



JULY

## THE MEETING HOUSE NEWS

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MISSION STATEMENT OF NAZARETH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Dear Nazareth Family,

I would like to say a great big thank-you to everyone who enabled last week's mission trip to Sunset Gap for our youth, 6th -12th grade, to become a reality. First, thank you to our Educator, Amy Jackson, who planned everything with the director of Sunset Gap and also arranged our white water rafting excursion and delicious lunch before.

Thanks also to the Christian Education Committee for their guidance, the Session and especially Barbara Melton who wrote the grant that helped pay for the mission work. Thanks to the entire congregation who baked, ate, spent, attended the bake auctions over the years and to all who prayed for the work of the event and the individuals who attended.

The whole trip could not have been a success without three special people. First, Taylor and Clara Nunamaker, who are wonderful role models for our youth. They are so patient with the youth and exhibit Christ in all that they do! Richard Cansler was a huge asset as our "project manager" and the construction was top notch, thanks to his expertise. Please enjoy the pictures later in this issue of the Meeting House News.

Thank you to the congregation, Session and prayer warriors who made it possible for me to attend. It was an experience that I will never forget. Our verse for the week we James 1:22: "Be doers of the word, not merely hearers" and these young people were a credit to their parents and our church. One of the staff, Connie, wrote a letter which I would like to share with you all.

To all the parents,

I have never written a letter to the parents of a group before. What a pleasure it was getting to know your children. All of them were kind, courteous, thoughtful, and respectful. Each morning I came into a clean kitchen/dining room. This was the best group at being self-sufficient and cleaning up after themselves. I see great things in their futures. Job well done parents! Thank you so much for your work in raising your children. They were truly a blessing to me.

Thank you again,

Connie Emmons

*What a privilege to be a part of this body of Christ!*

Blessings,

Julie

# Worship



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

**This Summer our worship will continue with special music from members of our congregation and the Summer Sermon Series, “Bumper Stickers from God.”**

**This week’s bumper sticker is:**

**“I’d rather have a couple of ideas fail than have a faith that won’t try.”**

**Read Isaiah 41:8-10 to prepare.**

**Head Ushers for July—Jeff Hayes and Sheryl Anderson**

## June Session Highlights

- Approved motion to officially document in the minutes that Vickie Gray currently serves as Clerk of Session, per request of Presbytery. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Approved motion to elect Vickie Gray as Clerk of Session for a one year term beginning in June. Reelection of Clerk will be held yearly in June. Motion passed unanimously.**
- Approved motion to elect three elders for Buildings/Grounds/Safety Committee since a space will not be used for Clerk. One elder will serve for Buildings, one for Grounds, one for Safety. Motion passed.**
- Approved motion to allow Nancy Hughes' Philharmonic Music Club to use the church/fellowship hall Thursday, November 17 beginning around 2:00pm. Motion passed unanimously.**

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CORNER

The summer is heating up and so are the CE events. On Thursday, July 7 at 4pm, all 2-year olds through graduated 2022 High School Seniors are invited to go bowling at Paradise Lanes. (Click on this link [https://www.kidsbowlfree.com/center.php?alley\\_id=5143](https://www.kidsbowlfree.com/center.php?alley_id=5143) and kids age 2-15 will bowl free.)

Please let Amy know by Tuesday, July 5,  
if you plan on attending.

864-525-0882.

NPC will pick up the tab.



 During the week of July 10, our young people will be going to Camp Fellowship and Montreat Youth Conference. Please pray for them, as well as their counselors/chaperones, as they continue the path on their faith journey and for a safe, awesome week,

As Jesus gave his life for us, we will pay it forward through our *Blood Drive* mission project on Sunday, July 24 from 4-8pm at the FLC. Please call Amy to schedule an appointment. Jesus gave His life for you, won't you give blood to save a life?

