

Shepherd Tuesday Happenings



Shepherd Church of the Nazarene

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Greenville Kids Bring Blessings



Greenville Children's Group at Shepherd sign last Sunday.



The parting of the Red Sea and the Pharaoh's army is drowned; as portrayed by the group.

The children's group from Greenville First Church of the Nazarene brought a special blessing to the Shepherd congregation last Sunday morning with their presentation. The program included singing, stick performers, hand-bells, and drama.

The group also shared their ministry with the residents of Lexington Extended Care (formerly Rikard's Nursing Home) last Saturday.

Mother/Daughter Banquet A Hit

By Larry Ellisor
Special Correspondent

The Mother / Daughter banquet was held Saturday, in the church fellowship hall. A meal was prepared and served by several men of the church to the mothers and daughters.

There were approximately 42 ladies attending. Charlotte Sanders was the guest speaker. Karen Coleman Gause entertained them with a comical mothers' tribute song. There were many door prizes given out to those attending.



Charlotte Sanders
Speaker



Karen Coleman Gause
Singer

Thank You, Reporters

Thank you to all that helped with the news gathering for this *Shepherd Tuesday Happenings*.

Photos

Larry Ellisor, Lorrie Whitaker, and Stephanie Ward (from Greenville First Church of the Nazarene).

This Week at Shepherd:

- Wednesday, 6:30 pm Free Supper
- 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

Janet Ellisor along with the banquet committee (Loraine Coleman, Melissa Coleman, Lorrie Whitaker, Van Coleman) organized the banquet and hopes it will become an annual event. She would like to give a special thanks to : Van Coleman - decorating the fellowship hall; Lorrie Whitaker - providing photo opportunities for the mothers and daughters; Karen Gause - singing; Henry Rast, Richard Coleman, & Larry Ellisor- preparing the food, serving, and cleaning up afterwards.

Just Thinking -- The other night, we decided to go to our favorite seafood restaurant. Jim, Cindy, Kristina, Mimi, Scott, Easter, Miz Savon and I headed to what we considered the best kept secret in town.

As soon as we walked in, the restaurant looked the same, but something was different. To begin with, our favorite waitress was not there to greet and seat us. That's OK, maybe she had the night off. The menu looked the same, but there were not as many choices as usual and some of our favorites were gone. Most of the good stuff was still there, so we ordered. As we waited for the food, we began to notice the lack of variety, our missing waitress, and then someone noticed that the picture on the menu was the same, but the catchy name of the restaurant had been replaced by the single word, "Seafood".



SeaFood

When the food was served, it was not the same; we ate and figured out that our favorite seafood restaurant was no longer our favorite and it had apparently been sold.

Our spiritual life can be a lot like that, we don't notice the change at first, but we become upset with the outcome. It is hard to detect some subtle changes; it often takes a while; like we were with the menu. Then when things don't turn out the way we expected, we start looking back at the signs that were there and we overlooked them. Was it the restaurant's fault for not telling us of the changes? Should we blame them? Probably not, they were doing what they said, preparing seafood meals for a price. Then why do we insist on blaming God and giving the devil credit when we experience bad changes. We ought to take a clue from Job, when things went wrong, *"In all this, Job did not sin by charging God with wrongdoing."* (Job 1:22 NIV).

For the record, I probably will not be going back to that restaurant; not because they did not tell me of the change. If I do not return it will be because I am no longer satisfied with the outcome. It is good to watch out for subtle changes in our spiritual life, too.

See you in Sunday School and Church.



SOLOMON STRATFORD BRANHAM was dedicated during the morning service Sunday. His proud parents Stephen & Stephanie and older brother, Stephen, join in the service.



Ladies at the 2010 Mother/Daughter Luncheon at Shepherd Church

Finally -- A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem.

A small child replied: "They couldn't get a baby sitter."



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