

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

PASTORAL  
STAFF

**Dr. Steve Ruby**  
Lead Pastor

**Andrea Covert**  
Pastor of Worship Arts  
Ministries

**Jerrold Covert**  
Pastor of Student  
Ministries

**Brandon Gibbs**  
Pastor of Children's  
Ministries

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Visitation & Outreach  
Pastor

**Curt Skeens**  
Teaching Pastor

**Paula Sergent**  
Discipleship & Assimilation  
Pastor

# Ashland First News

## Pastor's Reflections:

### **Pastor's Page**

*I suppose there are things all of us would dare to die for. Things we would risk everything to secure or protect. Have you ever stopped to consider the things you would die for or risk everything on?*

*As we move into a season called Lent, this is a wonderful time to give attention to and thought about what you would lay it all down for. What are the hills you are willing to die on and die for? I certainly am not as anxious to die on the hills I once thought worth the effort and expense. Life and experience will shrink the things we spill blood over!*

*Let me share a couple of things I have come to value with such passion that I would lay down my life for them. These are the hills I would die on and die for! First, my family. I love my wife and kids (yes, grandchildren too) and would literally offer myself for them. They are precious gifts from God and I treasure the people they are. I would rather take a bullet for them than see them harmed. Family is a hill I would die on and die for.*

*I would also die on faith hill. My faith in the finished work of Christ and the family He has set me in called the Church. I love the Church, the Bride of Christ, the Body of Believers. I believe that Jesus Christ died on a hill called Calvary 2000 years ago and because*

*He laid down His life so we could become part of His forever family the least we can do is demonstrate our commitment to what matters to Him by our involvement and investment in the visible expression of His family called the Church.*

*Just like a family, the Church is not always perfect and there are disappointments, and sometimes even failures, but do not disown the family of faith over those things any more than you would disinherit a family member if they made a mistake or messed up. Keep in mind, there are no perfect people allowed in the Family (ours or His). If that was the requirement none of us would qualify!*

*Let me leave you with this thought. People are worth dying for. Jesus thought so, and so should we. In March we will be discussing how important it is to involve ourselves with people. We are going to take a few weeks to look at an encounter Jesus had with a person by a well and consider how we can identify with one, invest in one, and share with one as we move toward a few very strategic events in April. These events all take place between Palm Sunday (April 17) and Easter Sunday (April 24). Check the calendar and you will be hearing more a bit later.*

*See you Sunday!*

*Pastor Steve*



The Grace Card Opens Friday, February 25

**THE GRACE CARD**, a faith-based film of hope and forgiveness created by a Church of the Nazarene, opens this Friday, February 25 in theaters across the land. Now is the time for your church to support a movie that Dr. Jesse Middendorf says "depicts the power of grace and forgiveness to bring about healing and reconciliation."

Dr. Loren Gresham, President of Southern Nazarene University in Oklahoma City, recently saw **THE GRACE CARD**.

"I was personally moved by the message contained in the film, as well as being impressed the high quality of the production. My prayer is that many of our friends will make the effort to see the movie when it comes to a theater near them. I have no doubt that their faith will be strengthened and their hope renewed through the ministry of the story of grace."



# Untitled Student Ministries

Connecting Students with other Students!

Growing In Faith, Knowledge, and Love for Christ!

John 3:30

## March/April

<p><b>Easter Egg Fundraiser</b> March - April</p> <p>We will be selling Easter Eggs for \$5 Five kinds to choose from: Peanut Butter, Chocolate, Maple Nut, Cherry Nut, and Coconut!</p>	<p><b>Good Sex 2.0 Curriculum</b></p> <p>Seven weeks in March and part of April on Wednesday nights!</p> <p>A biblical look on what sex was meant to be! Don't miss this series</p>	<p><b>Impact Team Practices</b></p> <p>March 4th—5th @ Lloyd</p> <p>March 18th - 19th</p> <p>April 8th - 9th</p>
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<p>Pastor Jerrod Preaching Sunday AM March 6th</p> <p>Going to be a great service. Unique and different. You don't want to miss it! That same night Jamey Sellars will be</p>	<p><b>Wednesday March 9th</b></p> <p>Combined Service Ash Wednesday Starting Ashes To Fire!</p> <p>Don't miss it! Starts at 7pmspeaking upstairs!</p>	<p><b>NYC PAYMENT March 20th \$375 due!</b></p> <p>See Pastor Jerrod to see what you have in your account currently!</p> <p>Some of you need to do some more fundraising!</p>
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<p><b>Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser</b> March 21st and April 11th</p> <p>Bring in flyer between 5-8pm on designated nights and 10% of your bill goes directly to the youth group!</p>	<p><b>District Quiz Finals</b> March 25-26 Lloyd COTN!</p>	<p><b>NYI Council Meeting #4</b> Sunday April 3rd 4:00pm</p>
	<p><b>District Blast</b> April 2nd Plaza COTN</p> <p>Building Leaders and Sharing Talent! Share your Talents with God!</p>	<p><b>Church Elections</b> Sunday April 10th</p> <p>Cast Your Vote!</p>