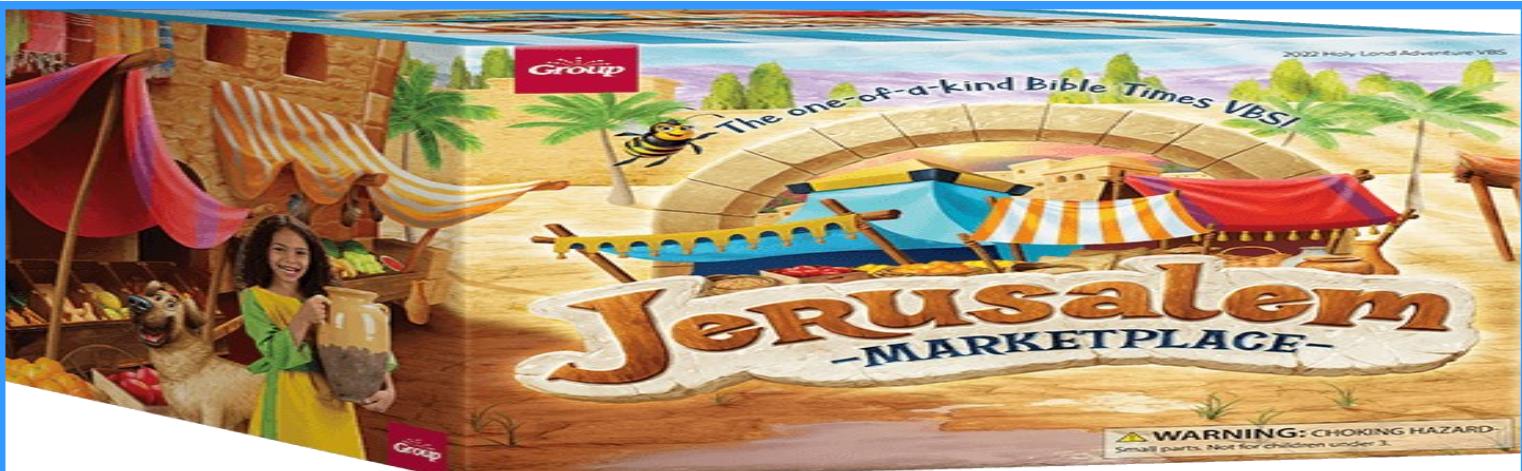


**VBS is July 24-27**

Mark your calendars and reserve your spot, as we visit the *Jerusalem Marketplace*.

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We will walk with Jesus during his last week on Earth with his beloved followers. Step back in time to where Jesus walked to the Cross. Smell the fresh, warm bread; weave a basket of reeds, make clay pots. Can you hear the music echoing through the Marketplace? Engage all senses as we transport NPC to a different time and a fresh experience.



## VBS Jerusalem Marketplace Schedule VBS will be in the FLC

### Sunday, July 24

4-8pm Mission Project: Blood Drive- Jesus gave His Life for you, won't you give blood to save a life?

Please call Amy @ 864-525-0882 to schedule an appointment.

5-6pm Dinner: Fellowship will provide the chicken; congregation, please provide side dishes/desserts

6-8pm Vacation Bible School



### Monday, July 25

5:30-6pm Dinner provided

6-8pm Vacation Bible School

### Tuesday, July 27

5:30-6pm Dinner provided

6-8pm Vacation Bible School

### Wednesday, July 28

5:30-6pm Dinner provided

6-8pm Vacation Bible School



**We are in need of old sheets to use for our VBS 'Jerusalem Marketplace'. These sheets will not be returned. If you can donate, please bring them to the office and put in the box marked "donated old sheets for VBS." Thank you!**

### **THE SUNDAY MORNING NURSERY POSITION IS OPEN.**

Until we hire someone, we will need a rotation of volunteers from about 9:15-11:45. If you can help, please call Amy in the office at 864-576-8034. If you know someone who should apply for the permanent job, please have them call the office as well and we will set up an interview.

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION cont.

