



THE MEETING HOUSE NEWS

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**SEPTEMBER
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MISSION STATEMENT OF NAZARETH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

Dear Friends,

While I know that January is when we celebrate the beginning of the new year, I always feel like it is in September. This is when new Sunday School Classes start, planning for church activities begin, the Nominating Committee starts listening to the Spirit for guidance on who to choose as Elders, the choir and handbell choir begin their regular practices.

This year, we have a couple of special events on the horizon. First we will welcome our new Accompanist, Brooke Clay, to worship on September 7. Brooke really wowed us when she played during her interview and I know she will be a wonderful addition to the Nazareth family. The Youth will lead worship on September 14. This is always a moving and Spirit-filled morning. We will also be welcoming new disciples officially into the family on September 21 and then celebrate all 16 new disciples who have joined this year during a special luncheon after worship.

*One thing you may not know is that Nazareth will be hosting the Foothills Presbytery Meeting in November. This will be a chance for us to enhance our historical and beautiful campus and make it shine. Be watching for opportunities to help before, during and after. If you love to throw away junk and clean out dusty corners, we have a job for you! If hospitality is your specialty, look for sign-up or simply say “yes” when you are called. Being a part of such a generous congregation is a real blessing and this is a wonderful opportunity to share our gifts. With the heartbreaking news of yet another school shooting, we as Christians must set the example of loving the least of these—the poor, the children, the mentally ill, the outcast. If we do not get it right in the church, we cannot expect the world to get it right either. Please be in prayer for all involved but even more, for change in our society that will protect those who cannot protect themselves. On my Sabbatical, I read a Richard Rohr book entitled *Falling Upward*. I have always loved his writings and the book reminded me that I have collected many quotes from him over the years. When he met Bishop Tutu, the Bishop told Rohr, “We are only the light bulbs, Richard, and our job is to remain screwed in!” Let’s be the light in prayer but in words and actions too.*

Blessings,

Julie

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**

September 7 The Lord’s Supper

September 14 Youth Sunday

September 21 Reception of New Disciples

Beginning September 7, we welcome our new Accompanist, Brooke Clay. Brooke is a native of Spartanburg, trained at Converse and comes to us by way of Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church in Mauldin, SC. She lives in Moore and is glad to be closer to home. Please take time to welcome Brooke to our church family.

Head Ushers for September: Bill and Leslie Stuermann

Handbell practice resumes on Monday, September 8th at 5:30pm.

Choir practice resumes on Wednesdays at 6:45pm.

Session

Approval:

- Approved motion (Dobbins/Stidham) to approve the May 19 Stated Minutes, June 1 Called Meeting to accept new disciples, June 9 Evote to approve summer pickleball schedule.
- Approved motion (Hayes/Kotecha) to hold a church wide clean up day Saturday, October 18, 2025.
- Tabled motion from CE committee (Hayes/Hughes) to approve Youth Retreat/Cancellation policy. Session members request more time to review policy.
- Approved motion from Missions Committee to take up a church wide offering September 13 & 20 to help with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance/Texas flood recovery.

Other Items:

- Elders are reminded to be sure and wear name tags, especially when serving communion.
- BG&S will do a walkthrough of the campus to access areas in need of additional cleaning/sprucing up in preparation for hosting the November 11 meeting of Foothills Presbytery.
- BG&S to develop a list of jobs/tasks done by Brian Forrest in order to determine how to best move forward with replacing his services.
- Session reviewing Youth Retreat/Cancellation policy. Will vote on policy by August 29, 2025.
- New Member Luncheon will be on September 21. The meal will be a covered dish. E&N and Fellowship will supply the meat and drinks.
- Congregational meeting to elect Nominating Committee is Sunday, August 25.
- CE will contact the JOG Committee about utilizing Youth Sunday as an opportunity for the Youth to talk about their gratitude for the support they receive from members of Nazareth.



Christian Education



FALL is in the air, the kids are back in school, football Saturdays are in full swing, and the life of NPC is as busy as ever. As we close the book on the Summer of 2025, we would like to take this opportunity to thank some very special Summer Adult Sunday School Teachers. Brian Kern, Candy Franklin, Cassie Yarborough, James Cantrell, Tina Cantrell, Dave Weneck and Paula Cash. We appreciate all your hard work and dedication in preparing the Sunday School lesson and then teaching to the combined class on the summer Sundays. THANK YOU ALL!



'Adopt a Highway' Dates

Anyone who would like to help the youth pick up trash on NPC's 'Adopt a Highway' project, please join us after worship for lunch in the Fellowship Hall, (make your own deli sandwich) after which we will do trash pick-up.