<p><b>NYC Charity Basketball Game</b> April 16th</p>	<p><b>Easter Experience @ AFCN</b> April 22nd 5pm - 9pm</p>	<p><b>MSO Lock In (Middle School Only)</b> @ MVNU Cost: \$15</p>
<p><b>Jesus Film @ The Paramount Arts Center</b> Thursday April 21st</p>	<p>Bring family and Friends and experience Easter like never before!</p>	<p>6th Graders - 8th Grade can go!</p>

### Weekly Activities

- First Hour** - Meets every Sunday at 9:30 am. It's a Hot Topic Bible Study geared toward students.
- Sunday Morning Worship Service** - @ 10:45 in the sanctuary.
- Sunday Night Youth Service** - 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.
- Wednesday Night Youth Group** - meets Wednesday nights at 7pm. Come check it out and bring your friends. In March and April we will be working through a curriculum called Good Sex 2.0! Parents are encouraged to be present during this time! Everyone is welcome!!! You wont want to miss these awesome Wednesday night services!

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Untitled Student Ministry Fan Page  
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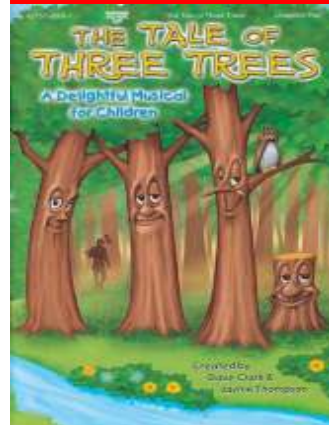
“Partnering with families to reach and teach children in such a way that they have the greatest opportunity to become fully developing followers of Christ.”

### March Events

- March 2nd- Brazil Wednesday
- March 6th- PM Family Service
- March 9th- Ash Wednesday  
Family Service 7PM
- March 16th- Argentina Wednesday
- March 23rd- Paraguay Wednesday
- March 26th- Movie Night 6-7:30PM
- March 30th- Bolivia Wednesday



**Kids Mission Wednesdays**  
March 2nd - 30th



**Dress Rehearsals**

April 20th

6:00PM-8:00PM

April 23rd

10:00AM-12:00PM

**Ash Wednesday**  
**Family Service**  
March 9th  
7:00PM



**March 25th**  
6-7:30PM



### April Events

- April 15th- Narnia Movie Night @ 6
- April 20th- 1st Musical Rehearsal  
6:00PM-8:00PM
- April 21st- Jesus Film Outreach
- April 22nd- Easter Experience
- April 23rd- 2nd Dress Rehearsal  
10:00AM-12:00PM
- April 24th- Easter Musical @ 5PM



# angelfood MINISTRIES

The Angel Food Ministries have expanded their meal choices to include:

- The Original Signature Box—\$31.00
- Senior & Convenience Meals—\$28.00
- After School Fruit & Veggie Box—\$16.00
- Just 4 Me—After School Box—\$24.00
- Bit of Blessings Box—\$21.00
- Bountiful Blessings Box—\$41.00
- 5lb. Allergen/Gluten Free Box—\$25.00
- New— Pastor Joe’s Premium Box—\$51.00
- March Specials:
  - New York Strip Steak box 4lb.—\$25.00
  - Popcorn Chichen—10 Lb.—\$17.00
  - Premium Fresh Fruit & Veggie Box—\$23.00
  - Easter Holiday Box - \$36.00

*March order date is:*  
March 12th from 9:00—Noon  
at the church

*March Distribution is*  
March 26th—7:30 am

*April order dates are:*  
April 9th & 16th from  
9:00 —Noon at the church

*April Distribution is*  
April 23rd—7:30 am

**News from  
Angel Food Ministries**  
Another great feature to this wonderful ministry, you can now place your order on-line. **The website is [www.angelfoodministries.com](http://www.angelfoodministries.com)** or check out the link on our webpage at **[www.ashfirstnaz.org](http://www.ashfirstnaz.org)**  
Online orders need to be placed on or before 2:00 pm on third Thursday of the month.

The Ashland First Church’s Benevolence Committee is sponsoring a **“Craft Makers & Home Vendors Spring Expo”** on April 16th in Fellowship Hall from 9:00 until 4:00 pm. If you are interested in having a space for the Expo, please e-mail Ramona Barber at [bethbarber@juno.com](mailto:bethbarber@juno.com). She will see that you get the information you need to join us in this “Spring” Event.

## NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL



### EKD WORK & WITNESS RETREAT

Friday, April 29, 2011  
Carter Caves State Park

\$15 per Person for Retreat & Buffet

Contact Gaylan Good to Register  
606-435-0051  
[gsgood@mis.net](mailto:gsgood@mis.net)



The Father sends the Son...  
to the world.  
The Spirit is sent...  
to the world.  
The Church is sent...  
to the world.  
We give...  
because we are sent.



**Easter Offering**  
**April 24th**