



THE MEETING HOUSE NEWS

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**NOVEMBER
2025**

MISSION STATEMENT OF NAZARETH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Dear Friends,

It is appropriate that November is the month of Thanksgiving because there are so many people that I want to thank for the improvements in our campus. I cannot name all the people who came to the cleanup day because I know I will leave someone out but what a difference that day made. We all decided we should not wait until we are having a Presbytery meeting to deep clean but make it an annual event. I DO have to call by name those on the Building, Grounds and Safety Committee who made the renovated bathrooms a beautiful addition—Kaushik Kotecha, Robin Whitfield, Ross McClellan and Stephanie Heath. Also, Stephanie and Nancy Hughes have completed the prayer room across from the kitchen. Look for news about how we plan to use that soon. Vickie Gray has been hard at work with picture hanging and updating our sound equipment in the sanctuary. Amy, along with guidance from the youth, has updated the Youth Room. Joyce Oates turned the “Parlor” in the Family Life Center (room to the right as you walk in) into a beautiful place to meet. If you see any of these folks, please be generous with your thanks for their dedication and efforts.

Speaking of generosity, next week you will receive a letter and a “Commitment to Generosity” card in order for our Session to be able to plan for 2026. We are blessed to have a wonderful staff, dedicated Session members and a variety of missions and ministry for our disciples to be involved with and we want to keep up that standard.

The most heartwarming thing at Nazareth to me, however, is the generosity of spirit that this congregation has when it comes to giving and serving in Missions. If you were not in worship Sunday or did not watch it on YouTube, please take a few minutes to watch the beginning and listen to Delores Thomas from D. R. Hill Middle School, who shared how our “Feed the Future” program impacts the students there. This is just one of many ways that we, as disciples of Jesus Christ, can continue to serve and love the least of these.

Above all, know how thankful I am that each of you and all of you are part of my life and ministry. Nazareth is one of the gifts that I am most grateful for.

Blessings,

Julie

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him." Colossians 3:17

Worship



**Worship in person or “Livestream” every Sunday.
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 Worship Committee has ordered 30 poinsettias to decorate the sanctuary during the Advent Season. If you would like to contribute to the purchase in honor or memory of loved ones, the cost is \$17 and forms will be available soon. Any funds received beyond the cost of poinsettias will be given to the Soup Kitchen and the Carpenter’s Table.

Head Ushers for November are Grant and Sandy Brown.

Session

Approvals:

- Approved motion (Stidham/Kotecha) to elect Katie Friday to serve as Commissioner for the November 11 Foothills Presbytery Meeting.
- Approved motion from the Admin Committee to use \$600 from the Dyal Fund for the purchase of table covers by the Fellowship Committee.
- Approved motion from CE Committee for the Bridges Sunday School class to use the book “Be Mature – Growing in Christ” as the text for their study of the letter of James

Other Items:

- Planning to decorate for Advent November 23 and undecorate Dec 29. More details to come.
- Dyal Fund projects are in process. Bathroom remodel and the Prayer Room projects are almost complete.
- The Trunk or Treat/Chili Cook off/Cake walk event was a great success. \$702 was raised for Naz Kids. To date 381 pairs of socks have been donated. We will continue to accept donations of socks and undies throughout the month of October. Many thanks to Amy Jackson, Fellowship and CE for all of the work on this event.
- Wednesday night Bible Studies were well attended. Thank you to everyone who brought food for the meals and to Amy for coordinating and setting up for each meal.
- Care Teams have been adjusted to add our new disciples. Updated lists were put in Session members boxes in the office.
- Teams are working on final preparations for the Foothills Presbytery Meeting which will be held at Nazareth on November 11. Everyone helping on November 11 is asked to wear their name tag.
- The Advent brunch will be Sunday, December 7 following Worship.
- We had 30 people assist with the church wide cleanup day on October 18. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make sure our campus looks its best!



Christian Education



November brings with it shorter days, crisper nights and the festive flurry of the holiday season. Thanksgiving begins our seasonal celebrations with families gathering around a shared table and giving thanks to God for His many blessings throughout the year.

