

Shepherd Tuesday Happenings

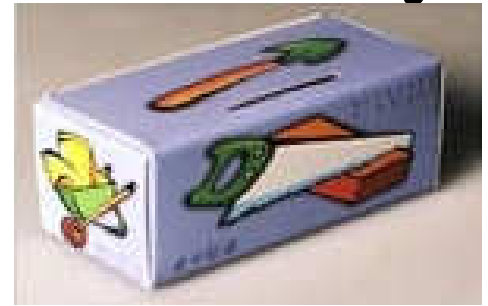


Shepherd Church of the Nazarene

September 22, 2009

This Sunday Is Alabaster Sunday

This Sunday, September 27th is Alabaster Sunday at Shepherd Church of the Nazarene; one of the two days each year when we bring our Alabaster offering to church. Whether you bring your Alabaster box full of coins and bills, cash, or checks; all donations are welcome. Alabaster funds go toward building churches and schools on the Nazarene mission fields around the world. If each of us gives a little, it will do a lot to help advance God's kingdom around the world.



New Mailboxes Installed In Foyer

Thanks to Richard and Barbara Clark, the new church mailboxes which the board approved have been built and installed in the foyer.

You are encouraged to use these boxes to communicate within the church with notes, prayer requests, invitations, thank you notes, Christmas & birthday cards.

A good way to save postage and stay in touch with your church family.

If you do not have a box and would like to have one, contact Barbara Clark or Pastor Coleman; you do not have to be a church member.

Last Sunday

Sunday School	28
Morning Worship	42
Evening Worship	15



This Week at Shepherd:

- Wednesday 7 pm Bible Study
- Sunday 9 am Sunday School
- Sunday 10 am Morning Worship
- Sunday 5 pm Evening Worship
- Sunday 6:00 pm Praise Team Practice

Important Dates For Coming Church Events

Shepherd Calendar

Young Adults - Sept. 26, Movie Night @ the Church.

Everyone - Workdays @ the church, Oct. 2 & 3

Young Adults - Oct. 11, The Corn Maze

Children - Oct. 17, Mission Fair @ the Campground.

Everyone - Oct. 23, Octoberfest @ The Pastor's House

Everyone - Nov. 1, Daylight Savings Time Ends

Young Adults - Nov. 12, Dinner

Young Adults - Dec. 6, *This Man Called Jesus*

Everyone - Dec. 20, Church Christmas Play

Just Thinking -- Last Saturday night, Miz Savon and I were invited to a dinner at a local restaurant with the Missionary (NMI) Council of Columbia First Church. The guest of honor was an old friend from the mission field, Rev. Carla Sunberg, Evangelism and Outreach Pastor for Grace Point Church of the Nazarene in Fort Wayne, Indiana.



Rev. Carla Sunberg (R)
with Miz Savon

Carla was the guest speaker for the Faith Promise Rally at Columbia First Church last weekend. However, Miz Savon and I had met her 14 years ago when her husband Chuck was the field director in the Commonwealth of Independent States, the former Soviet Union. Carla & Chuck were there in 1992, right after the Soviet Union fell, until 4 years ago. The Sunbergs were our ultimate hosts when in Russia; they were not only missionaries, they were pastors, parents to two beautiful daughters, compassionate ministry workers, field coordinators, church planters, trouble shooters, and much more.

As we sat at that restaurant table and recalled our trips to Russia, we can now laugh at such things as the ride from Kiev, Ukraine, to Moscow on an overnight train, when the majority of our party were sick and the train steward did not want to open up the restrooms. During our mission visits I learned to say, "I do not eat chicken" in five different languages. Carla told us of some of the strange things that they had eaten over the years on the mission field, in order not to offend their hosts. Then there were some of the difficulties of entering and leaving the countries; as well as the hardships of those that overcame the difficulties when food and opportunities were in short supply and even worse if you were a Christian.

When we went home, as I watched my 47" high-definition, color TV, sipped my favorite soda, and lounged in my comfortable chair after the big meal we had just finished; I wondered, how many of us would be willing to give up all of this to face what our missionaries face, much less what some of the residents of these countries encounter daily? Come to think of it, Jesus said to his followers, "Go everywhere in the world, and tell the Good News to everyone." (Matthew 16:15 NCV) I was just thinking, he didn't once say, "If it is convenient".

Please pray for our Nazarene Missionaries and support their works with your gifts to the Faith Promise offering.

Finally -- Three boys are in the schoolyard bragging about their fathers. The first boy says, "My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, they give him \$50."

The second boy says, "That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a song, they give him \$100."

The third boy says, "I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon. And it takes three men to collect all the money!"



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