

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

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Pastor of Student
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Pastor of Children's
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Pastor

Curt Skeens
Teaching Pastor

Paula Sergent
Discipleship & Assimilation
Pastor

Ashland First News

Pastor's Reflections:

Are you normal? Do you long to be normal? What (or who) even defines normal?

I have just started reading a great new book by Pastor Craig Groeschel entitled, "Weird: Because normal isn't working." Groeschel always messes with me when I read what he writes because he knows the heart of pastors (because he is one) and has a heart for the local church (because he pastors one). The whole premise of the book is that normal becomes an excuse for being like everyone else and God never called us to be like "everyone else" but He calls us to be like JESUS!

The Church of Jesus Christ, when she is been at her best, always lives counter-culturally. We refuse to conform to the world's system of living and thinking (Romans 12.1-2). We avoid seeking our way, which is often the way of ease and comfort, and willingly take up the cross of Christ and the place of a servant (Matthew 16.24, John 13.4-15). We seek to further God's Kingdom rather than our own (Matthew 6.33). We embrace a lifestyle of community and commitment (Acts 2.42-47) and not one of isolation and avoidance

What might happen in us and through us if we decided to adopt a new normal? One that is centered in a relationship with the Living Lord, the Risen Savior and the Conquering King. One that is committed to being a dangerous church storming the forces of darkness in the power of the Spirit of God armed with the Word of God and the promise of His presence with us.

As a new church year begins and we think about what God wants over the next 12 months through His Church, it is time to RAISE THE BAR on what it means to join Him on mission and what it will take to advance His vision for us. This coming Sunday is our annual VISION SUNDAY so I pray you are planning to join us for a challenging and inspiring time of hearing the voice of God and responding obediently to the will of God as we surrender ourselves to the Great Commission of "making Christ-like disciples in the nations." Let me simply remind you that includes right here where we are planted.

I'll be looking for you Sunday!

Pastor Steve

Music Department Happenings!

MAY

June

May Special Schedule

1 AM-Bev Grace
PM-Andrea Covert
8 AM-Chris Epperson
PM-Joyce Caudill
15 AM-Kim Poff
PM-Sonny Riffe
22 AM- Korie Gibbs
PM-Angie Skeens
29 AM-Madison Poff
PM-Bev Grace (N.O.W)

June Special Music

5 AM-Shelby Massie
PM-Chris Epperson
12 AM-Andrea Covert
PM-Kim Poff
19 AM-Jerrold Covert
PM-Joyce Caudill
26AM-Angie Skeens
PM-Korie Gibbs

There will be a Night of Worship in the PM Service May 29th. If you would like to be a part of the service please let me know. I would like to try something a little different this time, if you have any art that you would like to display, a poem that you wrote that you would like to read (or have read), if you have a hidden talent no one knows about, come see me! :-)

Reminder to the Choir: Sunday, May 29th will be your final Sunday before Summer Break! We will have rehearsal on Wednesday, June 29th for the Patriotic Service the following Sunday. Regular Rehearsal will begin Sunday September 4th at 5pm! Enjoy your summer break! :-)



Untitled Student Ministries

Connecting Students with other Students!

Growing In Faith, Knowledge, and Love for Christ!

John 3:30

May/June

NYI Council Meeting #1

May 14th @ 10am in the First Hour Room!
Meeting will last from 10-12! Come ready with ideas to discuss about summer and fall stuff! Bring Pop and Chips to share!

Parent Meeting #2

May 14th @ 12:30 in the Refuge
All parents encouraged to come to discuss things that are going on in the youth group!
*** Food will be provided for both groups between 12 & 12:30!

Impact Team Practice

May 20th - 21st
See Pastor Andrea for more details

Goodie Auction

May 22nd after PM Service!
If you would like to participate by providing some sort of dessert in the auction, please donate something to Pastor Jerrod by Wednesday May 18th! We will be auctioning off pies, cakes, desserts, etc! Don't miss out on all the goodies!

Regional Blast

June 9th-11th
More info Coming soon!

District Assembly

June 19th-22nd
More details coming soon!