**“Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!”
Psalm 107:1**

Amy is looking for donations of **fleece remnants that are at least 5 feet in length**, so that the youth can make scarves for our Homeless Helpers Kits. There is a tote in the Fellowship Hall for any donations. Thanks!



For your calendar:

Sunday, November 16 during coffee and conversation, we are writing Christmas cards to Veterans around the country in hospice care. Cards will be furnished, we just need “authors” to help write them.



Youth Group:

November 9	5:30-7:30pm	All youth out to eat. Meet at the FLC
November 16	9:30-10:15	Shoobox constructing in the Fellowship Hall
November 16	5:30-7:00pm	Youth @FLC Dinner, format & mission project
November 23	12:00-2pm	Youth and any Adults- lunch in the Fellowship hall / trash pick up



NAZ Kids

On November 16, 9:30-10:15 am in the Fellowship Hall, we will construct Shooboxes for Operation Christmas Child.

TRUNK



OR



TREAT

Fall weather is nipping at our doors and God's color display is starting to paint the trees! I love this season! During the month of October, your generosity in giving socks and undies was tremendous! We collected a total of 803 pairs of socks and 584 undies! What a team effort at Nazareth Presbyterian Church!

The undies will be donated to The Soup Kitchen and the socks will help clients at the Carpenter's Table. You can bet there will be lots of appreciation! Thank you!

The Missions focus for November is Mobile Meals Christmas Bags.

Items for these bags are: a pair of socks, wash cloth, bar of regular bath soap, shampoo, toothpaste, pieces of peppermint candy, hand lotion, deodorant, brush, pen, small tablet and tissues.

These packed bags can be put in the collection bin found in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your altruistic generosity!

 Pennies for Hunger collection will benefit Mobile Meals and will be received Sunday, November 30th.

ANGEL TREE

Jayne and Rick Duerksen will soon be putting up our *Angel Tree*! There will be 30 names of children who will feel much joy as your generous gifts are opened on Christmas morning! This has always been a time that we have shown our gift to be truly generous! As has been our tradition, gift cards are welcomed by all to help the needs of older children!

Angel tree items are due by December 14th!

Spartanburg Soup Kitchen

Another church has joined the Soup Kitchen rotation, so Nazareth will help serve every other month. Our next Saturday to help will be on Saturday, November 22nd, from 9:00—1:00.

The Carpenter's Table

On Saturday, October 25, we served 243 families at the Carpenter's Table! We had many volunteers from our congregation and others who are simply committed to serve those who need help. It was a wonderful morning! Our next day to volunteer will be Saturday, November 29th from 8:00 until 12:00.

Missions cont.



ROOTED IN FAITH FOR 150 YEARS

Each **November**, churches like ours join in **Thornwell Emphasis Month** to celebrate this legacy and continue helping families grow strong and stay rooted in faith.

To help with this very important mission, you can find donation envelopes on the tables at the front and back of the sanctuary, or use one of the pew envelopes, making sure to mark it to go to the Thornwell Collection.



The children and youth will be using the **TURKEY BANKS** for their coin collections for Thornwell in their SS classes. There are some extra ones in the front and back also.

All collections are due by December 7th.

Thornwell continues to serve children and families through a Christ-centered continuum of care, supporting children, teens young adults, and parents through programs across Florida, Georgia and SC.



Looking ahead: The Mission Committee is planning to sponsor a Rise Against Hunger event in 2026. We are planning to pack 20,000 bags of food. That is the same amount as our last event in 2024.

***As always, thank you for ALL your help, support and generosity.
Have a Blessed Thanksgiving! Pat Smith, Missions Moderator***

Fellowship

Thanks to everyone for coming to the October Fall Festival/Trick or Treat event and for supporting the Christian Ed and Fellowship Committees. Also, thanks to everyone who made chili and brought food and drinks. It was so much fun! We are still trying to decide who had more fun, the kids or the adults!

