



THE MEETING HOUSE NEWS

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1765 Meeting House



**JULY
2026**

MISSION STATEMENT OF NAZARETH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

To worship and glorify God and to make disciples for Christ.

Dear Friends,

As we step into July, our great nation reaches a historic milestone: the 250th anniversary of its founding. In a world that often pulls us in different directions, this is a beautiful moment to pause, reflect, and thank God for the incredible blessings of freedom, community, and grace we enjoy in the United States. We will include a celebration of our nation and heritage here at Nazareth during worship this Sunday, while remembering that our primary focus on Sunday is to worship God.

We will also Commission our Youth who are headed to Montreat. We have all young ladies this year! While they will have individual prayer partners, please be in prayer for Peyton Allen, Mila Barath, Ella Kern, Darcy Yarborough, Ella Yarborough and chaperones Susan Kern and Ashley Whitfield. This is always a highlight for our youth and we are glad Montreat and Black Mountain have been restored enough after Helene for this to take place.

Of course, you do not want to miss our Annual Intergenerational Vacation Bible School, centered entirely around Missions this year. CIA (Christians in Action) will center on Missions and kick off with our Rise Against Hunger on July 19. What a privilege to be a part of a wonderful family of faith that not only gives to missions but lives out our faith in ways that allows us to actively participate in helping others and sharing the light and love of grace through Jesus Christ.

Blessings,

Julie

“For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another.” Galatians 5:13

Worship



***Please join us for worship when you are in town this summer.
In-person worship is what sustains us as the body of Christ
and a community of faith.***

***Please take advantage of our “Livestream” worship when you are away.
But remember, it is the hugs, the smiles, the act of raising our voices as one as we
sing together in praise that keeps us united. Rev. Julie Schaaf will continue with her
Summer Sermon Series, “Sermons from the Sandbox.”
Come and worship with us and bring a friend.***

***Join us for Coffee & Conversation at 9:00 am
Sunday School at 9:30 am, followed by Worship at 10:30 am***

The choir and Worship committee would like to extend a sincere thank you to Mike and Shirley Boone for the new shelf in the choir loft. Choir members have needed a dedicated place for their hymnals for many years and the Boones have generously answered that request. Mike built the shelf with the beautiful wood they provided, and we are so grateful for their contribution.

There will be no choir or handbell rehearsals in July.

Head Ushers for July are Paula and Chris Cash.

Session

Approval:

- Approved motion (Kirkpatrick/Kotecha) to amend the agenda and add approval request from the Evangelism & Nurture Committee.
- Approved motion from Missions Committee to allow The Carpenter’s Table Board to hold a family get together in the Nazareth Family Life Center for the 5 churches that support TCT. The event will be held on a mutually agreeable date/time in November.
- Approved motion from Evangelism & Nurture Committee to sell tote bags to celebrate our country’s 250th anniversary. Cost will be \$3 each or 2 for \$5. (Tote bags ended up being unavailable)

Other Items

- Encourage people to sign up to participate in the Rise Against Hunger meal packing event on July 19.
- God’s Green Resourceful Earth (GGRE) will become a new mission focus for Pennies for Hunger.
- July 5th Worship Service will have a patriotic theme recognizing the 250th anniversary of the USA.
- Expected installation of the new HVAC unit for the FLC is June 26.
- Jeff Hayes and Amy Jackson will serve as liturgists during the month of July.
- There is no stated Session meeting in July. The next stated Session meeting will be Monday, August 17 at 7:00pm in the Session Room.

There will be no Session meeting in July.

Year of Prayer at Nazareth



July Prayer Focus: Prayers for the USA



As our nation celebrates the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in 2026, we as Christians have a unique opportunity to pause, reflect, and pray. This milestone is more than a celebration of history; it is a reminder of God's faithfulness through generations. While our nation has experienced seasons of blessing, challenge, growth, and division, we can be grateful for the freedoms we enjoy and for the many ways God has guided our country throughout the years.

Scripture reminds us to pray for those in authority and to seek the welfare of the communities where God has placed us. As we commemorate 250 years of American history, let us pray for our leaders at every level of government, asking God to grant them wisdom, integrity, and courage. Let us also pray for unity among our citizens, that we may treat one another with respect and compassion, even when we disagree. May God's peace prevail over conflict, and may His truth guide our decisions as a nation.

