

WELCOME

The Gospel is for sinful people. When we are aware of our own sinfulness and Jesus' perfection - recognizing how little we deserve and that God loves us anyway - the Gospel begins to change us from the inside out. We don't change in order to earn God's love. We change in response to God's love.

Be well! Be loving! Be courageous! Be the Church!
In Christ,
Pastor Brian

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Information for the February 27 Newsletter should be submitted by 3 p.m. on Monday, February 21.
- For more information and ways to get connected, please visit Naz Next Steps in Fellowship Hall!



JOB OPENINGS

Applications and resumes are being accepted for the Communications Director position at Nazareth. Please see naz.org for a complete job description. Send resume, cover letter, and application to Angie Rath, Administrator, at angie.rath@naz.org or mail to 7401 University Ave. Cedar Falls, IA 50613., attn. Angie.

Blessed Beginnings is looking to hire a lead teacher for one of our 3-4 year old classrooms. We are looking for a called Christian to help lead our little ones to Jesus. Experience in Early Childhood required. Please contact Kim Young-Kent if you are interested in applying for this position email Kim.Youngkent@naz.org

INSTALLATION OF NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS

This Sunday, February 20, we will install our three new Council members who were elected by the congregation at the Annual Meeting on January 30.

At the beginning of the 9 a.m. service and the 10:45 a.m. service, we will pray over: Lisa Arenholz, Juanita Kimpston, and Troy Olson who will serve on the 2022 Church Council for three years. Please join us in welcoming them!

LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICES

Lent is a season of repentance. We take stock of our lives, note where things are amiss, and ask for God's forgiveness. Through this process God's Spirit empowers us to live a life characterized by faithfulness, mercy, compassion, forgiveness, and love. These characteristics that God produces in us are demonstrated in the life of Jesus and fully revealed at his cross.

Turning toward God's Abundance

Thursday, March 10	Faithfulness	Luke 4:1-13 - Temptation of Jesus
Thursday, March 17	Mercy	Luke 13:31-35 - Lament over Jerusalem
Thursday, March 24	Compassion	Luke 13:1-9 - The Barren Fig Tree
Thursday, March 31	Forgiveness	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 - The Prodigal Son
Thursday, April 7	Love	John 12:1-8 - Mary Anoints Jesus

All these mid-week services are at 6 p.m. in the Worship Center. We will use Holden Evening Prayer. A soup and sandwich supper (free will offering) is available prior to the worship service from 5 to 5:45 p.m. in Bethel Hall. In addition to coming to these worship services yourself, use them as an opportunity to invite others to prepare their hearts in this way for the good news of Easter.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Blood pressure checks available February 27 between services, from 10 a.m.-10:45 a.m. by the elevator Lobby! See Mallory Jensen at the Information Desk with any questions beforehand!



LECTIONARIES

SERMON | Gospel Change

TEACHER | Pastor Brian

TEXTS | Genesis 45:3-11, 15, Luke 6:27-38

ALTAR FLOWERS | In loving memory of Amy Denholm from Jim, Owen, and Gavin Denholm, the Johanneses Family, and the Denholm Family.

PULPIT FLOWERS | In loving memory of Clayt and Geri Hanson, from their family.

SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE AT IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

A full-ride scholarship to Iowa State University (4-year - \$80,000) is open to all Iowa High School Seniors. The scholarship has been set up in honor and memory of Kim Nelson who was a member of Nazareth who passed away June 2nd of 2021 at the age of 55 after a 6 year battle with Early Onset Alzheimer's Disease. The Kim Nelson Memorial Scholarship is set up for the study of Commercial Interior Design.

For more information about the scholarship, please contact Tom Nelson email at Tom.nelson@centurylink.net

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has been creating beautiful shawls for many years at Nazareth. We provide Prayer Shawls for people for ANY occasion. Examples of this are people who are experiencing a medical emergency, an emotional trauma, death of a loved one or loneliness; or they could be rejoicing in a blessed event. We also provide a mantle of "baby feet" to all the newly baptized babies. We are becoming known in the Cedar Valley as we also provide shawls to many organizations. We have provided shawls to over 300 individuals last year alone. While our crocheters and knitters are doing a wonderful job we are always looking for new members to help with the demand. If you would like to help us crocket/knit these beautiful shawls please contact Rena` Raecker (319-266-3140) or Dixie Nederhoff (319-269-2776).

GO BEYOND THE SERMON

Use the "Read It", "Watch It" and "Live It" recommendations to apply this Sunday's sermon to your everyday happenings, and/or, gather with a small group to discuss the sermon and do life together! Not connected with a group yet? Email mallory.jensen@naz.org to learn more or join a group.

DIGEST THE WORD

Read the scripture passages from the week's Sunday's Worship Service and reflect on the sermon and on these questions to help you live out God's Word in your everyday life. Or, use these questions in your Naz Small Group to discuss and apply each week's scripture and sermon!

- How did this passage/sermon challenge or encourage you?
- What questions do you have about this topic?
- What does this passage teach you about who God is?
- What are the personal implications (for you)?
- What does this mean for the Church as a whole?

READ IT | Gospel: Recovering the Power That Made Christianity

Revolutionary. (2011) by J.D. Greear. In this book, J.D. Greear shows how moralism and legalism have often eclipsed the gospel, even in conservative churches. Gospel cuts through the superficiality of religion and reacquaints you with the revolutionary truth of God's gracious acceptance of us in Christ. The gospel is the power of God, and the only true source of joy, freedom, radical generosity, and audacious faith. The gospel produces in us what religion never could: a heart that desires God.

WATCH IT | The Book of Ephesians with J.D. Greear. This video series

is available for free using your RightNow Media account (sign up at naz.org if don't already have an account). Pastor and author J.D. Greear walks through the powerful words of Paul. In 9 sessions, J.D. digs into the text of Ephesians verse-by-verse and challenges believers to live out the gospel. If the people of your city, of your school, of your family, are going to hear the gospel, it's going to be from your mouth. Encounter Ephesians, and get swept up into the story of Jesus.

LIVE IT | The Gospel frees us to love and serve others in the name of Jesus not as a means of earning God's approval, but in response to what God has already done for us through Jesus. Because we can be confident in God's love for us already, serving others is a matter of blessing and caring for them for their sake, not as a means to an end for our sake. In that spirit, how might you find joy today and throughout this week in seeking to bless others in the name of Jesus? How can you bring joy to someone else through some intentional act of kindness, unexpected gift, or act of service for their sake with no strings attached?