Mark your calendars now for December 7 for the annual Advent Brunch.

This is a much anticipated event! The Fellowship Committee serves a wonderful Christmas brunch right after worship in the Family Life Center for the entire congregation. Please plan to come! This is the Fellowship Committee's way to thank everyone for all their support during the past year!



Please join us for Coffee and Conversation each Sunday at 9:00 before Sunday School.

There will be a special Coffee and Conversation on November 9 for Veteran's Day. Fun, food, and fellowship!



Join the NOMEO Club

(Nazareth Old Men Eating Out)

On Tuesday, November 11 at
6:00 pm at Cribbs
in the Publix Shopping Center.

Advent Church Decorating



As we prepare to welcome the Advent season, we invite everyone to come together for our annual Advent Decorating Day on Sunday, November 23rd! It will be a wonderful opportunity to beautify our sanctuary and shared spaces, setting a joyful and reverent atmosphere for the upcoming season.

Event Details:

Date: Sunday, November 23rd

Time: Right after the worship service

Lunch: Provided for all participants

Whether you're part of the Sunday School classes, youth group, adults, choir, or children's ministries, we would love for you to join us! For the youth group, this will include the important task of bringing down items from the attic, so please dress comfortably and come ready to lend a hand.

Let's make this Advent season extra special by coming together as a church family to decorate and enjoy fellowship. Please RSVP to Tina Cantrell if you're able to attend so we can plan accordingly for lunch.

Presbyterian Women



Ladies Who Lunch

All are welcome to join us at Apollo's on Friday, November 14th at 11:45 for our monthly "Ladies who Lunch."

Back Porch Circle

We will meet this month in the Fellowship Hall, on Tuesday, **NOVEMBER 4** at 10:00 AM. All are welcome. We will study Lesson 3 in our book, "Finding Resilience, Joy and Our Identity in Jesus Christ."

PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE

Circle 3

Circle 3 will meet on Tuesday, November 11, at the home of Lisa Hayes, 263 W. Killarney Lake, Moore, at 6:15 PM. We will be finishing our book with Chapter 9, "Self-Control," of our Bible Study, Fruit of the Spirit. Visitors are always welcomed.

PRESBYTERY MEETING

Thanks to the many who have been helping get our campus ready to host the Foothills Presbytery Meeting on November 11. If you are one of the many people who have signed up to help that day, please park **IN THE CEMETERY** in order to leave parking spaces for our 100+ guests that day.

Offerings for General Giving

Offerings as of 9/30/2025	\$ 251,454.47
Expenses as of 9/30/2025	<u>\$ 267,727.28</u>
Net Ordinary Income	\$ -16,272.81

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

J.O.G.

Journey of Generosity



Nazareth Presbyterian Church

Journey of Generosity (JOG)

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

Here is an example of your generosity!

“The generosity of our Nazareth family is truly immeasurable! The damage to our home and property from hurricane Helene a year ago was so heartbreaking for us. We had spent 43 years in this home since moving to Spartanburg. We named our property “*Timbuck Three*” because way back then we were out in the sticks! And when people would come to visit, they would say “your house is in Timbuktu;” but, since there were three of us, Charles myself and our son Josh, we named it “*Timbuck Three*.” I couldn’t tell you how many hours we have spent lovingly modifying and decorating our home and changing the landscape from wooded and untamed to formal, cottage, and natural areas. Helene changed much of what we had done. We lost over 50 trees, one that was estimated to be at least 250 years old and many that were special because of where they came from or because of who gifted them to us. Those were the hardest because they will never be replaced but will always live in our memories.

I will never forget that feeling of devastation watching the trees falling, but most of all when everything quieted down and we could see all the damage. It was a feeling of helplessness, hopelessness, and wondering how in the world we will ever get access where we needed to just to repair the home temporarily. Then low and behold, three very dear generous church members appeared in our driveway like angels to help us clear the fallen tree from our house not only one day but many days of helping and clearing. Once communication began again, we had many calls, texts and emails of offers of prayers, food, physical and financial help, emotional support and encouragement. Some were calls just to cry on their shoulders, and I know many people dreaded calling just because they knew that I break down in tears on the phone.

