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Our Church Can Be Your Home

PRAYER ... The Heart of Holy Living

The heart is an amazing muscle. It is continually pumping life-giving blood throughout your body. If there is ever a day when our heart ceases to pump ... we will die.

The heart of Holy living is found in your prayer life. We are at our best when our prayer lives are strong and consistent. When our prayer lives are strong it pumps life-giving juices to the rest of our body and enables us live Holy lives in an unholy world.

Folks, is the heart of holiness (prayer) under attack in your life? Its one of the first things Satan will attack in an individual's life and in churches. Have you communicated with Jesus today ... heart to heart!

Brennan Manning tells the following story of an old man who was dying of cancer.

The man's daughter had asked the local priest to come and pray with her father. When the priest arrived, he found the man lying in bed with his head propped up on two pillows and an empty chair beside his bed. The priest assumed that the old fellow had been informed of his visit. "I guess you were expecting me," he said.

"No, who are you?"
"I'm the new associate at your parish," the priest replied. "When I saw the empty chair, I figured you knew I was going to show up."

"Oh yeah, the chair" said the bedridden man. "Would you mind closing the door?"
Puzzled, the priest shut the door.

"I've never told anyone this, not even my daughter," said the man. "But all of my life I have never known how to pray. At the Sunday Mass I used to hear the pastor talk about prayer, but it always went right over my head ..."

"I abandoned any attempt at prayer," the old man continued, "until one day about four years ago my best friend said to me, 'Joe, prayer is just a simple matter of having a conversation with Jesus. Here's what I suggest. Sit down on a chair, place an empty chair in front of you, and in faith

see Jesus on the chair. It's not spooky because he promised, 'I'll be with you always.' Then just speak to him and listen in the same way you're doing with me right now.'

"So, Father, I tried it and I've liked it so much that I do it a couple of hours every day. I'm careful, though. If my daughter saw me talking to an empty chair, she'd either have a nervous breakdown or send me off to the funny farm."

The priest was deeply moved by the story and encouraged the old guy to continue on the journey. Then he prayed with him, anointed him with oil, and returned to the rectory.

Two nights later the daughter called to tell the priest that her daddy had died that afternoon.

"Did he seem to die in peace?" he asked.

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COMING UP IN FEBRUARY

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES

- 7—Children's Local Quiz 5 p.m.
- 9—50 Plus Valentine Friendship Banquet
- 11—Church Board Meeting 6 p.m.
- 13—Teen Quiz at Mannington
- 14—Broadway Welcomes Ben and Ashley Kuhn
- 16—Work and Witness Meeting 7 p.m.
- 18—4Health+ 6:30 p.m..
- 20—Newsletter Deadline
- 22—Parent's Night Out 5:30 p.m.
- 24—NMI Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.
- 24—NMI Service 7:00 p.m.
- 28—Youth Service 6 p.m.

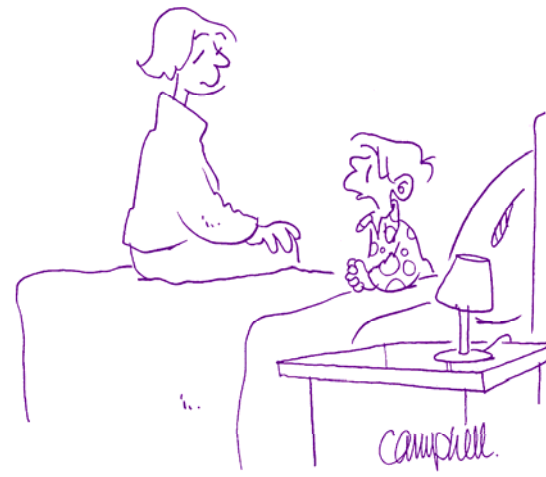
- Sunday**
- Sunday School9:30 AM
 - Morning Worship.....10:30 AM
 - Evening Worship6:00 PM
- Wednesday**
- Children's and Youth Ministries.....6:30 PM
 - Adult Services.....7:00 PM
(Missionary Service, last Wednesday of each month)
 - Choir Rehearsal.....8:10 PM
- Friday**
- Men's Prayer Breakfast.....7:30 AM

Equal opportunity

When young Kelli said her prayers each night, she would bless every family member, every friend and every pet (current or past). Toward the end of her prayers, she'd say, "And all girls."

One night her father asked his daughter why she always ended that way.

"Because," she replied, "everybody else always finishes their prayers by saying, 'All men.'"



"How did God hear your prayers in the old days ... before they were beamed via satellite?"

