

GGNaz News



GOD GETS THINGS DONE

I'm having a disagreement with my dog, Scrappy. He's getting older and with that he's becoming more resolute, less teachable and more stubborn. On a typical busy day in my household, as he sees the family off to their various responsibilities of work and school, he will quietly move to the most expensive couch in the house, that just happens to catch the most sun. He sits on top of it like a cat and soaks in the warm sun, naps and keeps close watch on the neighborhood comings and goings in his waking moments.

If I come home and no one is there, it's a coin flip whether or not he will come and greet me. It's as if he's thinking, "Is a quick back scratch and a minute of interaction with my owner really worth leaving the comfort of this couch?" Sometimes the answer is absolutely not!

I detest being in a situation where I cannot "do and interact." Not always to my credit, I've wired myself to be a person of action. It

came through loving to get a paycheck, the satisfaction of accomplishing something, and the camaraderie of working with a team. It's almost like a positive addiction. I like to work. (Don't worry, I can "power rest and be worthless" with the best of them!)

But there's a downside to my addiction. Though I know better, I can still become too self reliant, sufficient and responsible to accomplish things. So from time to time I re-learn the lesson that it is God and God alone who is getting all the important things done. God's things are His purposes. And, he doesn't need me, you or anybody else to get it done. Yet, it is His pleasure to use His people and it becomes His people's joy to serve Him faithfully.

From an individual's point of view Paul reminds his friends, "...It is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose." (Philippians 2:13) To a hard hearted group of people God says, "I say, 'My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.' What I have said, that I

will bring about; what I have planned, that I will do."
 (Isaiah 46:10, 11)

In recent weeks I've had a health issue that has hindered my desired pace. But, a slower pace and less activity has caused me to watch more carefully what God is doing and rejoice! In just a short period I've observed God prompt people into action and outrageous generosity. I've heard miraculous stories of people giving their lives to Christ. I've seen God's protection on our church and people. I've seen young people make positive steps in their spiritual life. God is at work and He's working well! This is not a sudden flurry of God taking action; it's taking the time to observe it and rejoice that He's in control! REJOICE!

Now, if I could just get my dog off the couch...

Pastor Dan

CHURCH BOARD

The next meeting for the Church Board is scheduled for February 13 at 7:00 p.m. Please, call the church office as soon as possible if you cannot attend this meeting. Pastor needs to know before the meeting if there will be enough members present for a quorum.





OUR SUPER BOWL PARTY IS ON!

It almost didn't happen this year but because someone stepped up to the plate, it is on. Join us for our annual **Super Bowl Party** on **Sunday, February 4**. The fun begins at **3:00 p.m.** as we watch the game on our huge screen, play table games, etc. while eating "potluck" finger foods and snacks in the church fellowship hall. Bring a favorite finger food...enough to share. Bring some friends with you!



WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Time with Me cannot be rushed. When you are in a hurry, your mind flitters back and forth between Me and the tasks ahead of you. Push back the demands pressing in on you; create a safe space around you, a haven in which you can rest with Me. I also desire this time of focused attention and I use it to bless you, strengthening and equipping you for the day ahead. Thus, spending time with Me is a wise investment.

Bring the sacrifice of your precious time. This creates sacred space around you – space permeated with My presence and My Peace.

2018 is a new year and I invite and encourage you to make it a year where you become closer to God. Spend more time in conversation with Him and also listening for His voice as He has a plan for you and will often tell you in your quiet moments with Him.

- Jesus Calling, Sarah Young

Read With the GGNaz Women's Book Club



Our next Book Club meeting is scheduled for March 17 at 11:00 a.m. Lunch will be a "Finger Food" potluck.

Our current book is *A Lineage of Grace* by Francine Rivers.

If you have any questions about this book, this meeting or about the book club, please contact me.

Look at These Upcoming Events

Our annual **Ladies' Luncheon** will be on **May 19** at 11:00 a.m. in the GGNaz fellowship hall.

Every other year we have our **Women's Day Retreat**. This year's theme is *Seaside Escape*. It will be in August.

Keep watch, more information to come. Mark your calendars.

