

# GGNaz News



## THINK ON THESE THOUGHTS

It's almost unfortunate that the New Year follows so closely the busy-ness, gatherings and celebration of Christmas. At the beginning of a New Year many of us want to make better life choices, begin new goals and set a new direction for something important in our lives. The problem is we don't put much thought into what we hope are significant changes in our lives. If we haven't spent good time thinking about those changes they are more like wishes than goals.

An early mentor of mine told me three things about thinking. It was striking and significant enough for me to write down in a place that I could find it again (my computer that is backed up)! He said:

### 1. Most people don't think.

This was striking to me and perhaps a little convicting! He challenged me to schedule times to simply think. During my "thinking" time I was to bring a notebook, a pen and perhaps some audio recordings, books and articles to stimulate my thinking. I was to make this a regular part of my life until it seemed unnatural to not be in the habit of disciplined thinking.

If you're unhappy with something in your life, especially something where you were a key participant in creating the situation, you need to think! Albert Einstein said, *"The solutions to the problem we face today cannot be solved on the same level of thinking we were at when we created them."*

### 2. Most people don't think on the right things.

We seem to have a natural disposition to be negative. Paul reminds some people who are going through incredibly difficult times, *"Brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things"* (Philippians 4:8). In spite of your circumstances, think on good things!

### 3. Most people don't "land" their thoughts.

Landing your thoughts means a few things. First, landing your thoughts means writing them down and speaking them out loud. This helps you see if your thoughts have any value. They sound different in speech and writing than they sound in your

head. Plus, if you don't have a place to record your thoughts you tend to quickly forget them.

Secondly, we need to run our thoughts past trustworthy, Christ-centered and wise people who are also *"thinkers."* Some people will say they agree with everything we think because they value the relationship more than the truth. They don't want to hurt us. We need people who are willing to tell us the truth.

Proverbs 28:9 says, *"Those who trust in themselves are fools, but those who walk in wisdom are kept safe."* We walk in wisdom by actually taking regular time to think and by walking with those who are wise themselves. You'll find the wise are typically thrilled to have someone *"join their ranks."* They have something to teach you and you probably have something to teach them.

Praying for wisdom for all of us,

*Pastor Dan*

Pastor Dan



## CHURCH BOARD MEMBERS

The next meeting for the Church Board is scheduled for January 9 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 present for a quorum.



## WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

Find Me in midst of the maelstrom. Sometimes events whirl around you so quickly that they become a blur. Whisper my name in recognition that I am still with you. Without skipping a beat in the activities that occupy you, you find strength and peace through praying my name. Later, when the happenings have run their course, you can talk with Me more fully.

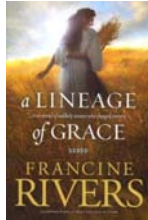
Accept each day just as it comes to you. So do not waste your time and energy wishing for a different set of circumstance. Instead, trust me enough to yield to my design and purposes. Remember that nothing can separate you from my loving presence; you are mine,.

*"But now, this is what the Lord says – he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Fear not for I have redeemed you;*

*O have summoned you by name; you are mine." - Isaiah 43:1*

- *Jesus Calling* by Sarah Young

### Read With the GGNaz Women's Book Club



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

In this compilation of the five books of the best-selling *Lineage of Grace* series by Francine Rivers, we meet the five women whom God chose-- Tamar, Rahab, Ruth, Bathsheba, and Mary. Each was faced with extraordinary--even scandalous--challenges. Each took great personal risk to fulfill her calling. Each was destined to play a key role in the lineage of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World.

### A Note for Our Secret Pals

We are getting close to our reveal in May. Please continue to pray for and get gifts of love for your Secret Pal.

## WORSHIP MINISTRIES

### Magnify – A Soulful Christmas Combined Christmas Choir

This program was amazing and I thank everyone who was a part of this outstanding event. I look forward to many more combined congregational events this year.

Thanks,

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



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

### We are Having A Special Activity for Kids

On Friday, January 19, 6:00 p.m. at our home (Pat and Mike McHargue). We will be learning some fun stuff, like cake decorating basics and how to do some basic stitching. Please contact me to RSVP.

### Some Thoughts for January ...

I like a fresh start! I enjoy the quiet of an early morning before the busyness of the day. I like looking at a new calendar for a new year, and all the possibilities that lie ahead.

I am so glad that our God doesn't hold grudges or let past mistakes doom us forever. His ear is always available to His children. He will always forgive us when we ask. We can look to Him with confidence.

I pray that God will richly bless you in this new year, 2018.