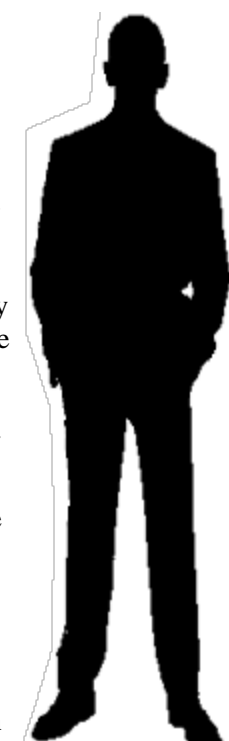


Valentine Friendship Banquet

The 50 Plus group will have a Valentine Friendship Banquet on Feb 9th at Outback Steakhouse. The time is 5:30 p.m. which should give those that work time to come after working hours. It is not just for couples, so invite a friend and come join us for an evening of fellowship.

Valentines to give your children

- Acceptance – Teach kids that you love them for who and what they are. Give this gift with a kiss.
- Self-confidence – Help children understand that they can trust themselves. Give this gift with a hug.
- Life without needless fears – Don't let your kids see you as a worrier. Give this gift with laughter.
- Appreciation – Help children acquire a spark of gratitude and enjoy all of life. Give this gift as they go out the door.
- Faith – Introduce your children to God, the best friend they'll ever have. Give this gift by taking them to church every Sunday.





Men's Prayer Meeting

All men are welcome each Friday morning at 7:30 for prayer in the sanctuary. Breakfast follows at an area restaurant.

4-Health+

Men and women are welcome to meet on February 18th at 6:30 PM in the Activity Hall for a time of devotion and walking in the gym, to get a little healthier in heart, soul, mind, and strength. Come join us!



Mk. 12:30-31

Memory Keepers



Memory Keepers will meet on February 27th in the Activity Hall from 11:00 - 4:00. If you want to fellowship while scrapbooking your photographs, please come. If you have questions, call Tina Smith at 304-699-4466. See you there!

Open Volleyball

All ages are welcome to join us at 6 p.m. for Saturday Night Volleyball in the Activity Hall. Please see the calendar for dates. For more information see Don Nutter.



Parents' Night Out



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Parents Night out is two hours for you to be free of your kids so that you can fellowship with other adults or take care of some things you need to get done. It is for families with children who are 5th grade and younger.

Sign up in the foyer, and plan to come to the Activity Hall on February 22nd. See Shirley Anderson for more details or if you have questions.

5:30 - 6:00 PM Light Supper
6:00 - 8:00 PM Free Babysitting
8:00 - 8:30 PM Pick-up Kids

They're coming!



Feb 14th we're planning a big Broadway welcome for our new pastors Ben & Ashley Kuhn. We're having a dinner provided by Captain D's after the p.m. service. Please come and help us welcome them.

PASTOR'S COLUMN

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"Yes, when I left the house around two o'clock, he called me over to his bedside, told me one of his corny jokes, and kissed me on the cheek. When I got back from the store an hour later, I found him dead. But there was some-thing strange, Father. In fact, beyond strange—kinda weird. Apparently, just before Daddy died, he leaned over and rested his head on a chair beside the bed."

(From *Abba's Child* by Brennan Manning, Colorado Springs: NavPress, 1994, pg. 126-7)

Read John 13:23-25 and 21:20.

John, was known as the beloved disciple, the "disciple whom Jesus loved", and he wrote twice in the Gospel of John that he laid his head on Jesus' breast. It was an intimate moment, a special memory. A moment of closeness, where he could hear the heart beat of God. The amazing thing is we too can hear his heart beat ... through **PRAYER!**

Are you and Jesus so close you can converse with Him as you would a friend? Do you know that He loves you with a passion and is interested in you and wants to listen you? Do you know he wants you to listen because through prayer he's got something to say to you? Can you lay your head on his chest and feel his heartbeat?

How's your prayer life? He's wanting to hear from you! Your spiritual growth hinges on prayer and so does the growth of your church.

PRAY HARD!

God Bless,
Pastor Bill Hines



•Midweek Youth
Wednesday nights
at 6:30 p.m.

•5th Quarter
Friday Nights
at 8:00 p.m.

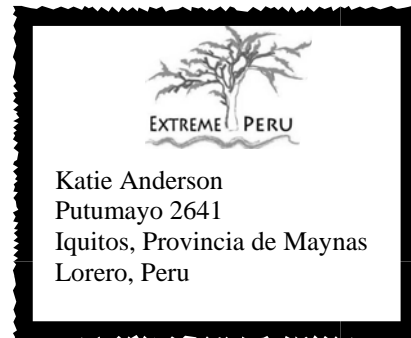
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Dan Anderson
for more information
about
the
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activities.



Crisis Care Kits

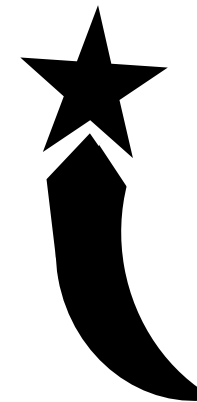
Crisis Care Kits (CCKs) are a Nazarene effort to meet needs around the world. The kits have gone to places like Belize, California,, Dominican Republic, Greensburg, KS, Haiti, Jamaica, Jordon, Louisiana, Philippines, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Ukraine, and Zambia. There is a great need now in the aftermath of the earthquakes in Haiti. Your generosity makes an incredible difference!

