



THE MEETING HOUSE NEWS

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**AUGUST
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MISSION STATEMENT OF NAZARETH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Dear Friends,

It is so good to be back at Nazareth. There really is no place like home and Nazareth is home to me. Sabbath was not at all what I had planned and, while I did get some rest and Danny and I had a wonderful trip to Oregon, the Sabbath part was honestly lacking. That is something I will have to work on. I have no doubt that God was in the midst of it and as my friend Allyson always tells me, "God is never late," so I am sure God will make it all clear to me eventually. Many thanks to Pressley Cox, our Session, Debby Keaton and Amy Jackson for their leadership while I was away.

Sabbath has given me fresh eyes with which to view the Nazareth family and as I heard about the ways you cared for each other and as I observed the congregation on my first few weeks back, the word that has come up for me is "Compassion." While the origins of the word are broken down to mean "suffer with," I see the Nazareth family simply LIVING with each other, our visitors, our staff and even the world. This was especially clear when I was lining up prayer partners for those attending our August Mission Trip. More than once, the answer was, "Yes and thanks for asking me." What a blessing all pastors and church staff would receive if the answers to all our questions were like this!

Vacation Bible School was great fun and helped me learn more about "Jonah, the Reluctant Prophet." I have never preached from Jonah before and am learning more about him each week as our sermon series on Sunday mornings continues. I hope you are too. We will study the third chapter of Jonah this week and also commission our Mission Team during worship. I hope to see you there.

Blessings,

Julie

"If you see someone falling behind, walk beside them. If you see someone being ignored, find a way to include them. If someone has been knocked down, lift them up. Always remind people of their worth. One small act could mean the world to them." (Author unknown)

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
followed by Worship at 10:30 am***

Rev. Schaaf will continue her Sermon Series on Jonah through August 10.

**The Choir will have their annual Kick-off Dinner,
Wednesday, August 27th
at Ed and Petra Warren’s home.
Arrival time is 5:30 and dinner will be at 6:00 pm.
New members welcome!**

Head Ushers for August are Candy and Jamison Franklin

Session

**The Session did not meet in July.
Our Next meeting will be Monday, August 18th at 7:00 pm
in the Session room.**



Christian Education



Another hot summer has come and gone, and the kids are heading back to school! The summer of 2025 flew by! We had some great times at NPC this summer, like summer camp at Camp Fellowship and the Middle School Retreat the Great Escape Smokies and VBS! As we move into August here is what's happening with Christian Ed at NPC.



[New Sunday School class for young adults!](#)

A new Sunday School class will begin on Sunday, August 10, in the room across from the youth Sunday School room. Recent graduates of high school and young adults are invited to attend! Our teachers, Petra Warren and John Yarborough, will be teaching Discipleship and what it means for today's world.

Hope you will join us!

[Genesis Day](#)

August 10-All of our Sunday School classes will go back to their "regular" Sunday School classrooms.

CE will have a special coffee and conversation breakfast from 9:00-9:30am in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate a new school year. [We will also have the Blessing of the Backpacks in worship on this day.](#)

[Naz Kids next event is Sunday, August 10 directly after church](#)

We will go out to eat at El Conquistador (across the street from Paradise Lanes) and then go bowling at Paradise Lanes. Please sign up if your family plans to be there. The sign-up sheet is in the Fellowship Hall.



[Youth Group will start back in September.](#)

We will have more information coming soon. Until then, [please save this date in your calendar, August 16.](#) That is our next day to serve at The Carpenter's Table. Please come and help us as we help others!

Thank you to everyone who either helped with VBS or attended VBS. A great time was had by all learning about Jonah: The Fearful Prophet!

Amy Jackson, Director of Christian Education



Christian Education



VBS 2025 JONAH, the Fearful Prophet



Our bins with supplies for children returning to school are overflowing! Our first priority will be to supply D.H. Hill school with whatever they need. Then the rest of the supplies will be donated to The Soup Kitchen and The Carpenter's Table. We will continue to collect school supplies during the month of August. Thanks for your generosity.



The Missions Focus for AUGUST is St. Luke's Free Medical Clinic.