Most importantly, let us pray for spiritual renewal across America. Lasting hope is not found in politics, prosperity, or human achievement, but in the renewing power of Jesus Christ. As churches, families, and communities recognize this historic anniversary, may we seek God's blessing with humble hearts, asking Him to revive our faith, strengthen our witness, and lead our nation toward righteousness. May the 250th anniversary be a time of gratitude for the past, hope for the future, and renewed commitment to serving God and our neighbors.

Please continue to add your "Unspoken Prayers" to the cross in the prayer room. These are confidential and will not be removed or read by anyone. We have also added an "Answered Prayer Jar". We invite you to place a marble (located next to the jar) in the glass jar for each answered prayer you receive. This will serve as a visual reminder of God's power and faithfulness.

Your prayer team,

Cindy Buttino

James Cantrell

Harriet Watkins

Barbara Melton



Christian Education



Adult Sunday School News!

We will continue our adult Sunday School classes for the summer in the Fellowship Hall. Join us at 9:30am as we continue in our summer study with the book, *Moses: In the Footsteps of the Reluctant Prophet*.

MONTREAT Youth Conference is July 11-18.

This year, it's an all girls group! (Just the way it happened.) The conference theme is **"Wonder & Wander."** As we prepare for our youth group's trip, you can partner with us by contributing an item! Check out the donation list in the Fellowship Hall to see what is needed and sign up.

Place any donations in the tote in the Fellowship Hall by July 5th.
Thank you for your help!



Add to your calendar! **[The Blessing of the Backpacks](#)** will be on **Sunday, August 2** during worship. All school aged children/young people and School Staff are encouraged to bring their backpacks to church for this special blessing.



Christian Education



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

CIA - Christians in Action

Sunday July 19 - Tuesday July 21

Join us for our Intergenerational VBS! We will begin with a meal, followed by worship through song. Then we will explore God's call to serve and put our faith into action through VBS mission projects. **Please sign up by July 5!** Below is the schedule for VBS:

Sunday, July 19

11:30-1:00 Lunch in the Fellowship Hall (Fried Chicken & the fixings)

1:00-1:45 "Muscle Crew" goes to the FLC to unload, while everyone else helps to clean up the Fellowship Hall.

1:30- Rise Against Hunger sign in at the FLC

2:00-4:00pm Rise Against Hunger Event

4:00-4:30pm Reset the FLC for the rest of VBS

Monday, July 20

5:30-6:00pm Dinner at the FLC (Sandwiches, etc.)

6:00-6:10 Music

6:10-6:30 Bible Lesson

6:30-7:50 Mission Projects with your assigned group

7:50-8:00pm Music

Tuesday, July 21

5:30-6:00pm Dinner at the FLC (Tropical Grille)

6:00-6:10 Music

6:10-6:30 Bible Lesson

6:30-7:50 Mission Projects with your assigned group

7:50-8:00pm Music

To sign up for Rise Against Hunger, either click the link below or sign up on the sheets provided on the new Missions Board near the church office or on the bulletin board at the FLC.

<https://act.riseagainsthunger.org/event/e784816>

The Wagner Sunday School Class is proud to present the Nat and Ruth Bryson Scholarships to our two recipients:

Darcy Yarborough and Mila Barath





The Missions Focus for JULY is Feed the Future.

We will continue to collect School Supplies for D.R. Hill Middle School, Spartanburg Soup Kitchen and The Carpenter's Table.

School Supplies needed: Dividers, #2 pencils, markers, highlighters, crayons, loose-leaf paper, black/white composition notebooks, glue sticks & kids' scissors

There will be BINS available in the Fellowship Hall for all items collected!

Volunteer Opportunities

Spartanburg Soup Kitchen: Our next time to serve is July 25th from 9am-1pm. We need 3-5 volunteers from our church. Please contact Margie Dobbins @ 864-680-1957 if you are able to serve. You can also sign up on the Missions Bulletin Board.

Carpenter's Table: Nazareth Church will not serve in July.



Rise Against Hunger (RAH) event is July 19, after Lunch at the Fellowship Hall.
This is the kickoff for our 2026 Vacation Bible School.

Please put this date on your calendar. We need about 100 volunteers to package about 20,000 meals that will go to impoverished people overseas facing malnutrition and starvation. Sign up sheet is on the Missions Bulletin Board or in the Family Life Center for Pickle Ball Players as well as the Boy scouts and Girls Scouts. You can also sign up online using this link: <https://act.riseagainsthunger.org/event/e784816>



Pennies for Hunger offering will be received on Sunday, July 26th and will go to the Feed the Future ministry. Thank you for giving!!

