

“The Family Place”

Our Mission: Sharing Christ and Making Disciples

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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

A local newspaper had a Sunday morning religion section that contained, among other things, letters to the editor about various religious issues. Most weeks these letters were pretty innocuous, but one Sunday something was printed that became quite controversial.

A man wrote:

I quit going to church this year. I decided that listening to sermons week after week was a stupid thing to do. After all, I went to church for more than 40 years and during my lifetime I probably heard 5,000 sermons. I can only remember about five of them. What a waste of time.

—Bored and Busy

This sparked a fury of incoming letters. Some people wrote that sermons do make a difference, while others sided with Bored and Busy's opinion that they were basically meaningless and unnecessary. Finally, one letter was printed that ended the debate:

I quit eating this year. Thanks to Bored and Busy's insights, I decided that eating week after week was a stupid thing to do. After all, I have been eating for more than 40 years and during my lifetime I probably have eaten 5,000 meals. I can only remember about five of them. What a waste of time.

—Starved and Stupid

Sometimes you may wonder what good it does to listen to sermons or participate in weekly Bible studies or have daily devotions. Like the first letter writer in the story, you may feel that you're too bored or busy for the things of God. But don't overlook the fact that you need those things to survive.

In order to grow as a Christian, you need spiritual food (*1 Corinthians 3:2*). *I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it.*

Indeed, you are still not ready. You need to feed on the Word of God. Not every spiritual meal is going to be memorable, but it will provide you with the nourishment you need to survive and thrive as a Christian.



NEW BEGINNINGS



Broadway’s choir practices every Sunday night after Evening Worship and at 9:15 on Sunday morning. Please come to practice if you feel the nudging of the Holy Spirit. It will be a blessing to you and the congregation.



Caravan and Benson’s Buddies will begin a new year on September 7th with registration and fun time beginning at 7 p.m. There will also be a chance to register on September 4th in the a.m. and p.m.

Children’s Quizzing and Quizlets has resumed for preschool through 6th grade children on Sundays at 6 p.m.



Teen Quizzing has resumed for members of Broadway’s NYI on Sundays at 6 p.m.



Saturday Sept 3rd Broadway’s Activity Hall

Might and power



In one of my earliest memories, I watch as my parents tie our swing set to a big oak tree in our back yard. It was hurricane season in southern Louisiana. My 5-year-old mind couldn't imagine how a storm could be strong enough to blow away the play equipment.

But my parents could. As New Orleans natives, they knew all too well what hurricanes can do. So with skies still blue and waters still calm, they prepared for a coming storm they couldn't yet see.

The author of Proverbs writes that the fear of the Lord helps us avoid "the snares of death" (14:27). Allow God's greatness to shape and influence your actions. Then you can rest securely in the One who has power over everything — even hurricanes.

—Kari Myers

In a nutshell

A Sunday school teacher gave her second-graders a month to memorize Psalm 23. One little boy was excited about the task but just couldn't remember the whole chapter.

When the day came for the children to recite Psalm 23 before the congregation, the nervous boy stepped up to the microphone and said, "The Lord is my Shepherd, and that's all I need to



Labor of love

During Labor Day weekend worship, many congregations bless members of various occupations. From painting to parenting, from truck driving to teaching, from farming to pharmaceutical research, work is honored as holy.

Some might believe that certain jobs — pastor, missionary, bishop — are holier than others. But in his classic book *The Practice of the Presence of God*, Brother Lawrence, a 17th-century Carmelite monk, tells of performing even the most common, tedious tasks as holy service to God: "I turn the cake that is frying on the pan for love of [God]," he wrote. "It is enough for me to pick up but a straw from the ground for the love of God."

No matter your field of work, remember that any task done in God's name and to his glory is holy.

MISSIONS

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.

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Crisis Care Kits

Crisis Care Kits (CCKs) are a cooperative effort between Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Incorporated (NCMI) and Nazarene Missions International (NMI).

CCKs continue to meet the needs around the world. Kits have gone to places like, California, Dominican Republic, Greensburg, KS, Haiti, Jamaica, Jordon, Louisiana, Philippines, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Ukraine, and Zambia. Your generosity makes an incredible difference!

