



FEBRUARY

THE MEETING HOUSE NEWS

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1765 Meeting House



MISSION STATEMENT OF NAZARETH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Dear Nazareth Family,

February may be a short month but we are not short on worship or activities at Nazareth! It is hard to believe that the season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, February 22. We will have our customary worship with the Imposition of Ashes at 7:00 pm.

During the upcoming Sundays before Lent I will be preaching sermons about the Kingdom of God, mentioned frequently in the New Testament and specifically in the Gospel of Matthew. As I have begun my studies, I am finding out that the Kingdom of God and the Kingdom of Heaven are interchangeable. Theologians and scholars differ in opinions on where that kingdom is and when it begins. During our sermons, I hope to help us understand why John the Baptist and Jesus Christ mentioned it so frequently. The most important thing about the kingdom is that YOU AND I are meant to be members of the kingdom and to invite others to join us, as Jesus did. This is part of our mission statement, “to make disciples for Christ.”

Our greatest need as far as volunteers right now is for people to sign up to help with Children’s Church, K4 and K5 after Time with Young Disciples, and for someone to try to fill the shoes of the Maul family and head up Coffee and Conversation each week before Sunday School. Remember, the more people who volunteer, the less you have to take the lead.

The other really exciting news is that the Session has agreed to allow our campus to be used for Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings. The new group, “The Living Sober Group,” will begin meeting every Thursday night at 6:30 in our Fellowship Hall. It is an open discussion meeting, which means that if you think you have a desire to stop drinking, you are invited to attend. Please help us spread the word so this much needed ministry in the community will be a success.

Blessings,

Julie

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has chosen gladly to give you the kingdom.” Luke 12:32

Worship



Worship in person or "Livestream" every Sunday.

Come and worship with us and bring a friend.

Special Events

Feb. 5 Communion/Scout Sunday

Feb. 12 Annual Congregational Meeting

Feb. 19 Transfiguration Sunday

Wednesday, Feb. 22 Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00

Feb. 26 Pennies for Hunger

Head Ushers for February are Mike and Susan Baier.

Session Highlights

Approvals:

- Approved motion (Franklin/Baier) to approve the 2022 Annual Statistical Report.
- Approved motion (Respass/Balltrip) to set February 12, 2023 as the date for the Annual Congregational Meeting. Budget will be presented as information and the congregation will vote on the Pastor's Terms of Call.
- Approved motion from Admin committee to revise 2023 budget to correct Pastor's Term of Call. Correction is needed in Pastor's Medical/Pension expense. New budget total is \$357,729.08
- Approved motion (Brown/Melton) to sustain the examinations of Elders-Elect Paula Cash, Margie Dobbins, Katie Friday, Pat Smith, Jessica Sullens. Elders to be installed/ordained Sunday, January 22, 2023.
- Approved motion (Nunamaker/Whitfield) to charge AA \$20/month for use of our facility. Collection of this fee is a mandatory requirement for AA meetings.

Other Items:

- Vickie Gray to serve as commissioner for February 21, 2023 Foothills Presbytery Meeting.
- Committee moderators to submit Year in Review documents to Debby/Julie by Monday, February 6.
- Nazareth will become a new host site for AA Meetings beginning Thursday, February 2, 2023. Meetings will be held each Thursday in the Social Hall, start at 6:30pm and last for 1 hour. Meetings will be publicized in eblast/bulletin/newsletter/website. Please share this important information with everyone in our community.
- Feed the Future ministry at DR Hill Middle School is off to a great start. This ministry requires a lot of resources. Check the list of needed supplies in the bulletin/newsletter and contribute as able.
- There are now 5 churches in the rotation for the Soup Kitchen so that is the reason our service day has changed. Check the calendar each month for our date to serve.
- Held the first planning meeting for the Adult Mission Trip. Information will be distributed to the congregation once details have been finalized.
- We need more folks to sign up to provide flowers for Worship. The flower calendar is located on the wall outside of the Sanctuary. Susan Baier will update the florist information on the calendar.
- The Youth Bake Auction fundraiser is Sunday, February 5.
- Souper Bowl soup luncheon February 12 following Worship. The Congregation is asked to bring soup or a dessert. The Souper Bowl of Caring offering will also be taken up that day after Worship.
- Amy will be attending the APCE conference in Birmingham, AL January 24-28.