Fellowship

Mark your calendars now for the **Low Country Boil on August 9.**

This event will be after church in the Family Life Center. Shrimp, corn, sausage, and potatoes will be prepared by our Nazareth chefs, Lou, Jeff, and Rick. Key Lime pie will be the dessert. For your entertainment, after-lunch music will be provided by Michelle Turner, a professional banjo player. The meal is free to Nazareth families. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Fellowship Hall starting in July. Voluntary donations at this event will go to the Middle Tyger Community Center.



Please join us each Sunday before Sunday School for Coffee and Conversation. We love to see you when you come!!



Come play Pickleball with us this summer!! You will be glad you did!

SUMMER PICKLEBALL

Sundays from 3:00pm to 5:00pm

Tuesdays from 10:00am to 12:00pm

(Note: We will NOT be closed on the 2nd Tuesday of the summer months as usual)

Tuesdays are a great time to come and learn since we have a smaller group.

Thursdays from 6:00pm to 8:00pm

See you all this summer at the Family Life Center!!!



**There will be no NOMEIO gathering in July.
Have a safe summer and watch for new details
about NOMEIO coming in August 2026.**

Presbyterian Women



Ladies Who Lunch

Ladies Who Lunch will not be meeting in July.

Our next get together will be the second Friday in August.

Back Porch Circle does not meet during the summer months.

Circle 3 will not have a meeting in July. We will resume in August.

Generosity/Stewardship

Nazareth has been very blessed to have careful and wise stewards over the years who have taken care of the financial blessings we have been given. However, this does not mean that we can rely on these investments for day-to-day operations. Our annual giving and commitments have been and continue to fall short of expenses. Did you know that, as of May:

- YTD expenses for postage \$440. 40
- YTD expenses for electricity (Church building only) \$2,669.40
- YTD expenses for gas (Church building only) \$3,017.00
- YTD expenses for water (FLC) \$301.02
- YTD total Missions spending (outside of special giving) \$9,498.11

Where might your commitment be helping?

Offerings for General Giving

Offerings as of 5/31/26 \$155,829.99

Expenses as of 5/31/26 \$157,548.33

Net Ordinary Income \$ -1,718.34

"You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."
2 Cor 9:11-12

SCAN TO GIVE



Your Tithe is important for our continued ability to "Make Disciples for Jesus" and support our missions locally and worldwide. Scan the code with your phone to make your offering to Nazareth.

Journey of Generosity (JOG)

J.O.G.

Journey of Generosity



Some may see this as generosity, while others compassion. For years now, I have used my resources to help some folks of whom I am familiar with, who are struggling and others who have troubling circumstances. They say that sometimes you have to put yourself in someone else's shoes to appreciate their situation.

You have to get down in the dirt with them, and I have. Some of the most sad and unfortunate plights in life are those of the misguided youth, especially young women. So many times people have reached out to me for my assistance; and on numerous occasions, I have visited those who are in jail or in prison in Swananoa, Hendersonville, Waynesville and of course, Spartanburg County jail. I have also hired lawyers, paid fines and probation payments. These young people have no one to help them and sometimes I feel like my name must be scratched on the wall with my phone number. I get calls from the jail almost every week, asking if I can come up to the jail and go to the kiosk and put some money on their book, and I do. They have to pay for their phone calls and the women have to order their personal hygiene products. Their diet consists of cold ramen noodles and bologna, three meals a day. If they are cold, they have to buy an insulated shirt. I have listened to them cry over the phone and beg for help which really tugs at your heart strings. Many of these young people have children who have been separated from them and are sorely missed. The hopelessness and helplessness is overwhelming.

Fortunately, there are some success stories. I have made some lasting and loyal friends over the past twenty years, who have brought themselves up out of the abyss and now are doing quite well. Some have married and have children and good jobs and will tell their husbands that I am family to them and love me and would fight for me if necessary. Their children come to visit and tell me that they love me and call me "Papa Carroll," and I love them as well. For certain families, I buy their lunch and deliver it to their homes. I help them with their car insurance and pick up their prescriptions. One young woman stops by occasionally to use my laundry to wash her clothes and cleans my kitchen and bathroom while waiting. I don't ask for it, she just does it! I would encourage anyone who would like to help someone, to go up to the Detention Center and just choose two random persons and put \$20 on their name. It would mean a lot for them to know that someone cares.