It was the generosity of our church family that got us through the darkest days. Truly, we knew if we needed to, we could call any one of them and they would be there or provide whatever was needed. So many of our Nazareth friends have and continue to lift us up with prayers, encouragement, words of wisdom, inspiration and gifts...and for ALL, we are truly blessed by their generosity.”

**Many thanks and blessings to all of our Nazareth family,
*Stephanie and Charles Heath***

HISTORY

Veterans Day
Honoring All Who Served



For Veterans Day, I would like to showcase our attention on the Collins Family of Revolutionary War fame who were pioneers of the early history of Nazareth Presbyterian Church.

Veterans Day
Honoring All Who Served



John Collins was born November 28, 1754 in York County, Pennsylvania. Moving to South Carolina in 1765 with his father, Thomas Collins, and brothers Richard and William D. Collins, settled on a land grant of 750 acres between the Middle and North Tyger Rivers. John volunteered in 1775 in the militia and served under Captain Barry, Colonel John Thomas and Colonel Richardson. John served as a Captain under Colonel Andrew Williamson in the Indian Wars of 1776 and participated in two skirmishes with the Cherokees. Also, in the Florida expedition in 1778 under Colonel Brandon on March 3rd, John was appointed Captain under Colonel John Thomas and was with Pickens on the tour to Augusta, GA. In June of 1780, John served under General Sumter and shortly thereafter, John went to North Carolina and joined units there. He participated in the battle of Woffords Iron Works where John Snoddy was killed and also battles of Thicketty Fort, Musgrove Mill, Blackstocks Plantation, Cowpens, Watkins Ford and Bush River.

John served in the “Light Dragoons” under Colonel John Thomas Jr. and General Sumter in 1781. Prior to the fall of Charleston, John was with General Pickens and served under Colonel Benjamin Roebuck as a captain from February 24, 1780 to June 1st, 1781. John Collins’ brothers, Richard Collins and William D. Collins, served under John’s command and under Benjamin Roebuck and Colonel John Thomas Jr. during 1780 and 1781, with his brother William losing a horse at the battle of Fish Dam Ford. John’s father, Thomas Collins, enlisted in the fourth regiment on December 1st, 1776, John’s Uncle Joseph Collins served in the militia from May 14, 1781 to September 1st, 1782 as a sergeant under General Sumter. After victory won and freedom secured, the Collins family settled in to a life of farming. John, along with some neighbors, were vehemently opposed to the Nullification Acts. All of these heroic patriots of the Collins family now rest peacefully in Nazareth Cemetery along with their wives, children and grandchildren. We honor their memory and their sacrifice for our nation as we celebrate this Veterans Day.

by 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:

Jim and Marilyn Anderson
Buddy Berry
John and Martha Bainbridge
Jean Glass
Gerald Broome's grandson, Adam
Carroll Caldwell's sister, Anita Edwards
Jane Cook
Marlene Cutler's brother, Dick and family
Margaret Culclasure
Rick and Jayne Duerksen's neighbor,
Tilley Davis
Joe Fox
Abby Hatchette
Gladys Mills
Katie Morgenstern

Officer Nominating Committee
Phyllis Powers' aunt, Donna Cudd Young
Deb Ritzo's cousin, Karen
Amelia Senn's brother, Robert
Jessica Schneider's aunt, Gladys Moyer
Jenny Stidham's mom, June Metze
Watson family in the passing of
Karen Watson, postal carrier for Lyman
and Carter and Angela Smith
Dale Wright



In the Armed Forces:

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

Missionaries and Mission Partners:

Mark Adams
Shalynn and Tyler Crawford

Concerns of the World:

