

GGNaz News



REMODELING OUR SPIRITUAL LIVES

Most are probably familiar with Murphy's Law and its variations, "Anything that can go wrong, will go wrong." While largely pessimistic, we typically run into it over and over again. It's a generality, but it has some merit.

Recently, I discovered another "law" that I've experienced but never had a good description of. This law was written by today's shapers of culture and economy, computer programmers. It's called Hofstadter's Law. It goes, "It always takes longer than you expect, even when you take into account Hofstadter's Law."

With our on-going improvements in fellowship and worship space my knowledge is all to up close and personal. Summer deadlines have stretched into September and now October. Each delay, unforeseen reality and complication adds to what you've already projected.

Perhaps this is why we don't do a little "remodeling" in our spiritual lives. Even a brief examination of our lives reveals an aspect of our life we can improve, develop, activate, quit or change. Perhaps we need to start, change, do or learn

to just be okay with something. But the time it may take to allow God and the strength he gives to accomplish something might go well beyond our perceived timetable.

So we fail to start,
Quit when the road is long,
Whimper along the way,
Delay to another day,
Or stagnate in our present state.

But, it's not worth it. It hurts others when we stop spiritual growth; it hinders the causes of Christ and frustrates us.

(There's a difference between personal goals and spiritual goals. Personal goals generally benefit an individual; spiritual goals benefit everybody. Without preaching a sermon, consider Philippians 2:1-5 and the principles of considering others first and the disciplines it takes to accomplish that.)

I've long believed the greatest weakness of believers and receivers of God's promises is perseverance. There's such an emphasis on starting & finishing the race of the faith that we're missing the meat of dogged perseverance in the middle. It's like teaching children the story of Noah's ark and

leaving out the effort, time and perseverance it took to build it.

Maybe we should write these down for our refrigerator doors and bathroom mirrors:

Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

James 1:12

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Galatians 6:9

Now it is God who makes both us and you stand firm in Christ. He anointed us, set his seal of ownership on us, and put his Spirit in our hearts as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come.

2 Corinthians 1:21-22

Don't quit!

Pastor Dan



CHURCH BOARD AND NMI

The next meeting for the Church Board is scheduled for October 10 at 7:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the NMI Council is scheduled for October 24 (Halloween falls on our regular day) at 6:30 p.m.

Please let the church office (Board) or Teresa (council) know if you are not able to attend your meeting.

NEW WORSHIP TIME

Beginning October 8

Sunday **Worship Service** begins at **10:15 a.m.**



Sunday School will remain at 9:00 a.m. This change will serve several purposes:

Our Hispanic congregation has outgrown the conference room for their Worship time. They will meet in the fellowship

hall at 10:15. Our adult Sunday School classes will need to wrap it up by 9:55 a.m. so the room can be reset for Hispanic Worship.

Sunday School attendees will have more time to make any necessary stops before going to the Sanctuary for Worship.

For those who don't attend Sunday School, leave home at your regular time and everyone can get to Worship Service on time.

COME TO THE MULTI-CHURCH HYMN SING-A-LONG



This event organized by Larry Hartman, founder of the Garden Grove Help for the Homeless program will be hosted by GGNaz. This old fashioned Gospel Hymn Sing-a-Long, complete with hymnals, will be in the

GGNaz Sanctuary on **October 15 at 7:00 p.m.** This event will honor all Garden Grove churches participating in this ministry, such as our Friday Lunches for the Homeless.

Admission is free and everyone is encouraged to attend.

WORSHIP MINISTRIES



There will be a preview of our Adult Choir Christmas music, *Magnify a Christmas Celebration*, on October 1 at 5:30 p.m. This is for anyone interested in being a part of our Christmas choir. For more information, contact Michelle Ruth, GGNaz Worship Pastor.

YOUTH MINISTRIES



Calling All Teens! Join Us for COLLIDE

Collide is happening in Torrance. We are leaving the church on Sunday, October 1st at 3:30 p.m., so everyone needs to be here by 3:15 p.m. We will be back to the church at 9:00 p.m. Worship • Special Speaker • Small Groups • Games •

Halloween Excitement

Save the date, October 28, for a Youth Department Halloween Party. See me or watch your emails, or other church communications for more details.

