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Nazarenes, Who Are We – Part IV

This month, we continue our concentration on what the Nazarene Church believes with our last 3 Articles of Faith, the definition of the Church, and our Agreed Statement of Belief.

XIV. Divine Healing

We believe in the Bible doctrine of divine healing and urge our people [to seek] to offer the prayer of faith for the healing of the sick. We also believe God heals through the means of medical science.

XV. Second Coming of Christ

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ will come again; that we who are alive at His coming shall not precede them that are asleep in Christ Jesus; but that, if we are abiding in Him, we shall be caught up with the risen saints to meet the Lord in the air, so that we shall ever be with the Lord.

XVI. Resurrection, Judgment, and Destiny

We believe in the resurrection of the dead, that the bodies both of the just and of the unjust shall be raised to life and united with their spirits—*“they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation.”*

We believe in future judgment in which every person shall appear before God to be judged according to his or her deeds in this life.

We believe that glorious and everlasting life is assured to all who savingly believe in, and obediently follow, Jesus Christ our Lord; and that the finally impenitent shall suffer eternally in hell.

THE CHURCH I. The General Church

The Church of God is composed of all spiritually regenerate persons, whose names are written in heaven.

II. The Churches Severally

The churches severally are to be composed of such regenerate persons as by providential permission, and by the leadings of the Holy Spirit, become associated together for holy fellowship and ministries.

III. The Church of the Nazarene

The Church of the Nazarene is composed of those persons who have voluntarily associated themselves together according to the doctrines and polity of said church, and who seek holy Christian fellowship, the conversion of sinners, the entire sanctification of believers, their upbuilding in holiness, and the simplicity and spiritual power manifest in the primitive New Testament Church, together with the preaching of the gospel to every creature.

IV. Agreed Statement of Belief

Recognizing that the right and privilege of persons to church membership rest upon the fact of their being regenerate, we would require only such avowals of belief as are essential to Christian experience. We, therefore, deem belief in the following brief statements to be sufficient. We believe:

In one God—the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

The Old and New Testament Scriptures, given by plenary inspiration, contain all truth necessary to faith and Christian living.

Human beings are born with a fallen nature, and are, therefore, inclined to evil, and that continually.

The finally impenitent are hopelessly and eternally lost.

The atonement through Jesus Christ is for the whole human race; and that whosoever repents and believes on the Lord Jesus Christ is justified and regenerated and saved from the dominion of sin.

That believers are to be sanctified wholly, subsequent to regeneration, through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Holy Spirit bears witness to the new birth, and also to the entire sanctification of believers.

Our Lord will return, the dead will be raised, and the final judgment will take place.

As we continue to focus our attention on the beliefs we embrace and hold sacred, please pray and ask the Lord’s help as you seek to live a life pleasing and acceptable to Him.
Pastors Van and Becky

July Events



- 3 – Busy Hands 9:30 AM
- 4 – Independence Day
- 7 – Independence Day Celebration
- 8 – Faith Promise Sunday
- 11 – Food Distribution
- 12 – Board Meeting 10 AM
- 13 – Super Moon High-Tide Shelling Trip
- 16-20 – Vacation Bible School

Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 10 – Bill & Judi Predko
- 11 – Dave Parker
- 13 – Lucille Logan
- 16 – Alice Daughtery
Gail Wills
- 17 – Bud & Phoebe Barr
- 20 – Angus Fizer
- 22 – Harry & Susi Friedman
- 24 – Richard Loubier
- 28 – Dan Bowke



Prayer Needs:

Patrick Lindsey	Jerry Lee	Orion Predko	Janet VanSkiver
Laurel & Dorothy Chapman	Janice O'Lynn	Michael Romano	Ryan Woodby
Paul & Grace Boling	Matthew Morgan	Ida Chaplow	Ardyth Eldridge
George Smith	Phoebe Barr	Beth Kurland	Mark & Kim Barr
Sheryl Colie & Family	Joseph Groves	Eileen Massett	Louis Perez
Ernie Rybold	Regina Williams	Alice Daugherty	Phyllis Obney
Kenny & Gail Goodman	Bonnie Rose	Eileen Jennings	Vanessa Hinckley
Raymond Jungles	Annie Krapu	Ken Vandelinde	Cody Church
Steven Leo	Janice O'Lynn	Jeff Werling	Betty Retter
Sandy Reedy	Pearl Buchkoski	Jerry & Deane Werling	The Nation of Israel
Marlene Ryan	Kitty Baxter		
House of James Ministries	A Youth Pastor	Unsaved Loved Ones	Our Church Leaders
Our military, our leaders & our nation			



