

Attendance:

**Sunday School -- 39
Sunday AM -- 53
Sunday PM -- 32**



**Free Supper before
Revival Services
6:00 pm – 6:45 pm
Tonight – Hot Dogs
Wednesday -- Spaghetti**

April 28, 2009

Shepherd Is Having a Revival



We are at the mid-way point of our revival meeting with Rev. Mickey Smith. If you haven't made it to a service, you don't know what you are missing. Sunday morning, Bro. Smith's message was, "Your and My Souls are Worth Saving". Mike Sanders inspired us with his solos.



Evangelist Mickey Smith



Melinda & Mike McAdory listening to Bro. Smith



After the service



Savon & Sarah (Mrs. Mickey) Smith chat



Mike Sanders

Jim Frierson

Melinda and Mike McAdory

Then Sunday night Jim Frierson, son of John & Savon Frierson, and a member of Spartanburg First Church of the Nazarene brought spiritual messages in song and Rev. Smith told us that “Heaven is Worth Gaining.”

Monday night we had pizza, salad and fellowship before the service. Mike and Melinda McAdory from Midland Valley Church of the Nazarene did an excellent job with the music; the message was great; it was about angels.

The revival services run nightly through Wednesday at 7 pm, with free supper preceding the services from 6:00 pm until 6:45 pm. Visitors are welcome and invited.

Just Thinking – Now that we are in revival, I am reminded that several years ago, singer, songwriter, comedian Ray Stevens recorded a song called the Mississippi Squirrel Revival. It was about a young boy that took a pet squirrel to church with him in a box and when he went to show it to his pal; the little rodent panicked and escaped into the congregation. Upon going up one brother’s leg, the fellow started prancing and shouting and a sister began confessing stuff she shouldn’t have done. Well he declares a revival broke out in that tiny church in Pascagoula, Mississippi.

Yes, there is a Pascagoula, Mississippi; it is on the Gulf coast between Mobile, Alabama and Biloxi (that’s Bil lux’ see, not Bil lock’ see) Mississippi. In my past life, while pastoring in Grand Bay, Alabama near the Alabama/Mississippi state line; I worked at a gospel radio station in Ocean Springs, Mississippi. I was the morning announcer, a salesman and on weekends we would attend local church singings and revivals.

One Saturday night we were attending a revival at a little holiness church, on the waterfront, near the shipyard, in Pascagoula. It was really a dark neighborhood; there were few street lights and the area was really run down. As a representative of the radio station, I was ushered to the platform to bring greetings, while Savon with our 3 small children sat in the pews toward the back. Well the music got loud and the folks got into the Spirit. They began running the aisles and rolling on the floor. I looked back and Savon was scared to death. I worked my way back to her and she told me she was going to take the kids and wait in the car. In spite of the presence of the Spirit, I had to declare, “Not in this neighborhood”.

There were no squirrels and we came through the experience none the worse. Now we can even laugh about it at times.

We won’t have any squirrels, but if we will let Him, the Holy Spirit can and will bring revival to Shepherd Church. “So, as the Holy Spirit says: “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts” (Hebrews 3:7-8 NIV). Maybe, like the Verizon commercial, “Can you hear Him now?”

This Week at Shepherd --

Tuesday @ 7 pm – Revival Services with Rev. Mickey Smith
Wednesday @ 7 pm – Revival Services with Rev. Mickey Smith
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

Welcome New Members



Pastor Coleman welcomes our newest members, Gene & Margie Horton

Church Elections This Sunday – This Sunday morning, between 9:30 am and 10:05 am, all church members will have the opportunity to vote for our leaders for the next church year. You must be a member and you must be present to vote. Absentee ballots are not permitted by The Manual (113.2). You will be voting for 5 board members and delegates to the District Assembly/Conventions. In case of any ties, we will have a run-off election during the Sunday evening service.

The **Annual Church Meeting** will be on May 24 during the evening service.

World Missions Offering – Our goal is in site, less than \$300.00; with your help we can do it.

Finally – Thinking about going to the beach this summer? Keep this in mind:

A little boy walked down the beach, and as he did, he spied a woman sitting under a beach umbrella on the sand. He walked up to her and asked, "Are you a Christian?"

She said, "Yes."

"Do you read your Bible every day?" She nodded her head, "Yes."

Do you pray often?" the boy asked next, and again she answered, "Yes."

With that he asked his final question, "Will you hold my quarter while I go swimming?"

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