



THE MEETING HOUSE NEWS

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1765 Meeting House



**AUGUST
2024**

MISSION STATEMENT OF NAZARETH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Dear Nazareth Family,

One of the many things I love about being Presbyterian is our emphasis on education. Because of this, I am allowed both time away and Continuing Education funds to improve my skills and increase my knowledge. What a gift! I have been at Columbia Seminary in Decatur, GA since Sunday evening, learning from the author of the Study Book for our circle this year, but of course, this has included so much more. To be in a Seminary setting again and having theologically and Biblically based discussions opens my mind, brings me new ideas, and rejuvenates my soul. Rooming with my best Pastor friend, Allyson Helvie, is a plus because we can bounce ideas off each other. We also have time out from our regular schedules and we even play a little! Thank you one and all.

Of course, this followed on the heels of having my spiritual cup filled to the brim by the Youth-led worship service on Sunday. What a blessing for us all. I heard so many positive comments about our youth, the leaders, their parents and the way that they shared all that they absorbed at Montreat. I have even been told that my job security might be in jeopardy! The four young ladies who preached gave me some big shoes to fill this week! And what growth I have seen in each individual youth since I was called to be your pastor. Many of them were coming down for “Time with Young Disciples” when I arrived in 2016. A wealth of thanks to chaperones Ashley Whitfield and Jessica Sullens and of course, Amy Jackson for all her planning.

We will have at least two more sermons in the “Shore to Summit” series. This Sunday, we will go to the desert. Please read Isaiah 41:17-20 to prepare. Also please remember to keep in your prayers our teachers and students who are starting up new years of learning .

Blessings,

Julie

“Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.” Psalm 25:5

Worship



**Worship in person or "Livestream" every Sunday.
Come and worship with us and bring a friend.**

August 4 The Lord's Supper

August 11 Blessing of the Backpacks

August 18 Installation of Jeff Hayes as Elder

Head ushers for August are Joyce Oates and Paula Cash.



Laura Price playing in the String Ensemble at the Assembly Inn at the Presbyterian Musicians Conference.



**CHOIR practices will resume on
Wednesday, August 28th,
at our Annual Kickoff for the new
choir year!**

**Handbell practices will resume
on Monday,
September 9th.**



Susan Baier sharing her musical talent to cheer Margaret Culclasure and Peggy Robinson, during a visit from Julie and Susan to share communion.

Legacy Partnership

The Legacy Partnership Team has completed its work and turned their recommendations over to the Session. The Session voted in June to be in prayer for the next month and continue to listen to the Spirit about the legacy that we are called to build and pass on at such a time as this. The Session resumes our meetings in August and will begin to implement ideas.

Offerings for General Giving

Offerings as of 6/30/24	\$ 183,487.87
<u>Expenses as of 6/30/24</u>	<u>\$ 157,910.21</u>
Net Ordinary Income YTD	\$ 25,577.66

"Owe no man anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law." Romans 13:8

Christian Education

I can't believe that summer is over, and the kids are heading back to school! That went by way too fast! We had such a great summer with Flat Julie, Hometown Mission week, Montreat, VBS, Youth Sunday and Scavenger Hunt! Thank you to EVERYONE who helped make all these events possible. We truly appreciate NPC! Here are the upcoming events for August:

Naz Kids

Sunday, August 4 from 12-2 we will have **lunch and bowl at Paradise Lanes**. Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall if you are coming.

Youth & College Kids

Saturday, Aug 3 we will go **tubing on the Green River**. We will meet at the Church Office parking lot at 11am. (Eat something before you come.) Be sure to bring a beach towel, water shoes, a life jacket that fits and sunscreen. The church will cover the tubing cost. Bring money for food after tubing.

Youth Group starts back on Sunday, Aug 18!

Aug. 18- 5:30-7:15: Dinner and designing T-shirts- bring your ideas for a new youth t-shirt.

Aug. 25- 5:30-7:15- Format

Sept. 1- No Youth Group

**We are looking for nursery volunteers for the next 5 months.
A sign up sheet is provided on the table in the Fellowship Hall.**



Camp Fellowship



Christian Education

YOUTH MONTREAT

2024

VBS

Thank you to
everyone who
volunteered,
made
dinners, and
participated in a successful
Nazareth VBS!!



Missions

The MISSIONS focus for AUGUST is St. Luke's Free Medical Clinic.

Items needed will be announced soon. We will post them in the bulletin each week.



The Carpenter's Table—Our day to volunteer is Saturday, August 31st, from 8-12. Set up starts at 7:15 if you are an early riser. If you are interested in helping in this ministry, please contact Taylor Nunamaker at tynunamaker@gmail.com.



