

Shepherd Tuesday Happenings



Shepherd Church of the Nazarene

July 14, 2009

Not Forbidden If God Approves

Pastor Coleman spoke on Peter's vision and admonition from God, which made it possible for him to go to the house of the Roman Cornelius and to minister to him. There were many visitors in the packed congregation and the Praise Team was great, as usual. Jamie Davis sang two special songs and Tim Davis gave a selected reading. Sunday School had good attendance, as we learned about "Choices". Sunday night the Pastor explained how we can be better Christians, "With God's Help".



Pastor Richard Coleman



Pastor Coleman, Melissa & Jeremy Coleman on Sunday Morning

A special part of the morning service was the presenting of a Local Minister's License to Melissa Coleman. Pastor Coleman, her father-in-law, presented her with the certificate from the church board, which is good for one year. Melissa is serving as our Children's Pastor. She is married to Jeremy

Coleman, who looked on during the presentation. Following the presentation the Pastor had them, as well as their families and other church members come forward and pray for Melissa's Ministry.



Family and Friends pray for Melissa's ministry

Last Sunday

Sunday School	40
Morning Worship	63
Evening Worship	23

This Week at Shepherd:

- Wednesday 7 pm Bible Study
- Sunday 9 am Sunday School
- Sunday 10 am Morning Worship
- Sunday 4:30 pm Praise Team Practice
- Sunday 5 pm Evening Worship

Spaghetti Dinner To Raise Funds for Youth

There will be a spaghetti dinner, with all the trimmings, on Saturday, July 25 at 5 pm, in the Church Fellowship Hall. The cost of the meal is **\$6.00 per person**. You are encouraged to invite all of your friends,

neighbors, kin-folks, or complete strangers. *See Patrick Whitaker for tickets.*

The youth of the church will serve the dinner. All proceeds from this event will go towards paying for the young people to take a trip to Carowinds on "Nazarene Day".



Just Thinking

While we were going to the General Assembly last month, there were several miles of construction on I-95, just south of Darien, Georgia. So we decided to take the old U.S. 17. A little south of Brunswick, we crossed a bridge and entered the town of Woodbine.

You may have never heard of Woodbine, but having been partially raised in South Georgia and North Florida; I knew it well. I don't know about now, but when US 17 was the main tourist highway, Woodbine was once the quick, marriage capital of the area. You could meet your future spouse, get your marriage license, blood test, and married in less than 2 hours.



While that was memorable, that wasn't what got my attention as we crossed the bridge that morning; it was the sign by the road that had us get Gloria to turn the van around and go back. In big letters, it proclaimed, "Dead Peoples Things For Sale". Was it an eye catcher? Did it work? Yes to both. It was a flea-market and garage-sale combined in that small white building. The guy running it was a character, the local assistant fire chief, complete with the hat. We looked and found several things at reasonable prices; but realized we would only be moving this "stuff" from his garage to ours.

Life is the same way, we respond to trick signs or to things that might tempt us; but really would serve no spiritual purpose. The truth be known, we don't need sin in our life any more than I needed that 1950's Safety Patrol badge (even it was only \$8). *"What is an idol worth? It's merely a false god. Why trust a speechless image made from wood or metal by human hands?"* (Habakkuk 2:18 CEV)



Finally... A Lexington County farmer lived alone for a long time, except for his beloved pet dog.

The dog finally died and he went to the Nazarene pastor, saying "Reverend, my loving dog is dead. Could you possibly hold a funeral for the poor creature in your church?"

The good minister told the farmer "No, we can't have services for a dumb dog in our church, but I'll tell you what, there's a little church down the road apiece, and no telling what they believe in; maybe they'll do something for the animal."

The farmer said "I'll go right now. By the way, do you think \$50,000 is enough to donate for the service?"

The pastor replied "Good Heaven, man! Why didn't you tell me the dog was a Nazarene?"

Other Events

Church Board meets tonight at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Young Adults - Dinner Friday night, July 17, 7:30 pm @ Cedar Cabin in Lexington. Contact Brittany Warner, for details.

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