## Youth Mission Trip to Sunset Gap, TN





# Missions

## Missions Focus for July is Feed the Future Backpack Ministry

Feed the Future is a weekend backpack ministry in Upstate South Carolina that partners with local communities to provide food for children in need through public schools over the weekend and on holidays. The group at Tyger River Presbyterian Church supports the children at River Ridge Elementary School. During the 2021-2022 school year an average of 17 kids were provided food each weekend. The food packs are sent home discretely in the child's backpack each Friday and contain items such as macaroni and cheese, canned pasta, fruit cups, instant oatmeal, grits and more.

### Items that are needed to collect are:

|                             |                                    |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------------|
| Juice boxes                 | Boxes of mac-n-cheese (7.25oz box) |
| Cans of chef Boyardee       | Fruit cups                         |
| Apple sauce cups or pouches | packets of instant oatmeal         |
|                             | packets of instant grits           |

### Other Nazareth Mission Opportunities



#### The Carpenter's Table

Our day to serve at TCT will be Saturday, July 2nd, from 8-12.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Taylor Nunamaker. (864-992-5708)

#### The Spartanburg Soup Kitchen

We will not be serving at the Soup Kitchen for July. Our next day to serve will be Saturday, August 27th, from 9-1. If you would like to be a volunteer, please contact Chuck Holmes. (864-556-9702)

All items for these ministries can be brought in and placed in the bins provided and labeled in the Fellowship Hall.



**PENNIES FOR HUNGER** will be received on Sunday, July 31st and will go to Feed the Future ministry.

**Save the date for Rise Against Hunger on Sunday, November 6th in the FLC. This year we plan to package 30,000 meals. Be on the lookout for more information at the end of the summer.**

# Presbyterian Women



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## Ladies Who Lunch



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WOMEN

**We will meet this month on Friday, July 8th at 11:45 AM. We're meeting at a local resort: the home of Dale Wright, 813 Laurel Bluff, Spartanburg, Thornhill subdivision. Poolside. Bring a suit and towel, and a dish to share. You won't want to miss this!**

## Back Porch Circle

**will break for the summer and resume meeting in September.**

## Circle 3

**will not be meeting in July, but will resume in August.**

The pictures from the **250th celebration** are wonderful and too numerous to choose from. The first link below will enable you to view them all at your leisure. The second link is from the video that was showing on the small TVs in the Family Life Center. ENJOY!

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/ZFmZvfzbMLJNDHBy9>

<https://youtu.be/OMxTTTyoxhM>

## Offerings for General Giving

**Offerings - as of 5/31/22 \$ 127,753.68**

**Expenses - as of 5/31/22 \$ 142,602.53**  
**< \$ 14,848.85 >**

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

# History: “A Tribute to our Musicians”

## Make a Joyful Noise

It has been said that the source of all music originated with the rhythm of the heartbeat. That syncopated two-four timing can be heard in the primitive drumming of the Aborigine and the melody of the Blue Danube Waltz. Like a metronome, the heart lays down that back beat or the bottom as it is called by musicians, and it creates order. The bass runs delivered by the left hand on the piano keys are complimented by the arpeggio flourishes and softly played pianissimo of the right. Half notes, quarter notes, stops and rests. Every Good Boy Does Fine and treble clefs! The eloquence and sophistication of the violin are layered applications that carry the melody with every note and chord change, exciting one's auditory nerves to the point of euphoria.

Seven is the number of completion and perfection and the seven major chords create the foundation for most music. Some chords are augmented with sevenths and twelves, while the minor chords sometimes create an atmosphere of melancholy. Music is a form of expression, inspiring the shy musician to pour out their heart to those they love in ways that could not be said with words. Music is attractive and once heard in the distance, it will draw you to the source like a magnet. Music soothes the savage beast. It's very difficult for two people to fight while they are singing. Music brings joy to the individual, giving one to tap his foot or clap his hands to the beat and an opportunity to dance with the partner of choice.

