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PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

A Cry Brings God

*"You will call and the Lord will answer;
you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I."*
Isaiah 58:9

Rhonda Hughey writes in her book *Desperate for His Presence* that "the western church is struggling with her identity, authority, and purpose. Understanding our true identity in Christ must occur before we can exercise spiritual authority and accomplish our God-given mission as an agent of change on the earth. We need a serious lifestyle change in the body of Christ from a westernized culture of Christianity to becoming radical disciples of Jesus."

We can only become what we are beholding in prayer and intimate fellowship. The Psalmist said, "Listen to my cry for I am in desperate need." (Psalm 142:6) When the people of Israel were in slavery we read, "During that long period, the king of Egypt died. The Israelites groaned in their slavery and cried out, and their cry for help because of their slavery... So God looked on the Israelites and was concerned about them." (Exodus 2:23,25)

If we call upon the Lord in prayer, he has promised in his Word to answer...If we don't call upon the Lord, he has promised nothing. Prayer is the key that unlocks all the storehouses of God's infinite grace and power. All that God is, and all that God has, is at the disposal of prayer. But we must use the key.

In 2 Chronicles 20 Jehoshaphat was told a vast army was coming against him. In verse 3 his response is this "Jehoshaphat resolved to inquire of the Lord." We too when alarmed by the enemy need to inquire of the Lord. So what does praying together accomplish? Here are a few things:

- Refocuses us on God's power and might
- Reminds us of God's mighty acts in the past
- Reaffirms to us God's covenant promise to hear and answer prayer
- Reinforces our desperate need for God

I believe the greatest thing we need today is desperation. Rhonda Hughey writes again in *Desperate for His Presence*, "*Desperate hunger is the currency of heaven. Hunger is what causes us to empty ourselves of compromise and creates a holy dissatisfaction that drives us to our knees and makes us depend on God.*"

You cannot be hungry for God if we are being satisfied with other things. The Greater the capacity on the inside the more desperate our hunger will be for God. We settle for so much less than he wants to give us of himself. Just perhaps the amount of God's presence we experience is directly related to the sacrifice we pour out.

Psalms 34:8 says "O taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the man who trusts and takes refuge in Him."

Something happens when we taste the Presence of God. Nothing else satisfies anymore and we continually try to get back to that place. Everything else pales into insignificance and comparison.

Let's come each week as we worship together and pray together with expectancy in our hearts. Let's "press in" each week to see Jesus and hear from Him. Let's have Holy Desperation for His Presence.

With Love in Christ,
Pastor Jamie



Nazarene Missions
INTERNATIONAL

The year seems to be flying by, and there have been several opportunities to become a missionary! If you haven't had a chance to get involved, take heart! You still have some GREAT opportunities coming up! Here's what's in the works for Anna Naz Missions...

On October 22nd: We had an extra special treat during this meeting...the youth did the cooking for everyone! There was no need to bring anything except your appetite, an open heart, and a willing spirit! Our NYI accepted donations for the spaghetti meal that will provide funding for their activities. It was another exciting time of fellowship. Detailed information was shared about our "Meals on Wheels Soup Kitchen," which included sign-ups for being a local missionary! If you would like to sign-up, please see me. What a blessing this will be for those who hear "...the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'" (Isaiah 6:8)

November 18th (Saturday): "Meals on Wheels Soup Kitchen" Plans are to serve 15 families and/or individuals who either live alone, are unable to get out due to illness or other physical circumstances, or are in need. If you know of a family or individual that you would like to have a meal delivered to, please give the name and address to me or Verna by Wednesday, November 15th. Canned goods for the soup kitchen will be collected until the 15th. EVERYONE is invited and more than welcome to come and be a part of this day of preparing meals and *servicing* those in our community in need. We would love for several to volunteer to help deliver meals that day as well. God reminds us in Romans 12:13 that we are to "Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality."

November 19th (Sunday): This will be our "regular" missionary meeting. During this meeting we will be focusing on an extraordinary event that will be taking place in December. You will absolutely want to be a part of this one-of-a-kind experience! Feed My Starving Children is a non-profit organization that utilizes volunteers to assist in hand-packing nutritionally complete meals for malnourished children. There is a place for *everyone* at this event. I simply cannot wait to share information about this!

December 1-3: Feed My Starving Children

Are you "hungry" to do more for God? Come...be part of missions. Allow God to feed your spirit.

"For I was *hungry* and you gave me something to eat."

Matthew 25:35 (NIV)

Tammy Vicenzi, NMI President



November 19

You will have the opportunity to give to this special offering to help support the World Evangelism Fund. Just place your offering in a Offering Envelope for World Evangelism or mark your check Thanksgiving Offering

The Church of the Nazarene’s annual Thanksgiving Offering for the World Evangelism Fund provides the opportunity to celebrate the gifts God has given us. Not only do we look back and remember what God has done, but we move forward as we return to God that which He entrusted to us.

