

Shepherd Tuesday Happenings



Shepherd Church of the Nazarene

August 31, 2010

Pastor Coleman Officially Called

Rev. Richard Coleman has now been officially called as Pastor of Shepherd Church of the Nazarene.

Don't be confused, Rev. Coleman has been our pastor since August 1, 2008; but because of the size of our church at that time, he was appointed by the District Superintendent, in accordance with the Manual.

Last Tuesday night, the Shepherd Board met with District Superintendent Dr. Eddie Estep, in executive session for a two-year review of the progress and plans for the church, under the leadership of Rev. Coleman.

In the open session, Dr. Estep announced that a motion had been made and was unanimously passed to change Pastor Coleman's status from appointed to called by the church.

Rev. Coleman accepted the call following Dr. Estep's announcement.

The District Superintendent congratulated the church on its progress and present status.



Pastor Richard I. Coleman

Regina Unsworth Retirement Celebration, Sunday, 6 pm in the fellowship hall. Everyone is invited.

Last Sunday

Sunday School	38
Morning Worship	54
Evening Worship	24

This Week at Shepherd:

- Monday 7:30 am Men's Ministry
- 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

Why Do I Fill My Alabaster Box Twice A Year?



The Alabaster Offerings provide funds for property and buildings around the world. They give a sense of permanence, the attitude that the Church of the Nazarene intends to "put down roots."

Alabaster funds help provide land for most Work & Witness projects. The entire offering goes toward the construction of churches, schools, medical facilities, and homes for missionaries and national workers.

Alabaster Sunday will be September 26 in the AM service.

Lightning knocked out several of the Church's electronic devices, destroying some. Thank you to the Fox family for their hard work in restoring and replacing the equipment.

Just Thinking

— Maybe this visit should be titled, “Frustration, Part II.” A couple of weeks ago, I shared my frustration, when my computer “crashed”. In fact, last week, as some of you may have noticed the *Shepherd Tuesday Happenings* did not go out until Wednesday, as I had to work on a backup computer, held together with duct tape and lots of prayer.



What made things so bad was I had bought a brand new computer, took about 3 weeks reloading and recovering the data on it; and the new computer crashed. It was so bad the store did not even try to fix it, nor recover my work; they just gave me a new computer. Then I started all over again.

Wednesday night at Bible Study, one of the questions asked in the scenario that the Pastor used was, “Why do bad things happen to good people?” No definitive answer was given, other than someone, later, rephrased it, “Why do good things happen to bad people.”

Maybe some would say that it is the devil at work. Sometimes I think we give that old boy a little too much credit. That’s an easy out. Instead, why don’t we say, “That’s life.” Our faith may be challenged, but that is the test of life. Remember Job. He was told by his own wife to “curse God and die.” (Job 2:9) That would have, in her eyes, been the easy way out.

Job didn’t take her advice; he trusted and believed in God. He survived one of the unexplainable tests of life. Unlike the kids, we can’t always study to pass this test; but like any good student or Boy Scout, we can be prepared. Maybe our prayer should be like the psalmist, “*I have trusted the Lord and never doubted. Lord, try me and test me.*” (Psalms 26:2)

If Paul had lived in this day and time, I would have no doubt, whatsoever, that his “thorn in the side” was a finicky computer.

See you in Church and Sunday School.

Finally — On a sunny Sunday afternoon, two young church members were going door to door to invite people to visit their services. When they knocked on one door, it was immediately clear the woman who answered was not happy to see them.

She told them in no uncertain terms that she did not want to hear their message, and before they could say anything more, she slammed the door in their faces.

To her surprise, however, the door did not close; in fact, it bounced back open. She tried again, really putting her back into it, and slammed it again with the same result - the door bounced back open.

Convinced these rude young people were sticking their foot in her door, she reared back to give it a slam that would teach them a lesson. Just then, one of them said quietly: "Ma'am, before you do that again, you really need to move your cat."



Correction — In last week’s edition of Tuesday Happenings, the attendance was inadvertently reversed. Sunday School—35; Morning Worship—59, were the correct totals.

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