We sometimes borrow the melodies from older music and adapt new lyrics. The familiar Christmas song, “What Child is this?” is sung to the tune of that Old English folksong, “Greensleeves”. Elvis sang “Love Me Tender” to the tune of “Aura Lee,” maid of golden hair. George Harrison wrote “My Sweet Lord” to the tune of “He’s So Fine” by the Shirelles, which resulted in a law suit! All music repeats itself. There is no evasive “lost chord”. It has been fixed! Music lovers share in common certain musical influences, usually in relation to their cultural background. The English looked upon the pipes of the Scots as instruments of war and their use was made illegal and banned for more than one hundred years. But, the improvisation of the violin recreated and mimicked the drone of the bagpipe, which allowed the Scots to continue their traditions. The Biblical King David was a songwriter and a musician. He loved Music! “My heart is steadfast Oh God; I will sing and make music with all my soul. Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord and extol him with music and song.”

Here at Nazareth we have been blessed with some fine singers and musicians. They never cease to amaze me! Music unites us like family. It is a perfect celebration! And I think to myself, “What a wonderful World”.

# 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

Shirley and Mike Boone

Dunnie Bibb's sister, Helen Avery

Anne Brewer's mother, Nina Young and family

Gerald Broome's grandson, Adam

Carroll Caldwell

Tina Cantrell's friend, Melinda Duckett and her family

Margaret Culclasure

Marlene Cutler's sister, Jackie Fuller

Joe and Martha Fox

Bob and Abby Hatchette

Amy Hatley

Kerry Henderson

Laura Henderson's mother, Frances

Peggy Landers' friend, Mary

Elaine McLeod's sister, Lois

Gladys Mills

JoAnn Robertson's niece, Stacey Lancaster

Julie's daughter's friend, Juliane Wade

Faith Rodgers

Danny Schaaf's brother, Dallas

Angela Smith

Margaret Wallis' husband, John Clark

Lois Weneck

Dave and Lois Weneck's friends, Janet and Bill Teachman



## In the Armed Forces:

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

Jacob Schneider  
**MMFA Jacob Schneider**  
**USS Ronald Reagan**  
**Unit 100197 Box 2898**  
**FPO AP 966 16**

## Missionaries and Mission Partners:

Mark Adams

Shalynn and Tyler Crawford

## Concerns of the World

Please pray for the people of Ukraine and for the wisdom of our world leaders.

Those dealing with deaths of migrants in San Antonio

*“If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves, pray, seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.”*

**2 Chron 7:14**

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

|                            |                                                     |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Worship                    | No July meeting                                     |
| Christian Education        | No July meeting                                     |
| Evangelism & Nurture       | No July meeting                                     |
| Buildings Grounds & Safety | Sunday, July 10th @ 8:30 AM in the Wagner Classroom |
| Fellowship                 | Sunday, July 10th @ 8:30 in the Session Room        |
| Missions                   | Sunday, @ 9:00 AM in the Missions Room              |

### OFFICE HOURS

**Julie** is in the office Monday-Thursday  
9:00am to 4:30pm.

**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.*

### Flower Schedule

July 3 Communion / Amy Jackson



July 10 Julie Schaaf

July 17 Mark & Elfriede Henry

July 24 Amy Jackson

July 31 Chris & Paula Cash

August 7 Communion

August 14 Ben and Katie Friday

August 21

August 28



### FLOWER CALENDAR

Can I sign up? Yes.

On the flower calendar in the hall.

Can I honor someone? Yes.

Email your thoughts to Debby for the  
bulletin.

Does this help the Worship Committee?  
Yes, greatly! We need to fill the calendar.

Thank you to all who have provided  
flowers to beautify the sanctuary!

### UPDATED WEBSITE

Check out our updated website with  
weekly sermons available and directory.