Sunday, July 8

Drs. Bruce & Peggy Oldham will be our special guests.

You won't want to miss this very special service with an emphasis on missions.



Harry Chapin Food Bank
OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA
Fighting Hunger, Feeding Hope

We are excited to be partnering with the Harry Chapin Food Bank to help feed the hungry and provide for the needy in North Fort Myers. We need volunteers to help with the distribution on Wednesday, July 11, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, to help with a variety of tasks. Please spread the word to anyone you think could benefit from this special outreach and join us as we partner to help those in need. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Jesus in North Fort Myers.



Teen Camp 2018 – We were blessed, with the help of our wonderful folks, to be able to send three of our teenagers to camp at no cost. Camp was held June 18-22, and we are filled with joy to announce that one of our very special young men, Jay Adams, accepted the Lord and was baptized in Lake Placid, along with 14 other teens at camp. Since Pastor Van accompanied our group to camp, he had the privilege of baptizing Jay. (He is in the sunglasses wearing a red shirt at the top of the picture, and Jay is to his right.) Thank you so much for all your help making certain that every one of our teens who wanted to go to camp were able to go.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



Saturday, July 7 – 5:00 PM

in the Fellowship Hall
Bring a side dish and come
ready to have a good time!

Sign up in the foyer

July 16 - 20

6 - 8:30 P.M.

Music, Bible Lessons,
Crafts, Games,
Snacks
and boatloads of fun!

Grades K - 5 and
Youth class for the
teens



Register online at nfmnazarene.com

Living Honestly

1 Peter 3:7-12 (ESV)

Likewise, husbands, live with your wives in an understanding way, showing honor to the woman as the weaker vessel, since they are heirs with you of the grace of life, so that your prayers may not be hindered. Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. For “Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

When the minister asked one of his elders to lead the congregation in prayer, the man shocked everyone.

“I’m sorry, Pastor, but I’ve been arguing with my wife all the way to church and I’m in no condition to pray.

The next moment was awkward to say the least. The minister prayed. The service moved on. Later, the pastor vowed never to ask anyone to pray publicly without first asking them privately.

That man demonstrated astonishing honesty in a place where hypocrisy would have been much easier. But there is a larger lesson about prayer here. God is a loving Father. If I, as a husband, do not respect and honor my wife – a cherished daughter of God – why would her Heavenly Father hear my prayers?

The apostle Paul made an interesting observation about this. He instructed husbands to treat their wives with respect and as equal heirs in Christ “*so that your prayers will not be hindered.*” (I Peter 3:7) Does this hold true with how we treat our fellow Christians, no matter their denominational background? How about that person in the church who never seems to do things the way you think they should be done? Peter goes on to tell us in verses 8 and 9, “*Finally, everyone must live in harmony,*

be sympathetic, love each other, have compassion, and be humble. Don't pay people back with evil for the evil they do to you, or ridicule those who ridicule you. Instead, bless them, because you were called to inherit a blessing.

Seems like the blessings we inherit are closely tied to the way we treat one another. The underlying principle is that our relationships affect our prayer life.

What would happen if we exchanged the Sunday smiles and the façade of religiosity with refreshing honesty with our brothers and sisters?

Romans 12:9-13

Love sincerely. Hate evil. Hold on to what is good. Be devoted to each other like a loving family. Excel in showing respect for each other. Don't be lazy in showing your devotion. Use your energy to serve the Lord. Be happy in your confidence, be patient in trouble, and pray continually. Share what you have with God's people who are in need. Be hospitable.

With love and prayers, Pastor Van



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