American leaders to come to an agreement

Israel and Gaza

“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 in NOVEMBER

Buildings, Grounds & Safety	Sunday, November 2nd at 8:30 in the Wagner Classroom
Worship	Sunday, November 2nd at 8:30 in the Session Room
Evangelism & Nurture	Sunday, November 2nd at 8:45 in the MS Classroom
Christian Education	Wednesday, November 5th, at 5:30 in the Session Room
Fellowship	Sunday, November 9th at 8:30 in the Gift Classroom

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 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.
Please Like us on Facebook

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION for the

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

**will be due to Debby in the office by
Thursday, November 20th. Please consider
the holidays! Thank you!**

FLOWER CALENDAR

November 2	Communion
November 9	Vicky Gray
November 16	
November 23	
November 30	



**During the month of December poinsettias
will beautify the sanctuary.**

*Dear Friends at Nazareth
Presbyterian Church,*



*Thank you for your generous gift to Bounty
& Soul. Because of you, neighbors have fresh,
healthy food, local farms are
supported, and wellness is within reach for
all!*

*With immense gratitude,
Laila Johnston*



**It's in the newsletter
... it's been there
for weeks!**

PLEASE READ!!!!

Celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries

NOVEMBER

02 Peyton Allen
03 Caryl Marzke
06 Leigh Ann Powers
07 Anneke Nave
08 Abby Hatchette
09 Molly Barker
09 Angela Smith
10 Barry Gray
10 Isaac Melton
12 Carolyn Mitchem
12 Julie Schaaf
13 Lance Allen
15 Melanie Campbell
17 Sandy Brown
17 Benjamin Friday
17 Larry Powers
17 Neal Segrest
18 Caroline Shiffer
19 Nancy Hughes
20 Mike Boone
20 Carter Smith
22 Joyce Oates
27 Karen Carter
28 Hannah Rodgers



DECEMBER

02 Elfriede Henry
04 Paula Cash
05 Matthew Mathis
10 Rick Duerksen
13 Dale Wright
13 Brian Kern
14 Mel Stauffer
16 Deb Gray
16 Bill Stuermann
21 Hannah Melton
23 Barbara Melton
24 Angela Jackson
25 Pat Smith
27 Lou Buttino
27 Lily Cairns
27 Phyllis Powers
31 Kathy Cothran

NOVEMBER

03 Peden & Donna Cook
19 Taylor & Clara Nunamaker
20 Mike & Shirley Boone
26 Jeff & Lisa Hayes
27 Tommy & Ann Campbell



DECEMBER

01 Louis & Cindy Womble
10 Isaac & Hannah Melton
11 Jay & Melanie Campbell
16 Charles & Stephanie Heath
19 Lane & Molly Barker
19 Dave & Lois Weneck
21 James & Tina Cantrell
22 Bill & Leslie Stuermann
31 Travis & Barbara Lee



NOVEMBER



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Thornwell Emphasis Month Nov. 2—Dec. 7						1
2 BG&S 8:30 Worship 8:30 Evang & N 8:45 Pickleball 3-5	3 Handbell Practice 5:30	4 Back Porch Circle 10:00	5 Christian Education 5:30 Choir practice 6:45	6 Pickleball 6-8 AA meeting 6:30	7	8
9 Fellowship 8:30 Missions 8:45 Youth 5:30-7:30 Meet at FLC / Eat out	10 Handbell Practice 5:30	11 Foothills Presbytery Meeting 9:30-2:00 Nomeo Club 6:00 Circle 3 6:15	12 Choir practice 6:45	13 AA meeting 6:30	14 Ladies Who Lunch 11:45	15
16 Christmas cards to Veterans 9:30-10:15 Shoeboxes Pickleball 3-5 Youth @ FLC 5:30	17 Handbell Practice 5:30	18	19 Choir practice 6:45	20 Newsletter information due to Debby AA meeting 6:30	21	22 Soup Kitchen 9-1
23 Advent Decorating Youth and adults Lunch and Trash pickup 12-2 Pickleball 3-5	24 Handbell Practice 5:30	25	26 Choir practice 6:45	27 Office Closed 	28	29 The Carpenter's Table 8-12
30 Pennies for Hunger offering Pickleball 3-5						