The Spartanburg Soup Kitchen—Our day to volunteer is Saturday, August 24th, from 9-1. If you are interested in helping this ministry, please contact Margie Dobbins at (864-680-1957).



The Pennies for Hunger offering will be received on Sunday, August 25th, and will go to our Rise Against Hunger Fund.

An event is being planned for November for Rise Against Hunger. Watch for details. We have \$4,281 in this account and \$4,200 is still needed to pack boxes for 20,000 people. Keep your hearts open to volunteering at this event.

Sunday, August 11, Tyler and Shalynn (Smith) Crawford will speak to the combined Adult Sunday School Classes about their missionary work in Germany.

Thank you to everyone for a successful Scavenger Hunt! Over \$3500 was donated in money and food items. Nazareth truly has a kind and generous spirit! The school supplies for D.R. Hill will bring many a smile of gratitude from the children who benefit from your generosity! I can personally tell you how happy they will be! Thank you! Pat Smith, Missions Moderator



Presbyterian Women



Ladies Who Lunch

"Ladies who Lunch" will gather in our cozy back room at Apollo restaurant on Friday August 9 around 11:45. We'll miss the Educators who were able to join us during summer but are returning to the students whom they mightily bless.



Back Porch Circle

This group will not be meeting during the summer months.

Circle #3

Circle 3 will meet on Tuesday, August 13, at the home of Elfriede Henry, 115 Brookhaven Drive, Moore, at 6:15 PM. We will continue with our Bible Study of Forgiveness, with Chapter 6, "When We Are Wounded". Visitors are always welcomed.

Fellowship News



Join us for this new ministry! The NOMEO Club

(Nazareth Old Men Eating Out) will meet again on Tuesday, August 13 at 6:30 pm at Cribbs Restaurant located off Reidville Rd. at the Publix Shopping Center.

Buildings Grounds & Safety

Please note:

Our coded access door entry system has been updated. Unless notified, your regular code still works but you must press # after entering your code. The light will turn green for you to open the door. If you have any questions, call Kaushik Kotecha (864-680-4726) or Debbie Balltrip (864-680-1075).

Volunteers Needed:

We are looking for volunteers to help with the following tasks before the church service:

Locking the Church Doors: Ensure all doors are securely locked.

Hanging the Placards on the Doors: Place placards on the church doors.

If you are interested in helping, please contact:

Elaine McCleod: 864-612-3847 or Kaushik Kotecha: 864-680-4726



Colonial Dames of the 17th Century Plaque Dedication Honoring the First Families of Nazareth

**Anderson, Barry, Collins, Miller,
Moore, Nesbitt, Nichols, Vernon**

These are the names of some of the first families to settle the Upstate in the areas around where the future Nazareth Congregation would meet and worship. It is appropriate to recognize those families and their labors as the roots of our congregation.



The National Society Colonial Dames 17th Century is a historic preservation organization that works to promote, protect, and preserve the records and historical sites of our country. We were approached by their local leadership to create and place a plaque at Nazareth that recognizes the original families who settled here. Session approved the initiative, and the plaque has been fabricated.

On **August 26th, 2024, at 10:00 AM** in the sanctuary, there will be a dedication ceremony of this plaque which will honor those families. We would like to invite all the congregation, “history buffs”, and members of the “Dames” to attend this event.

Most of all, we want to extend an invitation to anyone who is a descendant of one of the original families. There were other families in the area which were all inter-related over time. Several additional families came by way of the port of Charleston several years after the families from the northeast colonies arrived. Some of these were the Pearsons, Jamisons, Millers and Coans.

We hope you will take time to attend this meaningful dedication and event.

Cemetery Trustee, Michael F. Baier

History : "The Rocks"



"In the good old summer time,
In the good old summer time,
Strolling thro' the shady lanes
With your baby mine;
You hold her hand and she holds yours,
And that's a very good sign
That she's your tootsie wootsie,
In the good old summer time!" (Lyrics by Ren Shields)

