

# GGNaz News



Pastor Dan is on vacation with his family. During this time, they celebrated the birthdays of his parents.

In the absence of the Pastor Dan's article, I found a few articles related to vacation time in publications of *NewsletterNewsletter*, to which GGNaz subscribes.

Pastor Dan will be back with his wit and wisdom for the September issue of GGNaz News.

## VACATION TIME

Someone has said, "Vacation is what you take when you can't take what you've been taking any longer."

There are good reasons to take a vacation every year: spending time with friends and loved ones, experiencing physical and mental refreshment, enjoying changes in scenery and routine, and preparing for another year of productivity.

Please enjoy your vacation! Try to be faithful to the Lord by attending church while you're away, if you have the opportunity.

Just remember that during vacations and weekend getaways, you're especially missed by your friends at church. The work of the church suffers because no one can fill your place of responsibility quite like you.

God's work goes on all summer long. Your presence and gifts are needed to enable the church to be strong and vigorous throughout the entire year. When you're

away, please bring or send your offering before you go.

I pray you are having a wonderful summer!

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## DESTINATION DEVOTIONS

Planning a trip? Take along a Scripture passage befitting your vacation to use for devotions and prayer time (all NIV below):

- In the mountains: "The mountains and hills will burst into song before you" (Isaiah 55:12).
- At a lake, perhaps on a fishing trip: "They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 'Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will send you out to fish for people'" (Matthew 4:18-19).
- Near an ocean or river: "Let the sea resound ... let the rivers clap their hands" (Psalm 98:7-8).
- In the desert: "They looked toward the desert, and there was the glory of the LORD appearing in the cloud" (Exodus 16:10).
- In the woods: "Blessed is the one ... whose delight is in the law of the LORD .... That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season" (Psalm 1:1-3).
- In the flatlands: "'My food,' said Jesus, 'is to do the will of him who sent me .... I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest'" (John 4:34-35).
- On a "staycation" close to home: "Love the LORD your God .... These commandments that I

give you today are to be on your hearts. ... Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road .... Write them on the doorframes of your houses and on your gates" (Deuteronomy 6:5-9).

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## A MONTH OF SUNDAYS

"August is like the Sunday of summer," an online meme proclaims. But that means different things to different people.

If you see Sunday as the end of a week — a chance to sleep in, do "nothing," relax and play — then August might be your downtime at the end of a busy summer.

If Sunday feels heavy because the onslaught of the workweek is approaching, then August may carry the dread of falling leaves and falling temperatures.

But if you view Sunday as a fresh start to the week, then August, with a new school year and new church programming around the corner, can be exciting.

And if you honor Sunday as the Sabbath, indeed "August is like the Sunday of summer." God invites us to enjoy these holy days and give thanks to him, the Creator of all seasons.

By Heidi Mann  
 (Published August 2016)

- Debbie Kindell  
 GGNaz Office Manager/ GGNaz  
 News Publisher



**MAKE YOUR RESERVATION NOW!**  
**LAKE HEMET FAMILY CAMPING**  
**AUGUST 11-13, 2017**

Bring your tents, trailers or RV's and camp at Lake Hemet Campground August 11-13 (Friday through Sunday). Bring your own food, camping gear, tackle etc. Just \$12 per person for the entire weekend. A CA fishing license is required for anyone 16 and over if they want to fish.

Join in the optional Saturday night tri-tip BBQ dinner for an extra \$4 per person.

After dinner, be blessed by the campfire devotional message under

the stars. Make s'mores, chat by the campfire under the vibrant, star filled sky.

Swim and play at the Lake Hemet Waterpark and Beach (this cost for is not included in the camping fee).



Jason Kindell

To make your reservations or to get more information, see Jason Kindell as soon as possible.

**AUGUST BIRTHDAYS**

Sean Oliver .....	05
Keira Keeton .....	15
David Kelley .....	21
Kristen Kindell .....	24
Lizzy Sternin .....	24
Gracelynn Cazier .....	25
Sarah McHargue .....	25
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Joe Driscoll .....	28
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**AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES**

Andy and Donna Alves .....	03
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**NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL (NMI)**

The World Mission Department screens, trains, and SENDS OUT missionaries to 162 countries around the world. NMI (Nazarene Missions International) SUPPORTS MISSIONS.



**NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL**

It's what we do. One of the goals of our GGNaz NMI council is to keep you, our congregation, informed and excited about how God is working through your giving and prayers.

We would like to introduce you to our \*LINKS missionaries. We help support, communicate with, and pray for this beautiful family.

**Jiménez-Acosta Family**  
**Missionaries in Ecuador**

Esdras and Scarlet Jiménez, are serving as special missionaries on assignment in the South America Region for the Church of the Nazarene since October 2014, in Ecuador. Esdras is the Integral Ministries Coordinator for Ecuador, and Scarlet helps with the North Andean Field Finances office. Both also are teachers at Nazarene South American Seminary in Ecuador.

