



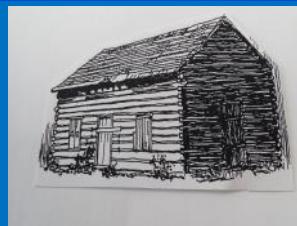
**SEPTEMBER  
2024**

## 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,

August was a whirlwind of activity and I cannot believe it is over. The Adult Sunday School classes will resume in their normal meeting rooms this Sunday. Thanks to Marian Stephen, Jan Ellis, Petra Warren, Dave Weneck, and Brian Kern for filling in this summer. The lessons were great!

The Adult Choir kicked off its new year with the traditional dinner at Ed and Petra Warren's house and practices resume Wednesday, September 4 at 7:00. The Handbell Choir resumes practice on Monday, September 8 at 5:30. Don't forget—if you are musical, you should not hide your light under a basket! Shine on and join us!

As we begin our activities for a new school year and church year, I have decided to preach from the Book of James for the month of September. This will be a new experience for me, as I have not preached much or taught from James.

The traditional viewpoint is that James is the half-brother of Jesus who rose to prominence in the new church. He became known as a peacemaker in the church and his writings are filled with both practical wisdom and courage. His words seem to lean heavily on two sources: Jesus' teachings about the Kingdom of God in the Sermon on the Mount and the Biblical wisdom of the Book of Proverbs. For this reason, I think James can help us all learn more about what it means to follow Jesus. He seeks to remind us the Scriptures are not given just so we will agree with the theological information found in Jesus' teachings but also to teach us how truly wise we can become when we live according to Jesus' summary of the Torah: to love God and to love our neighbors as ourselves.

Blessings,

Julie

“If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.” James 1:5

# Worship



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

*The Rev. Julie Schaaf will be preaching  
from the book of James for the month of September.*



**Handbell practices—Mondays at 5:30**

**Choir practices—Wednesdays at 7:00**

**Head ushers for September—Wendell Stidham and Katie Friday**

## Session Minutes

### Approvals:

- Approved motion from the Admin Committee to not allow Dean Hughes to teach piano lessons at the Church.
- Approved motion (Hoenig/Oates) to not allow any for-profit business to be conducted on church property. This statement will be added to our current Standard of Procedure and to the Facilities Use Policy and Procedures.
- Approved motion from the BG&S Committee to adopt the amended Facilities Use Policy and Procedures. A statement to not allow any for-profit business to be conducted on church property will be added to the Facilities Use Policy and Procedure document. Will edit the Use Agreement form by removing Non-Member from title.
- Approved motion from the Evangelism and Nurture Committee to move forward with a mailing campaign to up to 5000 houses located within 3 miles of Nazareth in the Moore, 29369, zip code.
- Approved motion (Yarborough/Hoenig) to allow a funeral service for a non-member connected to the Anderson family to be held at the church Saturday, August 24. A guest minister will conduct the service.

### Other Items:

- Looking for a replacement for Taylor Nunamaker's service with the Carpenter's Table. Would like to have someone in place to attend the September meeting of The Carpenter's Table Board.
- The Rise Against Hunger Event is November 10 @3:00pm in the FLC. Our fundraising goal is \$8,400. To date we have raised \$4,281
- The Admin Committee is updating the Investment Policy.
- Thank you to Steve Balltrip for his hard work procuring insurance coverage.
- Received a lovely note from Lillie Underwood thanking everyone for the support and encouragement during her internship this summer.
- Have 8 potential participants for the upcoming Confirmation Class. The class is scheduled to begin December 1.
- Fellowship will develop a letter about Thanksgiving Together and/or Christmas Together and share with Session at the September meeting.
- The Session Retreat will be Saturday, October 12 at the Foothills Presbytery Office. Olanda Carr will be our speaker.
- Nazareth will host the Foothills Presbytery Meeting either the second or third Tuesday in February 2025

### Offerings for General Giving

Offerings as of 7/31/24	\$ 217,300
Expenses as of 7/31/24	\$ 194,007
Net Ordinary Income YTD	\$ 23,293

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

# Christian Education

On Sunday, September 8, all Sunday School classes will return to their own classrooms to begin their fall curriculum. A big thank you to all those who volunteered to teach for summer Sunday School. We hope all of our regular Sunday School teachers have had a wonderful summer break!

