



Perry Church of the Nazarene

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June 2017



Decision Making

In his book, “The Mind of Christ,” Dennis Kinlaw tells of a jet pilot in the Korean War who crashed his plane into the ground at full speed.

He crashed beside a freight train because he thought the red light at the end of the train was the wingtip of his buddy flying next to him. He trusted his eyes and his senses over the flight instruments. On each plane, there is an instrument called the artificial horizon. It tells the difference between up and down. Flying at fast speeds at night, disoriented by G-forces a pilot’s senses are not reliable to tell which way is up or down. At times, a pilot must ignore his senses in favor of the instrument panel. Kinlaw says we all are like that jet pilot, in need of a guidance system beyond our own instincts and our wisdom. It’s not that our instincts are completely wrong all the time. But there are times when for whatever reason we get turned around. Up seems down and down seems up. We confidently pull up on the joystick, only to end up crashing. We wonder why things have gone so wrong, when we are only doing what appears to be right.

In Matthew 16, we read a story of Peter, who appears to be flying high in clear blue skies. Jesus has just asked the disciples the most important question of all: “who do you say that I am?” When Peter declares, “You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God,” he soars above mere human wisdom. He has been inspired by God to utter words that our beyond his understanding. Jesus attempts to increase

their understanding by describing his sacrificial death on the cross. Peter protests even the thought of such an event. “Never. This will never happen to you.” Jesus proclaims those memorable words, “Get behind me, Satan. You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of man.” Peter pulled up on the joystick and crashed.

Apart from the Holy Spirit, we all are left with merely “minding the things of man.” God’s ways are not our ways. The cross. Loving our enemies. Turning the other cheek. We can accept them to a point, but don’t want to get carried away. Our fleshly instincts are to save ourselves, to defend ourselves, to fight for our way. But what if these are simply wrong? What if our instincts are flawed? Has defending ourselves led to real peace? Has fighting for our own rights given us true freedom? What if we could surrender to what God is doing, minding the things of God rather than our own things?

“But those who live according to the flesh cannot please God (Romans 8:5).” We are called to live not a life based on our own wisdom or instincts, but a supernatural kind of life, keeping in step with the Holy Spirit. Our natural inclinations will orient us toward self. The Spirit re-orient us toward Christ, his love, his holiness and peace.

Pastor Tim

June 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Respite Training	14 Teen Summer Bash	15	16	17
18 Teen's W. Virginia Mission Trip	19	20	21	22	23	24
Father's Day			General Assembly & Conventions			
25	26	27	28	29 SRES D Play Group	30	
General Assembly & Conventions	High School Camp					

June Classes and Activities

Annual Church Elections

Sunday, June 4

Elections take place during the fifteen minutes before and after services. Church members vote to fill positions for various board positions and District Assembly.

Annual Meeting

Wednesday, June 7th at 7pm

Join us during at the annual meeting as we reflect on and celebrate the previous church year.

Respite Volunteer Training

Tue, June 13 . 10AM-2:30PM

Learn more about volunteer opportunities at the Respite Volunteers of Shiawassee training session, at our church in Heritage Hall. To register or for more information call 989-725-1127. A light meal will be provided.

Download our Mobile App

Our church has a free mobile app available for iOS and android devices. Find the app, "Perry Nazarene" in the iTunes app store or Google Play. The app offers many useful features including scripture delivery, event information and Sunday messages. Use the QR code to the right or call the church office for help.



Mission Books

Check out the mission books on the resource table in the sanctuary. These books are published by Nazarene Missions International and usually written by missionaries in the field. The books provide eyewitness accounts of the work of the Church of the Nazarene in various world mission areas. Sign out one of these mission books/CD's today!

“Almost Olympics”

Wednesdays . 7pm-8pm

Beginning June 14th, join us this Summer on Wednesday nights for

a ton of fun when we explore God’s word and have a friendly competition in our “Almost Olympics.” These are games that are “really” Olympic games, “could be” Olympic games, “should be” Olympic games or “almost” Olympic games. They will be fun and playable for any age and skill level of kids in 1st—6th grade.