The following are items needed for St. Luke's:

Food for Pantry: *Ramen, canned vegetables (with pop tops), peanut butter, Vienna sausages, pasta, sauces, canned tuna, rice, soups, and cereal.*

Office Supplies: *black pens, sticky notes, copy paper, and hand sanitizer*

Pharmacy Supplies to give out upon request: *deodorant, shampoo, conditioner, toothpaste, soap, feminine products, denture adhesive and cleaner, wipes, and lotion.*

The Carpenter's Table—Our day to volunteer is Saturday, August 16th, from 8:00-12:00. Last month 234 families were served! Thank you to all those who volunteered and those who gave, for all your help and dedication and a special thank you to Kim Kotecha for leading the charge! TCT is very appreciative of everything we do!

Soup Kitchen—Our day to volunteer is Saturday, August 23rd, from 9:00-1:00

MISSION TRIP

Remember to pray for members of our congregation going to North Carolina during the week of August 3-8 to help those folks still recovering from Hurricane Helene. It is hard to believe that it has been almost a year since Hurricane Helene paid us a visit, and its effects are still with us.



Pennies for Hunger offering will be received on Sunday, August 31st, and will go to support The Carpenter's Table.

Fellowship

GREETINGS FROM THE FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE!!

First of all, we would like to thank the Sunday School classes and the Choir for serving the coffee and treats for Coffee and Conversation each Sunday this summer.

There will be a Special Coffee and Conversation breakfast for Genesis on Sunday, August 10, and then the Fellowship Committee will begin serving once again each Sunday. If you would like to help us with serving during the year, please see Joyce Oates or Paula Cash.



PICKLEBALL!!! Thanks to all of you who have made pickleball such a success this summer!! Many of you have attended our weekly sessions on a regular basis and have invited your friends to come and join us. We will continue our summer schedule until Wednesday August 3 and then...begin our new fall schedule on Sunday, August 10.

New pickleball fall schedule: Sunday 3:00 to 5:00

Tuesday 10:00 to 12:00

Thursday 6:00 to 8:00

We will have a clinic for beginners on Sunday, August 10 from 2:00 to 3:00. This is a great opportunity to learn how to play if you have never played. Don't be afraid...we all started out as beginners!! We have extra paddles and everything you will need. Just wear tennis shoes and comfortable clothes. Look forward to seeing you there!



~ Join us for this men's ministry ~

The NOMEO Club

(Nazareth Old Men Eating Out)

The NOMEO Club will meet on Tuesday, August 12th
at 6:00 pm at Cribbs Kitchen
in the Publix shopping center.

Presbyterian Women



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Ladies Who Lunch

Ladies who Lunch will gather on Friday, August 8, at 11:45 in our cozy back room at Apollo restaurant on Highway 29.
Come as you are.

Back Porch Circle

will resume in September

Circle 3

*will not be meeting in August.
Our next meeting will be September 9.*

Buildings Grounds & Safety

NOTICE: Bathroom Renovation

The two bathrooms near the sanctuary are under construction. The renovation project is expected to take approximately 2 to 4 weeks to complete. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this time. Alternative restrooms are available in the Fellowship area hallway. Thank you. *BG&S Committee*

Offerings for General Giving

Offerings as of 6/30/2025	\$159,104.02
Expenses as of 6/30/2025	<u>\$180,451.31</u>
Net Ordinary Income	\$ -21,347.29

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



*You are cordially invited to the wedding shower of
Hannah Morin
(fiancée of John Hayes, son of Jeff and Lisa Hayes)*

On Sunday, August 3

from 2-4 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Hannah is registered at Amazon, Crate & Barrel, and Pottery Barn.

The house colors are neutral. The couple would also be thrilled to receive gift cards as they start their lives together in their new home.



On your mark. Get set. JOG! (Journey of Generosity)

We'd like to take a minute and invite you all to go on a "jog" with us. And no, you can leave your tennis shoes at home, it's not that kind of jog. The J-O-G we're talking about is a Journey of Generosity!

The Legacy Partnership tasked us, the church, with changing our mindset around Stewardship and Generosity. Instead of only talking about giving our time, money, and talents during one month of the year, we'd like for you to go on a journey with us to think about how we can all be generous throughout the year in many different ways.

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

2 Corinthians 9:10-15¹⁰ Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

¹² This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. ¹³ Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. ¹⁴ And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. ¹⁵ Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

JOG TEAM, Brian Kern, Chair

Our next JOG meeting will be August 10th at 9:00 in the Confirmation Classroom.



HISTORY



REVOLUTIONARY WAR BATTLES IN UPSTATE SOUTH CAROLINA IN THE SUMMER of 1780

Presented by Carroll Caldwell, on the occasion of a Grave Dedication and Wreath Ceremony, Honoring 23 Revolutionary War Patriots, by the Daniel Morgan Chapter, SC Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, on May 10, 2025, at Nazareth Presbyterian Church, Moore, SC.

