

# Shepherd Tuesday Happenings



Shepherd Church of the Nazarene

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## Happy Thanksgiving from Lexington Shepherd Church of the Nazarene

### Breakfast At Shepherd A Big Hit

“If you feed them, they will come”, seemed to be true last Sunday morning as 48 hungry folks sat down to breakfast at the new round tables in the Fellowship Hall during Sunday School at Shepherd. Clarence Coleman gave the lesson as those assembled ate a hardy meal.

Pastor Coleman later reported that he did not see anyone fall asleep during his message in the morning worship service.



**C. I. Coleman** teaches the Sunday School lesson as all enjoyed a hardy breakfast last Sunday. (Photo courtesy of Larry Ellisor)

#### Wednesday Night This Week is Special

Not that every Wednesday night isn't special; but this Wednesday, starting at 6:30 pm, join us for supper, as usual. We will have a short devotional at 7; then we will decorate the Church for the Christmas season. Everyone is invited.

#### Last Sunday

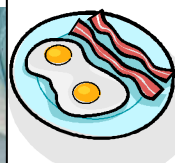
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#### This Week at Shepherd:

- 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



**Welcome** Conner McLeod. (Photo by Larry Ellisor)



Jacob, Taylor and Wyatt chow down. (Photo by Larry Ellisor)

**Just Thinking** -- Last weekend our family celebrated Thanksgiving. I know Turkey Day isn't until next Thursday; but because of scheduling conflicts, this was the time to maximize attendance... but I am getting ahead of myself;

It began several weeks ago when Tem started planning to have the celebration at DeeDee and his new home. Tem always does Thanksgiving in a big way; he won't even consider a turkey that weighs less than 25 pounds. To sum it up, he really knows how to throw a holiday dinner.

After settling on a date, he sent out the e-mail invitations; which was fine, until I overheard Miz Savon and him on the phone discussing using paper plates because of the size of the guest list. "Paper plates" for Thanksgiving, it just ain't right. Then he was looking for a turkey platter, until Miz Savon informed him that he already had ours. "Oh!" The next conversation that I overheard was that he was going to clean out his garage, rent tables and chairs, so we could all eat together.

That's when I jumped in. I asked him if he really expected us to drive about 600 miles (round trip), to eat Thanksgiving Dinner on paper plates, served in a garage. His reply was, "That's about the size of it."

Just think, if, back in the 1620's, the Pilgrims had invited the Native Americans to come have a feast with them, to give thanks for a bountiful harvest; oh, by the way, we will be eating off of leaves in our horse stable...so watch your step. I wonder if they would have shown up to eat or just scalped the Pilgrims and been done with it.

Well, maybe it isn't that bad, eating in a stable, carefully watching where you walked. After all, Jesus was born in a manger, where animals were kept; there was no record of the wise men or shepherds complaining. *"They hurried off and found Mary and Joseph, and they saw the baby lying on a bed of hay. (Luke 2:16): "As the shepherds returned to their sheep, they were praising God and saying wonderful things about Him."* (Luke 2:20 CEV)

For the record, we went, along with 20 of our closest friends and relatives; it was a delicious feast. Then we went to see the laser/light Christmas show at Stone Mountain. All of that and we made it safely back home, in the rain, we truly are thankful.

May you and yours have a blessed Thanksgiving, whenever and wherever you celebrate it.

**Finally**-I guess this could effect the spirit of thankfulness, if in the middle of the meal, you turn to Mom and say, "See Mom, I told you they wouldn't notice that the turkey was four months past its expiration date. You were worried for nothing."



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