- Pastor Krystal



(Nazarene Youth International)

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Debbie Mimms.....	01
Colette Almy	03
Amber Johnson	03
Rob McHargue	03
Autumn Stauffer.....	05
Angeline Ramage	06
Tony Bilbao.....	10
Kyros Guaran	10
Quynh McHargue	10
Arie Wagner.....	12
Maverick Salisbury	21
Debi Mills	23
Valerie Rose Marquez	26
Texie Tisor.....	26
Jerry Wright	27
Ruth Cousland.....	30
Bradyn Black	31
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GOD, OUR DWELLING PLACE

As a child, Bob Saffrin was struck by polio, which paralyzed all four limbs and his diaphragm. Amazingly, he recovered use of everything but one arm. Following much questioning about why God would save him but not fully restore his body, Saffrin experienced peace. In *Psalms: The Sunrise of Hope*, he reflects on Psalm 91:

“The answer is to discover the presence of God in the middle of your circumstance. ...Then even though you go through distress, the distress won't go through you. ...If we dwell in the secret place of the Most High, and if we focus on the great character of God and make him our dwelling place, we can know that we are protected. How wonderful if he lifts us out of our suffering. But there is an even greater deliverance, one where he walks with us in our fight.”

- Newsletter Newsletter Oct. 2014



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

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. Pastor Pat teaches Grades 3-6 in the upstairs Children's Dept. rooms.

Special Note Regarding Children's Church

There will be a change for Children's Church. **Beginning October 8.** All kids will be in the Sanctuary for the music portion of the Worship Service (as we do now). However, afterward we will meet in the hallway; Miss Donna and Michelle Higi will take the kids

grade 1 and under. The older children (grades 2 and up) will meet with Pastor Pat in the upstairs Children's Department rooms.

Thoughts...

A hero could be next door and you wouldn't know it. The fellow who changes the oil in your car could be a hero in overalls! Maybe as he works he prays, asking God to do with the heart of the driver what he does with the engine. The daycare worker where you drop off the kids? Perhaps her morning prayers include the name of each child and the dream that one of them will change the world.

I know—those folks don't fit our image of a hero. They are too... well, normal. Give us four stars, titles, and headlines. We seldom see heroes in the making and we seldom recognize heroes, but we would do well to keep our eyes open. Tomorrow's great preacher might be mowing your lawn. And the hero who inspires that person might be nearer than you think! Maybe in your mirror!

From *When God Whispers Your Name* by Max Lucado

Pat McHargue
Children's Ministries



NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL (NMI)

PRAYER IS OUR ARMORED TANK

Britain, under Winston Churchill, developed the first military tank in history by engineering an armored car onto the chassis of a farm tractor. The combination of steel with off-road capability immediately turned the nature of ground fighting from an almost purely defensive operation to one of offensive mobility...and eventually turned the tide of the war. The prospect of being able to move actively and thunderously toward the enemy while being protected during the ride, spelled the end of merely digging in and hoping for the best.

Prayer is our armored tank. And when put into action by God's people, "the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matthew 16:18). Prayer is our major assault weapon in battle.

After listing the various pieces of equipment known as the "full armor of God" in Ephesians 6, the apostle Paul mentioned prayer as an equally essential

element in spiritual warfare, just like the shield, the sword and helmet. "Pray at all times in the Spirit," he said in verse 18. Prayer to him was a forward moving force; a battering ram that powered him ahead in the pursuit of God's will.

Prayer is not just a harmless little church ritual. There is power. There is access to God Almighty. There is certainty of His sovereignty. There is boldness that no amounts of enemy resistance can steal from us unless we give it away, which is what happens when we don't pray.

--Excerpts from *The Battleplan for Prayer* by Stephen and Alex Kendrick

Please join your NMI council this month in earnest prayer for our missionaries, our church, our country.

Pray for missionaries and their families—for their ministry and their safety.

Pray for missionaries and Christians in creative access areas where being a Christian, and sharing faith is dangerous.

Pray for the World Mission Broadcast and those who minister daily over the airways.

Pray for Nazarene Compassionate Ministries teams that share the love of Jesus to a needy world.

Pray for the Jesus Film ministry.

Pray for our LINKS missionaries Esdras and Scarlett Jimenez. Specifically for Scarlett's mother who will be undergoing surgery in November. They are praising God for funds for car repairs.

