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SuzNaz News

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By the time you read this Joanne and I will be on vacation. I love words and decided to look this one up in the dictionary.

Vacation: Webster defines it as, "Freedom from occupation; a time for pleasure, rest, or relaxation; a holiday; a period when school, court, or business suspends activities." Now I do not know about your profession but in mine I find I am never really out of "school". And I honestly find myself "occupied" by thoughts about the Lord all the time. So I guess in that sense I am not on vacation.

I also must admit that I find great pleasure in my work so going to the lake is an added bonus. I think for me the best vacation is just doing something different without any time demands for a while. The words of a scripture come to mind when I think of "vacation." Psalm 23: Green pastures, still water, the restoring of my soul all sound like "rest" to me. And that is vacation.

I hope to see you all July 31st at church for the Gospel Concert and Bar-B-Que! Please come and bring a friend. I am coming home from vacation so I can be at this event. For me it will be a form of rest. I find my greatest rest in Christ and when I hear the songs of praise I take a "soul vacation" for a little while.

Till we are together again, may Christ rest your soul and spirit in His love and grace. Even if you can't get away for some vacation time; take a spiritual rest in the Lord and let Him renew your soul.

If you remember and can do so; go down to the high school track and encourage our folks who are doing the relay for life. Margaret Desantis has done a wonderful job of promoting this. Many of you are participating; thank you so much for your goodies for the bake sale and for those who are walking and hugging and praying!

May you rest in His presence as you do His service for our community.

PJ

Upcoming Events

August 4th-Youth lake day. A day of fun, sun and water out on the lake for the youth!! See Pastor David for details!

August 4th-Trip to Coconut Grove in Sparks for black light bowling and mini-golf!! (cost TBA)

August 11th-Family trip to Wild Waters in Sparks. Everyone is welcome!! (Cost TBA. Sign up early with Pastor Kathy so we can qualify for a group discount!)



Small Group Studies

Sunday Night Praise & Prayer Service

6:00 pm at the Church

Everyone is welcome to come and join in this Sunday Night Service

Starts on August 14th

Contact Dave Van Sickle for more information 257-7049

SUZNAZ Men's Ministries - P.R.O.S. (Pray, Read, Obey, Serve)

*The new location is 15 Meadow Wood Court (off Cherry Terrace) **on Wednesdays at 5:30 pm**. They are currently studying the book of Luke. Contact Steve Jones at 260-0380.

Adult Morning Bible Study

Will be on break for the Summer. Contact Chaplain David Van Sickle at 257-7049 for more information

Women's Bible Study & Prayer Time-'The Inheritance' by Beth Moore. **Wednesdays at 5:30pm**.

Being held at 708-125 Wingfield Rd. in Janesville. Contact Julie Prior with questions, 251-7106

Missions Corner

AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 2011 NMI NEWSLETTER ARTICLE

Do you ever feel like what you do really doesn't make a difference? I remember feeling that way. There are so many starving and needy children in the world, what difference can I make? One day, on a mountaintop in a little village in Kenya, Africa, the Lord showed me that I can make a difference. It was 1994, and I was getting the "grand tour" of a little boy's hut. It was one room, with a thatched roof that had a big hole in the top for the smoke from the cooking fire to escape. He proudly showed me his bed made of sticks, with a scratchy blanket thrown over. His mother wore a chain around her neck which held a large key to the lock on their front door. I started sponsoring that boy then. He was in the fifth grade. His name? Rianto Kironkosi. I sponsored him through high school and have since lost track of where he is. Now Joe and I sponsor a child in Haiti. I have been to the village where she lives, and it is very poor. The little bit of money we send each month (\$25) enables her to stay in school and eat every day. It actually helps 10 children attend school. Can you believe that? Our little bit that we send can do that? When I think how easy it is to spend \$25 on something frivolous, I realize that this \$25 is probably some of the most wisely spent money each month!

Have you heard of the great need for training leaders in the Horn of Africa? Think about the cost of college here in the states. Guess what it costs for a month of training for these young men and women.....\$5.00! No, I didn't leave out any zeros. It's five bucks! For the past few years our small group has given a little money each time we meet, and we send it off to the Horn of Africa to help train these leaders. None of us misses that little bit that we give. But it makes a huge difference to the people who receive it.