Throughout history, you can see the evidence. From the Israelites to the modern church, it’s impossible to deny. God is faithful to provide. Out of thankfulness, we give back through the World Evangelism Fund, sharing the gospel in schools, church plants, mission hospitals, and more places. We remember now so that we will never forget: it’s All from Him

Count your blessings instead of your crosses,
 Count your gains instead of your losses,
 Count your joys instead of your woes
 Count your friends instead of your foes
 Count your courage instead of your fears.
 Count your health instead of your wealth,
COUNT ON GOD instead of yourself



SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES

Breakfast 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Morning Worship 10:35 a.m.

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Family Bible Study..... 6:30 p.m.
 Youth Group..... 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICES

Evening Worship 6:00 p.m.

MISSIONARY SERVICE

Sunday, November 19.....6:00 p.m.

Check out our Website and Facebook Page at www.annanaz.com

Preaching Ambassador from Olivet

November 5 - A.M. Service

Chad Radford

Preaching Ambassador Program

From Roseville, Michigan

Class of 2018

Studying Psychology



Originally from Detroit, MI, Chad has been blessed over the past few years. Now that he is at Olivet, he is attempting to bless those less fortunate. Chad gives his time in both "Mission Possible," Olivet Nazarene University's prison ministry, as well as "Incarcerated Youth Ministries," from his home in Detroit. These experiences have changed Chad's perspective on Christ's power and the broken world. "If Christians choose to work together for God's glory so much is possible."



November 5
Daylight Saving Time Ends
Don't forget to turn back your clocks



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NOVEMBER 5

Special Music:	A.M. Children's Church	P.M. Randy Wright
Greeters:	A.M. Kathy Papa/Lottie Smith	P.M. Terry Wiseman Sr.
Projection:	A.M. Verna Fuller	P.M. Verna Fuller
Sound:	A.M. Brad Clayborne	P.M. Stanley Elkins
Video:	A.M. Clayton Ramage	P.M. Marshall Ramage

Ushers: Curly Ralls, Jacob Wright, T.J. Macy, Mark Smith
 Sunday School Nursery Volunteers: Madison Wright & Mary Clayborne
 Church Nursery Volunteers: Robert & Nancy Smith
 Finance Team: Jack & Nina Shepard, Carla Ramage

MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NOVEMBER 12

Special Music:	A.M. Betty Odum	P.M. Abby Barlow
Greeters:	A.M. Richard & Yvonne Graham	P.M. Leonard & Connie Sadler
Projection:	A.M. Carla Ramage	P.M. Carla Ramage
Sound:	A.M. Brad Clayborne	P.M. Stanley Elkins
Video:	A.M. Jason Elkins	P.M. Clayton Ramage

Ushers: Robert Smith, Matt Macy, Noah Wiseman, Terry Wiseman Sr.
 Nursery Volunteers: Kathy Cook/Lea Ann Wright
 Finance Team: Jack & Nina Shepard, Carla Ramage

MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NOVEMBER 19

Special Music:	A.M. Jaida Smith	P.M. Missionary Service
Greeters:	A.M. Terry Wiseman Sr.	P.M. Missionary Service
Projection:	A.M. Verna Fuller	P.M. Missionary Service
Sound:	A.M. Brad Clayborne	P.M. Missionary Service
Video:	A.M. Clayton Ramage	P.M. Missionary Service

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MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NOVEMBER 26

Special Music:	A.M. Harley & Madison Schnaare	P.M. Jack & Nina Shepard
Greeters:	A.M. Richard & Yvonne Graham	P.M. Leonard & Connie Sadler
Projection:	A.M. Jason Elkins	P.M. Carla Ramage
Sound:	A.M. Brad Clayborne	P.M. Stanley Elkins
Video:	A.M. Clayton Ramage	P.M. Marshall Ramage

Ushers: Robert Smith, Matt Macy, Noah Wiseman, Terry Wiseman Sr.
 Nursery Volunteers: Kathy Cook/Lea Ann Wright
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LOVING AS JESUS LOVED. GIVING AS JESUS GAVE.

EPHESIANS 5:25

REAL...RELEVANT...RELATIONAL

Anna First Church of the Nazarene November 2017 Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Family Bible Study 6:30 pm	2	3	4
5 DST Ends A.M. Preaching Ambassador PM-Communion	6	7	8 Family Bible Study 6:30 pm	9 Board Meetings Sunday School Board 6:15 pm Church 7:00 pm Church Office Closed	10 Church Office Closed	11 VETERAN'S DAY
12	13	14	15 Family Bible Study 6:30 pm	16	17	18 "Meals on Wheels Soup Kitchen"
19 Thanksgiving Offering Missionary Service 6:00 p.m.	20	21	22 Family Bible Study 6:30 pm	23 THANKSGIVING Church Office Closed F.H. Reserved	24 Church Office Closed	25
26	27	28	29 Family Bible Study 6:30 pm	30		