

New Heights

Church of the Nazarene

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Worship Schedule**Wednesday Night Praise and Bible Study**

7:00pm

Sunday Early Morning Prayer

8:30am

Sunday School

Sunday 9:00am all ages

Sunday Morning Worship

10:15am

Senior Pastor

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MINISTRY**Saturday Morning****Bible Study and Breakfast**

8:30am

Pastor Tony Marquez

626-715-2181

R.E.A.L. Women's Ministry**3rd Saturday—10:00am**

Donna Rodriguez

626-215-0730

Senior Adults (SAMS)**3rd Thursday—11:00am**

Bob Polley

909-315-1160

YOUTH MINISTRY**Mighty Naz Kids**

Ages 4-11yrs

2nd and 4th

Wednesday 6:45-8:00pm

Donna Rodriguez

626-215-0730

No Limits Youth

Ages 12-18yrs

Friday 6:30pm

Pastor Paul Geaglone

626-617-5062

PASTOR'S POINTS — FORWARD IN FAITH

We have been going through the book of James on Sunday's and one thing we are learning is that it is about progress not perfection. But there are times in our lives where we can become stalled because the fear of doubt enter our minds. Fear is not a component of progression. When we become intimidated by things that are ahead, we put the seed of doubt in our minds. We start to question our decisions, actions, and plans—resulting in procrastination. The ordinary type of procrastination is the action of delaying or postponing something. When fear comes into that equation, the time becomes even more prolonged, resulting in years of delaying or postponing. Years of procrastination can result in depression, worthlessness, anger, regret, and blaming others for our own faults and shortcomings.

It took me awhile to answer God's call on my life because I think I was fearful and a little intimidated by the thought of letting God down by some of my own selfish actions that were not pleasing in his sight. Indeed we are to fear God alone, but this was the type of fear that made me feel as if I was unworthy to step foot on holy ground. I was hurting myself more than helping. I was struggling with where God wanted to take me versus where I thought I wanted to go. Anytime that you straddle the fence of living right for Christ and attempting to be validated by worldly ways it is always a battle that only you can fight. Fighting with fear leaves an open door for a loss.

With my fear and low self-confidence I thought that no one would want to hear what I had to say about anything in life when it comes to God because I truly felt unworthy. My self-confidence and self-esteem were at their lowest in life. I did not think that I would be able to learn or do what I needed to answer the call that God had on my life to become a pastor. I was lost, confused, and needing answers, but then he took me in just the way I was.

Ephesians 2:4-6 tells us *"But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus."*

As much motivation and encouragement as we receive during our Sunday worship at church it does not mean a thing if we are ignorant to implementing what we learn into our daily lives. Fear prevents some of the best things from hitting the surface of life.

Isaiah 41:10 says *"Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand."*

Numbers 23:19 tells us, *"God is not a man, so he does not lie. He is not human, so he does not change his mind. Has he ever spoken and failed to act? Has he ever promised and not carried it through?"*

If God is not like man, and he cannot lie, then who are we to doubt him by having fear? We can always think about fear in life on a general scale of things, such as fearing to fill out job applications, fear of having that much-needed talk with our kids, or leaving that stressful job because we fear that we are unable to find something else. In all given situations, fear can prevent progression.

One of the most important things we are each called to do is to make Christ-liked disciples but what if fear kicks in at the time God calls you to disciple someone? Or, he asks you to do things that only you know of. Do you deny his calling because you are fearful? Do you procrastinate on the things that he has asked you to do because you fear you do not know what to do or say?

Second Timothy 1:7 says *"For God has not given us a spirit of fear and timidity, but of power, love, and self-discipline." Fear comes from a place of failures. Failures are made to disappoint us and discourage us from moving forward in life. When we allow fear to enter our present and dictate our future, we are allowing our past to relive itself all over again.*

What if we replace fear with faith? Standing against our adversities with faith leaves an open window for victory. Thinking positive in all situations removes that glimpse of fear in our efforts. Fear has no victory in the life of Christ. If God is for you then he is more than a whole world against you. There are going to be times when failure does occur, but if we get down on ourselves and not look forward in faith we could ruin the joy God has for us by doing what He asks of us.

James 1:2-4 says *"Dear brothers and sisters, when troubles of any kind come your way, consider it an opportunity for great joy. For you know that when your faith is tested, your endurance has a chance to grow. So let it grow, let's begin to move forward in faith because when your endurance is fully developed, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing."*

God is calling our church and God is calling you to move Forward in Faith. So, set fear aside and allow your faith in Christ to rise up and begin answering the call that He has on your life. He is calling you. Will you answer Him, and move forward in faith?