**Naz Kids will have our next event on Sunday, September 8 directly after church. We will have lunch, popsicles and playground fun! Please sign up on the sheet provided in the Fellowship Hall if your family plans to attend.**

## NPC Youth Group Schedule:

Sept. 1- NO Youth

Sept. 8- 5:00-7:30: 5-5:30 Dinner then 5:30-7:30 pick up trash on our adopted highway: Please wear closed toe shoes.

Sept. 15- Format

Sept. 22- Game Night: Catch Phrase, Blind Trivia

Sept. 29-Format

**We are looking for nursery volunteers for the next 5 months. A sign up sheet is provided on the table in the Fellowship Hall.**



*A note of thanks:*

*Dear Nazareth Church Session,*

*Thank you so much for the opportunity to work as the Christian Education Intern this summer. I am so thankful to have been able to work in the church and serve God. The experience I gained and things I learned are invaluable. I have not only learned during my time as your intern but grown as well. My public speaking and confidence have grown astronomically. I am very lucky and blessed to have a church family that helps me grow as you all have. This experience has shown me that the Spirit is calling me in some way to children's ministry. In what way I am still unsure but, I know with such wonderful support I will no doubt find out! Thank you for providing me with such a valuable and unforgettable summer! ~ Sincerely, Lillie Underwood*

# Missions

## ***The MISSIONS focus for September is The Carpenter's Table.***

**Items needed are: dishwashing soap, laundry detergent, body wash, body lotion, hand soap, deodorant, shampoo, cleaning supplies, toothpaste, toothbrushes, diapers—any except size 4, pullups—sizes 2T, 3T, and 4T, cat food.**



### **The Carpenter's Table's next work day will be October 5th, 8-12.**

I am sure that most of you have heard the news of the Nunamaker family having the marvelous opportunity of spending two years in France. Their departure will leave a huge hole in our Saturday of working at the Carpenter's Table. Taylor has been an important leader in this charity! Not only has he been instrumental in making our Saturday run smoothly, but he has also been on the Board. If anyone feels the pull to become involved in this heartfelt charity, we need you. We start setting up at 7:15, with 8:00 being our starting time on every 5th Saturday. We need people who will help set up, help gather the food for clients, and clean up at the end. Computer knowledge will set you up on a pedestal! Working at the Carpenter's Table has been an extremely meaningful morning for me, including the opportunity of meeting many extremely kind people.

**\*We need men and women to help bag groceries for The Carpenter's Table. We bag groceries the 3rd Thursday of every month starting at 9:00am. Help is greatly needed!**

**Contact Abby Hatchette (864) 680-1323.**



### **The next Saturday for the Soup Kitchen will be September 28th from 9 to 1.**

**The passing of Nazareth's leadership role in this mission has been taken up by Mt. Nebo Baptist Church. Volunteers from our church will continue their commitment in helping with other duties. Volunteers are always needed and appreciated!**

***The Pennies for Hunger offering will be received on Sunday, September 29th and will go to support the ministry of The Carpenter's Table.***

***Thank you for your giving!***



"We had our "fake Fall" and it was wonderful! We will take as many of those that nature will give us until the real Fall arrives. Thanks to everyone for donating items to the St. Luke's Free Medical Center for the month of August! Your gifts will be appreciated by the people who will benefit from your generosity.

Mark your calendars! We will be having a Rise Against Hunger event on November 10. Please consider volunteering for this opportunity to help feed the hungry. It is scheduled to start at 3:00 and end at 5:00 in the Family Life Center. We have already raised \$4,661.00, not including our Pennies For Hunger Collection this past Sunday. We need a total of \$8,400 to feed 20,000 people. Thanks to all for your gifts! More information will be coming.

I would like to give another shout out to the success of the Scavenger Hunt thanks to all the hard work of our youth and Amy! Enough food and money were donated to help feed the children for most, if not all, of this school year! Amazing!