- Michelle D Ruth,
GGNaz Director of Women's Ministries



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Come to 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.

Join Us for Children's Church

Did you know, we have a special worship time for kids? All kids are in the Sanctuary for the music portion of the Worship Service. After a special PowerPoint slide is shown, we walk quietly and meet in the hallway by the glass doors. Miss Donna and Michelle H. will take the kids first grade and under. The older children (second grade and up) meet with me, Pastor Pat, in the upstairs Children's Department rooms.

Mark Your Calendar for these Upcoming Events

District Pinewood Derby is on **April 28**. It will be held at our Ceritos Church. The cost to make a car is \$5. Event registration is extra. Contact me if you would like to participate.

District Kids Kamp will be at Oak Glen **July 16-20**. The cost is \$325. Save the date and begin saving up for the registration fee. We have a great camp planned. This is for kids going into third through seventh grades in Fall 2018.

My Thoughts for February ...

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 was read at a funeral I recently attended. For those of you old enough to remember, it is perhaps more well-known as it was reworked by

Pete Seeger in the song "Turn! Turn! Turn!;"

*To everything there is a season,
A time for every purpose
under heaven.*

When I was young it was a pretty tune, but the words ring truer as I grow older.

*A time to be born,
and a time to die;...
A time to weep,
and a time to laugh;
A time to mourn,
and a time to dance;*

As we face challenges in our lives, let us not only weep or mourn, but let us also remember to laugh and to dance.

- Pastor Pat McHargue,
Children's Ministries



YOUTH MINISTRIES



Winter Camp was awesome! We sent seven teenagers into the mountains and we got to put on hats and gloves and see our own breath. In the midst of trying to stay warm we encountered God. Watching our teens grow spiritually is a great joy. I love watching the moment of realization dawn across their face, they just light up. We sent seven teenagers and every single one of them grew in their faith to some degree. Those experiences do not happen without your prayer and support, so thank you. The theme of Winter Camp was reorganizing our lives so that God is not put in a box just for Sundays, but in control of all the boxes we have in life. It's a reminder we all can use. Have a relationship with

God every day, not just the ones where you need to get out of a jam.

We have entered the one month a year where we focus on our loved ones (or that is what Hallmark would like us to think). With that, you'd think Wednesday nights were focused on dating...oh, how wrong you would be! We are actually spending a few weeks on what prayer isn't, then we will spend a few weeks on what prayer looks like. Saying, "prayer is just a conversation between you and God" just isn't enough. Since it is the month where we focus on love, I feel we should be effective communicators with our greatest Love. So, bring your teenagers to church on Wednesday night, they (and you) won't regret it!

Things are staying low key this month, starting with there not being a February Collide. On the **24th of this month** we are going to have a **movie night at church**. It'll be from 7:00-9:00 p.m. and is completely free! The movie we will be watching will be revealed at a later date.

Looking ahead, we have three more **Collide's** before summer hits, **March 11** at Whittier, **April 8** at Guidestone, and **May 6** at GGNaz! We are excited to be able to host our very first Collide. We can't do it alone, we need your help. Please talk to me to find out how you can make this the best Collide EVER!

- Pastor Krystal Wigginton,
GGNaz Youth Pastor



(Nazarene Youth International)



NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL (NMI)

On January 27 we attended the annual NMI Brunch at Faith Community Church in Yorba Linda. We delivered 13 boxes full of Crisis Care Kits (that is 78 kits!). Thank you so much for your generosity in helping us provide for others in need.

At the brunch, two students from PLNU spoke of their experiences as Missionary Kids (MKs) in Africa. There are nine MKs attending Point Loma. As a district we are looking for ways to minister to these amazing kids. Meanwhile, please pray for Braden and Abigail as they seek the Lord's will in their lives. Both are considering returning to the mission field after college.

Don't Miss It ... **2018 Faith Promise Weekend**

Mark your calendars for our Faith Promise Missionary Service and BBQ on Saturday, **March 3** starting at **4:00 pm**. We will be hearing from Monte Cyr and his wife Bethany who are serving in Guatemala. Monte and Bethany will also be speaking at service on Sunday the 4th. Tickets for the BBQ dinner are \$10 and on sale in the foyer now. You won't want to miss this great day of fellowship.