JUST FOR FUN – FOOTBALL FACTS

- Professional football league began quite controversially, when certain associations (teams) concealed from the public that it was paying certain athletes to play. The first record of a compensated professional player is regarded by many to be William “Pudge” Heffelfinger, in 1892.
- During a typical three hour football game, the ball is in play for only eleven minutes (the clock runs even while the teams are planning, huddling, etc.). In television broadcasting, the rest of the time is divided, for the most part, between commercials, replays, and shots of the sidelines.
- The Baltimore Ravens are named after Edgar Allen Poe’s “The Raven,” and the “G” on the Green Bay Packers helmets stands for greatness, not Green Bay.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

All of the church’s teaching is monitored and organized by our Sunday School Superintendent Donna Rodriguez. She manages all the teaching that goes on here at NHCOTN from the nursery to adult classes and also include small groups that meet in homes. Some of the new things that will be going on are:

- We are beginning a new holiness curriculum in all children and adult classes
- Children’s class are dividing in January separating the younger(4-7yrs) and older(9-11yrs) children to meet the needs of the older children
- Small Fries (1-3yrs) class will be starting in September a new teaching program that better teaches the children
- Winter VBS Polar Blast Jan. 2-4th
- New Advent study called “The Thrill of Hope”

As you can see there is a lot going on in our church’s Sunday School. If you have not attended or it has been awhile we hope you will come and be a part of one of the many classes that are going on. This is one of the best places to learn, and grow in God’s Word while building long lasting relationships with others in the church. Classes are every Sunday at 9:00am — See you there.



INTERNATIONAL DAY LUNCHEON

On Sunday, October 14th immediately after church our NMI Mission team will be serving an international luncheon to support our District Mission trip to Mexico.

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(See Genesis 18:1-15) 10-13-2004
 HELP ME ABRAHAM ... MY WATER BROKE, AND I CAN'T GET UP!



FORWARD IN FAITH

Beginning October 21st and through the end of the church year which is March 2019 we are going to be emphasis a new theme called “Forward in Faith.”

During this second half of our church year our goals and our direction is to begin to move forward and discover how to live out the mission that God has given you. The famous last words of Jesus are words that we can all put into action and begin making a big difference in our circle of influences and even across the world.

Some of our biggest stumbling blocks in accomplishing what God wants us to do has to do with doubt and fear. Through our Bibles studies, Sunday School classes and Sunday morning sermons we hope to discover the secret to overcoming fear, worry, doubt and difficulty by moving Forward in Faith.

The author of Hebrews says that faith is the confidence that what we hope for will actually happen. Please begin to pray and get yourself ready to discover the most important kind of faith that each of us will ever have.

More to come...



HENSON’S RENEW THEIR VOWS AFTER 30 YEARS OF MARRIAGE

Bruce and Judy Henson renewed their wedding vows on Sunday evening, September 2nd as they celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary. The ceremony was done by Pastor Don and Bruce’s brother Pastor John Henson. In attendance were their two boys, Sean and Corey, and many family and church members. The celebration was one of love for each other and for the Lord as they have made their life journey. Congratulations Bruce and Judy!

Coming soon on a Wednesday night we are going to meet for a discussion about all the religions in the world. As a Christian you might feel a little Intimidated and confused by beliefs that seem so different from your own. We would like to take some time to help calm your fears and clear up the confusion with talking about the non-Christian religions. We will take a look at Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, Islam, Mormonism, and others. We hope you will come and join us as we learn about these different religions and see what makes Christianity unique, and what being a Christian is all about. We will be serving a casual dinner and drink as we meet together to better understand even our own faith, or maybe you are so confused you really do not believe in anything. Please bring your family and join us in this lively evening of discussion and learning.

COMPARITIVE RELIGIONS



WISHING YOU A BLESSED + HAPPY BIRTHDAY

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord. JEREMIAH 29:11



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| Holly Holmes | 11th |
| Bob Polley | 15th |
| Jacque Smith | 17th |
| Debbie Banta | 22nd |
| John Buetler | 25th |

SEPTEMBER:

- 20th SAM’s meeting (Senior Adult Ministry)
- 22nd Women’s Ministry Meeting 10am
- 29th All Church Picnic 10:00 to 2:00pm