Please Like us on Facebook

[www.facebook.com/Nazareth.1765](http://www.facebook.com/Nazareth.1765)

### NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

for the **AUGUST NEWSLETTER** will be due to Debby in  
the office on Monday, July 25th. Moderators, please  
adhere to this date as much as possible for the  
office to get the newsletter out in a timely manner.

Thank you!



*Dear Church Family,*

*Thank you Nazareth church family  
for all of your prayers and support  
for Baby Jude. He and mama are home and  
much improved. We thank God for His  
goodness!* **Rex and Debby Keaton**

*Thank you for the prayers and  
encouragement from Nazareth Prayer  
Warriors. My mother's kidney failure has  
been upended! She will be doing short term  
rehab instead of hospice!*

*Gratefully, Anne Brewer and family*

*Thank you all for your prayers and concerns.  
God was with me during this difficult time.  
Love my church and our wonderful  
congregation.* **Angela Smith**

# 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 Angela Shiflet
- 16 Chuck Holmes
- 17 Vickie Gray
- 18 Todd Jackson
- 18 Russ Wright
- 21 Gene Cothran
- 22 Brandon Collins
- 24 Abby Jackson
- 25 Steve Balltrip
- 25 Jean Glass
- 25 Cyndy Urquhart
- 26 Emma Labelle
- 27 Noah Nobles
- 27 Jacob Schneider
- 29 Joe Fox
- 31 Eli Kern



## JULY

- 03 Homer & Jan Ellis
- 06 Joe & Katie Barath
- 15 Dwayne & Mary Pergrem
- 16 Mark & Elfriede Henry
- 17 Mike & Susan Baier
- 24 Richard & Joyce Dillard



## AUGUST

- 02 Mark Henry
- 02 Robert Morgenstern
- 06 Tommy Campbell
- 07 Matthew Gray
- 09 Kimberly Baier
- 09 Margaret Wallis
- 12 Shirley Boone
- 13 Buddy Berry
- 13 Andreas Maul
- 14 Sheryl Anderson
- 20 Steve Collins
- 20 Marlene Cutler
- 20 Julia Mitchem
- 22 Andrew Gray
- 22 Carrie Wright
- 23 Cindy Womble
- 24 Thomas Barker
- 24 Shelby Barker
- 26 Laura Henderson
- 27 Gerald Broome
- 27 Jennifer Lindman
- 27 Darcy Schall
- 28 Dean Hughes

## 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



# JULY

| <b>Sun</b>                                                            | <b>Mon</b>                                                                                                                                   | <b>Tue</b>                       | <b>Wed</b>                       | <b>Thu</b>                                  | <b>Fri</b>                                                    | <b>Sat</b>                               |
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|                                                                       |                                                                                                                                              |                                  |                                  |                                             | 1                                                             | 2<br>The<br>Carpenter's<br>Table<br>8-12 |
| 3                                                                     | 4<br><br>Happy<br>Independence<br>Day!<br><br>Office Closed | 5                                | 6                                | 7<br>Bowling @<br>Paradise<br>Lanes<br>4:00 | 8<br>Ladies<br>Who Lunch<br>11:45 at Dale<br>Wright's<br>home | 9                                        |
| 10<br>Youth to<br>Montreat<br>Camp Fellowship<br>8th Grade<br>& under | 11                                                                                                                                           | 12                               | 13                               | 14                                          | 15                                                            | 16                                       |
| 17                                                                    | 18                                                                                                                                           | 19                               | 20                               | 21                                          | 22                                                            | 23                                       |
| 24<br>Blood Mobile<br>4-8<br><br>Supper 5:30<br>VBS 6-8               | 25<br><br>Supper 5:30<br>VBS 6-8                                                                                                             | 26<br><br>Supper 5:30<br>VBS 6-8 | 27<br><br>Supper 5:30<br>VBS 6-8 | 28                                          | 29                                                            | 30                                       |
| 31<br>Pennies for<br>Hunger                                           |                                                                                                                                              |                                  |                                  |                                             |                                                               |                                          |