

Shepherd Tuesday Happenings for November 4, 2008

Dear Shepherdonians and Friends,

Today is **Election Day**. Please exercise your right to vote and do so prayerfully.

We had two good services last Sunday. A big “thank you” to Rev. John Sanders for filling in while Pastor Coleman was away.

Just Thinking -- “It’s not fair!” “It just ain’t fair!”

I looked at Savon as she stared out the hotel window, while we waited for our luggage to be picked up to head for the airport and home.

I knew the tone, so I did not ask; but saw she was looking out the window and a beautifully sunny day, with calm waters on the beach and very little wind. We had spent most of 10 days confined to a hotel room, at a beach resort, where it had rained, the wind had blown and the waves may have been good for surfing. In those days we had gotten to swim a total of 1 hour on one day; now we were leaving and everything was perfect. “It’s just not fair!”

I wonder if God feels that way sometimes. He gives us all we need to have a great life, even eternal life, and we let things rain on his beautiful gifts. No, not the wet stuff; I mean stuff like distractions and outright neglect in our spiritual lives. There was a show tune years ago called “Don’t Rain on My Parade”. Maybe that’s what God is saying to us. *“God spoke all these words: I am God, your God...No other gods, only me.”* (Exodus 20:1-3 The Message)

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

Crafts Night – Don’t forget, Mondays at 6 pm is Crafts Night at Shepherd in the fellowship hall. Contact Lori Whitaker for details.

Happy Birthday Pastor – Pastor Coleman hits the BIG 5-0 this Friday and there’s going to be a party with a bond fire and a cook-out. It all starts at 7 pm at the Pastor’s home, 225 Charter Oak Rd., Lexington. I just spoke to the Pastor and if it rains, we’ll just move inside; however, Mrs. Coleman says if we move inside, there will be no bond fire in the living room. You’re invited, come on and enjoy the fellowship. Help the pastor celebrate this landmark.

Congratulations – Speaking of 50 years old, congratulations to the Orangeburg Memorial Church of the Nazarene upon celebrating their 50th anniversary last Sunday.

Missionary Books – This year’s missionary books print and CD versions are available for checkout in the church foyer.

Election Day – Today is Election Day; there are many important decisions to be made. All we ask is that you be prayerful and if you are eligible be sure to vote. Even if the lines are long, it is important that each of us have our vote recorded. **Please vote.**

Finally – Forrest Gump – “Life is like a box of chocolates...
Forest Genesis – “In the beginning, there is no chocolate.”
Forrest Adam and Eve – “Let’s just take a bite.”
Forrest Noah – “2 creams, 2 nuts, 2 coconuts, 2 peanut butters.”
Forrest Moses – “I command the chocolates to separate!”

Well. They can’t all be knee-slappers! See you in Church. Remember come home to Shepherd where you are family. Oh, did I mention? Be sure to vote.

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