"...for I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me." Matthew 25:35-36

Carroll Caldwell

***The mission of the JOG Team is to encourage Nazareth
to live a life of generosity for Christ.***

HISTORY

The Snoddy Family

On October 18, 1772, the wooden ship "the James and Mary" arrived in Charleston harbor from Larne in Northern Ireland carrying two hundred passengers and two hundred tons of freight, completing a two-month journey which began on August 25, 1772. Captain John Workman was Master of the Ship. This is a letter that was written on October 21st to a merchant back in Larne, to a Mr. James M'Vickar from Charlestown:

"Sir, this will inform you, that we arrived here all well and in good spirits the 18th instant, (five children excepted, who died in passage) after a pleasant and agreeable passage of seven weeks and one day. We had sermons every Sabbath which was great satisfaction to us. We omitted to let you know that the mate, Mr. Boal, as also the common hands, behaved with great care and benevolence toward us."

Among the list of passengers who signed the letter, were Robert Hadden, John Montgomery, James Peden, John Caldwell and John Snoddy, who continued their journey to the up country and made settlements on the Tyger Rivers.

John Snoddy was born in County Antrim, in Northern Ireland in 1730. He married Jane Coan and made a settlement on Jimmies Creek about midway between Wellford and Nazareth Church. John and Jane had two sons, John and Isaac. It is related that the Tories had orders to put to death every male child in the neighborhood in which John Snoddy lived. The tradition is that Isaac was hidden in the wheat field nearby in the daytime and cautioned not to shake the straw, lest he be discovered.

It has been said that an older son was in the American Revolution in November 1781, and near the close of the war was murdered by the Tories under "Bloody Bill" Cunningham. He had been an active partisan in the service of his country and as of such, was an object of hatred by the Tories. The maiden name of his wife was Elisabeth Riddle, but she was known as "Aunt Betsy" and was remarkable for her energy and business management. She had eight small children when her husband was murdered, five sons and three daughters. After the sad death of her husband, she saddled her horse and oversaw two plantations, and on Sundays drove twelve miles to Nazareth Church.

Captain John Snoddy married Polly Daniel, and Isaac married Elizabeth Vernon. Isaac was born in County Antrim, Northern Ireland in 1770.

Most all of the beautiful white marble memorials in Nazareth Cemetery belong to the generations of the Snoddy family. They were true American Pioneers and Patriots.

Given by Carroll Caldwell, NPC Historian

Our Church Family

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Please remember the following in your prayers.

Members and Friends of Nazareth:

Jim and Marilyn Anderson
Katie Barath's parents, Robert and Linda Williams
Buddy Berry
Carolyn Berry
John and Martha Bainbridge
Tom Brewer
Gerald Broome
Gerald Broome's grandson, Adam
Grant and Sandy Brown's daughter, Jessica
James and Tina Cantrell's friend, Jim Boyd
Jane Cook
Joe Fox
Jean Glass
Vickie Gray's mother, Elizabeth Culbertson
Darcy Martin

Debby and Rex Keaton's grandson, Luke, and parents, Ben & Hunter
Gladys Mills
Deb Ritzo and her cousin, Lori
Julie Schaaf's mother, Becky Carter
Danny Schaaf's nephew, Brad
Amelia Senn's brother, Robert
Mel and Lyn Stauffer
Wendell and Jenny Stidham's daughter, Chrissy
Dale and Rusty Wright
Christian sympathy is extended to Rex and Debby Keaton in the passing of Rex's sister, Rita



In the Armed Forces:

Lee Hughes	Mike Roberts	Reggie Hughes
Dorothy Ellis	Albert Bianco	Eric Gallman
Shelly Roberts	Ridgeway Jackson	Matthew Marr

Missionaries and Mission Partners:

Shalynn and Tyler Crawford

Concerns of the World:

* Extreme heat, fires and flooding in U.S.

* Those who continue to live in war

* Earthquake victims in Venezuela

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." John 16:33

Please call the church office when a concern needs to be added to or taken away from the list. Thank You.