THE SESSION HAS CALLED A CONGREGATIONAL MEETING FOR SUNDAY, FEB. 12 FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOLDING THE ANNUAL MEETING.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CORNER

February is often associated with "**LOVE**" thanks in part to ST. Valentine's Day which we celebrate on February 14. It's with **LOVE** in mind that CE would like to share these events with the NPC family.

- On Sunday, **February 5** at 5pm in the FLC, we will have the infamous [Youth Bake Auction and Spaghetti Dinner](#). The dinner will be prepared by our own Chef Chuck Holmes. On Sunday, Feb 5 you may drop off your baked goods starting at 9am in the FLC. This is one event **YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS!**
- **February 12** is Super Bowl Sunday, but at Nazareth (and several churches across the US) it is [SOUPER BOWL Sunday](#). The Souper Bowl of Caring began in 1990 at Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC when Brad Smith, who was serving as a seminary intern at the time, prayed this simple prayer: "Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those who are without a bowl of soup to eat." With that simple prayer an idea was formed. People could collect donations that would **DIRECTLY** help a local charity.

After worship service the youth will be at the exit doors where they will be collecting monetary donations in soup pots for the Feed the Future Backpack program.



- **February 19** from 2-4 in the Fellowship Hall, the youth and their parents will sponsor a church wide [Baby Shower for Clara and Taylor Nunamaker](#). Their little girl is due on March 10. They are registered at Babylist.com under Clara and Taylor Nunamaker, if you need gift ideas, or any size Huggies Little Snugglers diapers or Pampers Pure Wipes.

Youth Events for February

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| Feb 5 | Bake Auction: Youth be @ GLC by 3pm for set-up. |
| Feb 12 | Youth Choir in choir room—4:30-5:30
Youth Super Bowl Party @ the Doug Hughes' house
6:00—? Please bring an appetizer to share. |
| Feb 19 | Youth Group & parents sponsoring baby shower for
Clara and Taylor in the Fellowship Hall.—2:00 to 4:00
Meet in FH at 1:00 pm. |
| Feb. 26 | Youth Choir in choir room—4:30-5:30
Youth Group dinner and lesson @ FLC—5:30-7:15 |

Naz Kids Event

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| Feb. 26 | Lunch and a movie "night" with movie snacks!
Directly after worship. |
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Sign up in the Fellowship Hall if you are planning to join us!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CONT.

Thank you to Robin, Drew and Ashley Whitfield and Joyce Oates for working with our Youth to put together Homeless Helper Kits.



***We are still looking for a few volunteers for **VBS 2023!**
Please let Amy know if you are interested in helping.***

Missions



The Missions focus for February is

MOBILE MEALS

Their motto is "God's Love We Deliver".

Mobile Meals greatest need is for **DRIVERS** to deliver the meals to those in need. Schedules can be very flexible. If you have a few hours to spare a week or every other week, call Paula at Mobile Meals at 864 573-7684.

MONETARY DONATIONS would also be appreciated. Since food is prepared in large quantities, small food item donations are not what is needed. If you would like to help, you can make your check to NPC and write Mobile Meals in the memo line.



The Pennies for Hunger offering will be received on Sunday, February 26th and will go to the Mobile Meals ministry.



Feed the Future Backpack Ministry

NPC Missions Committee has committed to providing 21 middle-schoolers two 1-gallon zip-loc bags of food *each* weekend for the rest of the school year. Items needed: Individual sized ravioli, spaghetti, soup, mac & cheese, applesauce, fruit cups, juice boxes, Kool-Aid, and Capri Sun drinks. Pop-Tarts, and individual snack pack items like Oreos, Cheese-Its, raisins, and fun items like suckers, candy, or gum are also appreciated.

Please no peanut butter, nuts, Vienna sausage or Ramen noodles.

