



## *Shepherd Tuesday Happenings*

for March 3, 2009

Well, Sunday was a day of wonderment! Pastor Coleman asked "Why does a chicken have wings, yet cannot fly? I never did get the answer. Then Sunday evening, we all were asking, "Where is the snow?" I never did get the answer to that either.

**Just Thinking** -- Lent began last Wednesday. What are you giving up for Lent? I think that I will definitely give up fried chicken.

The Lenten season is the 40 days between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday. It commemorates the time that Jesus spent in the desert praying and fasting in preparation for his public ministry. It was during this time when he would have been weakened by lack of food and other comforts that Satan tried to tempt Him.

Traditionally, during Lent, Christians will give or give up something and avoid violating their decision. In some churches it is mandatory, in others like ours, while meaningful, it is symbolic. The idea is to do without something that really means a lot to you and avoid the temptation not to eat or do something during this entire time. Or you can give something special, like your time to help others or the church during Lent. Either way the objective is to turn your back on temptation as the Lord did Satan.



Years ago, I gave up all red-meat for Lent and I was doing very well with it. It so happened that we went to California to spend Easter with Savon's aunt and uncle. The Saturday night before Easter, they took us to one of their very favorite restaurants and the dinner consisted of the biggest, juiciest steaks, beans and bread. Was I tempted; that was a definite "yes". I even tried to rationalize that it was after Good Friday and only about 4 hours until midnight; surely it was after midnight somewhere. Well they all ate those beautiful steaks that night; I enjoyed beans and bread. Do I want admiration, a medal or an "atta-boy" for resisting temptation? No, my satisfaction came from knowing that I had kept my own promise to myself; nothing further was necessary.

Now there are two things that I would share with you about the preceding paragraphs. First, it would be hypocritical for me to give up fried chicken for Lent; because I do not care for it and rarely eat it. Secondly, I have never given up red-meat for Lent since then.

Whatever you decide to give or give up for Lent, be faithful; just remember what Jesus said, "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God." (Matthew 4:7 KJV)

## **This Week at Shepherd --**

Wednesday @ 7 pm – Prayer and Bible Study  
Sunday @ 9 am – Sunday School/Discipleship Training  
Sunday @ 10 am – Morning Worship  
Sunday @ 4:30 pm – Praise Team Practice  
Sunday @ 5:00 pm – Evening Worship

**Wednesday night** – We resume regular Bible study as we start with the Gospel of John. Who was John? What was his gospel all about? We start at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. As always visitors and snacks are always welcome.



**Congratulations** – Jina Coleman and Geoffrey Johnson will be united in marriage this Friday night at Shepherd Church. We pray God's blessing on this union and that He will be with them when they relocate to Norfolk, VA.



**Attention – Important** – Daylight Savings Time begins this Sunday...I know, it seems like it just ended. This Sunday at 2 am, set all of your clocks and watches AHEAD one hour ("Spring forward; Fall back"). Don't forget the stove, microwave and the car. If you aren't planning to be up at 2 am, then set them before you go to bed Saturday night; then you will wake up on time with the rest of the world.

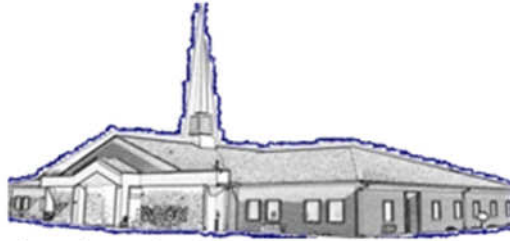
**World Mission Offerings** – We still need about \$1700 to reach our goal for World Missions Giving; we have the Easter Offering coming soon, but you don't have to wait. Just mark your check or envelope "Missions".

**Coming Attractions** – Here are some things happening in the near future: March 20, Young Adult Bowling; Biker's Retreat; Camp Work Days, March 30-31; Revival with Rev. Mickey Smith in April; and Work & Witness Trip to Panama in September. Information is available in the foyer or from the Pastor. Isn't it an exciting time to be a Shepherd Nazarene?

**Baptism and Membership** – For more information about these important steps, See the Pastor.

**Arts and Crafts Time** – The ladies Arts and Crafts meeting will be next Monday in the Fellowship Hall at 6 pm. Come on and take part or learn.

**Prayer Request** – Please continue to remember Rev. Lanny and LaVerne Shaw in your prayers. He is in Intensive Care at Lexington Medical Center.



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**Finally** -- A pastor, known for his lengthy sermons, noticed a man get up and leave during the middle of his message. The man returned just before the conclusion of the service. Afterwards the pastor asked the man where he had gone.

"I went to get a haircut," was the reply.

"But," said the pastor, "why didn't you do that before the service?"

"Because," the gentleman said, "I didn't need one then."

See you in Church and Sunday School. Remember, at Shepherd, you ARE family.

*John*

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