Impact Summer Tour

June 22nd-28th
See Andrea For more details

Reminders:

- *Get all your NYC stuff up to date and Keep Fundraising! The last Payment is Due June 20th
- *May 22nd after AM Service there will be a Fundraiser Lunch! All proceeds go to help the people going to NYC!
- *In order for you to go on fun trips and events this summer you have to be consistent in your attendance at church! :o) We love you all and want to see you here every service!

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 won't want to miss these awesome Wednesday night services!

Join us on Facebook!

Untitled Student
Ministry Fan Page

Get connected! Get updated!



"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."

May Events

- May 1st- Baby Day
- Parent Quizzing Meeting @ 4:30
- May 8th- Family Service
- May 14th- MVNU Regional Quiz Meet
- May 21st- Rummage Sale
- May 22nd- Family Sunday
- May 28th- Car Wash

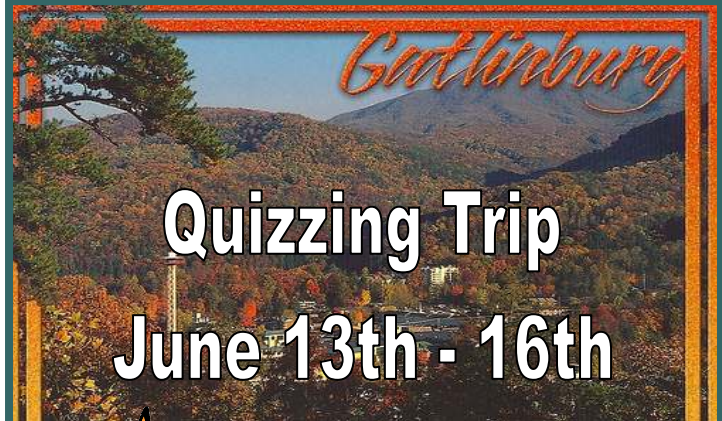
June 6th - 9th



May Family Sundays

**Sunday May 8th
&
Sunday May 22nd**

There will be No Children's Activities in the AM or PM on these Sundays. Please worship with your family!



**MVNU Regional Quiz Meet
Saturday May 14th**



June 27th - July 1st



June Events

- June 1st- Last Wed Night Dinner
- June 6th- VBS Starts @ 5:30PM
- June 9th- Last Day of VBS
- June 10th- VBS COSI Trip
- June 12th- VBS Closing Service
- June 13th-16th- Quizzing Gatlinburg
- June 26th- Family Sunday
- June 27th-1st- Children's Camp



angel food MINISTRIES

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

- The Original Signature Box—\$35.00
- Senior & Convenience Meals—\$29.00
- After School Fruit & Veggie Box—\$17.00
- Just 4 Me—After School Box—\$25.00
- Bit of Blessings Box—\$22.00
- Bountiful Blessings Box—\$46.00
- 5lb. Allergen/Gluten Free Box—\$25.00
- Pastor Joe's Premium Box—\$55.00
- May Specials:
 - New York Strip Steak box 5lb.—\$26.00
 - Memorial Day Grill Box—\$25.00
 - Premium Fresh Fruit & Veggie Box—\$24.00

May order date is:
May 7th from 9:00—Noon
at the church
May Distribution is
March 21st—7:00 am

June order date is:
June 12th —Noon at the church
June Distribution is
June 26th—7:00 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** or check out the link on our webpage at **www.ashfirstnaz.org**
 Online orders need to be placed on or before 2:00 pm on third Thursday of the month.

Ashland First Church's Kids Quizzing Team will be sponsoring several events during the months of May and June to earn monies for their trip to Gatlinburg on June 13th. They will sponsor a dinner before Church on Wednesday evenings during the month of May from 5:00 to 6:45. On May 21st, they will have a Spring Rummage Sale (Save up your spring cleaning items) and on May 28th they will wash your car. Mark you calendars and plan to support this group. The teens will also sponsor a car wash June 4th to keep you vehicle clean.

NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL

**Don't Miss
 EKD NMI Convention
 June 20 and 21
 At Ashland First Church**



Coming in June

WORLD RADIO OFFERING
 Watch for Details



**Memorial Roll will be presented
 on Sunday, May 29th.
 Families will be recognized.**