

FIRST CHURCH
OF THE NAZARENE
WEEKLY
SERVICES

SUNDAY

9:15 am Prayer

9:45 am Sunday School

10:50 am Morning
Worship

6:00 pm Evening
Worship

WEDNESDAY

7:00 pm Adult Bible
Study, Youth &
Children Activities

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Who Should You Listen To? (Nine Things To Examine When Others Offer "Advice!")

There is never a shortage of people willing to offer you their opinion, give you a piece of their mind (that is why some people can no longer think for themselves), or shower you with negativity and criticism.

I've had to learn that though everyone needs a listening ear, not everyone's voice can be or should be heard with the same measure of significance and value.

So, who do you listen to? I do trust you listen to God, but beyond His voice here is my advice on who to listen to... WISE people!!

"Well, who are the wise people," you ask? GREAT QUESTION!!! Because there are a lot of people out there who believe they are wise.

Let me give you a list of nine things that I really believe a person should have if you are going to listen to them...their "wisdom" should be...

#1 – Pure (No ulterior motives, you know that they love Jesus & want what is best for God's Kingdom!)

#2 – Peace Loving (If they are always looking for a fight or trying to pick one...avoid them, see [Titus 3:10](#))

#3 – Considerate (Always listen to the person whose first reaction is to give you the benefit of the doubt rather than accusing you – see [I Corinthians 13:4-7](#))

#4 – Submissive (Is their wisdom offered because they want you to be more submissive to the Lord or to their opinion?)

#5 – Full of Mercy (NOT accusation and condemnation! Please understand that there is a HUGE difference between correction, which we all need, and condemnation! Correction is always offered in love...condemnation is offered out of the other persons desire to just hear you say, "you are right" and/or a desire to attack)

#6 – Good Fruit (What is the REASON you should listen to them? What is the fruit in their lives and in their ministry?)

#7 – Impartial (They are NOT trying to get you to submit to their agenda but rather the Lord's!)

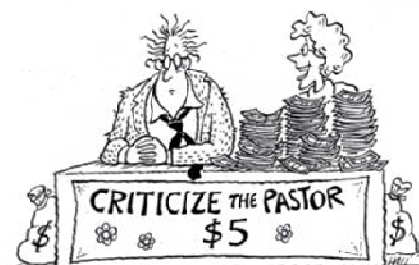
#8 – Sincere (They are talking to you because they seriously love Jesus, love you and really do want the best for your life!)

#9 – They Are A Peacemaker (not a fight starter, [II Timothy 2:23-26](#)...also see [I John 2:9-11](#). If they always hate, always attack and always tear down, ignore them!)

(See [James 3:17-18](#) for the source that allowed me to write about this list!!!)

With a down-turn in the economy and people's general attitude, may there be an up-swing in our outlook and conversations, especially heading into the holidays!

See you Sunday!



"We paid off the sanctuary. Wanna shoot for a new educational wing?"

NOVEMBER

Music Department Happenings!

December

November Special Schedule
6 AM-Bev Grace
PM-Andrea Covert
13 AM-Chris Epperson
PM-Joyce Caudill
20 AM-No Special
PM-Needs Filled
27 AM- Kim Poff
PM-Angie Skeens

December Special Music
4 AM-Shelby Massie
PM-Chris Epperson
11 AM-Kim Poff
PM-Bev Grace
18 AM-Andrea Covert
PM-Joyce Caudill
25AM-Angie Skeens

**The Christmas Musical this year is a Family-Style approach. We are wanting to get the whole family involved in some way. One way that you can get involved is by being in the adult/student lead choir. While the emphasis will remain on the children, the musical this year has parts written in for a choir. With that in mind, we have started rehearsing the choir and would LOVE for other parents or siblings to join us! (No solos, so don't worry :-)
5pm Sundays and 6pm Wednesdays!**



Untitled Student Ministries

Connecting Students with other Students!

Growing In Faith, Knowledge, and Love for Christ!

John 3:30

November/December

Impact Team Practice

Nov. 4th - 5th

At AFCN

See Andrea for More Details!

Dec. 2nd - 3rd

Location TBA

See Andrea for more info on anything related to Impact Team!

NOV. 20th—Youth Staff/Parent Training

7pm right following PM Service. Ends promptly at 7:30pm

Sunday Night Nov. 13th

Youth Service In "Big Church"

We need to plan out the service and get this ready so we will be planning soon and we need everyone's cooperation so that we can have a wonderful night! Come to youth group for more information!

30 Hour Famine

Nov. 18th - 19th

\$30 minimum to participate, your individual goal is \$180! Get a packet! Get involved! Fast from all foods for 30 hours...Saving Lives is well worth the hunger!

Wednesday, Nov. 23rd

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICES

Spend time with your families for Thanksgiving!

Nov. 24th-25th—Church offices Closed

Nov. 27th - Hanging of the Greens Service Sunday Night!