Thank you so much for helping us fill the backpacks each week! Together we can make a difference in the lives of these children. Please place these items in the bin provided in the Fellowship Hall marked Feed the Future.

Other Nazareth Mission Opportunities

The Carpenter's Table

In 2023, our day to volunteer at the Carpenter's Table will switch to a five-week rotation. Our next day to serve will be on Saturday, February 18th, from 8-12. Please make sure to keep an eye on the newsletter if you are not sure which day we will be serving.

Needs for Carpenter's Table: egg cartons and used grocery bags. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Taylor Nunamaker. (864-992-5708)

The Spartanburg Soup Kitchen

Our next day to serve will be Saturday, February 25th, from 9-1.

If you would like to be a volunteer, please contact Chuck Holmes. (864-556-9702)

Save the date—Adult Mission Trip,
pending Session Approval to Madisonville, KY June 11-17

Fellowship



The mission of the Souper Bowl of Caring organization is: Driving a youth-inspired nation-wide movement to organize communities to give locally and make a collective impact on hunger.

Just \$1 donated to Tackle Hunger generates over \$18 for local food charities through mobilizing businesses, faith-based organizations, and communities. We endeavor to create awareness and action so all food charities have critical resources to feed those in need at all times.



Join us on Sunday, February 12 as we Tackle Hunger at our
Souper Bowl of Caring Luncheon

to be held immediately after the worship service in the Family Life Center.

Bring your favorite pot of soup and/or dessert to share.

Salad, cornbread, and crackers will be provided.

The Youth will collect donations for the Souper Bowl of Caring after the worship service that morning.

Please sign the detailed sheet in the Fellowship Hall to help us plan.

We need to know how many are attending and what kind of soups and desserts are coming!

Note for Fellowship Committee:

For this month only, Fellowship will be meeting on Saturday February 11th in the FLC at 9:00 AM. Since we are hosting the Souper bowl luncheon on the 12th, we decided to meet before we set up so we can be available to receive soups and desserts on Sunday morning.



Coffee and Conversation

Juice and coffee will continue to be available.



Exception: We will not have Coffee and Conversation on February 12th.

We will have our annual New Member / Luck of the Irish Pot Luck Dinner in Mid-March. Watch for details!

Presbyterian Women



Ladies Who Lunch

"Ladies who Lunch will meet Friday, February 10 @ 11:45 @ Apollo restaurant on Highway 29. We chat. We laugh. We eat. We pray. Sometimes this seems like a mini-retreat. You & whoever you invite will add to the festivities."

Back Porch Circle

Back Porch Circle will meet on Tuesday, February 14th, at Debbie Balltrip's home, 192 Woodridge Drive, Spartanburg, at 10:00am. We will continue our wonderful study of Celebrating Sabbath. New members are welcome to join us...come prepared if the weather is chilly.

Circle 3

Circle 3 will meet Tuesday, February 7**, at the home of Elfriede Henry, 115 Brookhaven Drive, Moore, at 7:00 pm. We will be discussing Chapter 9 "Lifelong Trust" of Growing Older and Wiser.

****Please Note we will be meeting one week earlier than our usual meeting date since it falls on Valentine's Day.**

Guests are always welcome to attend!

Offerings for General Giving

Offerings as of 12/31/22— \$ 321,118.20

Expenses as of 12/31/22—\$ 335,950.32

< \$ 14,832.12 >

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

History ~~ Remembering Grandparents

Oh, Grandpa wore his suit to dinner nearly everyday;

No particular reason, he just dressed that way.

A brown necktie, a matching vest and both his wing-tipped shoes,

He built a closet on our back porch and put a penny in a burned out fuse!



Grandpa was a carpenter, he built houses, stores and banks,

Chain-smoked camel cigarettes and hammered nails in planks.

He was level on the level, shaved each and every door,

And voted for Eisenhower, 'cause Lincoln won the war'.

Well, he used to sing to me, "Blood on the Saddle" and rock me on his knee,

He let me listen to the radio before we got TV.

He would drive to church on Sunday, and take me with him too,

Stained glass in every window, a hearing aid in every pew.

