



## NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS

## CHURCH LIFE

Monthly Stats & Financial Report (September)

Faith Promise Update

Pastor's Blog

Upcoming Events

**Sunday 11/03 FALL BACK - Daylight Savings Time**

**Tuesday 11/05 Election Day**

**Monday 11/11 Board Meeting @ 6:30p**

**Friday 11/15 Food Delivery @ 3pm**

**Tuesday 11/26 Thanksgiving Outreach @ Victory Church**

International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

Our Goals, Mission, and Values



A HUGE thank you to everyone who helped deliver or provide meals to the Norton family. Thank you for loving them to life in this simple way!



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## MONTHLY STATS

Average Worship Totals : 61

Average SDMI Totals : 44



## FINANCIAL REPORT

Budget for October:	11792.00
Received in October:	10021.54
Budget Year to Date:	76648.00
Received Year to Date:	65251.05

<b>World Missions Giving</b>	
Promised (by 4/31/20):	7000.00
Received:	1874.00

## MISSIONS & FAITH PROMISE

You can donate to Missions or give to Faith Promise (World Evangelism Fund) anytime! Simply go to our website, click the donate button and select the option where you want your funds to go!

Missions is at the heart and core of who we are as Nazarenes and so we are thrilled to be able to help build the physical and spiritual church in anyway that we can!

Please continue to pray for our missionaries!

Visit [www.nazarenemissions.org/](http://www.nazarenemissions.org/) for information on missionaries sent through the Nazarene Church, learn how your funds are used, and more!

The Mesoamerica Region recently trained more than 60 people on the book Evangelism with Passion. The training was led by Nelson Valencia and Roger Lemus for the Northern and Southern districts of Petén, Guatemala.

Since the beginning of 2019, the region's evangelism ministry has trained about 500 people in El Salvador, Guatemala, Panama, Nicaragua, and the Caribbean. The trainings have been shared by leaders from El Salvador, Guatemala, Nicaragua, and Panama.

Evangelism with Passion is available in Spanish, English, and Creole. The book's 10 chapters cover topics such as the fundamentals of evangelism, Jesus and Paul's model of evangelism, urban perspectives, motivation to fulfill the great commission, and more.

The region plans to train every field by challenging attendees to evangelize as part of everyday life in addition to presenting strategies for taking the gospel to the cities.

"Many districts are still missing, but the team is motivated, the districts are waiting, and the Holy Spirit is working together to do Evangelism With Passion," said Jerson Chupina, regional evangelism communications coordinator.

-Church of the Nazarene Mesoamerica

\* You can stay connected with what's happening around the world in Missions as well as discover great resources to deepen your faith and understanding at: [www.nazarene.org/news](http://www.nazarene.org/news).



# TRIPPED UP

PASTOR'S  
*Blog*

It was a beautiful day. The sun was shining. The birds were singing. It was over 60 degrees on a January afternoon. I figured it'd be a great day to run outside, escaping the basement treadmill at least once before winter weather returned. Little did I know that I'd be in the ER before nightfall.

I got on my running gear, stretched, plugged in my headphones to my latest worship music, hit 'Start Workout' on my running app, and headed out.

It was a gorgeous day, especially for January. The fresh air and sunshine felt great, even though the run was a little tougher than I wanted to admit; but that usually happens in the transition from the treadmill to the streets. I prayed some, listened some, got to thinking some, and was enjoying my run when, all of a sudden, I found myself rolling down the sidewalk.

Dizzy for a moment and thrown off-kilter, I realized quickly that I had somehow tripped, landing on the concrete...hard. My arm and shoulder were hurting, my knee was bleeding, and I had several other minor abrasions. In evaluating my injuries and looking back, I pieced together what happened. I hadn't allowed enough clearance for my foot to miss a buckle in the old sidewalk, and as I headed to the ground, my body instinctively began to curl up.



The bulk of the force of the fall was on my right shoulder as it collided with the cement. I had then rolled at least once, with my right knee scraping the unforgiving ground.

I sat there, on the sidewalk for a minute, unable to fathom how that could have happened. One minute I was enjoying a great day...the next minute I was down for the count. And I still had two miles to go to get back home!

The pain in my shoulder got worse throughout the afternoon, and I ended up getting a couple x-rays to rule out a broken clavicle. It wasn't broken, but I had to wear a sling for a couple days.

Has that ever happened to you? I don't mean rolling down the sidewalk during a run. I mean that you're breezing through life and everything seems great and then, all of a sudden, you get tripped up. Maybe tragedy strikes, or pain and loss. Or maybe it's some sinful thing you've been thinking was no big deal...until it was. Or maybe it's just that you thought things were going to work out one way...and they didn't.

Life has a way of tripping us up. Sometimes it's our fault. Sometimes it's not. But we find ourselves down for the count.

No matter what the cause, the solution is the same. It all rests in what we pay attention to.

