

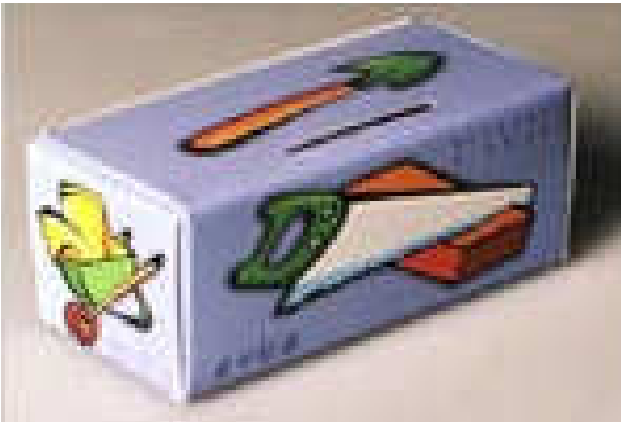
Shepherd Tuesday Happenings



Shepherd Church of the Nazarene

February 9, 2010

Alabaster Offering Date Set In February



The date for the semi-annual Alabaster Offering has been set for the morning service (10 am) on February 21.

An Alabaster offering for buildings and ministries worldwide are taken twice yearly, in February and September.

Alabaster boxes are available, free of charge in the church foyer, this is a convenient way to save your spare change for this vital offering.

If you wish, you may also give cash or checks when we march. Sorry, we are not equipped to take credit cards.

Church Board Meets Tonight



The Shepherd church board will hold its monthly meeting tonight, (February 9) at 7 pm, in the church Fellowship Hall.

Valentine's Dinner On Saturday

The church Valentine's Dinner will be this Saturday, February 13, at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

There will be entertainment and nice door prizes. The meal is free.

Everyone is invited: singles, couples, and families. Please be sure you sign up no later than Wednesday night at Supper and Bible Study, so we can insure that there will be enough food for all.



Last Sunday

Sunday School	36
Morning Worship	54
Evening Worship	24



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

Revival Services Coming Soon To Shepherd

According to the dictionary a revival is a religious awakening. It would be so easy to sit back in comfort and say to yourself that you are a Christian, saved, baptized, sanctified, and a tithing member of the church. Think about it, your car may be running smoothly, hitting on all cylinders, getting over 20 miles per gallon; and will go from zero to 60 in no time flat. However, if you do not refuel periodically or it will stop running properly.

Your soul is like that car, it needs to be re-fueled occasionally. Let's let the revival services be our spiritual filling station. Start praying now.

Just Thinking -- I had already written my visit with you this week, but something miraculous happened. It had never occurred before and I just had to share a few thoughts about it with you.

On February 7, 2010, around 9:30 pm (EST), something happened for the very first time. it was something that I have been wishing for, maybe even praying for, for the last 43 years. The Who Dats, now forever to be known as the World Champion *New Orleans Saints* football team won the Super Bowl. I have followed them and pulled for them from the very beginning, even before I had been a resident of Louisiana: even before Bret Favre was born.



It was hard to do, because I am also a fan of the Indianapolis Colts, their opponents. I like Peyton Manning and even covered stories of his father, Archie Manning, when I was a sports writer in Mobile and Archie played for Ole Miss (University of Mississippi) in the early 1970's.

Through it all, I had to stay with the Saints. I mentioned that others and I may have even prayed for the Saints to one day be a Super Bowl winner; but that would probably be the wrong thing to do because just as large of a number of fans were probably praying for Indianapolis. Wouldn't that put God in an impossible position or even stranger, "What if God was a Colts fan?"

Instead we prayed for a good and safe game. The game was good, with few injuries, I only saw one missed call by the officials, and so far I have heard no major scandals about any of the players. As Miz Savon said it was like a game between two gentlemen's teams.

I was tempted to cite as scripture 2 Chronicles 6:41, "*May your saints rejoice in your goodness.*"(NIV) but I am reminded of James 1:13, "*When tempted, no one should say, "God is tempting me." For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone.*" (NIV)

Whether it is sports, business, or the game of life, remember to ask God for a safe, just outcome and, above all, ask that His will be done. See you in Sunday School and Church.



Young Adults Dinner will be held on Thursday, Feb. 18th, at 6:30 pm, at Applebee's on Columbia Avenue in Lexington. The cost will be \$6 per person.

Prayer Requests



Wesley Childs
P. T. Nogales (Arizona)
LaVerne Shaw
Margaret Walker (Rock Hill)

Finally -- Speaking of football and as we were: just a minute ago: After spending all day Saturday watching football, a pastor fell asleep in front of the TV and spent the whole night in the chair.

On Sunday morning, his wife woke him up to get ready for church.

"Get up dear," she said, "it's 20 to seven."
He awoke with a start and said, "In who's favor?"



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