

Shepherd Church of the Nazarene Tuesday Happenings -- July 8, 2008

Last Sunday -- Pastor Bob spoke, appropriately on July 4 weekend, about freedom and rights. We had some visitors and Iris did a great job of leading the singing. I often forget the obvious, but thanks to Savon for being our faithful pianist.

Just thinking -- I know I mention restaurants quite a bit; it's not really a theme or a fixation; it is just when we can get to sit and enjoy talking to each other and even better with our friends.

The other night Bill, Carolyn, Savon and I went to a restaurant in Lexington. It was a pleasant evening, so we decided to eat at one of their outdoor tables. We were being our usual noisy selves, there was a nice breeze and the waitress was super. Then the problem began, she brought the food. Oh there was nothing wrong with the food. The problem was that the flies apparently enjoy a good meal also.

It was a case of eat with one hand and fan flies with the other. If you had to cut your meat, using both hands, you had to swat flies with your elbows or your head. In spite of the distraction, Carolyn said that it was one of the best meal that she had eaten there.

It's sort of like that in life, just when things are going great, something will come along and do it's best to make you miserable. Like Job said, "Shall we accept good from God, and not trouble?" (Job 2:10 NIV) Don't let life's hindrances take away the pleasure of what God had given you.

The Church Board -- The church board met tonight. You'll notice that this is a little late in being sent; but I wanted to include any action that we took. Our bills are current and we are anticipating the arrival of Pastor Coleman. The board discussed the up-coming District Assembly (See below) and our representation. Your board is planning ahead for your church; please continue to pray for Pastor Albert and the board members.

Communion Sunday -- We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper during the morning worship hour this Sunday, July 13.

District Assembly -- District Assembly is fast approaching and you don't have to be a delegate to attend; just to vote. You are especially encouraged to attend the night services with the emphasis on Missions and the Ordination Service on Wednesday evening is always impressive. I will try to get a complete schedule posted in the foyer next week and hopefully in Tuesday Happenings.

August 3 -- Plan ahead for some changes in our schedule on August 3. This is the Sunday that the Colemans join us as our new pastors. There will be a continental breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30 am and Morning Worship will be at 10 am. (No Sunday School, that week). Then, that afternoon at 5 pm our Evening Worship services resume. There will be more news in the days to come.

Reminder – There is no one in the church office (temporarily) during the week. If you need to contact someone, you can reach the Board Secretary at (803) 781-0439 or (803) 465-1595.

Finally -- “I want to tithe,” a man told his pastor. “I want to give 10 percent of my income to my church. When my income was \$50 a week, I gave \$5 to the church every Sunday. When I was successful in business and my weekly income rose to \$500 a week, I gave \$50 to my church every Sunday. But now my income has gone to \$5,000 a week, and I just can’t bring myself to give \$500 to the church every week.”

The pastor said, “Why don’t we pray over this?” The pastor began to pray, “Dear God, please make this man’s weekly income \$500 a week so that he can tithe...”

As Porky Pig once said, “That’s All Folks!” See you in Sunday School and Church. Come home to Shepherd, where you are family.

John

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