Esdras, born in Chiapas, Mexico, served his local church in ministries like youth and Sunday School. He was teen director on the South District in Mexico. God called him to serve as missionary at a youth camp.

Scarlet was born in Managua, Nicaragua. She has been a missionary since 2004 working as a field treasurer, Administrator of Nazarene Theological Seminary in Guatemala and Finances Administrator of Virtual Seminary (Alliance between Latin America Seminaries who offer online theological studies).

Esdras and Scarlet were married in 2007, they have two beautiful kids, Joshua age 7 and Sara, age 3. They are a multicultural family serving God with all their heart, soul and strength to help build the body of Christ.

I recently received an e-mail from Scarlett telling us about an event her husband was serving at in Santo Domingo, about 3 1/2 hours from Quinto. They decided to make it a family trip. On the

way home that evening car trouble turned their trip home into a 6 1/2 hour "family adventure." Scarlett and the kids rode in the car on top of the tow truck. She thanks God for his protection.

Scarlett writes: "We appreciate so much your faithfulness to us through prayers. We ask you to continue praying for us and to specifically pray that the car can be fixed quickly and for the repairs not to be too costly. We trust in God that He will provide the resources to fix it because we have many mission trips to make around the whole country."



God Is On the Move!  
 Teresa Stauffer,  
 NMI President

*\*LINKS (Loving, Interested Nazarenes, Knowing and Sharing) A network of personal connections between missionaries and Nazarene churches.*

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES



### Join us for Sunday School

Join us for Sunday School Sunday mornings at 9:00. Donna Alves teaches the younger set, K-Grade 2; she also teaches the preschoolers during church time. I teach Grades 3-6 in the upstairs Children's Department rooms.

### Thank You! Kids Kamp Helpers

Thank you to our church family for providing prayer and financial support for children to attend Kids Kamp. Dawn Winship Molkov and Maria Winship provided transportation for the kids. It was a wonderful week away, with lots of fellowship, prayer, and spiritual growth.

### Thank You for Helping - VBS

Thank you to our combined church families for providing the support needed to run our recent Vacation Bible School (VBS). Our guest speaker was Pastor Angie

Hancock, district children's ministries director. Our theme, *Fun in the Sun*, used 1 John 3:1 as the main verse: "How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!" We had a great time learning what it means to be a child of God. Lots of people shared their time and talents in crafts, music, photography, tech booth, small group leaders, games, set decorators, registrars, etc. May God bless you richly for making this outreach event possible.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### Kids' Swim Party

There will be a swim party for the kids on Sunday, August 6 from 12 noon —3:00 p.m. at my house. Bring your own swim towel, sunscreen and a snack to share. Please contact me if you wish to come so I can plan better.

#### Thoughts...

"You are God's child. He saw

you, picked you, and placed you! Jesus said, "You did not choose me, I chose you!" You are God's child. Replacement or fill-in? Hardly. You are His first choice. The choice wasn't obligatory, required, compulsory, forced, or compelled. He selected you because He wanted to. You are His open, willful, voluntary choice. He walked onto the auction block where you stood, and He proclaimed, "This child is mine." 1 Peter 1:19 says, He bought you "with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." You are His child forever. Your struggles will not last forever—but you will. The promise is in 2 Timothy 2:12. "If we endure, we shall also reign with Him." Believe it. Clutch it. Tattoo it on the interior of your heart! You are God's child!"

- *You'll Get Through This* by Max Lucado

Pat McHargue  
Children's Ministries



## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES



### His Love

Nothing can separate you from My love.

When you trusted Me as a Savior, I united Myself to you in eternal matrimony. Many things threaten to rip apart this holy bond – principalities and powers, controlling people, dire circumstances – but nothing can succeed, not even death. In fact, dying opens the way to ecstatic enjoyment of Me: exponentially better than your best moment on earth!

I embody not only perfect Love but all the fullness of the Deity as well. In Me you have everything you could ever need. Feelings of emptiness can serve as signals –

reminding you to turn back toward Me. No matter what you are doing, I can be a co-participant with you. As you invite Me into more and more aspects of your life, you will discover a growing contentment within you. In times of adversity you can lean on Me for support; in joyous times you can celebrate with Me. I am as near as a whispered prayer – even nearer. My banner over you is Love.

- *Jesus Lives* – Sarah Young

### Attention Secret Pals

By now you should have received your Secret Pal assignment and have prayed for them, etc. If you have any questions please feel to contact me.

### Get Ready - Craft Fair/Bake Sale

Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 23 at 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. in the GGNaz Fellowship Hall. Don't miss it!