Attention NMI Council

The next meeting for our NMI Council will be on Monday, **February 5** at **7:00 p.m.** Please let me know if you are unable to attend.



It's Alabaster Time!

Get your boxes in the foyer and start digging for your noisy money (quiet money is okay, too). Alabaster offerings build churches, hospitals, schools, and more around the world. On **February 18** we will receive **Alabaster offering**.

Pray for Missionaries

The most important thing we can do for our missionaries is pray. You can subscribe to the NMI Prayer Mobilization line through <http://nmi.nazarene.org/10026/story.html> or check out the Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/NMIPrayer>. Join in prayer for missionaries, their families and their desire to bring the world to Jesus.

- Teresa Stauffer
GGNaz NMI President

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Ervin Higi	05
Richard Ruth.....	09
Delores Kelley	11
Kellie Almy.....	13
Kyle Baird	15
Virginia Vargas	19
Jean Nickles	20
Deborah Johnson	24

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

No GGNaz anniversaries this month.

Please inform the church office if we missed your birthday or anniversary.

GOD IS WORKING THROUGH GGNaz

Paso Robles Church of the Nazarene (Paso Naz) is excited to finally have their own church building, after many years of meeting in rented facilities where they could only meet once a week. Other meetings and activities had to be at somebody's house or other location.

Many of us can remember back to our first apartment or house, happy to have it but, how do you furnish it?

The acquisition of the new Paso Naz church coincided with the

rejuvenation of GGNaz. One of the Paso families, Jolly & Breanne Ventura, have family at GGNaz. Through them working with Pastor Dan, that church now has chairs for the children's department and tables for potlucks and other meetings. Yes, our old, but still usable, children's chairs and fellowship hall tables have been relocated to Paso Robles.

Last Sunday Pastor Brent Wylie announced to his entire congregation how excited he is to have this outpouring of love expressed to Paso Naz through GGNaz with this generous donation and support through prayers. Yes, God does provide!

ANNUAL GGNaz ELECTIONS

Elections will be held at GGNaz on Sunday, February 25. Voting will be held in the foyer before and after Worship Service. According to the church manual: All official church members who have reached their 15th birthday are eligible to vote in local church elections. We will be electing our 2018-2019 Church Board, NMI Council, NMI President, NYI President, SDMI Chairperson and 2018 District Assembly Delegates and 2018 NMI Convention Delegates.

OUR REGULAR

Sunday

Sunday School.....	9:00 a.m.
Hispanic study	9:00 a.m.
Morning Worship.....	10:15 a.m.
Hispanic Worship	10:15 a.m.
Arabic Worship	12:00 noon
Huddle Worship	3:00 p.m.

Monday

Academia Bíblica	6:00 p.m.
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Tuesday

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

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

Thursday

Academia Bíblica	6:00 p.m.
Worship music	7:00 p.m.

Friday

Book of John Bible study..	7:00 p.m.
Hispanic study	7:00 p.m.

Saturday

Huddle Prayer.....	7:00 a.m.
Huddle rehearsal.....	10:30 a.m.

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

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.....	Arabic Pastor
Rev. Noé Guevara.....	Hispanic Pastor
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February

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1.	2. Lunch for Homeless 9:30	3. District Kid's Ministry Leaders Brunch 9:00 AM Private Event 1:30 PM
4. Super Bowl Party 3:00 PM	5. NMI Council Meeting 7:00 PM	6.	7.	8.	9.	10. District Women's Retreat Hispanic Watch Night 8:00 PM
11. District Women's Retreat	12. Women's Ministries Committee Meeting 6:30 PM	13. Church Board Meeting 7:00 PM	14. ASH WEDNESDAY VALENTINES DAY	15. Nominee Response Deadline	16.	17. The Huddle Membership Meeting 10:00 AM
18. Alabaster Offering	19. PRESIDENT'S DAY	20.	21.	22.	23. Hispanic Children's Night 7:00 PM	24. Youth Movie Night 7:00 PM
25. Alabaster Offering Local Church Elections	26.	27.	28.			

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