- 1 medium-size bottle of shampoo (12 to 18 oz.)
- 2 bars of soap (bath-size or larger)
- 1 medium toothpaste (4.0 to 6.4 oz.)
- 3 toothbrushes
- 1 box of Band-Aids (30 or more)
- 1 fingernail clipper
- 1 sturdy hair comb
- 2 hand towels
- 4 pocket-size packages of facial tissue
- 1 Beanie Baby-size stuffed toy



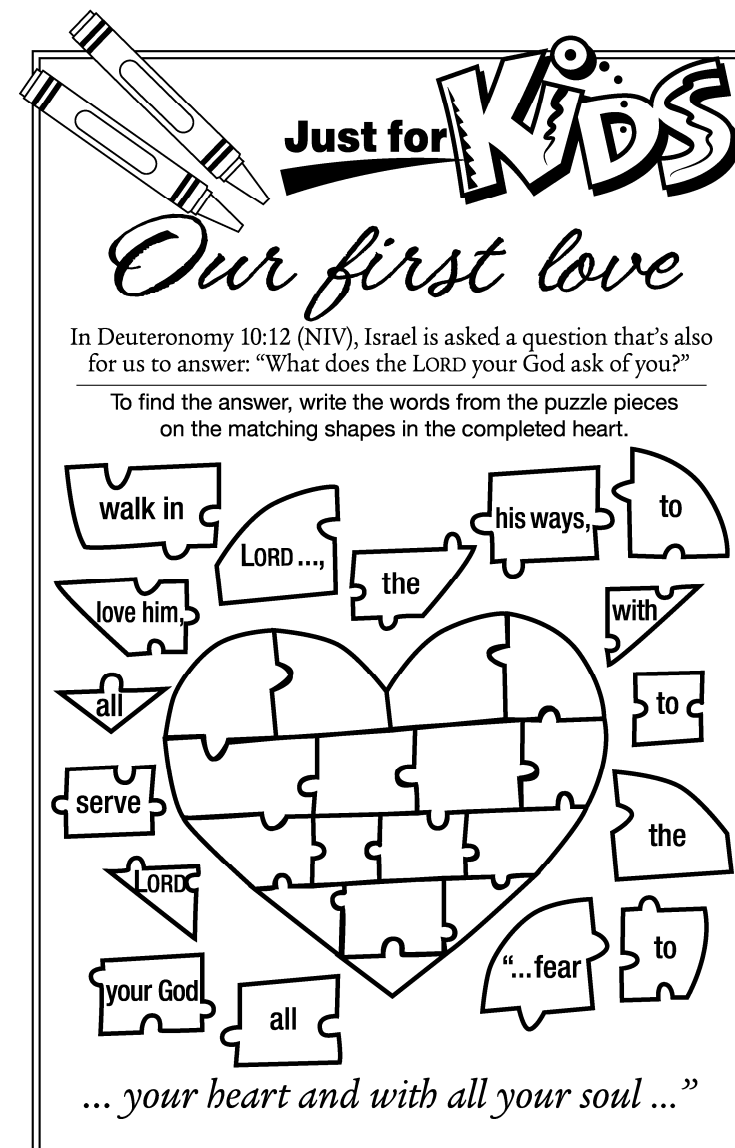
Prayer Mobilization Line

The Prayer Mobilization Line (PML) is a twice-weekly publication focusing on the prayer needs and praise reports for the global ministries of the Church of the Nazarene and our missionaries. Anyone can subscribe to receive PML, free of charge, via e-mail on the NMI web site. Printable versions of the current and archived issues of PML are also available on our site. <http://www.nazarenemissions.org>
To access the NMI Prayer Mobilization Line via telephone,



Are you a rising star ... shining bright for Jesus?

Hey Rising Stars— Bring the puzzle below completed to Children's Church and get "2 star bucks" to spend in the Big City Studio Store. Bring your Bible and get two "star bucks" each Sunday you do. Bring back your puzzle and devotion record and get five more "star bucks" each week you turn one in.



Answer:
"... fear the LORD ... to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD"

* A JAR OF * Love and Appreciation

Sometimes we forget to show love and appreciation to people who are closest to us. Use this fun craft to let everyone in your family know how much you care.

- What you need:**
- Plastic jar with lid
 - Heart-shaped foam pieces
 - Heart-shaped stickers
 - Glue
 - Construction paper
 - Scissors
 - Pencil or crayons

- What you do:**
1. Decorate the jar and lid with heart-shaped foam pieces and stickers.
 2. Cut out 2" or 3" heart shapes from the construction paper.
 3. On each paper heart, write what you appreciate and love about your family and each member. Have all family members do this, too.
 4. Place the heart messages inside the jar. Fold them in half, if necessary.
 5. On each day in February, pull out one heart and read the message aloud to the family.
 6. Notice the changes in your family when everyone feels loved and appreciated!