Then there's the Alabaster offering that happens twice a year here at Suz Naz. Imagine, our spare change actually making a difference for eternity! How awesome is that? The next one is coming up in September, so start saving your spare change.

I clearly remember a time when God taught me to give out of whatever I had. We were poor; my husband had injured his back and couldn't work. We had one package of toilet paper (four rolls), and some friends of ours came over who were as poor as we were. God told me to give them two rolls of toilet paper. It was a defining moment for me, to realize that I was to give out of whatever I had. Instead of waiting till I had money or lots of resources, I needed to give now. So I did, and my friend said they had run out of toilet paper! We watched God provide again and again everything we needed.

I challenge you to think of the money you have as a tool. It is all God's anyway, you know. Let's use this tool for eternal purposes. Instead of just buying more stuff to take care of, let's invest in the Kingdom.

A great big thank you to everyone who helped with the Warm Baby kits! We were able to send 48 kits for the project at Kudjip Memorial Hospital in Papua, New Guinea. There are 48 mothers and babies who will be greatly blessed by your generosity.

Please remember your faith promise pledges as the Lord provides. Our next faith promise weekend will be in October. May God richly bless each one of you,

Joanne Sturgeon
NMI President

Future Work & Witness

Ukraine Boys and Girls Camp and VBS August 2011

Philippines Medical Mission November 2011

Africa Construction Mission Trip September 16- September 27, 2011

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SuzNaz Kids

Great Expectations

Have you ever been disappointed by the results of something you worked really hard on? I had that experience recently. I have been organizing VBS at SuzNaz for 4 years. Each year, the number of children increased as did the praise from parents, along with my ego. I fully expected 50 children to come bursting through the doors of our church on the morning of July 18th. Instead, 15 trickled in. I was shocked. What had I done wrong? Was it the time? The dates? I blamed all of these things and pouted to God that our VBS was not a success. Then He reminded me of something. While praying for VBS this year, I had not asked for a specific number of children, I asked for the *right children*. He answered this prayer. Looking back I can see that the right kids came, learned about His love, learned His word, and HAD A BLAST.

I can see how He was working in the whole process of planning for this event. While I was worried that we did not have enough youth help, He was trying to tell me there was "just enough." Our numbers didn't set any records but the kids who arrived had a divine appointment. Three kids gave their hearts to the Lord during the week, and that makes all of the hard work worth it.

Sometimes we get so caught up in measuring our success by the world's standards that we miss out on the blessing of participating in GOD'S plan. His results are eternal and His rewards are richer than anything the world has to offer. I am incredibly grateful to Him for letting me participate in His plan. He doesn't need us to carry out His plans but He loves us enough to allow us the blessing of working alongside Him.

Thank you to everyone who helped make VBS possible this year. If you donated goods, worked with kids, or prayed for us you made a difference in the lives of the kids and adults who spent a week in July gathered together in the name of Christ.

NYI-Nazarene Youth International Youth Group Junior & Senior High:

Tuesday 6:00-8:00pm

If you are between the ages of 12-18
or 7th-12th grade

You are invited to come!

We hope to see you there!!

Youth Weight Room:

Monday-Thursday 1:00-4:30pm

700 Ash Street. See Pastor David

Call Pastor David at 249-6990
for information on youth activities.