The dates are:

Sunday, September 7

Sunday, October 26

Sunday, November 23

Youth Group starts back this month! Plan now to attend!

Youth Events

9/7 12:00 - Lunch & Trash Pick-up

9/14 9am - IMPORTANT Youth Parent's Meeting in Fellowship Hall during Coffee & Conversation

9/14 5:30-7:00pm - First Youth Group back at the FLC- GAME NIGHT

9/21 5:30-7:00pm - YG Format/Mission Project at the FLC

Naz Kids Event

All Naz Kids are invited to join us on Sunday, September 21st (during the new member luncheon- FLC) for Fall crafts. After you are done eating, please join Amy in the FLC Youth Room to create some cute treasures.

New Sunday School class for young adults!

A new Sunday School class has begun 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!

The Missions Focus for September is ***The Carpenter's Table.***

*The Carpenter's Table is ALWAYS in need of **diapers of any and all sizes.***

*Other items needed are: **peanut butter, jelly, canned meat, Chef Boyardee products and cereals.***

Look for a full list of needed items in the first September Sunday Bulletin. Donations from sources giving food and items to The Carpenter's Table is showing a decrease, so your donations are even more needed and important. Please consider being generous to this important community service.

In August, we served 221 families at The Carpenter's Table!

Our day to volunteer at The Carpenter's Table is Saturday, September 20th, 8:00-12:00.

VOLUNTEER



Our September Pennies For Hunger will also benefit The Carpenter's Table.



VOLUNTEER



Our day to volunteer at the Spartanburg Soup Kitchen is Saturday, September 27th, 9:00-1:00

Mission News

The Mission Trip to the Montreat area was a meaningful and impactful experience. There were 11 people who volunteered for the Mission Trip. They served the charitable organizations of Manna Food Bank, Bounty and Soul, Hearts With Hands and Disaster Rebuilders. Manna Food Bank collects food and serves the Montreat area. Bounty and Soul buys food from farmers at a reduced rate and then gives it away. On the day food was given away, 500 cars and families were given food within a time frame of an hour and a half. Hearts With Hands has a 50,000 square foot warehouse storing donated items from stores such as Dillard's, Belk, Target, Walmart, Ingles and others. These items include clothing, shoes, staple foods, water, toys, household items, and other merchandise. Clients can fill a grocery cart and bags with whatever they choose, with no limit. This charity serves approximately 80 people a week.

Terry Doyle, along with other workers, worked with Disaster Rebuilders to rebuild a home in the Black Mountain area. A huge thank you to all involved with our 2025 Mission Trip! You have made a difference to so many people!

Call Pat Smith at 330-417-3461 or email palmettopat@hotmail.com for any information or questions.

Fellowship and Evangelism & Nurture

NEW MEMBER LUNCHEON

In honor of our new Nazareth members, the Fellowship Committee and the Evangelism & Nurture Committee would like to invite the congregation and all visitors to a **New Member Luncheon on September 21 after church in the Family Life Center.** The meal will be a potluck, southern-fried chicken dinner. The committees will furnish the fried chicken and the congregation is asked to bring their favorite casseroles/dishes, vegetables, breads, fruits, desserts, etc. Get your recipes together and join us for a fun time of good food and good fellowship!!! Welcome to our new members!!

Fellowship

Save the date!

Do you remember when the **JOY (Just Older Youth) Club** was a travel, fellowship club at Nazareth??? Well, the Fellowship Committee is reviving this club!! Our first trip will be to **Walnut Grove Plantation in Moore on Wednesday, October 1st from 10:00 to 12:30.** We will meet in the church parking lot and carpool to this historic site. Cost is \$15 per person. This includes the cost of the tour and a Chick-fil-A picnic lunch at the Walnut Grove pavilion. A poster of information about Walnut Grove Plantation and a sign-up sheet for the trip are located on the wall in the Fellowship Hall.

Sign up and pay your \$15 to Joyce Oates by Sunday, September 14th!!! If you have never been to Walnut Grove, we hope that you will come and learn about the history of our area and how Nazareth Church played an important part in this history. Scotch-Irish Presbyterian families who settled around the Tyger River in the mid-1760s worshiped at first in their homes. Charles and Mary Moore and their ten children were one of these families. They built the manor house at Walnut Grove, lived on the plantation, and were instrumental in starting Nazareth Presbyterian Church, which was then called the Meeting House.

We welcome you to come on September 24 to have fun with us and learn about our Nazareth Church history!!!



