

Shepherd Tuesday Happenings



Shepherd Church of the Nazarene

June 30, 2010

Sunday-VBS Starts & We Celebrate July 4th

Vacation Bible School starts this Sunday, and continues each Sunday in July, during the evening worship hour at 5 pm. Children are invited to bring friends to take part in the fun. For details, contact Children's Pastor Melissa Coleman.



The Church Board

Meets Tonight

@ 7:00 pm



Bible Study - Wednesday - 7 pm

"There Ain't No Way!"



There will be an **ice cream social**, to celebrate the **4th of July**, immediately following the service and VBS.



A Camp Story That You May Not Have Heard

Some of you experienced a great Family Camp last week. You heard the preaching and singing; with people getting blessed, shouting, and finding peace at an altar of prayer.

What most people missed is something that has been a well kept secret, though no one has hidden it, for several years, the Friday or Saturday night Gospel Sing or, as we have often called it, "The Hootenanny".

For many years, friends have gathered on the porch that joins the Wallace & Walker cabins, on the back side of the pond, to sing favorite gospel songs, well into the night. Usually there are a couple of guitars and with luck, a keyboard. This year there was even a harmonica. It is a similar idea to the original Gaither Friends Homecoming sessions; except this is neither commercial nor available for \$49.95, though it would be worth it.

This year, rain postponed Friday night. It rained again on Saturday night, but this time the group migrated to the camp cafeteria. They started playing and singing around 10 pm, people would wander in and out. At one point there were about 40 people there.

Wouldn't you know it, with all that praising and singing, old camp reminiscences, and such; testimonies started popping up. Hearts were blessed as they sang into the night. Miz Savon and I had to leave about midnight, but they were still going strong, with about 20 people still listening and/or participating.

This Week at Shepherd:

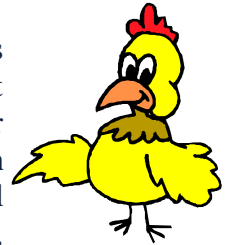
- Wednesday 6:30 pm Supper for All
- Wednesday 7 pm Bible Study
- Sunday 9 am Sunday School
- Sunday 10 am Morning Worship
- Sunday 5 pm Evening Worship
- Sunday 6:00 pm Praise Team Practice

Most folks leave camp Sunday evening after the final service, but the few die-hards that stay over until Monday, gathered in the cafeteria, for one more round. There were about a dozen folks, in no hurry to get home; when they could be on the Campgrounds praising Jesus in song and word.

If you missed this one, Family Camp will be next year from June 19 - 26; mark your calendars and plan to be there.

Just Thinking -- We spent most of last week at Family Camp in Batesburg and were joined at one time or another by all three children and four of the grandchildren. We enjoy the camp and try to stay for the whole week; but sometimes for me it is a challenge.

While they served 3 nutritious meals a day, it seems that just about every other meal is chicken. There is nothing wrong with that. Chicken is a healthy dish, economical, and most people like it. The key word there is “most”. As many of you know, I do not care for chicken; never have. Before you say, “Don’t knock it, if you haven’t tried it.” I have eaten chicken and will probably eat it again, if hungry enough. If I have a choice, I probably will not. Now I enjoy everything that goes with it, so I have never asked anyone, but Miz Savon, not to serve it for a meal. If you like it, that is great, you can have my serving.



Some people are like that about the church, for whatever reason, they just don’t like it. Some will even say they have tried it. Some will even admit that it is good for them or they like the side dishes such as Sunday School, food, outings, and fellowship. These folks may not sit and worship with us, but they will take a hearty side-dish of fellowship and special events. Then who knows, they may get curious enough to ask for a “drumstick”. We should be prayerful and patient, not pushy. When the time is right and they get curious or “hungry” enough they might just take their place at the Lord’s table. The old hymn says, “Come and dine at the Master’s table, come and dine”.

I have come up with a reason that I don’t eat chicken, when someone asks. I simply tell them, “I am a loyal University of South Carolina graduate and a fan of the Gamecocks”. I wouldn’t dare eat one of Cockey’s relatives. To show that I am consistent in my beliefs, I also graduated from Louisiana State University and I can honestly say that I’ve never eaten a tiger either.



See you in Sunday School and Church.

Finally -- Little Tommy, the preacher’s son, tells how, “Our teacher asked us what our favorite animal was, and I said, “Fried chicken.””

“She said I wasn’t funny, but she couldn’t have been right, everyone else in the class laughed.”

“My parents told me to always be truthful and honest, and I am. Fried chicken is my favorite animal. I told my dad what happened, and he said my teacher was probably a member of PETA. He said they love animals very much. I do, too. Especially chicken, pork and beef.”

“Anyway, my teacher sent me to the principal’s office. I told him what happened, and he laughed too. Then he told me not to do it again.”

“The next day in class my teacher asked me what my favorite live animal was. I told her it was chicken.”

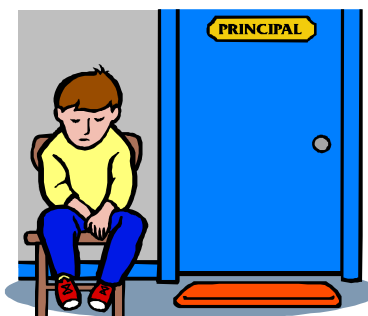
“She asked me why, just like she’d asked the other children. So I told her it was because you could make them into fried chicken.”

“She sent me back to the principal’s office again. He laughed, and told me not to do it again.”

“I don’t understand. My parents taught me to be honest, but my teacher doesn’t like it when I am. Today, my teacher asked us to tell her what famous person we admire most.”

“I told her, ‘Colonel Sanders’”.

“**Guess where I am now...**”



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