Part 2

The Loyalist Tory, Thomas Fletchall, had amassed a great number of Tory militiamen in the area later to become Union County, SC, and was a formidable threat to the Patriot cause in the SC backcountry. To counter this offense, General Nathaniel Greene, who had been appointed Commander of the Southern District by General George Washington, sent the Virginian, Colonel John Thomas, to rally the Patriots, which led to the formation of the "Spartan Regiment." Colonel Thomas was captured along with two of his sons. His third son, Colonel John Thomas, Jr., assumed command of the Spartan Regiment. On July 12, 1780, he led his men to victory over a Tory attack at Cedar Springs, where several loyalists were killed. The next two days, July 13 and 14, 1780, at Gowan's Old Fort, 32 loyalists are killed. The Patriots left the field with a great number of arms and equipment taken from the enemy. On July 30, 1780, Patriot Colonels Isaac Shelby and Elijah Clark captured Fort Thickety, taking 93 prisoners, arms and supplies. August 8, 1780 Shelby and Clark found themselves again at Cedar Springs facing 144 loyalists, where some were killed before being reinforced. When British Colonel Patrick Ferguson arrived with 500 men, Shelby and Clark retreated to Wofford's Iron Works, near present day Glendale. Shelby and Clark ordered their men to turn and fire. Twelve Patriots were wounded, including Clark, but the Loyalists lost 25.

On August 18, 1780, Colonel Thomas Brandon, with Colonels Shelby and Clark, lured the Loyalists into an attack at Musgrove Mill. It was an embarrassing defeat for the Loyalists, with 63 dead, 90 wounded and 70 captured, about two-thirds of their troops. Most of this battle was fought in what is now Spartanburg County. On October 7, 1780, at the Battle of Kings Mountain, British Colonel Patrick Ferguson, was shot and died on the field. The Loyalists were overwhelmed by the Patriots. The battle lasted 65 minutes and 90 Loyalists were killed, 163 wounded, and 665 taken prisoner. Among the Patriots at Kings Mountain was the father of Davy Crockett. On November 20, 1780, at the Battle of Blackstock's Plantation, Brigadier General Thomas Sumter placed the son of Anthony Wade Hampton, Colonel Henry Hampton, in the direct line of British Lieutenant Colonel Banastre Tarleton's advance with 190 British Regulars and 30 men on horseback. Tarleton attacked before his entire army arrived and was forced to retreat leaving 92 dead and 76 wounded. The Patriots lost 3 dead and 4 wounded.

On January 16 and 17, 1781, General Daniel Morgan with 1,100 men, and Colonel John Howard with 300 Maryland Regulars, along with Colonel John Thomas of the Spartan Regiment, converged at Hannah's Cowpens. Thomas's men were familiar with the area. The day before, Captain John Collins had returned with 24 men from the Nazareth Community.

At 7:00 AM on a brisk, cool morning, the first British soldiers arrived. They were surprised by an ambush by the Patriot Militia. Fifteen Loyalist officers were shot from their horses. This infuriated Tarleton and he ordered 1,100 soldiers to advance. Patriot Colonel Andrew Pickens moved back and the British Cavalry thought it was a general retreat. Howard's men turned to face them, and Morgan and Howard ordered an entire company to turn and fire with bayonets. Tarleton's men, believing that they are outnumbered, began to flee, ignoring Tarleton's angry orders. Pursued by General William Washington, Tarleton turned and shot Washington's horse. Tarleton, knowing that his attack was lost, escaped the battlefield. One hundred and ten Loyalists were killed, including 10 officers. Seven hundred, fifteen men were captured along with a huge amount of military supplies and weapons. Morgan lost only 23 killed and 61 wounded — a tremendous victory for the Americans. The British never recovered in the South or in the war itself.

Back home near the Tyger Rivers, the families had gathered at the home of Andrew Coan. Even at a distance, the cannon fire could be heard. On the rocky shoals of the North Tyger, the Nichols girls heard the approach of a rider. It was William Caldwell returning from Cowpens. "Glorious news" he shouted. "We have whipped the British, and they are on the run." This news was conveyed to Kate Barry, as she waded through the cold water toward the messenger. "What about my husband, Andrew Barry?" she asked. Caldwell responded, "He is alive and well. I shook his hand after the battle."

