



Shepherd Tuesday Happenings for November 18, 2008

Dear Shepherdonians and Friends,

It was truly a Nazarene Sunday. We went to church, the pastor had a good message and some great news (more about that later), then we had lunch, a Nazarene nap and another good service Sunday night. We appreciate all of you that support our services with your presence as we re-grow our church.

Just Thinking -- As a few of you know, I started my college career as journalism major. One of the first lessons that they taught us was, "If dog bites man, that's not news; however, if man bites dog, that's news". What they were saying is routine is not noteworthy, but you report the unusual.

Several weeks ago I wrote about the fact that we had noticed that we never seemed to see anyone smiling as they were walking across the Lake Murray dam. Ever since I wrote that, it seems that I am more aware of the people out walking. I have noticed that I even drive a little slower on the dam, looking to see that rare walker with a smile. I guess that we are a little more sensitive to the unusual, especially when we become aware of it.

Would God find it newsworthy if you were to "do unto others" or to thank Him for what he has done for you? Now that you have thought about it, will you be more aware in your relationship with Him and others; or will you be the lead story on the Heavenly news? *"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."* (Matthew 5:16 NKJV)

This week at Shepherd – 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 @ 6:00 pm – Arts and Crafts in the Fellowship Hall

Good News – Last week the board approved returning from the church's General Fund, the \$4000 transferred from the Parking Lot Fund earlier this year. They also requested, in light of current lower petroleum prices, that we get another bid on having the church parking lot repaved. If the new bid was within the range of the amount available, they authorized the pastor to have the work done. It was and we are; the work should be in progress today, weather permitting. Money donated to this fund, goes entirely to the project. There is still time to give. Be sure you designate the amount on your check or envelope. We received \$305 into that fund on Sunday.



SC state quarters for missions – John & Savon will be returning to Mexico in less than a month for the dedication of the church building honoring the late Reverend and Mrs. N. J. Lewis of South Carolina.

They are trying to collect enough South Carolina state quarters to give one to each person present at the dedication service, as a prayer reminder to our Mexican brothers and sisters in Christ. They can look at one side of the coin to see the map of the state, the state tree, bird and flower; to remind them to remember their Christian brothers and sisters in South Carolina in their prayers. Most important, they can turn it over and be reminded that “In God We Trust”.

John and Savon will buy these quarters, at face value, or you may donate them. They will need them, if possible by December 3rd.

Please pray for the Friersons and for this special Mexican church.

Missionary Books – Speaking of missions; have you read or listened to all six missionary books. This is a special year and the books each summarize the past 100 years of mission work by the Church of the Nazarene in various areas of the world. The books and CDs are available for check-out in the church foyer.

Bible Study – Ray Presnell will be leading the Bible study this Wednesday night at 7 pm. He did an outstanding job a couple of weeks ago. Who would have thought that a lava lamp could illustrate a spiritual principle? Everyone is invited; snacks and visitors are welcome.

Next Week – Next week there will be some schedule changes at Shepherd, because of the Thanksgiving holiday.

1. Discipleship Training will only be on Tuesday night at 7 pm in the Church Fellowship Hall. There will be a brief lesson, snacks and fellowship, and then everyone will pitch in and help decorate the church for the Christmas season.
2. Bible Study will be Wednesday night at 7 pm, as usual.
3. There will be no *Shepherd Tuesday Happenings* next week; so, please keep this as a reminder of the different schedule.

Church Mail Boxes – The church mail boxes in the foyer have been relabeled with a box for each family. If by some chance your name was missed, please let the Pastor know. Say, why not use them for distribution of Christmas cards to members of the church and save the postage. Of course, if you don't know what to do with that extra change you saved, the “Common Cents” jug is right there also.

Arts and Crafts Mondays – Don't miss the chance to work on your favorite hobby and enjoy some good company. The Arts and Crafts Group meets every Monday at 6 pm in the fellowship hall. No membership needed; just bring your supplies and join the fun.



Finally -- Thanksgiving day was approaching and the family had received a Thanksgiving card with a painting of a pilgrim family on their way to church. Grandma showed the card to her small grandchildren, observing: "The Pilgrim children liked to go to church with their mothers and fathers."

Oh yeah?" her young grandson replied, "So why is their dad carrying that rifle?"

Things that make you say, "Hmmmmm". Well, since *Tuesday Happenings* won't be with you next week, we wish you a Happy and Blessed Thanksgiving.

Remember; come home to Shepherd where you are family.

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