



## THE MEETING HOUSE NEWS

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1765 Meeting House

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MISSION STATEMENT OF NAZARETH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

**JULY**

*Dear friends,*

*As we continue our summer sermon series on the Letter to the Hebrews, the passage for this Sunday is Hebrews 3:1-6. When my study partner Allyson and I planned the series, we had originally entitled this week's sermon "House Church". However, as I have studied these verses more intently, I have decided to change it to "Holy Partners".*

*The author of the letter is unknown but referred to often as simply "The Preacher". Each week, I am starting to see that The Preacher has a strong emphasis on the idea that the work that the early church was called to do is IN PARTNERSHIP with our Triune God. This is what I was trying to convey in last week's sermon—that we are partners with Christ. The Preacher reminds us that we are not called to suffer FOR others, but WITH others. Only God can suffer for us. This is one example of the partnership WITH God that we are still called to.*

*As I pondered all of this, my friend Debbie Balltrip came into my office and told me about a book that she is reading entitled No One Like Him by Jen Wilkin. This seemed to fit into what God has been trying to teach me and so I hope it is useful to you. The bottom line is that God COULD do the work of the Kingdom without us, but would rather be in partnership with us. However, we CANNOT do God's work without being in relationship with God, following the example of Christ and listening to the urgings of the Holy Spirit.*

*As we enjoy the summer months, I pray that each of us will seek ways to be in Holy partnership with God and each other. It may be through volunteering at VBS. It may be by offering to be a prayer warrior for one of the youth or youth leaders the week they are at Montreat. Perhaps the Spirit is inviting you to be a part of a new mission here—to volunteer at The Carpenter's Table, The Soup Kitchen, or Mobile Meals. Maybe it is your turn to serve as an Elder.*

*It is my prayer that we will have the wisdom to listen and the courage to follow as we continue to be Holy Partners in the body of Christ.*

*Blessings,  
Julie*

*"For every house is built by someone, but the builder of all things is God." Hebrews 3:4*

# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CORNER

Happy Summer!

We are busy bees over here getting ready for Montreat, VBS, and the start of school! Here are a few things coming up that you should be looking out for: Montreat Youth Conference for 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade is July 7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>. Please be in prayer for our attending youth and leaders. If you would like to be a personal Prayer Partner that week, let Julie know.

VBS is July 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> and there are a lot of us working hard to turn Nazareth into a space station on Mars! The Fellowship Committee is putting on a fried chicken picnic on Sunday July 21<sup>st</sup> at 5 PM to kick off VBS. Members are asked to please bring a side or dessert this night. VBS meals will be at 5:30 PM Monday-Wednesday. Join us as we blast off To Mars and Beyond!

If you have love in your heart for children, or if you love teaching, please be in contact with DJ about being a Sunday School teacher for this Fall! We are looking for someone to help Mrs. Molly Barker out in the 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade class each Sunday morning starting August 18<sup>th</sup>!

Let us all be God's hands and feet in this world as we love and worship Him!

In Light,

DJ Wall, Christian Education Coordinator

## MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE

July 7<sup>th</sup>—13<sup>th</sup>—Youth  
attending conference.

*Please be in prayer as we prepare to attend this conference and please let the church office know if you are willing to be a prayer partner with one of the youth!*

Christian Education  
Committee Meeting is  
July 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm

Children's Summer

Sunday School has begun and is being taught by Kim Cansler and DJ Wall. We are exploring the Liturgical Calendar of the Church. We hope that our teachers will enjoy their break.

If you are willing to be a teacher in the Fall, please let DJ know as soon as possible!

## Nazareth Youth Events for JULY

7—13: Montreat Youth Conference

14: Montreat Sunday

21—24: Vacation Bible School



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**WHEN:** JULY 21<sup>st</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>

**TIME:** 5:30 PM – 8:00 PM

**WHERE:** NAZARETH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Our service project for VBS this year is to collect school supplies for children of District 5. Please bring your items to the Family Life Center when we eat and we will collect and deliver them.