Gently Used Baseball Equipment

We are accepting donations of gently used and like-new baseball equipment for Rob and Susan Alleman's upcoming July 2017 Cuba Work and Witness trip. Items may include gloves (youth, adult, softball/baseball, batting, etc.), bases, MLB team hats, balls, etc. We will collect these through **June 25th**. A collection bin will be located in the entry to the sanctuary.

Peanut Butter & Jelly Drive

During the month of May we partnered with Perry Public Schools to send peanut butter, jelly and crackers home with students who would most benefit from these items. We were able to send several boxes of items to the school who has expressed appreciation for your generosity. Thank you!

General Assembly

June 21-30, 2017

Every four years, more than 20,000 Nazarenes from around the world gather for General Assembly and Conventions. There are many activities, workshops and meetings during Assembly including the Children’s World Quiz where our own children’s quizzers will compete. The General Assembly is the “supreme doctrine-formulating, lawmaking, and elective authority of the Church of the Nazarene (Manual). Elected delegates gather for legislative sessions; business includes the election of general church leadership, ratification of resolutions and enacting strategic legislation designed to facilitate the denomination’s engagement of global needs through compassionate ministries, education, and congregational development. You can watch the 2017 General Assembly worship services and plenary meetings live at ga2017.com/live-streaming.

District Assembly

July 16-23, 2017

In less than two months, the Michigan District Assembly will come together as a district to elect a new District Superintendent (D.S.). We ask that in the days ahead you prayerfully consider this decision and the election of a new D.S. As we unite in prayer and yield to the Holy Spirit, we can be assured that God is faithful “to work in us to will and act according to His good purposes.”

Real Life Student Ministries June Events

7th Grader Welcome Party

June 14th from 6:30-10pm

We are having a party to welcome incoming 7th graders into our youth group family (and also a welcome to summer finally being here!). Bring a snack to share, a yard game (if you want), and we will provide a drink and hot dogs and buns. This event is open to anyone entering 7th grade all the way up to just graduating high school, so you’re welcome to invite your friends. I hope you will join us in welcoming our newest youth group-ers!

Summer Camps

High School and Middle School camps are held in June/July (see back page). The cost is \$285 which is a great price for an all inclusive week long camp. During camp teens meet new people, engage in fun activities and most importantly worship together each night. It’s impossible to put a price on the spiritual impact summer camp can have on a teen. Scholarships are available. Call Pastor Aaron for info.

West Virginia Mission Trip

June 18-23

Teen West Virginia Mission Trip: on June 18 th we will begin our journey to Charleston, WV for a week of doing flood relief work in the name of Jesus to a community in need. As much as you plan for mission trips, there are always things that pop up and circumstances that cause us to have to “roll with it” as they say. Will you partner with us in prayer leading up to the trip and during the week of June 18th through the 23rd? The following are people who will be on the trip: Aaron and Erin Brawner, Dan Barber, Gwen Gilby, Laynee Willson, Troy Barber, Jake Bumgardner, Jacob Johnson, Richie Hilts, Shannon Grooms and Dalton Pickett. Thank you!





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Each Week in June

Sunday morning

9:30 Worship
Adult Sunday School
Children's Church

10:45 Worship
Adult Sunday School
Teen Sunday School
Children's Sunday School

Wednesday evening

7:00 Adult Bible Study
Real Life Student Ministries
Almost Olympics

Paid nursery staff is available during all service times.

BENEATH THE SURFACE
SUMMER 2017 INDIAN LAKE NAZARENE CAMP



Register now at www.nazcamp.org

- High School (9-12 Grade) June 26-30
Middle School (6-8 Grade) July 10-July 14
Discovery (K-2 Grade) July 5-7
Adventure (2-4 Grade) July 24-28
Voyager (4-6 Grade) July 31-Aug 4

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Mission Statement:
We exist to lead as many as possible to
become devoted followers of Jesus Christ.