***Pat Smith, Missions Moderator***

## Missions cont.

**The Carpenter's Table is having their 14th Annual Golf Tournament on Sunday, September 15th, at River Falls Golf Course. Golfers are needed! A foursome will cost \$450, including green fees and cart fees. Companies are also encouraged to participate. Raffle prizes are needed and will be welcomed. For more information, contact Brian Boone @ 864-316-1308 or Anna Haen @ 920-517-4090 or email [willplaygolf4food@gmail.com](mailto:willplaygolf4food@gmail.com). Brochures are on the table in the Fellowship Hall for further information. There will be food and prizes and the opportunity to try to hit a tiny ball into a little cup over very long distances with your friends! Can there be a better way to spend a day and benefit a great charity?**



The Missions committee is being more intentional in supporting **Café Justo, "Just Coffee"**. Do you enjoy the coffee during our Coffee & Conversation time on Sundays? We are reminding you that this coffee is available for purchase. New order forms are located in the front office and on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Payment and order forms can be placed in the offering plate or in the office in the "Just Coffee" mailbox. Please note that it is a 3-4 week turn around for orders and you will be contacted when it arrives. We hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to enjoy great coffee while also supporting this ministry.

***Café Justo is a network of coffee grower cooperatives that grow, roast, package and ship their own coffee. This enables sustainable wages for families who are able to stay together on their lands. We were formed in 2002 by members of the Lily of the Valley Church in Agua Preta, a town in Sonora, Mexico. We have teamed with other cooperatives across Mexico and the US to make a positive impact. Our commitment adds up to more than dollars, but adds up to strong futures. All of our growers and employees receive medical benefits and a pension plan.***

High mountain plots, ~ volcanic soil ~ shade-grown plants ~ hand-picked ~  
tasty blends ~ higher-quality beans  
"Café Justo coffee tastes better because we grow it that way."

## Buildings Grounds & Safety

### Please note:

**Our coded access door entry system has been updated. Unless notified, your regular code still works but you must press # after entering your code. The light will turn green for you to open the door. If you have any questions, call Kaushik Kotecha (864-680-4726) or Debbie Balltrip (864-680-1075).**

### Volunteers Needed:

We are looking for volunteers to help with the following tasks before the church service:

**Locking the Church Doors:** Ensure all doors are securely locked.

**Hanging the Placards on the Doors:** Place placards on the church doors.

If you are interested in helping, please contact:

Elaine McCleod: 864-612-3847 or Kaushik Kotecha: 864-680-4726

# Presbyterian Women



## Ladies Who Lunch

This month's Friday the 13th will be very "lucky" for Ladies who Lunch at Apollo restaurant, Friday, 9/13, at 11:45-ish. You won't want to miss out on this fun gathering!

## Back Porch Circle

The Back Porch Circle begins again! We will meet on Debbie Balltrip's back porch on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 10 am. Pastor Julie Schaaf will lead us through the book entitled "Let Justice Roll Down." Join us for a relaxing and informative Bible Study on the second Tuesday of each month at 10 am. We'll be on the back porch in September and May with the other months at Nazareth. See you soon!

## Circle #3

Circle 3 will meet on Tuesday, September 10, at the home of Kim Kotecha, 312 Grayson Drive, Moore, at 6:15 PM. We will be continuing our study of Forgiveness with Chapter 7, "As We Forgive Others."

Visitors are always welcomed.

**Members of the Back Porch Circle  
attended the Women's conference,  
"In the Arms of God", at Montreat, August 9-11.**



# Fellowship News



## *Join us for this new ministry! The NOMEO Club*

(Nazareth Old Men Eating Out) will meet again on Monday, September 10th at 6:00 pm. Be listening for location.



The Fellowship Committee sends a **HUGE** Thank You to all the volunteers who have provided Coffee and Conversation service this summer.

We continue to need volunteers throughout the year. We'll provide everything needed for the Coffee hour, and will gladly give lessons on using the coffee machine. There is always a sign up sheet on the table in Fellowship Hall. It's a great way to meet more friends at church!