## Fellowship

### Church Picnic



**The Fellowship Committee will provide the main dish (Fried Chicken) for our Annual Picnic. This will be in conjunction with the kick-off for Vacation Bible School, Sunday, July 21 at 5:00. Please bring a side, salad or dessert to share and then plan to stay for VBS. No need to sign up, just bring plenty to share and an appetite!**

**Friendship Club will not meet in July or August .**

# Presbyterian Women



**Circle # 3** will not meet in July. We will resume our monthly meeting in August.

**“Ladies Who Lunch”** meet at McAlister’s Deli on the second Friday of each month. Our day to fellowship this month is Friday, July 12, at 11:45. Come and join us!

Next year’s Women’s Retreat will be April 24-25, 2020 at beautiful BONCLARKEN Conference Center in Flat Rock, NC. Every Nazareth Woman should preview this excellent location and plan now to GO, and SERVE on the planning committee. Visit in person or on-line, and let Sheryl Anderson, Cindy Womble or Cyndy Urquhart know if you are led to assist in this Awesome Opportunity for service!

~ SAVE THE DATE ~

Nazareth is planning a trip to the Holy Land June 9-19, 2020.  
An informational meeting for anyone interested will be held in August.  
Brochures will be available soon.

## Session Highlights

- Session will not meet in July. Many committees will also not meet in July. Our July focus is VBS.
- Session members will be reading books on sustainable children's and youth ministries in preparation for discussion at the fall elder retreat.
- The church office is closed July 4.  
Jean Glass will be filling in for Debby on July 3.
- Julie will be on vacation July 14-21. Jeff Hayes and Vickie Gray will be elders on call. Rex Keaton, Debby’s husband, will be preaching on July 21.
- Worship committee shared there is a tremendous need for volunteers to serve as ushers and many open dates on the flower calendar.

# What Are Elders?

Well they are the members of Nazareth that are grumpy old bearded curmudgeons that are appalled when babies cry during Sunday Service, believe that those services should be 2 to 3 hours long, wear stodgy old clothes, and make sure that we always do things the same way . . . . FOR-EV-ER!

No. Not really.

We do have elders, but fortunately, they are nothing like that. In fact the Elders are the individuals who have held the church together since it was founded. They serve the church as leaders and volunteers. They personify the Christ-like lives that Jesus calls all of us to live. They are everyday people and members of the congregation who are willing to take a leadership role, create and maintain policies, and organize the other members in the mission of the church. Half of our congregation have been active Elders at one time in the past. That is a good thing. It indicates that our members have always been ready to step up and do some of the “heavy lifting” in the work of the church.

Different Elders and their talents have different levels of visibility. There are so many small jobs that must be addressed in the life of the church, and many of the people who quietly perform these tasks go unnoticed and unrecognized by many of us. But they don't really mind. Recognition is not their interest. Service and active participation in the life of the church is their purpose. They come to serve, not to be served.

In the next few months the recently elected Nominating Committee will be looking for 5 members to replace 5 Elders who will be completing their 3-year commitment as active Elders on the Session. You may be one of those people who are asked. That is good!

That means that the committee believes you possess good judgment, are levelheaded, can work with others, and can see the importance and need to serve in this capacity.

Your first reaction may be, “I don't really know about any of that stuff. I would not do a very good job.” No one ever knows much about being an elder when first asked. But we have thorough training for those who feel called. You also learn through doing. You watch the others and become more involved over time, until one day, you feel comfortable and capable. Isn't that kind of how most jobs are? Familiarity is all that is needed.

This year we have a deficit on Session. Men!! Only 5 of 15 Elders are men. The nominating committee will be working hard to correct this imbalance. We are not sure why it has occurred, but we will address it. The ladies are quite capable. But things work better with a mix of young and old, male and female. Different demographics bring different points of view and balanced decisions.

Everyone should be prepared to answer the Call to be an Elder. It does require thoughtful consideration. But do not reject the possibility without prayer and examination. There are always other things in life that can get in the way if you let them or want them to. Sometimes you just have to make time for some new duties and step up to the task at hand. I hope everyone will consider if asked to serve.

Michael F Baier, Elder  
Nominating Committee Moderator



# Missions



## **The Carpenter's Table**

is a great place of opportunity to enjoy fellowship while serving the needs of others.  
Our day to work is Saturday, July 13 from 9-1.

## **The Spartanburg Soup Kitchen**

is where Nazareth volunteers can lend a helping hand and make a difference in the lives of those in our community! Our day to serve is Saturday, July 27 from 9-1.  
Nazareth was well represented in June and enjoyed working with members of the Calvary Hmong Alliance Church.