Start off the holiday season right with this great annual service! No Refuge

December Events:

Dec. 11th - Children's Christmas Musical Sunday Night...

NO Refuge Service

Dec. 18th - Christmas Carols and Fellowship...

NO Refuge Service

Dec. 25th - Christmas Sunday! One Service at 11am!

NO PM Service or Sunday School!

Weekly Activities

- **First Hour** - Meets every Sunday at 9:30 am. It's a Bible Study geared toward students.
- **Sunday Morning Worship Service** - @ 10:45 in the sanctuary.
- **Sunday Night Skit Guys**- is a fun energetic contemporary service that meets upstairs in the refuge. It's a night filled with worship, a short video clip from the Skit Guys, and a message from Pastor Jerrod that is relevant to teenagers! Starts at 6:00 pm. This service is open to anyone not just youth.
- **The Kingdom Experiment**- meets Wednesday nights at 7 pm. Come check out what the Kingdom of God is like right here and now! Come Experience God in a new way! Check out the Experiments and learn about God!

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A Message from Angel Food Ministries

It is with great heaviness of heart that we report that Angel Food Ministries will not be holding a September distribution. We are working extremely hard and looking forward to our future distributions.

For months now, we have incurred rising food and fuel prices and operational costs in the face of declining sales. Nevertheless, we continued to offer food at prices far below the biggest retailers in America. We continued to serve the needy who live in areas that compromised our ability to operate profitably. We continued to reward our church partners and since 1994 have returned some \$24 million to them.

As you all know, we have not relied on donations -- less than 1 percent of our revenue comes from donations and approximately 92 percent of our revenues goes directly to our food programs. Over past several months we have cut overhead to the bone, reduced staff, streamlined operations and slashed management compensation.

Our food vendors and trucking contractors have stood by us throughout these trying times and we have sought their counsel on how we will move forward. We thank them for their commitment to helping us help those in need.

Since 1994 we have helped millions save hundreds of millions in food costs. We are in the process of re-examining our business, of restructuring our operations to focus on ways in which we can continue to help our customers and church partners.

We appreciate all of your hard work, dedication and faithfulness to the Lord, your church, your community and to Angel Food Ministries. We will keep in touch with you concerning our progress.

The Angel Food Ministries has been suspended until further notice. We would like to thank all who have participated both in purchasing the food, and all those early risers who came to help distribute. Be sure to keep in mind all those that will be in need of food this Holiday Season and continue to pray for all the Ministries of this church.

God has no blackberry, but is my favorite contact...He does not have Facebook but is my best Friend..He does not have twitter but I still follow Him...and even without internet, I am always in contact with Him!!!



5K Run/Walk for Missions!

The 2nd Annual

“Race to the Ends of the Earth”

will take place Saturday, November 5th. Sign up sheets to volunteer or forms to participate in the race are available next to the Welcome Center Table in the lobby of the Church. Leslie Hereford is available to answer questions concerning your involvement.

Plan to be a part of this event.



Nazarene Missions
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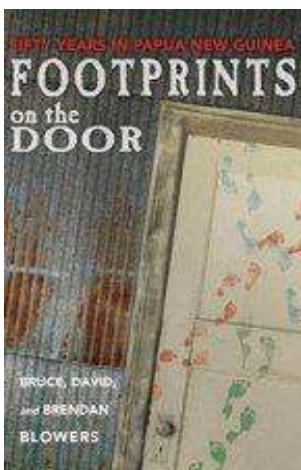
**December's
Project
Digging a
WELL
for clean
water.
Goal \$1,200.00**



Water!

1. The average toilet uses **3** gallons of water for each flush.
2. A 10-minute shower uses **25** gallons of water.
3. An average bath takes **50** gallons of water.
4. Brushing teeth, face and hand washing, and shaving all average **1** gallon of water.
5. Washing dishes with a dishwasher uses on average **20** gallons per load. Washing dishes by hand uses about **5** gallons per load.
6. A washing machine uses **10** gallons for one load.
7. At home the average American uses between **100** and **175** gallons of water a day; this number does not include water usage for feeding and clothing.

Do you take water for granted?



DON'T FORGET TO READ OUR MISSIONARY BOOKS!!!

Footprints**

by Bruce Blowers, David Blowers, and Brendan Blowers

As missionaries in Papua New Guinea for 38 years, Bruce and Ruth Blowers—for lack of a nearby Hallmark store—often inked their children's footprints on 3 x 5 cards and sent them to family members and supporters in the United States. This practice inspired them to ink the kids' footprints on the back of the bathroom door in their primitive, wood-framed house. When the authors returned to Papua New Guinea for the Church of the Nazarene's 50th anniversary celebration, they were delighted to find the same footprints on the old bathroom door. Those footprints became a meaningful symbol of their journey in Papua New Guinea. The book is divided into three parts, each written from the perspective of one of the Blowers men.