

Grace and peace be with you!

In Galatians 5:13, we read "...you were called to freedom...do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another..." God has given a great gift called freedom. We are free from the guilt, and the penalty of sin. But we have to decide what we will do with that freedom. Will we use it or abuse it? Will we use it to love, serve, and build up others, or will we use it as a license to sin more, and/or to destroy ourselves and others? The way each one of us uses our freedom in Christ will determine not only the sort of life we lead, but what kind of community, what kind of country, what kind of world we will live in." Read Galatians 5:22-23 and live out the fruit of the Spirit as Christ's ambassadors!

Be well! Be courageous! Be loving! Be the Church!

In Christ,

Pastor Brian King

For freedom Christ has set us free...

Galatians 5:1a

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Effective until further notice, the Nazareth building and all offices will be closed. Naz Food and Essentials Pantry clients will continue to be served, and donations can be dropped off at Door #1 from 12:00-3:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday. For all Nazareth Covid-19 updates, please go to www.naz.org/coronavirus.
- ◆ **Know a graduating high school senior?** Please email a baby photo and a senior photo of your graduate to kristina.mcburney@naz.org no later than 9:00 a.m. on Monday, May 18.
- ◆ **Summer Small Groups and Alpha Classes** will be held online! Go to www.naz.org and click on the "CONNECT" menu to learn more.
- ◆ **VBS Update** - VBS will be ONLINE June 28 to July 2. See page 2 for more details about this year's VBS.
- ◆ **Our Deepest Sympathy** to the family and friends of Ethel Ackerman as they mourn her death; to Richard Juel and his family as they mourn the death of his wife, Diane; and to Becki Gade and her family as they mourn the death of her husband, Dave.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

*As we deeply desire to continue to do the ministry God has called us to here at Nazareth, your continued generous support – of prayers, service, and financial gifts – is so important. **Even while we are apart physically, giving is still possible online at www.naz.org/give. You can also mail your donation to the church office or use the free GIVE+ Mobile App (by searching "GIVE PLUS CHURCH" in the app store). We truly cannot do this without you and are deeply grateful for your continued partnership!***

CONNECT WITH US

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Website: www.naz.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/MyNazareth

Instagram: www.instagram.com/mynazchurch

SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE IS ONLINE!

Each week, our Sunday Worship Service will be posted online at 9:00 a.m. You can watch by going to our Facebook page or by clicking the "WORSHIP ONLINE" icon at www.naz.org.

FIND NAZ WORSHIP SERVICES ON TV!

Nazareth's Online Worship Services are being broadcast on the Cedar Falls Public Access Channel (Analog Channel 18 or Digital Channel 95.5 on CFU) on Saturday evenings at 5:00 p.m. and on Sunday mornings at 8:00 a.m.

WE ARE FAMILY.

MAKING CHRIST KNOWN.

We want to express our deepest gratitude to all of those who have been sewing masks during the last few months! These masks have been shared with local health care providers, local care centers, Food Pantry guests, and Nazareth community members who have needed them. Would you like to join our mask sewing team? Or, do you need a mask to wear for yourself? Please contact Terri Packard at terri.packard@naz.org to learn more.



Do you know someone in the Nazareth family of faith who is making Christ known? Tell us about their story so that we can share it with others! Email your story (and photo or video) to info@naz.org.



VBS NEW DATES : JUNE 28 - JULY 2

VBS 2020 KNIGHTS OF NORTH CASTLE

"Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power." Ephesians 6:10

Virtual VBS - where we will go on a quest for the King's armor and learn about the armor of God!!!

We still want to do VBS even though we are in a time of not being able to gather as a whole 600 people (400 kiddos and 200 volunteers). So we have been working on a way to still do VBS while you are at home. It will have several aspects to the week including but not limited to LIVE Facebook Worship, Bible drama videos, at-home crafts/games/science experiments and some Zoom interaction activities as well.

After weeks of brainstorming and praying and planning, we are excited about what VBS could look like this year for our unique circumstances. We will be looking to open online registrations by May 21st. If you have any questions, please let us know by contacting me at kim.albertsen@naz.org.

We miss you all, and we are praying for you all during this time. Please reach out if you have a need and know we are looking forward to seeing you soon.

Blessings,

Kim, Nolan and Meg and the rest of our VBS team