

The Messenger

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A loving, caring, serving community of believers in Jesus

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Blue Christmas

Merry Christmas! Friends, we've come to the end of what has quite possibly been one of the oddest years any of us has ever experienced. We have all been affected in some way by the adjustments the world has had to make in an effort to deal with Covid-19. Some of us have been affected more than others. But we have all seen change in 2020.

Part of the change we've experienced has brought confusion, but some of what we've experienced has brought grief and loss. Our own church has lost several of our folks, and with all the cautions, memorial services and funerals have either been postponed with the thought they would take place "after Covid," or have been passed over altogether.

We know, however, that mourning is an important process when we experience loss. With that in mind, the church will be hosting a "Blue Christmas" service, in the hope of offering people who are experiencing pain and loss this Christmas the opportunity to focus on the GOD of love Who comes to us in the midst of our confusion and pain. We want to help people sense His love and healing in their time of hurt.

While the celebration of the coming of Christ is our focus, we want to acknowledge that some people are suffering and feeling anything but the "Christmas Spirit" at the end of 2020.

If you are mourning a loved one, or have suffered any other loss, and would like to bring that grief to this service, we invite you and any other friends or loved ones you believe would benefit from this special time, and join us. If you would like for us to include a picture of your special friend or family member who has passed away, we will be presenting a slide show during that service. Please email the picture, name, birthdate, and day of passing to: nftmyersnaz72@yahoo.com.

We encourage everyone who attends to wear a mask and maintain social distancing. We want to make this service as safe and welcoming as possible, and we want to make everyone feel comfortable being together. Please join us and bring your loved ones as we share in the bringing of hope and offering the opportunity to acknowledge that love should be celebrated, even when that love brings loss.

Blue Christmas Service
Wednesday, December 16, 2020
7:00 P.M.

CANDLELIGHT
COMMUNION
JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL SERVICE

Bring your friends and family,
Christmas Eve
Thursday, December 24

6:00 P.M.

**(Masks encouraged
and social distancing)**

December Birthdays & Anniversaries

01 - James Boye
05 - Walli Holman
 Jean Monroe
11 - Jay Adams
17 - Paul Bolling
 Brenda Loubier
18 - Tim & Carole Dillehay
19 - Marie Haddad
 Doug Haiflich
 Jerry Parker
26 - Ray Holman
28 - Perry & Donna Souzis
31 - Nancy Bastin

Christmas Outreach to Families

We are gathering items from our Wal-Mart donations and putting together boxes for distribution to needy families this Christmas. If you know of a family in need – especially if those families will struggle to provide gifts for their children this year – please contact Kari Bergman with the name of the family. If you can also provide the names of the children and their ages and clothing sizes, that would be very helpful. We would like to reach out to as many families as possible. If you would like to donate to this very special project, simply mark your gift “Christmas Outreach” and place it in the offering.



Prayer Needs:

Patrick Lindsey	Phoebe Barr	Ben Bergman	Ronnie Kiser
John Davis	Doug Keuther	Helen Thom	Rev. Jim Spear
June Carsey	Dave Peck	Amanda Blackburn	Anna Marie Anderson
Eloise Garner	Elis Lodge	Rev. Dan Copp	Cindy Jones' son
Rev. Greg Story, D.S.	Eileen Massett	Mark & Lisa Koch	Ernie Rybold
Paul Jones	Tom Blakeman	Amy Logsdon	Ray & Janelle Owens
Dorothy Chapman	Paul & Grace Boling	Joseph Groves	Lorraine Jungles
Shelby Pickett	Rich Harris	Laurel Chapman	Regina Williams & Fam.
Mark & Kim Barr	Louis Perez	The Monroe Family	Our District Family
Kenny & Gail Goodman	Eileen Jennings	Kitty Baxter's Family	The Church Roof
Children & Teen Depts.	Unsaved Loved Ones	Youth, Children's and Worship Leaders	
Those affected negatively by the Corona Virus			

December 2020 Calendar

16 – “Blue Christmas” Service – 7:00 P.M.
24 – Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service
25 – Christmas Day
Jan. 2 – Unhanging the Greens

Join us for our Wednesday night devotional at 6:00 P.M. on Facebook live-streaming.

Arnold Burris will continue to offer a Bible study at 6 P.M. Mondays and Pastor Becky will return to the Thursday night Bible when her health improves.

If you cannot tune in at those times, you may watch the recorded Bible studies later.

Facebook Page: North Fort Myers Church of the Nazarene **Website:** nfmnazarene.com



If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent us an educator. If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist; If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist. If our greatest need had been pleasure, God would have sent us an entertainer; But our greatest need was forgiveness, so God sent us a Savior.