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
Dunnie Bibb
Jean Glass
Elaine Kirkpatrick's niece, Darcy, her husband, Steve and family
Caryle Marzke's friend, Kathy Lockaby
Gerald Broome
Carroll Caldwell's sister, Anita Edwards
Jane Cook
Marlene Cutler's brother, Dick and family
Margaret Culclasure
Joe Fox
Gladys Mills
Katie Morgenstern

Phyllis Powers' aunt, Donna Cudd Young
Laura Price's husband, David
Julie Schaaf's parents, Bob & Becky Carter
Amelia Senn's brother, Robert
Jessica Schneider's Aunt Claudia
Jessica Schneider's sister, Lori Cook
Marian Stephen's sister-in-law, Trish

Christian sympathy is extended to Mark Henry and family in the passing of his mother and to Joyce Oates and family in the passing of her brother.



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:

Gaza Israel Ukraine Those suffering from loss due to heat, floods and fires

“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

Buildings, Grounds & Safety	Sunday, August 3, at 8:30 in the Wagner Classroom
Worship	Sunday, August 3, at 8:30 in the Session Room
Evangelism & Nurture	Sunday, August 3, at 8:45 in the MS Classroom
Christian Education	Tuesday, August 12, at 5:30 in the Session Room
Fellowship	Sunday, August 10, at 8:30 in the Gift Classroom
Missions	Sunday, August 10, at 8:45 in the Missions 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.

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NEWSLETTER INFORMATION for the

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

will be due to Debby in the office by
Wednesday, August 20th.

FLOWER CALENDAR



August 3	Communion
August 10	Joyce & Roy Oates
August 17	Yolanda Sanchez & Barbara Lee
August 24	Marian Stephen
August 31	Nancy Ferguson
September 7	Communion
September 14	Yolanda Sanchez & Barbara Lee
September 21	Elaine & Rusty Kirkpatrick
September 28	Ashley Whitfield

**Please sign up on the 2025 Flower
Calendar in the SS hallway if you would
like to provide flowers.**

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. Cell: 864-304-7844. anytime

Dear Nazareth Family,

*Thanks to everyone for
their concern and prayers for our
granddaughter, Kyleigh.*

Judy & Ross McClellan

*Thanks to everyone for the
cards, visits, and prayers for me.*

Katie Morgenstern

**A big THANK YOU to all who made my
85th B'day so special: Amy, for meeting
my best friend who brought the cake we
all enjoyed, VBS attendees who sang
Happy Birthday, everyone who prepared
the delicious meals, and the Youth who
decorated the Fellowship Hall! The
crafts were wonderful and I have
several cheerful mementos! My thanks
and love to y'all! Judy Hachette**



Celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries

AUGUST

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



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
12 Dwayne Pergrem
14 Sailor Melton
16 Amy Jackson
18 Jim Anderson
22 Dale Allen
24 Kathy Allen
28 Jeff Hayes
29 Debbie Balltrip
30 Kathryn Kotecha

AUGUST

02 Grant & Sandy Brown
08 Dale & Kathy Allen
16 Roy & Joyce Oates
31 Russ & Dale Wright



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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3 BG&S 8:30 Worship 8:30 Evang & N 8:45 Bridal Shower for Hannah Morin in Fellowship Hall 2:00-4:00 Pickleball Clinic 2:00-3:00 Pickleball 3-5	4 MISSION TRIP August 3-8	5 Pickleball 10-12	6	7 AA meeting 6:30 Pickleball 6-8	8 Ladies Who Lunch 11:45 @ Apollo's	9
10 Fellowship 8:30 Missions 8:45 JOG mtg. 9:00 Special Coffee & Conversation GENESIS DAY Naz Kids Eat out & Bowl Pickleball 3-5	11	12 Pickleball 10-12 Christian Education meeting 5:30 NOME0 6:00	13	14 AA meeting 6:30 Pickleball 6-8	15	16 The Carpenter's Table 8-12 Youth TCT 7-noon
17 Pickleball 3-5	18 Session 7:00	19 Pickleball 10-12	20 NEWSLETTER INFO DUE	21 AA meeting 6:30 Pickleball	22	23 Soup Kitchen 9-1
24 Pickleball 3-5	25	26 Pickleball 10-12	27 Choir Kick-off Dinner @ Warrens' home 5:30	28 AA meeting 6:30 Pickleball 6-8	29	30
31 Pennis for Hunger Offering Pickleball 3-5						