

Fowlerville Church of the Nazarene Newsletter

March/April 2020



Lead Pastor Craig Weihman

Changing
HEARTS
Transforming
LIVES

Fowlerville Church of the Nazarene

9:45 am Sunday School all ages
10:40 am Fellowship Time
11:00 am Worship

Wednesday 6:30 pm Youth Group

Thursday 6:30-7:30pm DEEPER
Discipleship Group

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Cross – Eyed



It was my Dad that taught me how to drive. He was the one that would coach me in the basics so I could pass my driving test and receive what every teenager anticipates, their driver's license. There was however, one thing that he told me repeatedly, over and over, which was, '*Craig, make sure you always keep your **EYES STRAIGHT AHEAD***'. My Dad knew the value of keeping focused while driving, for this is what would give me not only prevention from car accidents, but also, give me the greatest satisfaction in my driving.

As Believers, we are no different. To experience God's best for us on the road of life and to keep us away from unnecessary pitfalls and potential dangers, we desperately need to keep our eyes focused. Our vision is to be focused on one thing, that is the Cross of Christ! We need to become what I am calling, '**CROSS-EYED**'! This is when I put the Cross of Christ in full view, never looking away so not to forget what He did for me. It is the Cross of Christ where we find our Redemption from sin but also, where we gain our Power for daily living! When we put the Cross in full view of our eyesight, we are reminding ourselves of the ultimate sacrifice Christ made for us. Knowing that Christ loved (loves) me like this, I can be ready for anything in life, for I am convinced that He will never leave me or forsake me! When I become '**CROSS-EYED**', it will also renew my devotion to Him, walking His path for me, giving Him complete control of my heart. This vision, will as well, renew my desire to extend His Grace to those around us, for I know, that as I could never earn His love, I know others are just like me.

As we have entered the Easter Season, let us become more diligent in putting our focus on Jesus, becoming '**CROSS EYED**', for He is '**the Author and Perfecter of our Faith**' (Hebrews 12:2)

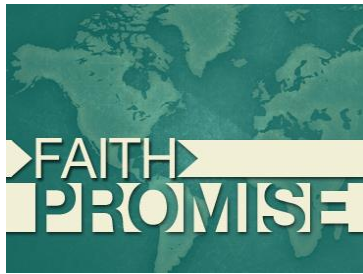
HIS BEST
Pastor Craig 😊

Upcoming Events

March/April 2020



Men's Fellowship Breakfast will **NOT** be meeting in March or April due to other events happening. We will resume on May 9th.



Faith Promise Weekend

Saturday, March 14th at 5pm Potluck dinner...Please sign-up in the foyer so we know how many will be attending. At 6pm Rusty & Diane Robbins from South Asia be sharing with us. They will also be sharing with us on Sunday, March 15th during our 11am service. Faith Promise Weekend is an opportunity as a Church Family to hear about the ways God is moving in hearts around the world in 'Making Christ-like Disciples'. Don't miss out on this blessed weekend.



ABLAZE Youth Lock In – Our 2nd Annual Lock In. Friday, April 3rd from 9 pm – 8 am. Lots of Food....Loads of Fun!



Good Friday Community Service – April 10th at the Fowlerville High School Cafeteria – 7pm



April 11: EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Easter Egg Hunt and other fun filled activities. 10am-1pm

We will need church volunteers available to help host this day. We need individually wrapped candy. We need people willing to stuff the eggs, oversee activities, security, and interact with parents and children. Please talk with Julie Byers if you can help!



Breakfast Fellowship – 10am – please bring a dish to share
Celebration Worship Service – 11am



Pastor's "Deeper" Discipleship Group - Meeting every Thursday at 6:30 pm
Adults and youth welcome.

Children's Ministry

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Julie Byers
Children's Director



Authority and Peace

Recently I was asked what my hobbies were. It was hard to answer. If I had a little extra time and money, I'd like to plant an herb garden but I don't and so that can't be my hobby yet. When I have tried to plant a garden, I haven't had the daily time to take care of it. So, my hobby is mostly doing what needs to be done and then being too tired to do the rest that didn't get done.

That being said, I noticed that when I had a minute the other day, I turned on the show Supernanny and sat down on the couch. She comes into a family that's chaotic and disrespectful and lost in life. She tells the parents how to take authority over their own home. It seems like a given that parents would have authority in their house. Yet in today's world it's become a scarcity.

I began to think about that and I realized most parents don't believe they should have authority over their children because they don't believe there should be any authority over them. Everybody should get to decide for themselves what they want and have it. So, when they have several children who want different things and they cannot fulfill every desire the parents feel like they have failed. The kids believe the parents have failed and that they have a right to act out because of it. This is not the way that God intended us to live, chasing fleshly desires and wants. He gave us the truth so that we have a standard to judge our desires. He says that children should honor their mothers and fathers. He says that wives should submit their wills to their husbands. And that husbands should lay down their lives for their wives. Just as Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. God holds authority over all the Earth. Everything in it is his and belongs to him, it is he who made it.

Supernanny comes in and she gives parents some pointers on how to be in charge. She tells them how to discipline their kids and correct them when they're wrong. She convinces them that it's actually a more peaceful and loving home when you know the expectations and can trust the authority. There is security and less anxiety when you are under a trusted authority.

