



Shepherd Tuesday Happenings
for Tuesday, February 24, 2009

Dear Shepherdonians and Friends,

Sunday was a special day with great Sunday School and Church. We even learned that Sunday was George Washington's 277th birthday. Unfortunately George was not with us Sunday morning; if he had been, we would have sung Happy Birthday and given him a colorful pencil that said Church of the Nazarene...Oh well, maybe next year.

Just Thinking -- Why will someone stand in line for over an hour at Carowinds, Six Flags, or one of the other amusement parks, just to take a 45 second ride? If you ask, they will tell you that it is the best thrill there is.

Yesterday, I had an appointment with one of my doctors. My appointment was at 12:30 in the afternoon. I arrived 15 minutes early to do any necessary paperwork, as usual. Then I waited an hour before anyone was called to the back. When I finally got to the back, the technician did her thing, which took all of 10 minutes; then I waited some more. The doctor was not even in the building until 10 minutes before two; so I waited another 15 minutes until it was my turn. He may have spent a total of 10 minutes telling me all was fine; then he asked me to wait for one of his partners to look at his results; so I waited another 20 minutes. Doctor Partner (not his real name), came in looked for about 45 seconds, agreed with his partner. Then I had to go make an appointment for my next visit. I finally got out of the office at 2:35 pm. You ask me why I go through this; the answer is simple, they are the best in their field in this area.

It sort of makes you wonder, why people gripe about sitting 45 minutes in Sunday School or when the preacher goes a few minutes over and we are late to the buffet. You see we are learning about Jesus and He IS, without a doubt, the best in His field. Think about it and put it all in perspective. As the Bible reminds us, "Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." (Joshua 24:15 NIV)

By the way, the doctor thing was a routine visit, everything was fine and he doesn't need to see me again for a year.

This Week at Shepherd --

Wednesday @ 7 pm – Prayer and Bible Study
Sunday @ 9 am – Discipleship Training
Sunday @ 10 am – Morning Worship
Sunday @ 5:00 pm – Evening Worship

Wednesday Night – This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of Lent. Pastor Coleman will take a look at the tradition and its meaning. We start at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Visitors and snacks are always welcome.

Next Wednesday night, John Frierson begins a Bible study series on the Gospel of John. You are encouraged to start reading now with John 1.

Sunday Afternoon – This Sunday afternoon the Bridal Shower for Jina Coleman is from 2 pm until 4 pm, at 233 Porth Circle, Lexington. Jina and Geoffrey are moving to Norfolk after the wedding, gift cards are suggested, to aid them when they have to pack for the move.

All are invited; the invitation and complete directions are available in the foyer at the Church. If you do not have a GPS, from Lexington, take US 378 toward Saluda; turn right on St. Peters Church Rd.; turn left on Old Cherokee Rd.; Turn right at Brady Porth Rd.; turn left on Porth Circle, destination will be on your right.

Membership and Baptism – If you would like to be a member of Shepherd Church of the Nazarene or receive the sacrament of Baptism, contact the Pastor for information.

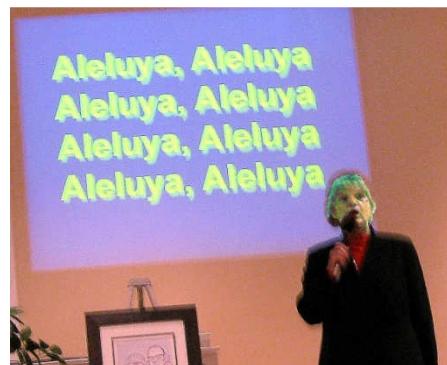
Easter Offering – The Easter and Thanksgiving offerings go toward World Missions and we are currently running about \$1800.00 from our goal, which must be paid by the end of May. If you will help, please mark your offering or check “Missions”.



Shepherdians in the News – Last Sunday night, John & Savon Frierson presented a missionary program about their experiences in Mexico at West Columbia (SC) First Church of the Nazarene.



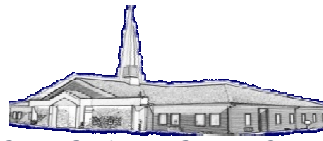
John talks about the Mexican Church



Savon leads singing of a Mexican chorus

John and Savon have been involved with the construction of a new church building in Mexico. The church building was dedicated to the memory of their close friends, the late Rev. & Mrs. N.J. Lewis. The Friersons will be sharing their story with Shepherd Church in the near future and have several other invitations to make this presentation.

Revival – Shepherd has revival services scheduled in April with Evangelist Mickey Smith. It's not too early to begin praying for a real, Holy Ghost, soul-saving and sanctifying revival.



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Finally – A woman in Lexington decided to prepare her will and make her final requests. She told her pastor she had two final requests. First, she wanted to be cremated, and second, she wanted her ashes scattered all over Wal-Mart.

"Why Wal-Mart?" asked the pastor.

"Then I'll be sure my daughters visit me twice a week."

See you in church and Sunday School. Remember, come home to Shepherd where you ARE family.

John

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