Join the NOMEO Club

(Nazareth Old Men Eating Out)

next time on **Tuesday, September 9th,**
at 6:00 pm at Cribbs in the Publix
Shopping Center.

Presbyterian Women



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Ladies Who Lunch

All are welcome to join us at Apollo's on September 12th at 11:45 for our monthly "Ladies who Lunch."



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Back Porch Circle

The Back Porch Circle will resume our meetings on Tuesday, September 9 at 10:00 in the Fellowship Hall. All are welcome. If you have never been to circle, this would be a great time to start. We will begin our new book: "*Finding Resilience, Joy and Our Identity in Jesus Christ.*"

Circle 3

Circle 3 will meet on Tuesday, September 9, at the home of Aletha Misenheimer, 148 Brookhaven Drive, Moore, at 6:15 PM. We will be continuing with our Bible Study "*Fruit of the Spirit*" with *Chapter 7, Faithfulness.* New members and visitors are always welcomed to join us for an evening of fellowship and study.

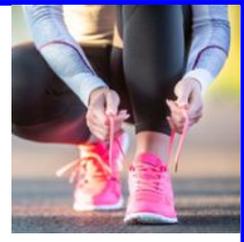
For those who would like to keep in touch with Marian Stephen, her new address is:

Marian Stephen
4746 Chipperfield Road
Lawrence, KS 66047



Special Offering

The Session Approved a Special Offering to be taken up for victims of flooding in the Texas Hill Country. This money will be sent to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and specified to help in the areas affected by flooding in Texas. The offering will be received September 14 and 21. Please make checks payable to Nazareth and on the "Memo" line write DR000191-TX.



Nazareth Presbyterian Church
Journey of Generosity Committee

Newsletter Update
Acts 9:36 – 39 (NIV)

³⁶ In Joppa there was a disciple named Tabitha (in Greek her name is Dorcas); she was always doing good and helping the poor. ³⁷ About that time she became sick and died, and her body was washed and placed in an upstairs room. ³⁸ Lydda was near Joppa; so when the disciples heard that Peter was in Lydda, they sent two men to him and urged him, "Please come at once!"

³⁹ Peter went with them, and when he arrived he was taken upstairs to the room. All the widows stood around him, crying and showing him the robes and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was still with them.

Generosity as a Reflection of Discipleship:

The very first description of Dorcas is that she was a "disciple." This connects her acts of charity directly to her faith. Her generosity was a natural outflow of her commitment to following Christ, showing that active love and care for others are core components of discipleship.

The story of Dorcas is a powerful illustration of how practical, heartfelt generosity can profoundly impact a community, create a lasting legacy, and serve as a beautiful testament to one's faith.

**The youth will share on Youth Sunday - September 14 - about how the church's generosity has impacted their faith journey.
 Look for more minutes of generosity in the coming months.**

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

The next JOG meeting is Monday, September 7th, at 9:00 am.

Offerings for General Giving

Offerings as of 7/31/2025	\$195,784.19
Expenses as of 7/31/2025	<u>\$210,880.66</u>
Net Ordinary Income	\$ -15,096.47

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



HISTORY



*Good morning, sister Mary, Good morning, brother John
I want to sit right down and talk to you, About the way I've been coming along!*

*Well you know that you've heard about Joshua, He was the son of Nun
He didn't stop his work until, Until his work was done.*

*Great God! Joshua fit the battle of Jericho, Jericho, Jericho
Yes, Joshua fit the battle of Jericho, And the walls came tumbling down!*

*Well, you can talk about the men of Gideon, You can talk about the men of Saul
There's none like good old Joshua, At the battle of Jericho!*

*Up to the walls of Jericho, Joshua walked with spear in hand!
"Go blow them ram horns," Joshua cried, "Cause the battle is in my hands."*

*Great God! Joshua fit the battle of Jericho, Jericho, Jericho
Yes, Joshua fit the battle of Jericho, And the walls came tumbling down!*

*Well, they say "Great God", that Joshua's spear, Was well-nigh twelve feet long
And upon his hip was a double-edged sword, And his voice was a gospel horn!*

*So go ahead and blow those ram sheep horns, Let those trumpets sound!
Then Joshua shouted "Glory!" And the walls came tumbling down!*

*Great God! Joshua fit the battle of Jericho, Jericho, Jericho
Yes, Joshua fit the battle of Jericho, And the walls came tumbling down!
And the walls came tumbling down! And the walls came tumbling down!*



History is His Story!

*"In the beginning was the Word and the Word was with God,
and the Word was God! Through Him all things were made." John 1*

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 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
Jessica Sullens' husband, Don Schneider

Please be in prayer for all after the shooting in Minneapolis. Pray for the families who lost children, those who were injured, the children who witnessed this violence, the first responders and those charged with keeping all of our children safe.