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There is a place, not far from here, where folks would go to enjoy a refreshing escape from the summer heat. This location is on the rocky shoals of the North Tyger River at Anderson Mill. During the 1950s and 60s, young people clad in old tennis shoes and cut off blue jeans would descend along the steep bank from the road and into the cascading water that spilled across the algae covered strata of granite below. The "Rocks", as they were called, was a natural slip and slide! For those who cared to brave the conditions, to run across the rocks and slide with your feet was called shoe surfing, while others enjoyed a leisurely float on a truck tire inner tube. Sometimes, the participant numbers would grow to as much as forty or fifty people. Cars and pickup trucks would line the road on both sides of the bridge. Constable Captain Carl Cranes' home was on the high bluff across from the mill. Sometimes, he would come down and intervene when the participants became boisterous or unruly, but it was all in good fun. Occasionally, one might see a water moccasin sunning on the rock, dragon flies and snake dockers flitting about along the river banks and box turtles with their babies buried in the sand banks. After careful inspection, one might find a leech or two securely attached in an unsuspected place. The old waterwheel on the old grist mill was still in operation, turning the giant millstones inside. There were divots in the rock shoals, honed out by years of erosion, in which one could sit as if in a lounge chair and let the cold North Tyger River water flow across your shoulders. These were wonderful times of innocence and youth. We only had to be back home for supper! Scraped knees and elbows were badges of honor. Chigger bites and Calamine lotion were in natural order. Living in the country, the entertainment was cheap! But the experience was priceless!

*"He lifted me out of a slimy pit, out of the mud and mire;  
He set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand" Psalm 40:2*

*Carroll Caldwell, 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:

Buddy Berry  
Carroll Caldwell's son, Aaron  
James Cantrell's friend, Steve Dowe  
Margaret Culclasure  
Joe and Martha Fox  
Abby Hatchette's brother-in-law,  
Tom Hatchette  
Amy Hatley  
Charles Heath's sister, Betsy Charles  
Family of Tristan Stone, friends of Jennifer  
Hadden  
Amy Jackson's brother, Mark and family  
Gail Johnson's son, Jerry Johnson  
Debby Keaton's daughter-in-law, Jordan,  
and husband, Rex Keaton

Caryle Marzke  
Elaine McLeod's brother, Larry  
Leo Misenheimer's niece, Jamie Strickland  
Gladys Mills  
Katie Morgenstern  
Deb Ritzo and family  
Dallas Schaaf, Danny's brother  
Angela Smith's brother-in-law, Bill McCall  
Marian Stephen's sister-in-law, Trish  
Friends of Stuermann's, Lulu  
Jessica Sullens' sister, Lori Cook  
Judy Taetz  
*Christian sympathy is extended to the family of  
Peggy Robinson and to Doug and Nancy  
Hughes in the death of Doug's mother, Betty*



## In the Armed Forces:

|               |               |                 |
|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Lee Hughes    | Mike Roberts  | Albert Bianco   |
| Reggie Hughes | Dorothy Ellis | Ridgway Jackson |
| Albert Bianco | Eric Gallman  | Shelly Roberts  |

## Missionaries and Mission Partners:

Mark Adams  
Shalynn and Tyler Crawford

## Concerns of the World:

Continued unity and safety at the Olympics

School children and teachers

Countries at War

"So, then, this is my very first command: God's people should make petitions, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings on behalf of all people – on behalf of kings, and all who hold high office, so that we may lead a tranquil and peaceful life, in all godliness and holiness.

This is good; it is acceptable with God our savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to know the truth." 1 Timothy 2:1-4

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

## **Committee Meetings for AUGUST**

|                             |                                                           |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Buildings, Grounds & Safety | Sunday, August 4th at 8:30 in the Wagner Classroom        |
| Worship                     | Sunday, August 4th at 8:30 in the Session Room            |
| Evangelism & Nurture        | Sunday, August 4th at 8:45 in the Middle School Classroom |
| Christian Education         | Monday, August 5th at 6:00 in the Session Room            |
| Fellowship                  | Sunday, August 11th at 8:30 in the Gift Classroom         |
| Missions                    | Sunday, August 11th at 8:45 in the Missions Room          |
| Administrative              | Wednesday, August 14th at 5:15 in the Session Room        |

### **OFFICE HOURS**

**Julie** is in the office Monday-Thursday  
9:00am to 4:00pm

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

**Amy** works in the office on Tuesdays and  
Thursdays, 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.  
Please Like us on Facebook

### **NEWSLETTER INFORMATION for the**

#### **SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER**

will be due to Debby in the office by  
Wednesday, August 21st. All moderators  
and others who contribute, please adhere to  
this date. Thank you!