Subscribe to the Prayer Mobilization Line (PML) and get the latest prayer requests and praise reports from around the world. www.nazarenemissionsorg/pmlsubscribe, or for daily posts (www.facebook.com/NMIPrayer)

PRAYER DOES NOT FIT US FOR THE GREATER WORK. PRAYER IS THE GREATER WORK.

--OSWALD CHAMBERS



Teresa Stauffer,
GGNaz NMI President



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Come to Me and listen! Attune yourself to My voice and receive My richest blessings. Marvel at the wonder of communing with the Creator of the universe while sitting in the comfort of your home. Kings who reign on earth tend to make themselves inaccessible; ordinary people almost never gain an audience with them. Even dignitaries must plow through red tape and protocol in order to speak with royalty.

Though I am King of the universe, I am totally accessible to you. I am with you where you are. Nothing can separate you from My presence! When I cried out from the cross, "It is finished!" the curtain of the temple was torn in two

from top to bottom. This opened the way for you to meet Me face to face, with no need for protocol or priests. I, the King of kings, am your constant Companion.

- *Jesus Calling*, Sarah Young

Our Current Book Club Selection *The Innkeeper of Ivy Hill*



Set in 1820 in the small village of Ivy Hill, England, is *The Bell*, a coaching inn. Jane finally wakes up after a year of mourning over her husband's death, when the bank informs her that the loan her late husband had taken out is greatly overdue.

She now has three months to prove that she can make *The Bell*

profitable, or the bank will be forced to sell it. Jane now has a purpose and does the best she can do to save the inn.

Attention Secret Pals

Please remember your secret pal in prayers, and small gifts — the holidays are coming. If you have any questions please contact me.

Craft Fair

This year's craft fair was a great success. Many heart-felt THANKS to all of the vendors, customers and to all who helped plan, set-up, tear down, and provided items for the bake sale. A great time was had by all!

-Michelle Ruth,
Women's Ministries President

We could learn a lot from crayons: Some are sharp, some are pretty, some are dull, some are broken, some have weird names, and all are different colors...but they all exist very nicely together in the same box. - Robert Fulghum

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OUR REGULAR SCHEDULE

Sunday

Sunday School.....9:00 a.m.
 Hispanic study9:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship..... 10:15 a.m.
 Hispanic Worship 10:15 a.m.
 Arabic Worship 12:00 noon
 Huddle Worship3:00 p.m.

Monday

Academia Bíblica6:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Hispanic prayer7:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Adult Bible study7:00 p.m.
 Huddle Bible study.....7:00 p.m.
 Teen Bible study7:00 p.m.

Thursday

Academia Bíblica6:00 p.m.
 Worship music7:00 p.m.

Friday

Hispanic study7:00 p.m.

Saturday

Huddle Prayer7:00 a.m.
 Huddle rehearsal..... 10:30 a.m.

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



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1. Arabic Monthly Feast 1:00 PM Adult Choir Preview 5:30 PM COLLIDE Be at GGNaz 3:15 PM	2.	3. Huddle White Sunday Practice 7:00 PM	4.	5.	6. Lunch for Homeless 9:30 AM Book of John Study 7:00 PM	7. Huddle White Sunday Practice 10:00 AM
8. Adult Choir Rehearsal 5:00 PM	9. COLUMBUS DAY	10. Church Board Meeting 7:00 PM Huddle White Sunday Practice 7:00 PM	11.	12.	13. Book of John Study 7:00 PM	14. Huddle White Sunday Practice 10:00 AM Hispanic Watch Night 8:00 PM
15. Huddle White Sunday 3:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal 5:00 PM Hymn-Sing-a-Long 7:00 PM	16.	17.	18.	19.	20. Book of John Study 7:00 PM	21. Non-GGNaz Memorial 9:00 AM
22. PASTOR APPRECIATION Adult Choir Rehearsal 5:00 PM	23.	24. NMI Council Meeting 7:00 PM	25.	26.	27. Book of John Study 7:00 PM Hispanic Children's Night 7:00 PM	28. Youth Halloween Party (Check with Pastor Krystal for details)
29. Hispanic Monthly Celebration 1:00 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal 5:00 PM	30.	31. HALLOWEEN				

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