Shopping List

- 1 medium-size bottle of shampoo (12-18 oz.)
- 2 bars of soap (bath-size or larger)
- 1 medium toothpaste (4.0-6.4 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

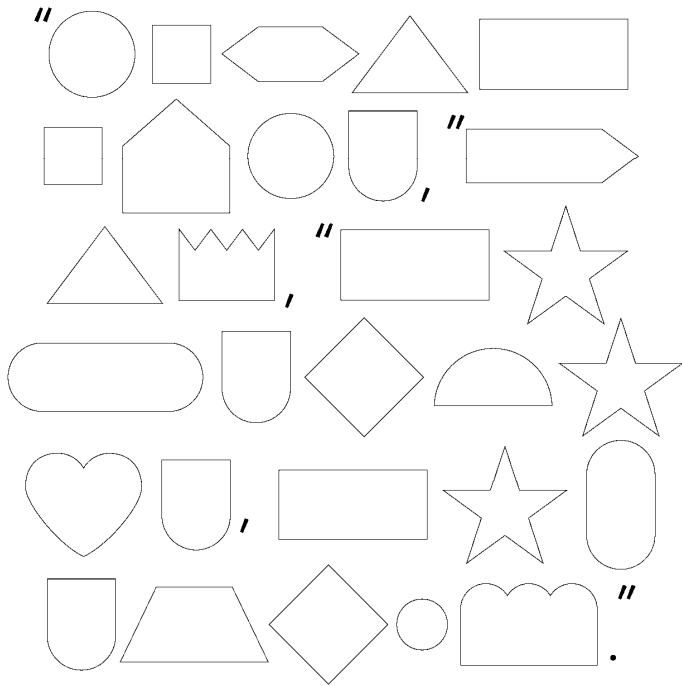
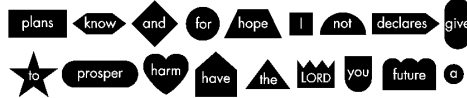
Each Crisis Care Kit (CCK) should contain only the items/quantities listed. Place all items into a 2-gallon zip-lock bag.



GOD'S PLAN

When we ask God for guidance, he will show us his perfect plan for our lives.

Directions: Use the shape code to the right to write out Jeremiah 29:11, NIV.



Answers: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11, NIV)

PRAYER

Practicing the ABCs

As school resumes, Christians of all ages can practice their faith ABCs. Connie Willems, editor of Discipleship Journal Online, suggests praying through the alphabet to describe God.

What would you list? Ideas include Almighty, Blessed, Christ, Divine, Elohim, Faithful, Gracious, Holy and so on. If Q and X stump you, relax the rules a bit: Quitting? Never! and Xcellent! surely describe our Lord.

Try a similar approach to think of people and things to thank God for: Apples, Books, Cats, Daddy, Elephants, Friends ... and on and on!



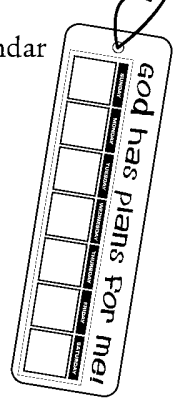
Shine for Jesus

A daily reminder

Make this bookmark to remind you that God is with you every day.

What you need:

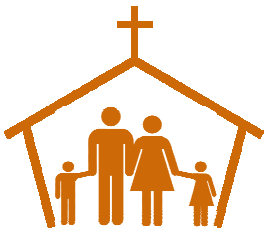
- An old calendar
- Scissors
- Cardstock
- Glue stick
- Pencil or marker
- Stickers
- Hole punch
- Ribbon or yarn



What you do:

1. Cut out the first line of squares from an old calendar, including the days of the week along the top.
2. Cut the cardstock into a rectangle a little larger than the calendar section.
3. Glue the calendar section onto the cardstock.
4. Write "God has plans for me" (Jeremiah 29:11) on the bookmark.
5. Add stickers or other decorations on the back.
6. Punch a hole on one end of the bookmark.
7. Loop some ribbon or yarn through the hole.





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COMING UP IN SEPTEMBER

- Sept 1—Yard Sale Drop Off in evening
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- 3—Yard Sale 8 a.m.
- 8—Church Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 10—Teen Quiz Meet
- 11—Patriot Day
- 11—Grandparents Day
- 11—Buddy Training 5:30 p.m.
- 12—1st Self Defense Class in Children’s Center
- 17—Sonfest at MVNU
- 18—Fall Festival Planning Meeting 5 p.m.
- 21—October Newsletter articles due
- 22—Sunday School Board Meeting 7 p.m.
- 30—TGIF

WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

- Sunday**
 - Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 - Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
 - Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.
 - Choir Rehearsal 7:00 p.m.
- Monday**
 - 20-Somethings 7:00 p.m.
- Wednesday**
 - Wednesday Supper 6:00 p.m.
 - Children and Youth Activities 6:45 p.m.
 - Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
- Friday**
 - Men’s Prayer Breakfast 7:30 a.m.

Remember...



“The LORD is
 my shepherd,
 I shall not want.”

Psalm 23:1, NRSV