**The MISSION FOCUS for JULY is the Spartanburg Soup Kitchen.**



**The items needed are: Ranch dressing, gravy mixes, baked beans, green beans, vienna sausages, canned fruit, aluminum foil, sandwich bags, and brown paper lunch bags.**

**Make checks to NPC and place in the offering or give to Debby and designate for Spartanburg Soup Kitchen.** There is a red bin in the Fellowship Hall for any items donated. Thank you for giving to a great cause!

## Nazareth Historical Facts by Historian Carroll Caldwell

The Rev. W.C. Davis was the first Pastor at Nazareth.

Rev. Davis was also one of the first of three school teachers in the community.

1794 – The Rev. James Templeton served eight years at Nazareth.

1797 – The first Philanthropic Society was organized at Nazareth

1800 – Nazareth had 76 members.

1802 – On July 2<sup>nd</sup>, the first revival held at Nazareth was moved to a grove of trees on the South Tyger River in the Poplar Springs community. In attendance were four to five thousand people from 9 South Carolina counties and 5 counties of Georgia. Participating in this event were the Reverends Simpson, Cummins, Davis Cunningham, Wilson, Waddell, Williamson, Brown, Kennedy, Gilleland Sr., McElhaney, Dixon, and the Rev. Gilleland Jr.

1814 – Fifteen members of Nazareth Church fought against British and Creek Indians in the War of 1812.

1826 – Major Andrew Barry contracted the building of Nazareth's third sanctuary for 500 dollars. It was completed in 1832.

1838 – The Nazareth Temperance Society was established.

1843 – The Nazareth Temperance Society members were John Stroble Jr., John Wingo, Samuel Miller, Stephen Lee, Samuel N. Evins, Thomas B. Collins, and John Fielder.

### The Minerva School

1858 – The Rev. Thomas E. Davis taught a mixed school of boys and girls near Nazareth Church.

1859 – The Rev. Robert H. Reid founded the Reidville Male and Female High Schools. Rev. Reid was on the Board of Trustees for 42 years.

1861 – All able bodied men from Nazareth volunteered for the Confederate cause.

1865 – The Rev. Robert H. Reid saved the church from being burned by Union General George Stonemen's Cavalry while making their raid through the upstate.

1899 – On April 4th, Nazareth had 76 members.

Upon leaving Nazareth Presbyterian Church, going northwest, you will cross Reidville Rd. onto Nazareth Church Road. The first property on the right is that belonging to Julian Hankinson. This property is part of what was once the land grant of Andrew Coan, an early pioneer and a Nazareth Church Member.

The Fairmont Community was previously known as Crawfordsville, named for John Crawford who lived nearby. What we know now as Reidville Rd. was once called the Crawfordsville Road. The bridge on the North Tyger River was called the Snoddy Bridge and the bridge over the South Tyger River was called the Wakefield Bridge.

Traveling northwest on Nazareth Church Road, just before crossing the railroad tracks on the right was the old Snoddy homeplace, later occupied by the Frey family where Frey Road and Frey Creek get their names. This was the home of Nazareth Historian Florence Quinn and her husband Elmer Quinn. The railroad was the Pennsylvania Northern, locally known as the P & N. This intersection was known as Snoddy's Stop. Across the tracks in a grove of ancient oaks was the Snoddy's General Store.

The Nazareth Church road splits near Frey Creek and the left branch takes you near what we know as a village called Tucapau of Cherokee Origin. This property was once owned by a man known as James Harvey Hadden, brother of Michael Dixon Hadden and John Caldwell Hadden. James H. Hadden, also known as "Harry", sold 300 acres to some investors who were looking for a suitable location on the Middle Tyer River to build a Textile Mill. The Mill became the Startex Mill and Mill Village. James Harvey Hadden is buried in the Duncan Baptist Church Cemetery.