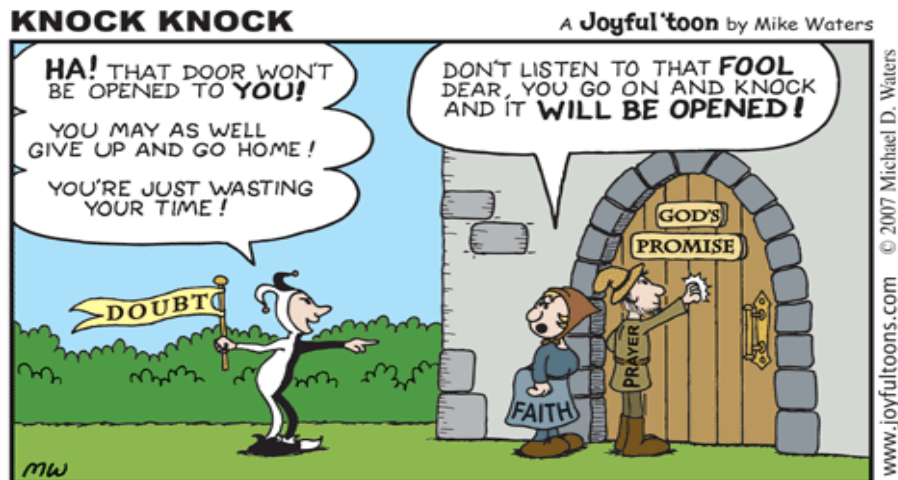
Prime Timers

Six seniors are heading to Gold Beach Aug. 7-8 for a river adventure. We will take a 104 mile trip up the Rouge River stopping along the way for dinner. We plan to leave after church on Sunday and return on Tuesday.

The Crossroads service was well attended with the seniors serving over fifty people. Thanks to all that participated. We would like to see more of our church members become involved with this ministry to the needy. It is well rewarding, and Charles and Cici are going to do the September 24th service since I will be in Peru doing some mission work with the Jesus Film group and also helping with translation for a medical team.

Helping Hands has already been busy with much needed help to seniors in our church and surrounding community. Big thanks to Lonnie for his leadership and his time and labor. If you know of a senior that needs repairs done Lonnie is the one to talk to.

Pastor John Garnica 852-0734



Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.

- MATTHEW 7:7 NIV

Mission Statement:

To be part of the family of God, through the senior adults of the Susanville Church of the Nazarene. To reach out with hearts and hands of love, primarily to senior adults in the community by sharing the good news of Jesus Christ and assisting in various areas of needs.

Birthdays

August

- 2-Linnie Staggs
- 4-Alexis Pickens
- 4-Dave Johnson
- 10-Chris Talley
- 17-Destiny Harris
- 20-Shayla Ashmore
- 24-Naomi Crosby
- 25-Pamela Montgomery
- 27-Leandra Spaan
- 28-Toni Harris
- 28-Mary Hayworth

September

- 10-Sherri Reger
- 11-Veronica France
- 11-Lacy Forrester
- 12-Michele Carrillo
- 17-Joseph Passwaters
- 19-John Garnica
- 21-David Gossett
- 28-Jake Harris
- 29-Andrew Libke
- 30-Hannah Jones
- 30-Dena Schweizer

Anniversaries

August

- 11-Brian & Rosemary Wilkerson
- 22-Brad & Sherry Reger

September

- 3-Rick & Mary Jo Norris
- 5-David & Lori Johnson
- 19- Charles & Maxine Carter

Whole Chicken Crock Pot Recipe

Prep Time: 1/2 day

Total Time: 1 day

- 4 teaspoons salt (per recipe reviews, 2 tsp is better)
- 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1 teaspoon thyme
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 large roasting chicken (with pop-up timer if possible)
- 1. In a small bowl, combine the spices.
- 2. Remove any giblets from chicken and clean chicken.
- 3. Rub spice mixture onto the chicken.
- 4. Place in re-sealable plastic bag and refrigerate overnight. (I usually skip this step because I'm always in a hurry).
- 5. When ready to cook, put chopped onion in bottom of crock pot.
- 6. Add chicken. No liquid is needed, the chicken will make its' own juices.
- 7. Cook on low 4-8 hours.
- 8. Note: I highly recommend a pop-up timer in the chicken because some crock pots cook faster/slower than others (my crock pot cooks this recipe in 4-5 hours).





Susanville

Church Of The Nazarene

Visit our new website at Suznaz.org

There are 16 Articles of Faith in the Nazarene Church.
For the entire 16 articles, please visit: Nazarene.org.

Articles of Faith

I. The Triune God*

1. We believe in one eternally existent, infinite God, Sovereign *Creator and Sustainer* of the universe; that He only is God, [creative and administrative,] holy in nature, attributes, and purpose[;]. *The God who is holy love and light* [that He, as God,] is Triune in essential being, revealed as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

(Genesis 1; Leviticus 19:2; Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Isaiah 5:16; 6:1-7; 40:18-31; Matthew 3:16-17; 28:19-20; John 14:6-27; 1 Corinthians 8:6; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Galatians 4:4-6; Ephesians 2:13-18; 1 John 1:5; 4:8)