

## A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR

uring the month of November we will celebrate the Thanksgiving holiday. It is a great time to reflect on all the reasons we have to be thankful to God. Even though we have been going through a trying time with the Covid-19 pandemic, we have still been greatly blessed by God and we must never take those blessings for granted. Thanksgiving should be more than a holiday for us. It should be a way of life. We should always be thankful for all God has done for us. Even though we often don't realize it, we are dependent on God for everything in this life. He is the giver and sustainer of life. He has blessed us in so many ways and all of these blessings flow out of his grace. In other words we don't deserve the blessings God gives us but he still gives them to us. I think a good assignment for us is to thank God every day for his blessings. Some of the happiest people I have met have been the most thankful people I have known. In God's great grace he even blesses us when we thank him for his blessings. We truly can never thank him enough. "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name." (Psalm 100:4)

Straight Ahead!

Pastor Doug

## **Church Events**

- Nov. 1 House of Prayer
- Nov. 4 Lunch Bunch
- Nov. 14 Christmas Craft Fair
- Nov. 15 Baptism Service
- Nov. 17 50-UP
- Nov. 18 Board Meeting
- Nov. 21 Young Adult Friendsgiving
- Nov. 22 Alabaster Sunday
- Nov. 26 Happy Thanksgiving!

# Look what's happening...

Single Again Lunch Bunch - Wednesday, November 4 @ 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a sack lunch. Talk with Bertie Stout if you have questions 208-800-7541.

<u>50-UP</u> - Tuesday, November 17 @ 5:45pm in the Teen Center. This month is Breakfast for Dinner! Entertainment will be brought to you by our very own Bistriceanu Family. Sign-up at the Welcome Desk so we can provide enough food and we'll see you there!

### With Grace & Goodies Christmas Craft Fair is still on!

Saturday, November 14 from 9am to 4pm.

All of our vendor spots are full so there will be lots of shopping taking place! Come support our Bethel family! (No lunch will be served this year and social distancing will be encouraged).

#### Young Adult Friendsgiving - Saturday, Nov. 21 @ 6pm

Join us at the Nielsen Residence for this special event. Crystal will provide the Turkey, please contact her to find out what other side dishes are needed.

Young Adult Bible study continues at their home on Thursdays at 6:30pm. Join in for food and fellowship. 2922 Pascoe Lane, Nampa. Crystal - 208-989-4484

### **Weekly Events:**

- ♦ Ladies' Prayer Group Wednesdays @ 6:30pm
- ♦ Men's Prayer Group Thursdays @ 7:00am
- ♦ Adult Bible Study Wednesdays @ 7:00pm and Thursdays @ 7:00pm
- ♦ Celebrate Recovery Thursdays @ 7:00pm

<u>Advent Fair</u> - We are sad to announce that the Advent Fair has been cancelled for this year. Pastor Mindy, Pastor Kym and Kathy Cruthirds will have a fun Advent Packet available for each family on Wednesday, Nov. 18.

#### **Baptism Service Sunday, November 15**

"We believe that Christian baptism, commanded by our Lord, is a sacrament signifying acceptance of the benefits of the atonement of Jesus Christ, to be administered to believers and declarative of their faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior, and full purpose of obedience in holiness and righteousness." Manual 2017-2021 Church of the Nazarene

If you would like to take part in the special service, please talk with Pastor Doug.

#### Alabaster Sunday is November 22!

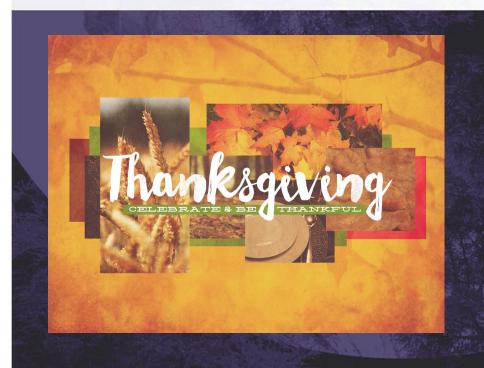
The Alabaster Offering provides funds for property and buildings around the world. While we understand the church consists of the people of God and not a building, buildings erected for the purpose of ministry help provide a sense of permanence, functionally enhance ministry efforts, and convey an attitude that the Church of the Nazarene intends to "put down roots." We have Alabaster boxes available in the foyer if you would still like to grab one. We will collect the offering/boxes during both services on Sunday, November 22.

#### **Foster Care Kids Christmas**

Our Bethel Naz Teens are organizing a Christmas gift drive for nine foster children in our community. The tags will be available on the Foster Care tree in the foyer on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Pick a tag and return your purchased gift <u>UNWRAPPED</u> to the church office by Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup>. Our Bethel teens are delivering the gifts with some holiday goodies for the families to enjoy.

The <u>Angel Tree</u> will also be ready with gift tags for kids with incarcerated parents. Those gifts can be brought back to the church wrapped.

Please attach the tags to the gifts!



Our Sunday night *Mask-Only* Worship service is planned to continue (as our technology issues allow). The next planned evening is November 8 at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. We'll have a message from the Word and some worship music. Let us know if you have any questions.

The regular Sunday Night service will still take place in the Sanctuary at 6pm.