Grandpa was a carpenter, he built houses, stores and banks,

Chain-smoked camel cigarettes and hammered nails in planks.

He was level on the level, planed each and every door,

And voted for Eisenhower, 'cause Lincoln won the war'.



Now, Grandma was a teacher, she went to school in Bowling Green,

She traded in her milking cow for a Singer Sewing Machine.

Well, she called her husband "Mister" and she walked real tall with pride,

She used to buy me comic books after Grandpa died.

Grandpa was a carpenter, he built houses, stores and banks

Chain-smoked camel cigarettes and hammered nails in planks

He was level on the level, shaved each and every door

And voted for Eisenhower, 'cause Lincoln won the war'.



(for John Prine, by Carroll Caldwell, Historian)

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*You know that old trees just grow stronger, and old rivers grow wider everyday.*

*Old people just grow lonesome, waiting for someone to say, 'hello in there...old.'*

*So, if you're traveling down the street sometime,*

*and come across some hollow, ancient eyes,*

*Please don't just pass them by and stare, as if you didn't care;*

*Say, 'hello in there.....old!'*





# 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

Katie Barath's parents, Robert and  
Linda Williams  
Carolyn Berry  
Gerald Broome's grandson, Adam, and friend,  
Glen Stribling  
Louis and Cindy Buttino  
Jane Cook  
Jane Cook's niece, Debbie Myers  
Margaret Culclasure  
Marlene Cutler's sister, Jackie Fuller  
PJ Earley's friend, Dani Clark  
Joe and Martha Fox  
Abby Hatchette and family  
Amy Hatley  
Amy Jackson's sister-in-law, Theresa  
Kim and Kaushik Kotecha

Elaine McLeod and family in the passing of  
Bryan McLeod  
Barbara Melton's family in the passing of her  
niece  
Gladys Mills  
Joyce Oates in the loss of her aunt and cousin  
Deb Ritzo in the loss of her cousin, Bruce  
JoAnn Robertson's niece, Stacey Lancaster  
Ted Robertson  
Amelia Senn's brother, Robert & wife, Sandy  
Pat Smith's brother-in-law, Steve Semer  
Dave and Marian Stephen  
Ella Yarborough's volleyball coach and family



### In the Armed Forces:

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

Jacob Schneider  
CVN 76 USS Ronald  
Reagan  
Unit 100197 Box 2898  
FPO AP 96616

### Missionaries and Mission Partners:

Mark Adams  
Shalynn and Tyler Crawford

### Concerns of the World

Nations living in war and violence

Women in Iran

Those dealing with violence in latest shootings in America

**"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 January**

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| Buildings, Grounds & Safety | Sunday, February 5th @ 8:30 AM in the Wagner Classroom  |
| Christian Education         | Sunday, February 5th @ 8:30 AM in the GIFT Classroom    |
| Evangelism & Nurture        | Sunday, February 5th @ 9:00 AM in the Bridges Classroom |
| Fellowship                  | <b>**Saturday, February 11th @ 9:00 AM in FLC</b>       |
| Missions                    | Sunday, February 12th @ 9:00 AM in the Missions Room    |
| Worship                     | Sunday, February 19th @ 8:30 AM 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**  
[www.facebook.com/Nazareth.1765](http://www.facebook.com/Nazareth.1765)

### **NEWSLETTER INFORMATION for the**

#### **MARCH NEWSLETTER**

will be due to Debby in the office by  
Wednesday, February 22nd. **Moderators and  
all others, please adhere to this date.**

**Thank you!**

### **Flower Schedule**



February 5

February 12      Joyce Oates

February 19

February 26      Katie and Ben Friday

March 5

March 12      Cyndy and Colin Urquhart

March 19      Jean Gosnell

March 26

**The New Flower Calendar for 2023 is  
posted outside the sanctuary door in  
the SS hallway. Please consider  
choosing and signing up for a Sunday  
to provide flowers to beautify the  
sanctuary for worship.  
You can also call Debby at the office.**