### Join Our Women's Book Club

On Sunday, July 30 I handed-out the voting packets for the 2017-2018 year.

Our next meeting will be on September 16 at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be a Pot Luck – Mexican/ Taco Bar.

Our current book selection is Frank Peretti's *Illusion*.

Thanks,



## NMI COUNCIL AND CHURCHBOARD MEETINGS

Church Board Meeting — August 15 at 7:00 p.m.

NMI Council Meeting — August 29 at 6:30 p.m.



## YOUTH MINISTRIES

July into August always seems crazy, we have a lot of activities going on and school starts. It seems like we were just talking about summer activities and now we are close to the end of summer. I hope you have taken some time to rest and relax. I have not, so please share your rest and relaxation with me.

We are coming off of Vacation Bible School (VBS) week, and it was a great time. I was pleased to see so many youth involved in making it a successful week. Thank you for supporting them in that endeavor.

This month starts off with summer camp. I have been praying for this week for a while. It'll be exciting to see what God does this week.

After camp, things are going to be a little different with renovations happening in the fellowship

hall. Wednesday night activities may happen on a short notice basis. If they do, I will text parents and let them know what is happening and where.

On the 18th there is an all-nighter. It will start at the church at 4:30 p.m.—an early start so we can go to Angels Stadium for the Harvest Crusade.

Also worth mentioning is the Col-lide kickoff which is happening the Sunday of Labor Day weekend, September 3rd. It'll be \$20 for the night.

Pastor Krystal,  
GGNaz Youth Pastor



(Nazarene Youth International)

## HEART TO HEART MINISTRIES

Have you noticed under the heading "Staff and Ministry Leaders," Heart to Heart Ministries? Several months ago two of our ladies came to Pastor Dan with a need and a solution.

The Need: Someone to help call on people when they are ill, hospitalized, etc. Someone to send cards of encouragement, congratulations, and best wishes.

The Solution: Blanca Craig and Delores Kelley head up a group of people within the church who can fill the needs listed above.

"If " birthdays and anniversaries are in the church data base, sending those cards is easy. The hard thing is knowing when our people are hospitalized, ill, or need encouragement. Please, call the church office and let us know if someone needs *Heart to Heart*.

## OUR REGULAR SCHEDULE

### Sunday

Sunday School ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Hispanic study ..... 9:00 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Hispanic Worship ..... 10:00 a.m.  
Arabic Worship ..... 12:00 noon  
Huddle Worship ..... 3:00 p.m.

### Monday

Academia Bíblica ..... 6:00 p.m.

### Tuesday

Hispanic prayer ..... 7:30 p.m.

### Wednesday

No Wednesday activities in the north-wing-downstairs in August.  
Worship music ..... 7:00 p.m.

### Thursday

Academia Bíblica ..... 6:00 p.m.

### Friday

Hispanic study ..... 7:00 p.m.

### Saturday

Huddle rehearsal ..... 10:30 a.m.

(If not specified, these times apply to our original English language congregation.)

## STAFF AND MINISTRY LEADERS

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Pastor Tai Asoau..... The Huddle's Interim Pastor  
Samir Ibrahim ..... Interim Arabic Pastor  
Rev. Noé Guevara .....Hispanic Pastor  
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Robert McHargue..... Church Board Officer/Secretary  
Steve Iliff..... Church Board Officer/Treasurer

### Heart to Heart Ministries

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1.	2.	3.	4.	5.
<b>Anaheim District Teen Camps at Alpine Camps and Conference Center</b>						
				Women's Bible Study @ Sternins 9:30 AM	Lunch for Homeless 9:30 AM	
6. Kid's Swim Party @ McHargues 12 Noon  Arabic's Monthly Feast 1:00 PM	7.	8.	9.	10. Women's Bible Study @ Sternins 9:30 AM	11. <b>Lake Hemet Family Camping</b>  Book of John Study 7:00 PM	12. Hispanic Watch Night 8:00 PM
13. <b>L.H. Camping Cont.</b>	14.	15. Church Board Meeting 7:00 PM	16.	17. Women's Bible Study @ Sternins 9:30 AM	18. Youth All-nighter 4:30 PM Harvest Crusade @ Angels Stadium 7:00 PM Book of John Study 7:00 PM	19. Harvest Crusade @ Angels Stadium 7:00 PM
20. Harvest Crusade @ Angels Stadium 7:00 PM	21.	22.	23.	24. Women's Bible Study @ Sternins 9:30 AM	25. Hispanic Children's Night 7:00 PM  Book of John Study 7:00 PM	26.
27.	28.	29. NMI Council Meeting 6:30 PM	30.	31. Women's Bible Study @ Sternins 9:30 AM		

This calendar reflects special events for the month as well as new studies, group meetings, or services.