That's pretty much what God says too: I have some rules for you, I love you and if you don't follow my rules, I will discipline you. The discipline will bring peace to the chaotic discontentment. Giving God his rightful place of authority over our lives will bring us peace and security. Knowing he is sovereign keeps us from becoming anxious. When we don't understand life, we know we can still trust the one who gave it to us.

Proverbs 3:5-6, 11-12 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. My son, do not despise the Lord's discipline, and do not resent His rebuke, because the Lord disciplines those he loves, as a Father the son he delights in.

*In Him,
Julie Byers*



Come join us on Saturday, April 11th at 10am for a fun time! For kids ages 5th grade and under. We will have an Easter egg hunt and many other fun filled activities. This is a FREE event and takes place at the Fowlerville Church of the Nazarene.

We are in need of candy and volunteers as well! Remember...candy needs to be individually wrapped and small enough to fit in a plastic egg. Thank you so Much for your support!! Planning Meeting on March 8th after service.

Needs:

We are in need of at least two more adult volunteers on a monthly basis for the nursery.

We also need a second adult during children's classes to be extra eyes and hands to improve the safety and care of the children. If you do not want to teach but are willing to sit in and assist as needed that would be much appreciated.

Worship & Arts Ministry

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Lisa Bowman
Worship & Arts Director

As Easter approaches, I tend to reflect on the death and resurrection of Jesus *more* than usual.

When I think of where I was and where I would be had Jesus not died for me..... It would be a place without Hope. It would be a life without victory. A life of bondage and darkness.

I am so glad, however, that Jesus did lay down His life for me and you. He didn't have to, He chose to, and for that I am eternally grateful. Because of His sacrifice we are free, we have hope, we're forgiven, our shame is gone and we have a future with our heavenly Father.

God has rescued us from a place that we could never have rescued ourselves. Our future was death, but Jesus came in and brought life – a living hope – into our souls and into our lives.

Brian Johnson (Bethel Music)

Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.” **Acts 4:12**

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. **1 Peter 1:3**

So, not just at Easter, always, every day, we should be thanking God for our rescue, our freedom, our salvation and our Hope! Happy Resurrection Day!

In Him,
Lisa

Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us
How high the mountain I could not climb
In desperation I turned to heaven
And spoke Your name into the night
Then through the darkness Your loving-kindness
Tore through the shadows of my soul
The work is finished the end is written
Jesus Christ my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy
What heart could fathom such boundless grace
The God of ages stepped down from glory
To wear my sin and bear my shame
The cross has spoken I am forgiven
The King of kings calls me His own
Beautiful Savior I'm Yours forever
Jesus Christ my living hope

Hallelujah praise the One who set me free
Hallelujah death has lost its grip on me
You have broken every chain
There's salvation in Your name
Jesus Christ my living hope

Then came the morning that sealed the promise
Your buried body began to breathe
Out of the silence the Roaring Lion
Declared the grave has no claim on me
Jesus Yours is the victory whoa

Jesus Christ my living hope
Oh God You are my living hope

Listen to the song here: <https://youtu.be/nyOJlnn5SZI>

Brian Johnson | Phil Wickham

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Faith Promise Weekend

What is the purpose? It's an opportunity to hear what God is doing in the lives of people around the globe. Come on Saturday, March 14th, 5 PM, and enjoy a potluck dinner with Rusty & Diane Robbins from South Asia. They will also speak on Sunday, March 15th in the 11:00am service.

Sign up in the foyer if you plan to attend the Saturday evening dinner and the type of dish you will be providing.



Rusty and Diane Robbins began their missionary service in 2008. In their global assignment, they facilitated work of over 700 JESUS Film teams and in over 100 countries.

Rusty and Diane attended Southern Nazarene University where they met. They graduated with degrees in accounting and business. After college they began their careers in the corporate world. In 2000 while on vacation in Ruidoso, New Mexico, the Lord called them to serve at Bonita Park Nazarene Camp. In 2008 while on vacation in Kansas, God directed them to accept a call as Nazarene missionaries serving with JESUS Film Harvest Partners.

They love being part of the Church of the Nazarene! They have the privilege of serving in a place where eternity is impacted. It is their hearts desire to come alongside others in Kingdom building.



Vicki Nichols
NMI President

Pray for the Crossroads Church of the Nazarene in Chandler Arizona as they minister to one of the oldest neighborhoods in Chandler. It has both the highest Spanish-speaking populations in the area as well as the lowest social and economic status. A teacher in the school shared that there were children with no shoes or holes in them and wear the same clothing every day. Often, they don't have lunch as their parents don't speak English and so don't sign them up. The church is working in this area to supply English as a second language for the parents and supply their other needs. Because of the church's involvement with the children attend V.B.S. and this has brought their parents into the church.

A thank you for the Christmas gift we sent David and Sylvia Potter... Our LINKS

Thanks so much for the \$50 gift card! We are so blessed by your generosity! We have had a wonderful Advent and Christmas season and look forward to what God brings our way in the New Year! Happy New to you all!

David and Sylvia

Sylvia has a birthday March 17.

NMI Convention is Saturday, April 25th at Central Church of the Nazarene in Flint from 8:30am – 4pm

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Ablaze Youth Ministry



Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, for our "God is a consuming fire."

Hebrews 12:28-29

**COME JOIN
THE FUN!
YOUTH GROUP
WEDNESDAY
NIGHTS!**

Meeting at the church from 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Ablaze Youth Group