**Dear Church Family,**



**Kaushik and I would like to  
thank our Nazareth family for all of the  
prayers. Kaushik is doing very well with  
his rotator cuff surgery. My medical  
tests concerns all turned out fine.**

**Kaushik and Kim Kotecha**

**This note is to echo the heartfelt  
appreciation from Elaine and the family  
of Bryan McLeod for the lovely  
reception Saturday January 21. If you  
prepared food, set up the facility,  
served, provided music, greeted and  
comforted the family, cleaned up  
afterward, gave a hug, or said a prayer,  
your Nazareth family thanks you.**

**Sincerely,  
Evangelism and Nurture Committee**

# ***Celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries***

## **FEBRUARY**

01 Nelson Hoenig  
03 AJ Cansler  
07 Jane Cook  
07 Janie Guffey  
09 Bill Berry  
10 Mac Broome  
12 Grant Brown  
14 Shalynn Smith Crawford  
16 Suzanne Hughes  
17 Susan Kern  
21 Trent Cook  
23 Stephanie Heath  
27 Gail Johnson  
28 John Bainbridge  
28 David Franklin  
28 George Sykes



## **MARCH**

02 Thomas Rodgers  
03 Dorothy Ellis  
03 Ann Gwinn  
07 Tommy Lynch  
07 Kay Morgenstern  
14 Annabelle Smith  
18 Frances Lynch  
20 Allison H. Hoffman  
21 John Henry Yarborough  
22 Beth Smart  
23 Ken Smith  
24 JoAnn Respass  
24 Lois Weneck  
25 Charles Heath  
25 Elaine McLeod

## **FEBRUARY**

05 Todd & Amy Jackson  
16 William & Carolyn Berry  
20 Tommy & Frances Lynch  
28 Rick & Jayne Duerksen



## **MARCH**

07 Barry & Deb Gray  
24 Brian & Susan Kern  
27 Tom & Anne Brewer  
31 Benjamin & Katie Friday





# FEBRUARY

| Sun                                                                                                                                     | Mon                                      | Tue                              | Wed                                                        | Thu                                               | Fri                             | Sat                                                                  |
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| 5<br>BG&S 8:30<br>CE 8:30<br>E & N 9:00<br>Scout Sunday<br><br>Youth Bake<br>Auction &<br>Spaghetti Dinner<br>5:00 @ FLC                | 6<br><br>Handbells 5:30                  | 7<br><br>Circle #3 7:00          | 8<br><br>Choir 7:00                                        | 9<br><br>AA meeting<br>Fellowship<br>Hall @ 6:30  | 10<br>Ladies Who<br>Lunch 11:45 | 11<br>Fellowship<br>Committee<br>Meeting @<br>9:00 am<br>in the FLC. |
| 12<br>Missions 9:00<br>Souper Bowl<br>Luncheon<br>Following<br>Worship @ FLC<br><br>Youth choir 4:30<br>Youth party<br>@ Hughes 6:00    | 13<br><br>Handbells 5:30                 | 14<br>Back Porch<br>Circle 10:00 | 15<br><br>Choir 7:00                                       | 16<br><br>AA meeting<br>Fellowship<br>Hall @ 6:30 | 17                              | 18<br>The<br>Carpenter's<br>Table<br>8-12                            |
| 19<br>Worship 8:30<br><br>Youth & parents<br>sponsoring<br>Baby Shower for<br>the Nunamakers<br>2-4 in Fellowship<br>Hall               | 20<br><br>Handbells 5:30<br>Session 7:00 | 21                               | 22<br>Newsletter<br>Info due to<br>Debby<br><br>Choir 7:00 | 23<br><br>AA meeting<br>Fellowship<br>Hall @ 6:30 | 24                              | 25<br>The Soup<br>Kitchen 9-1                                        |
| 26<br>Pennies for<br>Hunger offering<br>Naz Kids<br>Lunch & movie<br>in FH<br><br>Youth Choir<br>4:30<br>Youth dinner &<br>lesson @ FLC | 27<br><br>Handbells 5:30                 | 28                               |                                                            |                                                   |                                 |                                                                      |