

The Messenger

N. Ft. Myers Church of the Nazarene

A loving, caring, serving community of believers in Jesus

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What are we Teaching?

How interesting that the limited social interaction we have had over the last three months is culminating in a social issue where nearly everyone has a voice – whether it is being raised or not. As we contemplate the racial tension that is encircling our nation and our lives, perhaps we need to be reminded that prejudice is not a natural idea, but one that is taught. So, perhaps we should contemplate more deeply what we are teaching. Do we need reminding that we are all teachers with the responsibility for instructing the world in the lessons of love? As a gentle reminder:

“Children Learn What They Live” by Dorothy Law Nolte

If a child lives with encouragement, he learns to be confident.

If a child lives with tolerance, he learns to be patient.

If a child lives with praise, he learns to be appreciative.

If a child lives with acceptance, he learns to love.

If a child lives with approval, he learns to like himself.

If a child lives with recognition, he learns it is good to have a goal.

If a child lives with sharing, he learns about generosity.

If a child lives with honesty and fairness, he learns what truth and justice are.

If a child lives with security, he learns to have faith in himself and in those about him.

If a child lives with friendliness, he learns that the world is a nice place in which to live.

If a child lives with serenity, your child will live with peace of mind.

If a child lives with criticism, he learns to condemn.

If a child lives with hostility, he learns to fight.

If a child lives with fear, he learns to be apprehensive.

If a child lives with pity, he learns to feel sorry for himself.

If a child lives with ridicule, he learns to be shy.

If a child lives with jealousy, he learns what envy is.

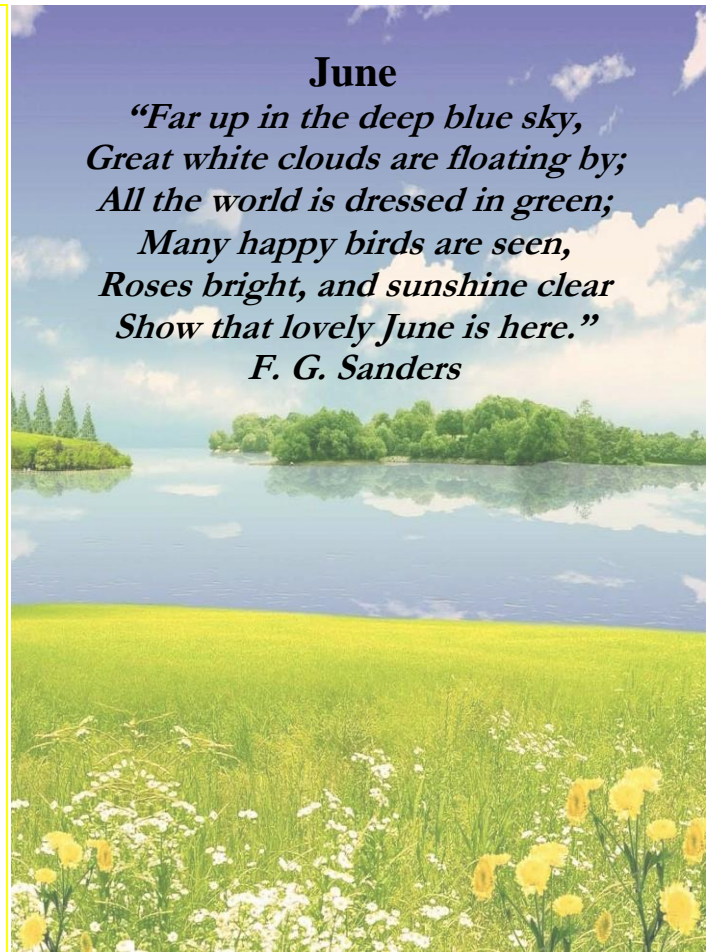
If a child lives with shame, he learns to feel guilt.

Are you careful about what you are living, dear friends?

June

*“Far up in the deep blue sky,
Great white clouds are floating by;
All the world is dressed in green;
Many happy birds are seen,
Roses bright, and sunshine clear
Show that lovely June is here.”*

F. G. Sanders



Exodus 15:2

The Lord is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him, my father's God, and I will exalt him.

June Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 1 – Darlene Roach
- 6 – Paul & Grace Bolling
Van & Becky Garner
- 7 – Craig Smith
- 08 – Wellma Owens
- 09 – Richard & Sheryl Colie
- 11 – Phoebe Barr
- 13 – Lillian Love
- 15 – Betty Garten
- 17 – Craig & Libby Smith
- 19 – Diane Bowker
Dan Joslin
- 22 – Gary & Judy Rice
- 24 – Kathy Parker
- 26 – Beth Garner
- 28 – Galen Clark



June Calendar

- 1 – Church Board Meeting
- 11-13 – Church Yard Sale
- 14 – Church Reopening
- 21 – Father’s Day

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. Tuesdays and Pastor Becky will continue to bring a Bible study at 7 P.M. on Thursdays on their personal FB pages.

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

Prayer Needs:

Linda Fregeau	Dominic Tannoia	Amanda Blackburn	Ida Chaplow
Doug Keuther	Patrick Lindsey	Betty Coolie	Ben Bergman
June Carsey	Rich Harris	Nikki Morgan	Anna Marie Anderson
Phoebe Barr	Elis Lodge	Pastor Tim Taylor	Pastor Jim Spear
Laurel Chapman	Judi Predko’s family	Eileen Massett	Mark & Lisa Koch
Ernie Rybold	Paul Jones	Betty Predko	Tom Blakeman
Sheryl Colie & Family	Tim Dillehay	Dorothy Chapman	Paul & Grace Boling
Ardyth Eldridge	Marlene Ryan	Joseph Groves	Lorraine Jungles
Mark & Kim Barr	Louis Perez	The Monroe Family	Dave Peck
Kenny & Gail Goodman	Phyllis Obney	Regina Williams	Alice Daugherty
Children & Teen Depts.	Eileen Jennings	Kitty Baxter	Our District Family
A Youth Pastor	Unsaved Loved Ones	Those affected negatively by the Corona Virus	

Returning to the Sanctuary

If you are at all uncomfortable returning to onsite worship services – we will continue to record our services, so we encourage you to continue to watch our services online at:

<https://www.nfmnazarene.com/messages>

The church board has made the decision to begin holding onsite worship on June 14, at 10:45 A.M.

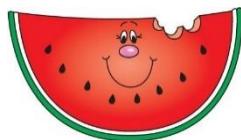
The building will be thoroughly cleaned before opening. Doors will be propped open and hand sanitizing stations will be available at each entrance. Chairs and rows will be roped off to encourage appropriate social distancing. Offering will be dropped into a container as we enter or exit. Words will continue to be on the screen, and you are encouraged to bring your Bible and avoid using the hymnals and Bibles in the chairs. We will not hold Bible studies before church and will try to keep our time together under one hour. Rather than trying to record names, we will be taking a snapshot of the congregation each week in order to be able to contact anyone about contamination should the need arise.

We encourage you to stay home if you are not feeling well and wear a mask if you are more comfortable doing so.

With our summer “up in the air” and so few special dates planned, we thought you might like to celebrate some very special days on your own. Here is a list of just a few recognized special days for June:

June 1

Dare Day
National Trails Day



June 2

National Rocky Road Day

June 4

Applesauce Cake Day
Hug Your Cat Day

June 5

Hot Air Balloon Day
National Doughnut Day

June 6

D-Day, WWII
National Gardening Exercise Day
National Yo-Yo Day



June 7

National Chocolate Ice Cream Day
National Frozen Yogurt Day

June 8

Best Friends Day
Name Your Poison Day
World Ocean Day

June 9

Donald Duck Day
National Strawberry Rhubarb Pie Day

June 10

Iced Tea Day

June 11

National Corn on the Cob Day

June 12

National Flip Flop Day
National Peanut Butter Cookie Day



June 13

National Weed Your Garden Day
Sewing Machine Day

June 14

Flag Day

June 15

Smile Power Day

June 17

Eat Your Vegetables Day

June 18

Go Fishing Day
International Panic Day

June 19

Juneteenth
Take a Road Trip Day

June 20

Ice Cream Soda Day
National Bald Eagle Day

June 21

Father's Day
National Sea Shell Day
National Turkey Lovers Day

June 22

National Chocolate Eclair Day
National Onion Ring Day

June 23

International Widows Day

June 26

Beautician's Day
Forgiveness Day

June 27

National Onion Day



June 11 – 12 – 13
8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Given the enormous number of donations the church has received in recent months, it is time to have another yard sale. Most tables will be outside – weather permitting – in order to make certain to provide the safest environment possible. If you have donations or want to volunteer to help, please contact Lucille Logan. See you there!

We have placed our church directory online at nfmnazarene.com. If you wish to be able to access the directory, you must have a password – which we will change periodically. Contact Pastor Becky or a church board member for that password. We are also working on a Church app for your smartphone. The app will allow you to access the church services, prayer requests, messages, online giving, and much more. More information soon.

When troubles come our way

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler; but if anyone suffers as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name. For it is time for judgment to begin with the household of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God? And if it is with difficulty that the righteous is saved, what will become of the godless man and the sinner? Therefore, those also who suffer according to the will of God shall entrust their souls to a faithful Creator in doing what is right. 1 Peter 4:12-19 (NASB)

Why is this happening to me? Have I done something wrong? Am I being punished? All of us have probably asked these questions at some point in our life. Perhaps our world was turned upside down by a medical diagnosis, a seemingly insurmountable financial crisis, a relationship that fell apart after starting out well, or a loss of some kind. It's natural to want to know why a storm has occurred, but how we choose to handle it is also important. Will our trust in the Lord increase as we watch Him use our suffering to make us more Christlike, or will we become bitter and resentful toward Him? In other words, will we rage against God or humbly submit?

With all that has been put on us in the last months, it would be easy to become bitter and resentful. Jesus himself tells us how valuable we are to Him and the Father. Hear Jesus' words: *Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows.* Matthew 10 (NASB)

Ignace Jan Paderewski, the famous pianist, was scheduled to perform at a great concert hall in America. It was a high-society extravaganza. Present in the audience that evening was a mother and her fidgety nine-year old. She had brought him in the hopes that when he heard the great composer play, he would be encouraged to practice.

As the mother turned to talk with some friends, he slipped away and was strangely drawn to the grand Steinway piano on the platform. Staring wide-eyed at the keys the boy sat on the stool; placed his small fingers on the keys and began to play "Chopsticks." The roar of the crowd came to a hush as frowning faces pointed in his direction. Someone began to shout, "Get that boy away from there!" "Where is his mother?" "Somebody get that kid."

Backstage the master composer overheard the sounds out front. He quickly realized what was happening and hurried toward the stage. Without one word of announcement, he stooped over behind the boy, reached around on both sides, and began to improvise a countermelody to harmonize with and enhance "Chopsticks." As they played together, the composer kept whispering in the boy's ear, "Keep going; don't quit. Keep playing; don't stop. Don't quit...."

It is the same for us as we work for the Lord. Our playing of "Chopsticks" may not be impressing anyone. But about the time we're ready to give up, we hear the Master say, "Keep going; don't stop; don't give up." And this is what the Lord is saying to us in this moment. "Don't give up. It doesn't matter what others think about what you're doing. Do it with all your heart unto Me and I'll help you." Disappointments can turn into victories when the Master steps in and begins to play the countermelody.

Nothing happens to us that is not filtered through the hands of God. Sometimes we bring trouble on ourselves with willful disobedience; other times, storms come through no fault of our own. In either case, difficulties are common to all of us. And Peter tells us not to be surprised at fiery ordeals as if something strange is happening to us. Whatever the cause, God uses trials to purify and refine us. Therefore, as we aim to continually do what is right in the Creator's eyes, let's keep on rejoicing in the Lord, with our hope firmly set on Christ's return.

Blessings, stay safe and well, Pastor Van



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