### **FLOWER CALENDAR**

|              |                       |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| August 4     | Communion             |
| August 11    | Katie & Ben Friday    |
| August 18    | Joyce & Roy Oates     |
| August 25    | Nancy Ferguson        |
| September 1  | Communion             |
| September 8  | Elaine McLeod         |
| September 15 | Ross & Judy McClellan |
| September 22 | Gene & Kathy Cothran  |
| September 29 | Nancy & Doug Hughes   |



**Dear Church Family,**

***I would like to thank our  
Nazareth Church family for  
prayers, cards, food, and offers of  
help given during my shoulder  
replacement. Our Nazareth Family  
is the best.***



**Cindy Womble**

***There is a 2024 Flower Calendar in the SS  
hallway. If you would like to provide flowers,  
please sign up.***

***We have a Flower Fund that donations can be  
made to for purchasing flowers on a Sunday  
when no one is signed up.***

**The florist we order from that delivers orders  
to the church is Carolyn's Florals & Baskets  
864-439-7283 Hours: W-F 10-4, Sat. appt.**

***Thank you to Nazareth Missions  
Committee for the gift to Thornwell.  
Because of churches like yours we  
are able to provide resources and  
care to so many children and  
families that need us the most.  
Thank you for your heart for  
Thornwell! Blessings,***

**Rachel Crescibene**



# ***Celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries***

## **AUGUST**

02 Mark Henry  
02 Robert Morgenstern  
03 Colt Melton  
06 Tommy Campbell  
09 Kimberly Baier  
12 Shirley Boone  
13 Buddy Berry  
13 Andreas Maul  
14 Sheryl Anderson  
17 Kriss Budno  
20 Steve Collins  
20 Marlene Cutler  
20 Julia Mitchem  
22 Carrie Wright  
23 Cindy Womble  
24 Thomas Barker  
24 Shelby Barker  
26 Laura Henderson  
27 Gerald Broome  
28 Dean Hughes



## **SEPTEMBER**

02 Mike Baier  
02 James Cantrell  
03 Kerry Henderson  
05 Rock Friday  
06 Ella Kern  
07 Cassie Yarborough  
08 Nancy Ferguson  
09 Anne Brewer  
09 Jan Ellis  
10 Gladys Mills  
11 Richard Cansler  
12 Jacob Cansler  
12 Dwayne Pergrem  
14 Sailor Melton  
16 Amy Jackson  
17 Nicholas Cansler  
22 Dale Allen  
24 Kathy Allen  
28 Jeff Hayes  
29 Debbie Balltrip  
30 Kathryn Kotecha

## **AUGUST**

02 Grant & Sandy Brown  
05 Richard & Kim Cansler  
08 Dale & Kathy Allen  
16 Bob & Abby Hatchette  
16 Roy & Joyce Oates  
31 Russ & Dale Wright  
31 Herb & JoAnn Respass



## **SEPTEMBER**

10 Steve & Debbie Balltrip  
20 Joel & Jessica Watts  
26 Gene & Kathy Cothran  
27 Larry & Robin Whitfield

# AUGUST

| Sun                                                                                          | Mon                                                                       | Tue                                                                  | Wed                                             | Thu                      | Fri                                | Sat                                               |
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|                                                                                              |                                                                           |                                                                      |                                                 | 1<br><br>AA meeting      | 2                                  | 3<br>Youth &<br>College<br>Green River<br>Tubing  |
| 4<br>Worship 8:30<br>E & N 8:45<br><br>Naz Kids lunch<br>and bowling<br>12-2                 | 5                                                                         | 6                                                                    | 7                                               | 8<br><br><br>AA meeting  | 9<br><br>Ladies Who<br>Lunch 11:45 | 10                                                |
| 11<br>Fellowship 8:30<br>Missions 8:45<br><br>Genesis Day<br>Blessing of the<br>Backpacks    | 12                                                                        | 13<br><br>Circle # 3<br>6:15<br><br>Fellowship<br>NOMEO Club<br>6:30 | 14<br><br>Administrative<br>Committee<br>5:15   | 15<br><br><br>AA meeting | 16                                 | 17                                                |
| 18<br>Installation of Jeff<br>Hayes as Elder<br><br>Youth Group<br>Starts back<br>5:30 @ FLC | 19<br><br><br>Session 7:00                                                | 20                                                                   | 21<br>Newsletter<br>Information due<br>to Debby | 22<br><br><br>AA meeting | 23                                 | 24<br><br>Soup Kitchen<br>9-1                     |
| 25<br>Pennies for<br>Hunger offering<br><br>Youth 5:30 @<br>FLC                              | 26<br>Colonial Dames<br>Plaque<br>Dedication<br><br>Sanctuary<br>10:00 AM | 27                                                                   | 28                                              | 29<br><br><br>AA meeting | 30                                 | 31<br><br>The<br>Carpenter's<br>Table<br><br>8-12 |