## Evangelism & Nurture

When a child is baptized at Nazareth, the congregation makes a commitment to support, nurture and guide the child in their spiritual walk. When the child graduates high school, our commitment isn't over; it shifts into a different gear. Our precious student is now stepping out into a new and different environment. Nazareth is demonstrating the commitment in our [Adopt a College Student Program](#). Our adult classes, women's groups, and some individual families have agreed to sponsor our current 8 college students by reminding them they are important people at Nazareth Presbyterian church. They are loved and supported wherever they go. Once you are a child of Nazareth, you are always a child of Nazareth and are enveloped by the love of God.

Abby Jackson

Abby Reynolds

AJ Cansler

Hannah Jackson

Isaac Melton



Jamison Franklin, Lillie Underwood, Trent Cook

***Please keep these students in your prayers as they start the 2024 – 2025 School year.***



## Drive-In Movies

*A cherished part of Americana was the drive-in movie, a place where families and friends could go to enjoy an evening under the stars within the confines of an automobile while watching their favorite movie through a windshield. Spartanburg had at least four that I can recall. There was the Star-lite drive-in, the Scenic drive-in, the Circle drive-in on Reidville Road and the Moon-lite drive-in in Inman. They were pretty much set up the same, the giant marquee was next to the entrance, listing the movie titles and names of the leading actors, the ticket booth was illuminated and sat at the opening by the road and was usually occupied by the owner of the drive-in or his wife where they would collect admission and distribute tickets to the movie. Adult admission was one dollar and children under twelve were fifty cents. Once you drove inside, there were rows upon rows of parking spaces situated on a hump all sloping downward toward the screen. Each space was identified by a pole which supported two speakers, one on each side of the pole, which you would hang on a halfway rolled down window on the driver's side of the car. At the back of the parking lot was the concession stand, where you could buy hot buttered popcorn, cotton candy, French fries, hot dogs and fountain soft drinks. The projection booth was on top of the concession stand. At the bottom of the parking lot, in front of the screen, was a playground, with a swing set, a see-saw, monkey bars and a merry-go-round. Children would run and play on the grassy area until the stars came out, then return to the car to watch the movie. Sometimes we would bring pillows from our beds and lie on top of the car or on the hood. Being outside under the stars on a warm summer night was a special time. Before the movie began cartoon characters were projected on the screen, popcorn boxes with legs arms and a smiling face along with singing hot dogs and soda drinks would walk back and forth, stimulating your appetite and encouraging you to visit the stand for refreshment before the movie began. And, of course, there were teenagers! Sometimes, boys would sneak in the movie by hiding in the trunk of their friend's cars if they didn't have a dollar for admission. If they spotted someone from school who was on a date, they would circle around his car, grab hold of the fender wells and shake the car, then run away laughing, especially if the windows were fogged up! What can I say, teenagers are full of mischief! A triple feature would result in falling asleep with our pillows in the back seat. This was an enjoyable time in my life! It's unfortunate that folks no longer have the opportunity to experience it!*

*Carroll Caldwell, Historian*

# 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:

Buddy Berry  
Carroll Caldwell's son, Aaron  
James Cantrell's friend, Steve Dowe  
Margaret Culclasure  
Joe and Martha Fox  
Abby Hatchette's brother-in-law,  
Tom Hatchette  
Amy Hatley  
John Hayes  
Amy Jackson's brother, Mark and family  
Gail Johnson's son, Jerry Johnson  
Debby Keaton's daughter-in-law, Jordan,  
and husband, Rex Keaton

Caryle Marzke  
Leo Misenheimer's niece, Jamie Strickland  
Gladys Mills  
Katie Morgenstern  
Deb Ritzo and family  
Amelia Senn's brother, Robert  
Marian Stephen's sister-in-law, Trish  
Jessica Sullens' sister, Lori Cook  
Judy Taetz  
Dave Weneck's sister, Audrey

*Christian Sympathy is extended to Herb Respass  
and family in the passing of JoAnn*