See, that afternoon on those Medina side streets, I got distracted. The last thing on my mind was an uneven sidewalk. I'm not saying that as we walk through life we should be fixated on all the bad things that might happen. We should be aware of those possibilities, but Scripture tells us that instead we should be paying attention to something else, to Someone else...

Galatians 5:25 "Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."

No matter what life brings our way, if our attention is on keeping in step with where the Holy Spirit is leading, we'll have the resources to face anything. We have to be intentionally focused on God and His guidance in our lives each day.

God doesn't promise smooth paths and clear skies. He promises to be with us to help navigate anything we might encounter, including the occasional buckle in the sidewalk! Pay attention to Him, keep in step with Him, no matter where you are on life's journey today.

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\* How does the Spirit lead us when we are going through a tough time?

\* What are some ways that you are living by the Spirit right now?

\* How can you be an encouragement to someone who is having trouble navigating life's "buckles"?

# Kids Day

Zeida Caywood and the wonderful Sunday School teachers put their creativity to the test on Kids Day - We were honoured to be led by our children during the service and a great time was had by all in the celebration following!



Jackie Tiffe has been coordinating a wonderful outreach with Victory Church in Cleveland on Thanksgiving week. If you're looking for a way to love someone to life, this is a great way to do that! Sign up in the foyer!

We will be meeting at the church on Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, and departing to Cleveland Victory by 3pm.

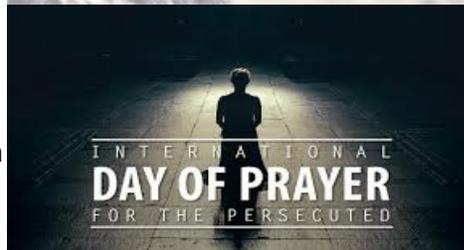
If you would like to serve, but can't make the outreach, we are in need of food donations (enough for 20-30 people). Please drop the donations off by 2:30pm.

The International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church is the first Sunday of November. Please take time to remember our brothers and sisters, Pastors and Missionaries, who are facing severe persecution around the world. This is a profound way we can help to love someone to life! You may use the guide to the right to help lead your prayer requests.

"Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should." – Ephesians 6:19-20

When asked how we can help them, persecuted Christians' first request is

## "PRAY FOR US..."



- Pray that whatever their circumstances, God will give persecuted Christians the right words.
- Pray that persecuted Christians will understand and find peace in the sufficiency of God's grace, even in their weaknesses.
- Pray that Christians facing hardship will draw from a source of power larger than themselves.
- Pray God would be present with persecuted Christians in their hardship, protecting them according to His will.
- Pray their witness would inspire those who seek to harm them.



Pastor Pete Ryder will be away for a time of rest and reflection from October 11 thru December 1<sup>st</sup>. During this time, he will not be answering emails or calls, but don't worry! We have a process in place! This is all you need to know!

Prayer Chain - Prayer requests will go through Jonathan Dentler; you may email, text, or call and leave a message with your request and he will disburse it to the members of our prayer team

P: 330-304-0753 | E. Judentler@hotmail.com

Pastoral Visitation - Our interim pastor, Raynard Martin, will be available for pastoral visits as well as hospital visits. He is best reached by text or by phone, but you can also email him if it's not urgent. Pastor Raynard will also be preaching for our congregation during sabbatical.

P: 330-465-7890 | E. Revraynard@gmail.com

Youth Group - While Pastor Pete is away, Youth Group will continue at 7:02 on Wednesdays. Shawn Caywood, Savannah Norton, and Alyssa Applegate will be subbing in.

*As always, you can contact the church office if you have any questions.*

# We live to love people to life

## We Value:

## Our Strategy:

### Intimate Life with God

Believers are pursuing an intimate relationship with God

### Investment in Relationships

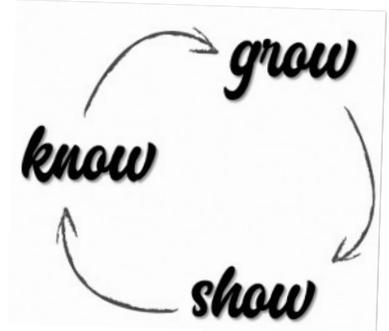
People are connecting with each other inside the church and developing relationships in the community

### Involvement in Ministry

We provide opportunities to serve God by meeting needs with joy and generosity

### Indulging in Laughter

An atmosphere of fun permeates our life together



We **know**

God's

love through worship & spiritual disciplines

We **grow** in God's love as we learn together in groups.

We **show** God's love as we serve in ministry.

5 Questions  
To ask everyday

Have I met with God today?

Am I trusting & obeying God in everything?

Do I see Jesus in the mirror?

Who Have I served today?

Am I close to someone far from God?

SO... Who have you loved to life today?  
Send an email and let us know!



Have a story, a testimony, a hidden talent you want us to know about...? We want to give anyone who wants it, the opportunity to be featured in our monthly newsletter. Let's build each other up, encourage one another, and love one another to life. It starts with us! If you want to be featured, just email the church office!