

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

Jerrod Covert
Pastor of Student
Ministries

Brandon Gibbs
Pastor of Children's
Ministries

**Rev. Denver
Prater**
Visitation & Outreach
Pastor

Curt Skeens
Teaching Pastor

Paula Sergent
Discipleship &
Assimilation Pastor

Ashland First News

Pastor's Reflections:

This is a time of the year when we are either *winding down* or *gearing up* depending on your perspective (in some cases perhaps a combination of the two). Whatever you are feeling, doing life at a sustainable pace is no easy task at any time during the year. It might be a great time though to make a few tweaks or maybe even some major readjustments in how you live life. The real and present danger is that we will live life by default and not by design. That would be tragic given the fact that life is too precious to squander and fritter away. What do you say we work together to change things in 2011?

I have discovered over the years that it is best to start with my relationship to God if things are truly going to be different and my life is going to be transformed. In light of that, let me pose a question: *"Am I a follower of Christ...or am I merely fond of Him?"*

Before we can be Jesus to the world we have to

- "I Don't Want To!" (See the pleading in [Hebrews 3:15](#))
- "I Don't Have Time To!" ([Colossians 2:6-7](#)) – Remember, any relationship minus time will eventually die!
- "I Can't Afford To!" ([Matthew 6:21](#), [Matthew 6:24](#)) – Jesus said money was the number one competitor for our hearts!

- "I Can't Believe I Get To!"

What would change if every one of us desired and decided and then determined that 2011 was going to be a complete year of *following hard after Christ?* ([Matthew 16:24](#)) – That is what He calls us to!

One of the experiences that I believe could lead us to that kind of life is our *emphasis on spiritual breakthrough January 22-26* with Nathan Covington. The last four years we have been scheduling a spiritual emphasis (every other year) during January to help us refocus, get refueled and ready for a season of spiritual advance (not retreat).

Please mark your calendars!! Please make plans to attend these opportunities to position yourself for a spiritual recovery and renewal. After a very hectic and often draining season of activity we need to slow down, be still, and hear a fresh word from God. I believe that will happen (and needs to quite frankly) during these special days of emphasis on spiritual breakthrough.

You will appreciate the ministry of and be challenged by our evangelist, Nathan Covington. The insights shared and truths proclaimed will be worth the hours we spend together.

See you soon!

Pastor Steve

JANUARY

Music Department Happenings!

February

January Special Schedule

**2 AM-Bev Grace
PM-No Special
9 AM-Kim Poff
PM-Angie Skeens
16 AM-Joyce Caudill
PM-Chris Epperson
23 AM- Andrea Covert
PM-Korie Gibbs
30 AM-Jerrod Covert
PM-Bev Grace**

February Special Music

**6 AM-Chris Epperson
PM-Joyce Caudill
13 AM-Angie Skeens
PM-Kim Poff
20 AM-Korie Gibbs
PM-Bev Grace
27 AM-Andrea Covert
PM-Chris Epperson**

There will be a Night of Worship in the PM Service January 30th. 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! :-)

I would like to say “THANK YOU” to everyone who helped make this years musical a success. So many people spent countless hours drawing, practicing, painting, rehearsing, etc to make this years musical possible and I owe it to all of you for it going so well! Thank you so much for your hard work through the “busiest time of the year.”



"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."

January Events

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| January 2nd- | Family Sunday |
| January 5th- | Passport to Missions Begins @ 7PM |
| January 8th- | Movie Night 6-7:30PM |
| January 16th- | Family Sunday |
| January 22nd- | 3rd Quiz Meet @ Grace |
| January 29th- | Ice Skating Trip |

Wednesday Nights @ 7

SCOUNDRELS
Learn 2 Obey

January Family Sundays

January 2nd & January 16th

Dinner & Movie Night

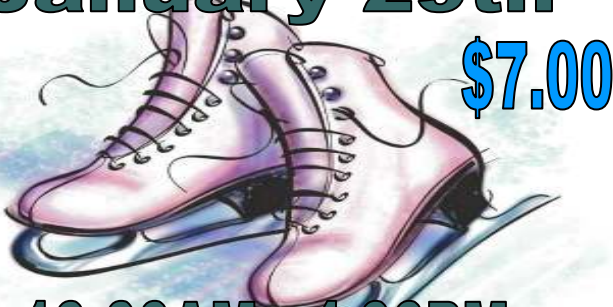


4th Quiz Meet

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SAMUEL

February 26th
@ Richmond

January 29th



10:00AM - 4:00PM

February Events

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| February 2nd- | Scoundrels 2 begins @ 7 |
| February 12th- | Dinner & Movie Night |
| February 14th- | Valentine's Day |
| February 26th- | Quiz Meet @ Richmond |



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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
- January Specials:
 - New York Strip Steak box 4lb.—\$24.00
 - Steak & Chicken Box—\$23.00
 - Premium Fresh Fruit & Veggi Box—\$23.00

January order dates are:
 Jan. 8th & 15th from 9:00—12:00 noon at church
 January Distribution is
 January 29, 2011—7:30 am

February order date is:
 February 12th from 9:00—Noon at the church
 February Distribution is
 February 26th—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** 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.



Nazarene Missions INTERNATIONAL

Have a Heart for Alabaster



Coming in February

Check Out This Book



Cold Winds, Warm Hearts:
The Church of the Nazarene in Bulgaria**
 by Teanna Sunberg

During the years of Communism in Bulgaria, the winds of opposition blew strong against those who followed Christ. Stories abound of people who sacrificed family, jobs, and even their lives for the sake of the Gospel. But today hope dawns anew in this once bleak land.

Author and missionary Teanna Sunberg will take you on an exciting and spellbinding journey of the growth of the Church of the Nazarene in Bulgaria. Your heart will be warmed as you discover how God honored those who remained faithful to Him even in the midst of severe opposition.

Missionary Books Available in Your Sunday School Class