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:

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 in September

Buildings, Grounds & Safety	Sunday, September 7th, at 8:30 in the Wagner Classroom
Worship	Sunday, September 7th, at 8:30 in the Session Room
Evangelism & Nurture	Sunday, September 7th, at 8:45 in the MS Classroom
Christian Education	Tuesday, September 9th at 5:30 in the Session Room
Fellowship	Sunday, September 14th at 8:30 in the Gift Classroom
Missions	Sunday, September 14th, 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 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.
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www.facebook.com/Nazareth.1765**

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION for the

OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

**will be due to Debby in the office by
Monday, September 22nd.**

FLOWER CALENDAR



September 7	Communion
September 14	Yolanda Sanchez & Barbara Lee
September 21	Elaine & Rusty Kirkpatrick
September 28	Ashley Whitfield
October 5	Communion
October 12	Chris & Paula Cash
October 19	Cyndy Urquhart
October 26	

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***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**



**Wonderful Nazareth Friends,  
Roy and I want to let you know how much  
we appreciated all the cards, texts, and  
the words of condolence you sent our  
way in the passing of our brother and  
brother-in-law, Toby Chapman. Nazareth  
Church is a caring place!  
Love, Joyce and Roy Oates**



# Celebrate Birthdays and Anniversaries

## 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



## OCTOBER

02 Lane Barker  
04 Terry Doyle  
07 Joan Houghton  
09 Alex Jones  
10 Tom Brewer  
10 Tyler Evans  
10 Debbie Ritzo  
13 Ken Grady  
18 Gayle Mason  
19 Mason Barath  
21 Joe Barath  
21 Lisa Hayes  
21 Ava Mathis  
23 Kim Evans  
25 Margie Dobbins  
26 Leo Misenheimer  
27 Debby Keaton  
27 Louis Womble  
30 Dinnie Bibb  
30 Drew Whitfield

## SEPTEMBER

10 Steve & Debbie Balltrip  
20 Joel & Jessica Watts  
26 Gene & Kathy Cothran  
27 Larry & Robin Whitfield



## OCTOBER

01 Ben & Beth Smart  
01 Lance Allen & Marjorie  
Warren  
02 Leo & Aletha Misenheimer  
10 Kerry & Laura Henderson  
14 Chuck & Karen Holmes



# SEPTEMBER

| Sun                                                                                                                                                | Mon                                                             | Tue                                                                                                       | Wed                           | Thu                                         | Fri                                     | Sat                              |
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| 7<br>BG&S 8:30<br>Worship 8:30<br>Evang & N 8:45<br>JOG 9:00<br><br>Youth/Adults Lunch & Trash Pick-up<br><br>Pickleball 3-5                       | 8<br><br>Handbells 5:30                                         | 9<br>Back Porch Circle 10:00<br>Pickleball 10-12<br>Christian Ed 5:30<br>NOMEO Club 6:00<br>Circle 3 6:15 | 10<br><br>Choir practice 6:45 | 11<br><br>Pickleball 6-8<br>AA meeting 6:30 | 12<br>Ladies Who Lunch @ Apollo's 11:45 | 13                               |
| 14<br>Fellowship 8:30<br>Missions 8:45<br>Youth Parent Meeting 9:00<br><br>Youth Sunday<br><br>Pickleball 3-5<br>Youth @ FLC<br>Game Night 5:30-7  | 15<br><br>Handbells 5:30<br><br>Session 7:00                    | 16<br><br>Pickleball 10-12                                                                                | 17<br><br>Choir practice 6:45 | 18<br><br>Pickleball 6-8<br>AA meeting 6:30 | 19                                      | 20<br>The Carpenter's Table 8-12 |
| 21<br>Reception of New Disciples<br>New Member Luncheon<br>Naz Kids—Fall Crafts<br>Pickleball 3-5<br><br>Youth @ FLC Format/Mission Project 5:30-7 | 22<br>Newsletter information due to Debby<br><br>Handbells 5:30 | 23<br>Pickleball 10-12                                                                                    | 24<br><br>Choir practice 6:45 | 25<br>Pickleball 6-8<br>AA meeting 6:30     | 26                                      | 27<br>The Soup Kitchen 9-1       |
| 28<br>Pennies for Hunger Offering<br><br>Pickleball 3-5                                                                                            | 29<br><br>Handbells 5:30                                        | 30<br>Pickleball 10-12                                                                                    |                               |                                             |                                         |                                  |