

Shepherd Tuesday Happenings
for September 2, 2008

Dear Shepherdians and Friends,

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock”. Will you hear the knock and welcome Jesus in; that was the Pastor’s message Sunday morning and we had a good group for Communion on Sunday evening.

Just Thinking -- I have to admit, I had written something else for you this week; but watching the events of Hurricane Gustav on the Gulf Coast, I look back 3 years to the aftermath of Katrina, when we went, as volunteers, to help with the recovery effort at the Church of the Nazarene in Pearl River, Louisiana. Then I remember even further back, riding out Hurricane Carmen in southwest Louisiana.

We still have dear friends in the area and pray for God to bring them safely through the storm. Perhaps next week, I will be led to share something lighter with you; but now we ask for your prayers for the folks affected by this great storm.

Just remember, God is more powerful than the storm. *“Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and he brought them out of their distress. He stilled the storm to a whisper; the waves of the sea were hushed. They were glad when it grew calm, and he guided them to their desired haven.”* (Psalms 107:28-30 NIV)

Weekly Discipleship Training – Discipleship Training (Sunday School, except on Tuesday and Thursday) will be at 7 pm. Tuesday night will be at the home of Pastor and Mrs. Coleman, 225 Charter Oak Dr., Lexington; Thursday night will be at the home of Van & Clarence Coleman, 2840 Dogwood Trail, Lexington. Guest/visitors are welcome.

Are you missing out on this blessing? If you live in the Lexington area and would be willing to host one of these meetings; please let the Pastor know. The class last only about a half hour; then we have snacks and fellowship, as we get to know each other better. If we had more host homes, it would help us to get to know our fellow Shepherdians better.

Wednesday Night – Prayer and Bible Study in the church fellowship hall at 7 pm on Wednesday. This week we look at Matthew 19.

Thank You – Rev. & Mrs. Darrel McKinney have expressed their thanks to the church for the use of the facilities for the wedding of Iris’ sister Leea to her new husband, Mark, last weekend.

We have also received a note from Tom & Joy Bennett for the food and care given them by the church. The note is on the welcome stand in the foyer. Let’s continue to remember this family in our prayers.

Alabaster Sunday – Alabaster Sunday will be September 21, during the morning service. Please remember your Alabaster boxes that morning; however, cash and checks are accepted. Boxes are available in the foyer.

We receive this offering twice a year and the funds go for building new churches around the world.

Centennial Sunday – We celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Church of the Nazarene with a special, community service at Columbia First Church of the Nazarene at the corner of Saint Andrews Rd. and Kay Street. The service will be on October 5 at 6 pm. Shepherd will worship there on this special occasion.

Missionary Reading Books – The missionary reading books are always interesting; but, this year especially, as the deal with the progress of Nazarene missions in the regions of the world over the past century.

Everyone, member or not, is urged to read all 6 books between now and next May. They are short and can be read quickly; but if you prefer, we have all of the books on CD, so you can listen to a book in your car or at home. See Van Coleman and start reading now.

Newsletter change – If you have received this newsletter by e-mail, chances are there is no problem. You may notice that it has come from a different address news@shepherdnazarene.com . This is a new mailbox that Chris Rude has set up for us to more closely identify with the church. This mailbox will be used only for church communications and church updates. It will not be used for personal communications or spam. Please do not send mail to this box, as it is not monitored on a regular basis. To communicate with the church, you may use either pastor@shepherdnazarene.com or board@shepherdnazarene.com . These boxes are checked more frequently.

Isn't it Great? – Children's Church is back during the 10 am service. Bring the little ones, so they can have their special time to learn about Jesus. If you would like to take part in this ministry, see Loraine Coleman.

Finally -- Three good friends died in a car accident and went to heaven. During their orientation interview, the angel asked them, "When your friends and family are looking down at you in your coffin at your funeral, what would you like to hear them say?"

"Well," said the first man, "I think I'd like to hear them say that he was a great doctor, and a good husband."

"That's very good," said the angel. He turned to the second one and said, "And what would you like to hear your family and friends say as they look at you in your coffin?"

She thought for a minute, then said, "I'd like to hear them say that she was a good mother, and a good teacher."

"That's a good answer too," said the angel. Turning to the third, he said, "And what would you like to hear your loved ones say as they're looking at you in your coffin?"

Without hesitation, he said, "I'd like to hear them say, 'Look, he's still breathing!'"

(If you check with the folks at the local funeral home, they'll tell you, "It ain't gonna happen".)

See you in Church and Bible Study. Remember; come home to Shepherd where you are family.

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