# 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

Catherine Beach  
Gerald Broome's grandson, Adam Broome  
Mary Brady  
Simon Cairns' sister, Grace Dalhoff  
Carroll Caldwell's son, Aaron Caldwell  
Melanie Campbell's mother, Linda Goings  
and father, George  
Kathy Cothran's friend, Sha  
Jenny Collins  
Peden Cook  
Margaret Culclasure  
Fran Deer  
Elder Nominating Committee  
Martha Fox  
Vickie Gray's mother, Lib Culbertson

Amy Hatley  
Mandy Mathis' mother-in-law, Kim Billman  
Barbara Melton's sister-in-law,  
Sheila Cowen  
Gladys Mills  
Irene Powers  
Ritzo family  
Julie and Danny Schaaf's friend,  
Ruth Gardner  
Danny Schaaf's father, Paul Schaaf  
Lenny and Amelia Senn  
Jenny Stidham and family in the death of  
her father  
Dale Wright  
Youth and youth leaders at Montreat,  
July 7-14



### In the Armed Forces:

Steven Alverson	Andrew Caldwell
Doneven Derner	Eric Gallman
Dorothy Ellis	Mike Roberts
Joey Menendez	Shelly Roberts

### Missionaries and Mission Partners:

Mark Adams  
Shalynn and Tyler Crawford

### Concerns of the World

“If my people who are called by my name 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.



## Sunday Morning Coffee and Conversation

Time: 9:00 - 9:30

CIRCLE # 3



Thanks to everyone who shows up early on Sunday mornings to serve coffee and snacks. If you know someone who doesn't participate in this time of fellowship, reach out and invite them to join us.

**OFFICE HOURS** - Debby works in the office Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 2 pm. Julie is in the office Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 4:30 pm. In case of a pastoral emergency, please call Julie at 864-421-2750.

### UPDATED WEBSITE

Check out our updated website with weekly sermons available.

Please Like us on Facebook

### FLOWER CALENDAR

The 2019 flower calendar is hanging in the hall behind the sanctuary. Please consider this wonderful way to honor someone as well as contribute to the beauty of worship.

### FLOWER CALENDAR



July	7	Communion
July	14	Deb Ritzo
July	21	Jean Glass
July	28	Jessica Sullens
August	4	Communion
August	11	
August	18	Russ and Dale Wright
August	25	Herb and JoAnn Respass

### MEETING HOUSE NEWS

The deadline for the Newsletter for AUGUST will be Thursday, July 25th. Please have all articles and information to Debby ([debby@nazarethpresbyterian.org](mailto:debby@nazarethpresbyterian.org)) by that time. Ample time is needed to complete the newsletter and have it to you by the end of the month. Please adhere to this time frame. Thank you!

*Christian sympathy is extended to Jane and Paul Harrington's families*

*Robert Paul Harrington  
January 1, 1923—  
June 26, 2019*



# Celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries

## JULY

02 Catherine Beach  
02 Jenny Stidham  
04 Judy Hatchette  
05 Jerry Johnson  
06 Taylor Nunamaker  
08 Jessica Johnson  
08 Cherie Oburg  
08 DJ Wall  
11 Amelia Senn  
13 Forrest Lindman  
15 Petra Warren  
16 Katie Barath  
16 Chuck Holmes  
17 Vickie Gray  
18 Russ Wright  
21 Gene Cothran  
22 Brandon Collins  
25 Steve Balltrip  
25 Jean Glass  
26 Emma Labelle  
27 Noah Nobles  
27 Jacob Schneider  
28 Liz Frey  
29 Joe Fox  
31 Eli Kern



## AUGUST

01 Marilyn Anderson  
02 Mark Henry  
02 Robert Morgenstern  
06 Tommy Campbell  
09 Kimberly Baier  
09 Margaret Wallis  
13 Buddy Berry  
18 Meagan Schall  
20 Steve Collins  
20 Julia Gail Mitchem  
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 Stephen Frey  
28 Dean Hughes

## 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  
24 Joey & Sina Guffey



## AUGUST

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

# JULY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Happy Independence Day!  Office Closed	5	6
7 Montreat Youth Conference July 7—14	8	9	10	11	12 Ladies Who Lunch 11:45	13 The Carpenter's Table 9—1
14 Youth Montreat Sunday	15 Christian Education 6:00	16	17	18	19	20
21 Annual Church Picnic VBS Kickoff 5:00 VBS begins 5:30—8:00	22 VBS 5:30—8:00	23 VBS 5:30—8:00	24 VBS 5:30—8:00	25	26	27 The Soup Kitchen 9—1
28	29	30	31			