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Reflections -- 2008

Dear Readers,

2008 Faith Notes -- by Members of Good Shepherd Presbyterian who were in attendance 1/25/09

- When our grandson was crying for help, our pastor was there for us in a heartbeat. He never left our side in this time of turmoil, never judging, only giving his love and support. The support of our faith community was wonderful
- Planning sessions of Deep Shift...forming values and beliefs—working and coming together!
- Bonfire hymn sing was fun!
- Being part of the moderator installation service – precious!
- No big moments...a lot of little moments.
- The fellowship and love we share every week.
- In 2008 for the first time I did not get to church regularly but the church came to me. Thank God.
- Randy's surgery and recovery.
- Marriage to Mitch.
- Becoming a member of Session.
- Attending the Deep Shift meetings.
- Reading "Rock that is Higher."
- Story – working on writing our story.
- The passing of Ralph Shear – an intelligent, learned, honest and faithful individual whose life and passing was inspiring to many in our church.
- Meeting new people I never saw before.
- Learning new things in the Sunday worship.
- New families in the church that I don't yet know.
- Praying with new members.
- I'm so glad to be here.
- Learning new things.
- Helping each other out with sad news.
- Services on Sunday are cool to hear.
- Our music director who does a great job for us here on Sundays.
- God's grace and love through difficult times, and the blessing of friends and support throughout divorce.
- The miracle of "God's timing" for me and what happened in my life this year. Doors closed, windows opened. Faith grew, love prevailed.
- Coming to understand what God wants of me as a person and as his disciple.





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- Finding our purpose and beliefs.
- Listened: Great preaching and insightful messages through Daris every Sunday.
- Compassion for others.
- Shepherd's Kids.
- My two recent experiences of feeling called by God.
- I would like to share what a blessing it was to me at the time of my Dad's funeral service ...to have the church magically turned back into a beautiful sanctuary from the Bible school set. The church family did not even have to be asked to help they just did it! It was also a real gift for you to connect me to Jack Carlson; he made us feel like he knew my Dad. Good Shepherd is a place of great comfort.

Blessings,

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