

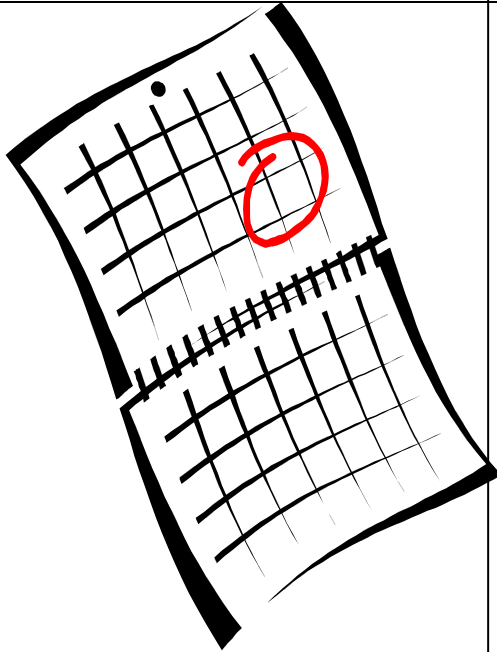
# Shepherd Tuesday Happenings



Shepherd Church of the Nazarene

December 8, 2009

## Christmas Schedule of Events at Shepherd



**December 8** -- Church Board Christmas Dinner, 7 pm, tonight, in the Church Fellowship Hall.

**December 10** -- The Young Adult Discipleship Training Class Party will be at 7 pm. @ Uno's. (\$6.00 per person)

**December 12** -- Children's Christmas Party.

**December 18** -- Youth Christmas Party

**December 19** -- Dress Rehearsal for the Christmas play will be @ 9:30 am.

**December 19** -- "Over 40" Sunday School Class party, 12:30 pm, in the Fellowship Hall.

**December 20** -- Church Christmas Play, during 10 am service.

**December 20** -- Young Adult Christmas Party, will be after the pm service at the home of Daniel & Stacy Davis.

### Wednesday Supper & Scripture

Remember supper is ready at 6:30 pm and Bible Study begins at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Visitors and guests are always welcome

### Last Sunday

Sunday School	30
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

## Christmas Carolers Still Needed

We still need carolers for the Christmas play on December 20. Anyone can take part, there will be no solos, just strolling singers. We need your help, if you will take part, contact Janet Ellisor or the Pastor as soon as possible.



**Just Thinking** – While I try to avoid secular examples of the season; they are an everyday reality. I could not help but notice that the Christmas season is officially here; I just heard “Grandma Got Run Over By a Reindeer” on the radio. Churches have even begun to put “Jesus is the reason for the season” on their signs.



Shoppers are seeking gifts; some even got up before dawn the other day because “everything was on sale!!!” Miz Savon & I slept late and went a couple of miles out of the way to avoid the traffic grid-lock on Harbison Boulevard; even if we did miss out on some bargains.

Children are cautioned to be good or Santa will not come to see them. I remember being told that, “When you stop believing in Santa, you only get clothes for Christmas.” We hear people talking about Santa Claus, elves, and the Polar Express, but nothing about the real reason we celebrate the holiday.

Skeptics say that December 25, is not really the day that Jesus was born and no one knows the exact date. This may be true, but we have, by tradition, set this date aside as a to remember that very, special time when Christ was born. Let those that have doubts have them but this is the time to honor the birth of our Savior. When it comes to Christmas, like the song says, “As for me and Granpa, we believe.” (Come to think of it, I AM Granpa.) “*He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all men might believe.*” (John 1:7 NIV)



**The Church year is almost half over. Have you read your Missionary Books or listened to the CD's?**

### Prayer Requests

These are known prayer request at this time:

**James Sigafos, Sr.** - Father of Jim Sigafos (John & Savon Friersons son-in-law) terminal cancer.

**LaVerne Shaw**

**Pat Sanquist**

**Pastor John Powell** (Batesburg) - Fighting cancer.

Please remember all in your prayers.

**Finally** -- This must have been up north or out west.

One Christmas, Joe and Peter built a ice skating rink in the middle of a field.

A shepherd leading his flock decided to take a shortcut across the rink. The sheep, however, were afraid of the ice and wouldn't cross it. Desperate, the shepherd began tugging them to the other side.

'Look at that, 'remarked Peter to Joe, 'That guy is trying to pull the wool over our ice!'



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