*Listen, Lord, as I pray! Pay attention when I groan. You are my King and my God. Answer my cry for help because I pray to you. Each morning you listen to my prayer, as I bring my requests to you and wait for your reply...*

*Let all who run to you for protection always sing joyful songs. Provide shelter for those who truly love you and let them rejoice.*

*Our Lord, you bless those who live right, and you shield them with your kindness.*

Psalm 5: vs 1-3, 11-12, CEV (Contemporary English Version)

- Pastor Pat McHargue,  
Children's Ministries



## YOUTH MINISTRIES



I feel like the holiday season goes by way too quickly. Now everyone is trying to get rid of the last remains of the holiday that typically hangs out around the midsection. We spend the holiday season talking about sharing God's love with those around us, then tend to go back to only thinking of ourselves once New Year's comes along bringing in all those resolutions. This year I want to urge you to remember what Hebrews 6 says: "We are confident that you are meant for better things, things that come with salvation. For God is not unjust. He will not forget how hard you have worked for him and how you have shown your love to him by caring for other believers, as you still do. Our great desire is

*that you will keep on loving others as long as life lasts, in order to make certain that what you hope for will come true."*

When you're trying to meet realistic, or unrealistic, goals for yourself, don't forget to take time to continue loving on others around you. We need it more than just at Christmastime.

This month is full of district activities for the youth! We are starting off with Collide's 2nd Birthday at Boomers! in Irvine on the 7th. The cost for the event is \$20, however, the church is covering half. So, teens get 4 hours of fun, with food, for only \$10! Best Collide Birthday EVER! Joe sent out a challenge to the teens for each of them to bring a friend, so

don't forget to invite one. We will leave GGNaz at 4:00 p.m.

The month wraps up with our District Winter Retreat. This starts Friday the 26th and goes through Sunday the 28th. It will be at Alpine Camp, which is where we also have summer camp. The cost for this camp is \$189, and the church is covering \$90 of it. Not a bad deal if you ask me! It will be a time focusing on drawing near to God, in the cold mountains of SoCal. There will be a lot of winter activities, however, I believe the zip line and climbing courses will be open. Let me know if you need a registration form.

- Pastor Krystal Wigginton,  
GGNaz Youth Pastor



(Nazarene Youth International)



## NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL (NMI)

Your NMI council wishes all our church family a blessed New Year as we strive to be the hands and feet of our Lord Jesus to a broken world.

### Attend the NMI Winter Brunch

On Saturday, January 27, 2018 the Anaheim District will have their annual winter brunch beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Yorba Linda Church: "From the Heart of a MK (Missionary Kid)."



The speakers are PLNU students ages 18-22. This will be a great event for teens and young adults as well as anyone with a heart for missions.

### Getting Ready for Faith Promise

Faith Promise weekend is on the calendar for March 3-4, 2018.

We are looking forward to a great weekend with missionaries Monte and Beverly Cyr serving in Guatemala. Put it on your calendar. More details to come.

### Making Crisis Care Kits

Thank you for your generous donations to our Crisis Care Kits!

We need to fill in some blanks and are looking for the following items:

- Bars of Soap (Bath size or larger)
- Boxes of Band-Aids (30 ct. or more)
- Fingernail clippers
- Pocket-sized pkgs. facial tissues

We will be putting the kits together to deliver to the NMI Winter Brunch on January 27. A date will

be announced if you would like to help.

### Our LINKS Missionaries

Please remember to pray for our LINKS missionaries, Esdra and Scarlet Jimenez Acosta serving in Ecuador.

LINKS is an acronym for Loving, Interested Nazarenes Knowing and Sharing

- Teresa Stauffer  
GGNaz NMI President





# A Penguin “Parable”



During storms, emperor penguins huddle for warmth, taking turns at the center and on the perimeter of the group. While incubating eggs, up to 6,000 male penguins have been observed clustering for shelter against the harsh Antarctic winter. Partially grown chicks gather in protective “crèches” (French for “cribs”); often surrounded by a

colony of adults, these groupings ward off predators and cold.

In stormy times, humans also need supportive groups; we can’t survive alone. A church family allows us to take turns giving and receiving care. Amid social upheaval, injustice, illness, natural disaster and any loss or crisis, God invites us to gather for protection and warmth. In the church community, we support and strengthen one another and are empowered to go out again into the less-sheltered world.

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Every age is encouraged to join us at 9:00 Sunday mornings. We have Sunday school classes for all ages.

## STAFF AND MINISTRY LEADERS

- Rev. Dan Keeton ..... Lead Pastor ([pastordan@ggnaz.org](mailto:pastordan@ggnaz.org))
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## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Orlando Canton .....	04
Dan Keeton .....	05
Sharrill Johnson .....	06
Ashley Osorio .....	06
Charles Stauffer .....	09
Trevon Galloway .....	13
Vlad Almy .....	26
Russell Johnson .....	28

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Paul & Laurie Ramage .....	23
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Please inform the church office if we missed your birthday or anniversary.

## 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

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

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

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



# January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1. NEW YEAR'S DAY	2.	3.	4.	5. Lunch for Homeless 9:30  Book of John Study 7:00 PM	6.
7. COLLIDE -- PM	8.	9. Church Board Meeting 7:00 PM	10.	11. Dist. ADNY Meeting 6:00 PM	12. Book of John Study 7:00 PM	13.
14.	15. MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY  WOMEN'S MINISTRIES COMMITTEE MEETING 6:30 PM	16.	17.	18.	19. Book of John Study 7:00 PM	20. Hispanic Watch Night 8:00 PM
21.	22.	23.	24.	25.	26. District Teen Winter Camp  Book of John Study 7:00 PM	27. Dist. NMI Winter Brunch
28. Dist. Teen Winter Camp Cont.	29.	30.	31.			

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