Committee Meetings for July

Buildings, Grounds & Safety	No meeting in July / next meeting is August 2, 2026
Worship	No meeting in July / next meeting is August 2, 2026
Fellowship	No meeting in July / next meeting is August 2, 2026
Christian Education	Thursday, July 9th, at 3:00 pm in the Young Adult Classroom
Missions	Sunday, July 12th, at 8:45 in the Missions Room
Evangelism & Nurture	No meeting in July / next meeting is August 2, 2026

OFFICE HOURS

Julie is in the office Monday-Thursday
9:30am to 4:30pm

Debby works in the office Monday-Thursday
9:00am to 2:00pm

Amy works in the office on Tuesday and
Thursday, 9:00am to 3:00pm

**In case of a pastoral emergency, please
call Julie at 864-421-4750.**

UPDATED WEBSITE

Check out our updated website with
weekly sermons available and directory.
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NEWSLETTER INFORMATION for the

AUGUST NEWSLETTER

**will be due to Debby in the office by
Thursday, July 23rd. Thank you!**

FLOWER CALENDAR



July 5	Communion
July 12	Roy & Joyce Oates
July 19	Larry & Phyllis Powers
July 26	Mel & Lyn Stauffer
August 2	Communion
August 9	
August 16	
August 23	
August 30	

**We need slots filled for the Flower Calendar and
we hope you will sign up to provide flowers for a
Sunday. Let Debby know your special words for
the bulletin!**

**You can donate to the Flower Fund so flowers
can be provided for a Sunday when no one is
signed up. To donate, you can write a check to
NPC and memo it to the Flower Fund.**



Dear Friends,

*Thank you all again for your
prayers and support for my family!!
You are amazing and every word of
prayer and kindness is so
appreciated! Love, Debby*

*Dear Nazareth Prayer Warriors,
Katie Schaaf Kelley would like to
thank you for all the prayers for her
friend, Carlie Ayers. After Chemo,
radiation and surgery, Carlie has
been declared cancer free!*

Blessings,

Katie and Carlie

Celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries

JULY

02 Jenny Stidham
04 Judy Hatchette
04 Hannah Jackson
04 Colin Urquhart
06 Taylor Nunamaker
11 Amelia Senn
15 Petra Warren
16 Katie Barath
16 Chuck Holmes
17 Vickie Gray
18 Todd Jackson
18 Russ Wright
21 Gene Cothran
24 Abby Jackson
25 Jean Glass
25 Cyndy Urquhart
26 Emma Labelle
28 Henry Cox
29 Joe Fox
31 Eli Kern



AUGUST

01 Harriet Watkins
01 Marilyn Anderson
02 Mark Henry
02 Robert Morgenstern
03 Colt Melton
06 Tommy Campbell
12 Shirley Boone
13 Buddy Berry
14 Sheryl Anderson
17 Kriss Budno
20 Steve Collins
20 Marlene Cutler
20 Julia Garrett
22 Carrie Wright
23 Cindy Womble
24 Thomas Barker
24 Shelby Barker
26 Laura Henderson
27 Gerald Broome

JULY

02 Ken & Jean Grady
03 Homer & Jan Ellis
06 Joe & Katie Barath
15 Dwayne & Mary Pergrem
16 Brooke & Gregg Clay
16 Mark & Elfriede Henry
17 Mike & Susan Baier
24 Richard & Joyce Dillard



AUGUST

02 Grant & Sandy Brown
08 Dale & Kathy Allen
16 Roy & Joyce Oates
31 Russ & Dale Wright

JULY



Happy 250th Birthday

**UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA**



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	No Committee meetings this month for the following: BG&S WORSHIP FELLOWSHIP E&N		1	2 Pickleball 6-8 AA meeting 6:30	3	4 HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY!
5 <i>Last day to sign up for VBS!</i> Pickleball 3-5	6	7 Pickleball 10-12	8	9 Christian Education 3:00 Pickleball 6-8 AA meeting 6:30	10	11 Youth to Montreat (11th-18th)
12 Missions 8:45 Pickleball 3-5	13	14 Pickleball 10-12	15	16 Pickleball 6-8 AA meeting 6:30	17	18 Youth Return from Montreat Set up for VBS at FLC
19 VBS Rise Against Hunger event 11:30-4:30	20 VBS 5:30-8:00	21 VBS 5:30-8:00	22	23 <i>Newsletter info due to Debby</i> Pickleball 6-8 AA meeting 6:30	24	25 The Soup Kitchen 9-1
26 Pennies for Hunger offering Pickleball 3-5	27	28 Pickleball 10-12	29	30 Pickleball 6-8 AA meeting 6:30	31	