## 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  
Tim and Marcie Schaeffer

## Concerns of the World:

**Victims of Ketchikan landslide**      **Nation during election**      **Those living in warfare**

*“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 for SEPTEMBER

Buildings, Grounds & Safety	Sunday, September 8th at 8:30 in the Wagner Classroom
Worship	Sunday, September 1st at 8:30 in the Session Room
Evangelism & Nurture	Sunday, September 8th at 8:45 in the Middle School Classroom
Christian Education	Tuesday, September 3rd at 6:00 in the Session Room
Fellowship	Sunday, September 8th at 8:30 in the Gift Classroom
Missions	Sunday, September 8th at 8:45 in the Missions Room
Administrative	Wednesday, September 11th at 5:15 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*

### FLOWER CALENDAR

September 1	Communion
September 8	Elaine McLeod
September 15	Ross & Judy McClellan
September 22	Gene & Kathy Cothran
September 29	Nancy & Doug Hughes
October 6	Communion
October 13	Colin & Cyndy Urquhart
October 20	
October 27	Debby Keaton



*There is a 2024 Flower Calendar in the SS hallway. If you would like to provide flowers, please sign up.*

*We have a Flower Fund that donations can be made to for purchasing flowers on a Sunday when no one is signed up.*

*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.*

### UPDATED WEBSITE

Check out our updated website with weekly sermons available and directory.  
Please Like us on Facebook

### NEWSLETTER INFORMATION for the OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

will be due to Debby in the office by Wednesday, September 25th.

All moderators and others who contribute, please adhere to this date. Thank you!

Dear Church Family,



*"We are beyond thrilled to report that my sister Betsy is now considered cancer free after her surgery and treatments. Thank you to everyone for thoughts and prayers and concerns. Nazareth prayer warriors are the best. Thank you, Charles Heath"*

*"My family and I would like to sincerely thank our many friends at Nazareth for the phone calls, those who dropped by to visit, who brought food, and the many who sent cards during Jo Ann's recent illness. Your thoughtfulness and many kindnesses will never be forgotten and my family and I sincerely appreciate them more than any words can express. Thank all of you very much."*

*Herb Respass*

*"Thank you for all the cards, calls and prayers during my recent surgery. Nazareth people are wonderful and I appreciate your thoughtfulness.*

*Beth Smart*

# 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
- 11 Richard Cansler
- 12 Jacob Cansler
- 12 Dwayne Pergrem
- 14 Sailor Melton
- 16 Amy Jackson
- 17 Nicholas Cansler
- 22 Dale Allen
- 24 Kathy Allen
- 28 Jeff Hayes
- 29 Debbie Balltrip
- 30 Kathryn Kotecha



## OCTOBER

- 02 Lane Barker
- 07 Joan Houghton
- 09 Alex Jones
- 10 Tom Brewer
- 10 Tyler Evans
- 10 Debbie Ritzo
- 18 Gayle Mason
- 19 Mason Barath
- 21 Joe Barath
- 21 Lisa Hayes
- 21 Ava Mathis
- 23 Kim Evans
- 25 Martha Fox
- 25 Margie Dobbins
- 26 Leo Misenheimer
- 27 Debby Keaton
- 27 Louis Womble
- 30 Dunnie 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
- 17 Lou & Cindy Buttino



# SEPTEMBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Worship 8:30  No Youth	2	3  CE meeting 6:00	4  Choir 7:00	5  AA meeting 6:30	6	7
8 BG & S 8:30 Fellowship 8:30 Evang & N 8:45 Missions 8:45  Sunday School classes resume Naz Kids event after worship Youth @ FLC 5:30	9  Handbells practice resumes 5:30	10 Back Porch Circle 10:00  NOMEQ Club 6:00 Circle 3 6:15	11  Administrative Committee Meeting 5:15  Choir 7:00	12  AA meeting 6:30	13 Ladies Who Lunch 11:45	14
15  TCT Golf Tournament  Youth @ FLC 5:30	16  Handbells 5:30	17	18  Choir 7:00	19  AA meeting 6:30	20	21
22  Youth @ FLC 5:30	23  Handbells 5:30 Session 7:00	24	25  Newsletter info due to Debby  Choir 7:00	26  AA meeting 6:30	27	28  The Soup Kitchen 9-1
29 Pennies for Hunger offering  Youth @ FLC 5:30 Game night	30  Handbells 5:30					Our day to serve at the Carpenter's Table is October 5th.