Shepherd Tuesday Happenings for October 21, 2008

Dear Shepherdites and Friends,

Sunday was another great day which the Lord gave us. The Pastor spoke from Luke 14 on the Cost of Discipleship. He also installed the new church board. Jim Wells sang a special and it was outstanding; I hope you did not miss it. Sunday night we heard about how much faith you must have and how to bake a cake in the Rocky Mountains.

Just Thinking -- Over the past months, I have often shared some of my idiosyncrasies about food. Remember how I like my steak? No pink, but not cremated. Remember my other rule? ABC=Anything **B**ut **C**hicken. I guess you might say I am a finicky eater.

That reminded me of the old Morris the Cat TV commercials for 9 Lives cat food. For the younger set that doesn't remember, Morris, who has long since used up all 9 of his lives and gone to the great beyond, was an orange-tabby cat who could talk and would only eat 9 Lives. As he would say, "I'm finicky". He would turn up his nose and walk away from what he considered inferior cat food. He was sort of the Garfield of his day.

I guess some of us are like Morris when it comes to religion. We pick and choose what suits our fancy at the time. Looking at us, it's a good thing that God isn't so finicky, he pours out his love to us to all that will receive it...and it's free. He doesn't offer us 9 lives; He offers eternal lives. Jesus reminds us, *"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."* (John 3:16 NIV)

New Board – Last week I mentioned the new board; but Sunday it became official when the pastor installed them. Re-treads are Tom Bennett and John Frierson; new members are Chad Branham and Larry Ellisor. Please pray for us as we perform our duties for the church.

If you have a positive suggestion for the board or some of its members, let us know either in person or by e-mail. You can e-mail the entire board, including the pastor and the treasurer at board@shepherdnazarene.com. All we ask is that you put your name on it and not be anonymous. If we are doing something wrong, let us know that also, in a kind way. Please note that this is not a private box, you may send it to one, but all will receive it.

Here's Your Sign – A big Shepherd "Thank You" to Bob Coleman for doing such a good job in keeping the church sign updated. Have you noticed?

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

Monday Night Crafts – It started out as scrap booking, but the Monday night session in the fellowship hall is open to all arts and crafts. Just bring your own supplies and be there at 6 pm on Mondays. Hey, guys, don't feel left out, maybe you don't do needle point or cross-stitching, but any indoor craft would be welcome. See or call Lorrie Whitaker for details.

Wedding Bells –Jeremy Coleman and Melissa Cotton's wedding is next Saturday at 11 am at First Church of the Nazarene, 2276 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Camden SC. Shepherd members & friends are invited.

Help needed -- The church has an urgent need for tellers (money counters). You don't have to be an accountant; you don't even have to be a church member. You should be over 16 and must tithe. Even if you are not good with math or computers, we can still use you. We will train you. Each team consist of 2 tellers, one will do the count while the other observes; it's that simple. We will work around your schedule and hopefully we will have enough teams so this will be a rotated duty. If you are willing, see Pastor Coleman.

Editor's Note – There will be no Shepherd Tuesday Happenings newsletter next week, October 28, as we will be away from our computer. Tuesday Happenings will return on November 4 (Election Day). Meanwhile don't forget all of the church activities; that are there for you. Also, since I won't be with you before Election Day, by all means, rain or shine, please be prayerful about your choices, then get out and **vote**. -- John

Finally – This is old, but it's election time and there just aren't that many religious-political stories that you can repeat these days.

Old brother Crusty was weeding the flower bed outside of the church when the politician came up behind him and declared in a loud voice, "I'm Congressman Fleasome N. Howe and I'm running for re-election". "Can I count on your vote?"

The old brother wiped his forehead and looked the veteran politician in the eye and replied, "I wouldn't vote for you if you were Saint Peter".

Without missing a beat, the politician answered, "That's all right Brother, If I was Saint Peter, you wouldn't be in my district."

What did you expect, something about pit-bulls, lipstick or plumbers? Remember; come home to Shepherd where you are family.

John

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