

Shepherd Tuesday Happenings



Shepherd Church of the Nazarene

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A Window On Christmas

Why was there a window in front of the Church on Sunday, where the Communion Table normally sits?

The real answer is that it is for the Christmas play to be presented next Sunday during the 10 am service. Incidentally there will be a caroler's practice Wednesday night, after Bible study; and a dress-rehearsal for all on Saturday morning at 9:30 am.

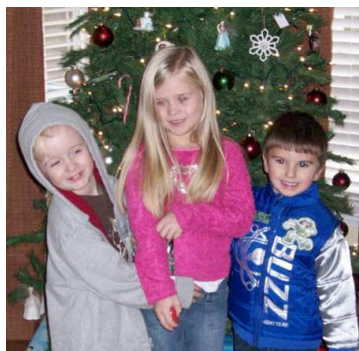
However, Pastor Coleman took advantage of a good illustration by bringing a message on Sunday morning from John 17:1-21; in which he demonstrated how we all could see through the glass clearly, our view was different, dependent upon and limited by the angle at which we looked.

Supper and Scripture

Let us buy you supper this Wednesday night. Just be at the Church at 6:30 pm, LaVerne will have supper ready.

Then at 7 pm, Ray Presnell will lead us in the Bible Study.

There is plenty for all and you are encouraged to invite guest to join us.



Jacob, Taylor, & Wyatt at the kids Christmas party hosted by Miz Melissa. (Photo courtesy of Cheyanna Peterson)

Coming Events At Shepherd

Youth Christmas Party - Friday in the Church Fellowship Hall. 7 pm

Christmas Play (Dress Rehearsal) -- Saturday, 9:30 am.

"Over 40" Christmas Party -- Saturday in the Church Fellowship Hall, 12:30 pm.

Church Christmas Play -- Sunday, during the 10 am service. Visitors welcome.

Young Adult Christmas Party -- Sunday, after 5 pm service.

Last Sunday

Sunday School	27
Morning Worship	47
Evening Worship	18

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



Blessed are those who also serve -- Thanks to (l to r) Clarence Coleman, Van Coleman and Lynn Miller for doing a wonderful job of decorating, preparing, and serving the Board Christmas dinner.



The Grinch character was created by Theodor Seuss Geisel (Dr. Seuss); drawn by Chuck Jones.

Just Thinking -- As Miz Savon and I were driving home from church last Sunday morning, we noticed a sign on one of the Irmo churches that announced the title of the sermon as “Scrooge in Bethlehem”. Now I may never know who or what the pastor of that church had in mind, but my immediate response was, “But I’ve never been there”.

My favorite, fictionalized Christmas characters are Ebenezer Scrooge and the Grinch. In fact, Miz Savon and our kids lovingly (???) refer to me by one or the other of those names during the Christmas season and it doesn’t bother me in the least.

Why would I want to be associated with either? They were both bad dudes. Scrooge was a miser who cared only for his money and himself. The Grinch wanted to take all reasons that the Whos, down in Whoville, celebrated the season and loved each other.

That was true, in the beginning, but they both had an epiphany, a sudden insight into the true meaning of Christmas, and their lives were changed. Like when the Grinch discovered that Christmas is not something you can buy in a store. What a powerful message that was; the story says that his heart grew three sizes that day (That wasn’t a medical condition; it was a spiritual happening.).

Just as the shepherds around Bethlehem, the Wise Men, and all that come to realize the true meaning of Christmas. *“When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.”*(Luke 2:17-18, 20)

So you see those guys were not so bad after all. I may be in good company. See you in Church and Sunday School.

Church Wishes Pastors A Merry Christmas

Last Sunday, during the Morning Worship Service, the Church Board, on behalf of the congregation, presented Pastor & Mrs. Coleman and Children’s pastor, Melissa Coleman, with bonuses for Christmas.



Pastor Coleman



Melissa Coleman

Finally -- Every Christmas morning, when his kids were little, the young father read them the nativity story out of the big family Bible.

When his son was old enough to talk, he asked his Dad what a stable was.



Dad thought for a moment, how to explain it to him, in terms he could understand, then told him, "It's something like your sister's room, but without a stereo."

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