

The Messenger

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June Birthdays

Spencer Bishop	3
Junior Rivera	5
Kellie Anderson	7
Sharla Zirkle	21
Vicki Commons	24
Scott Kimmey	26

June Anniversaries

Pastor & Vivian Kizzee	5
Vicki & Carl Commons	5
Lucy & Marty Adams	10
Joanne & Andy Murphy	13
Brianna & Bill St. John	15

Every Good Endeavor

When you read the Bible, you'll meet a lot of people God used who didn't have "Christian" jobs. Nehemiah was a city planner and Esther was a powerful woman in a political world. God used them both.

I wanted to share some thoughts with you about work. After all, we spend way more time at work than we do at church. But so many of us are miserable in our jobs. We view them as a means to an end. It's something we get through so we can get what we want (the weekend or retirement).

I'll start at the beginning. In the beginning, God worked. The Bible begins talking about work as soon as it begins talking about anything - that is how important and basic it is. Work was not an evil that came into the picture. God's plan for humans always involved them working, living in the constant cycle of work and rest. God made the world to need work.

While God created other forms of life, only humans are explicitly given a job. We are called to stand in for God here in the world, exercising stewardship over the rest of creation. The Bible sees all work as distinguishing human beings from animals and elevating them to a place of dignity. In Genesis, God is a gardener. In the New Testament, he is a carpenter. God

made it our job to develop and build this society. We're not just here to take up space - we are here to cultivate the garden.

In 1 Corinthians 7, Paul counsels readers that when they become Christians it is unnecessary to change what they are currently doing in life in order to live lives that please God. In other words, you don't have to quit your job and become a missionary to make a difference. You can be a missionary at your job. So how should we connect work to worship?

How we view work and how we do our work matters more than you might imagine. Jesus spent the majority of his life as a carpenter, not a rabbi. He spent more time making tables than walking on water.

Jesus knew what it was like to get up and go to work every day. Working with his hands was not beneath him.

Check out this quote from Dorothy Sayers: "The Church's approach to an intelligent carpenter is usually confined to moral instruction and church attendance.

What the Church should be telling him is this: that the very first demand that his religion makes upon him is that he should make

good tables."

The Apostle Paul said it this way: "Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ" (Col. 3:23-24).

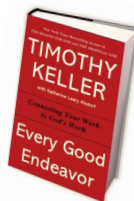
Work is not about economic exchange, making money or getting the dream, it's about God-honoring human creativity and contribution.

Martin Luther King, Jr. said this: "If it falls to your lot to be a street sweeper, sweep the streets like Michelangelo painted pictures, like Shakespeare wrote poetry, like Beethoven composed music; sweep streets so well that all the host of Heaven and earth will have to pause and say, "here lived a great street sweeper, who swept his job well."

I'm blessed to be the pastor of Parkside Church of the Nazarene. But don't you ever think your job isn't important. Don't you ever think what I'm doing is more impactful than what you're doing. Don't ever think you can't make a difference at work.

On Monday, go to work with God in mind. Go with a divine perspective. Understand that God has you there for a reason and that wherever you are, you are a minister of the Gospel.

P.S. If you want to read more on this subject, check out this book by Tim Keller called *Every Good Endeavor*.





Nazarene Missions INTERNATIONAL

MISSIONS MOMENT:

We are hosting a special **Zone Brunch on Saturday, June 17 at 10:00 a.m.** Our friend, Tammie and her daughter will be here to speak about their adventures over seas. Please plan to attend this wonderful event! Go to our website: www.parknaz.org to register and See Marcella Rivera if you are able to help!



We Care Blessing Bag Needs are:

BAR SOAP, WASHCLOTH, CHAP-STICK, COMB, MEN'S WHITE CREW SOCKS & TOOTHBRUSH/ TOOTHPASTE. 75 of each, plus the gallon size freezer bags to put the items in are needed every month.



Donations of grocery plastic bags are also needed.

We are also looking for help with lunch for those of us who stay and serve. **Please consider providing lunch one We Care Sunday.**

We Care is a separately funded ministry. Donations for We Care are used directly towards supplies such as food containers, cleaning supplies and/or Blessing Bag needs that are not provided by your donations or the Cleveland Food Bank.

Summer We Care dates:

June 25

July 23

August 27



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES:

The World Quiz is Saturday, June 24 in Indianapolis. Please keep Brian Murphy in your prayers as he participates in this exciting event!

Would you like to go to Summer Camp?

Primary Camp (1st-3rd grade) is

July 22-25. Preteen Camp (4th-6th grade) is July 25-29. Go to www.ncodistrict.org for more information.

As our church continues to grow, KREW (Kids Radically Experiencing Worship) teachers are needed. Please see Brianna St. John if you are interested!

TEEN MINISTRY:

Interested in joining the **NCO Impact Team** for the 2017-2018 year? The next audition is June 9th at MVNU. Go to ncodistrict.org/impact for more information.

NCO Teen Camp: Identity is June 12-16 at Camp Cotubic.



Impact Camp is July 23-29.

Go to ncodistrict.org for more information on both camps.

See Bill St. John for any teen activity related questions.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

The planning has begun! VBS is July 31- August 4 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. each night. Celebration Sunday is August 6 at 10:00 a.m.



Please see Anita and/or Brianna St. John with any questions and to volunteer. Go to www.parknaz.org in the Children's Ministry section to register your child/ren.



ALL CHURCH COOK-OUT:

Plan to stay after the service on Sunday, June 11th for an all church cook-out! We will be celebrating our high school graduate that day, and the return of Pastor Stephen and his family from his seven week sabbatical.

The church will provide the



meat. Please see Bill St. John to sign up for sides, drinks, condiments and desserts.

Graduate Recognition Sunday, June 11

Ana Rivera is graduating from North Olmsted High School on Sunday, June 4 at 10:00 a.m.



She will be attending MVNU in the fall. Please plan to come a few minutes early and celebrate with Ana. There will be donuts, coffee cakes & juice!

Summer Blast



Summer Blast is Tuesday, July 4th out on the lawn!

This is always such a great event as we have inflatables, face-painting, volleyball and more, for the kids, teens and families. We also provide hot dogs, chips and



delicious homemade desserts! Donations of food, and volunteers are needed to make this community event a success every year. Please see Carl Commons for how you can become involved!

Child Care Center



Graduation:

Our Pre-K students will be graduating in the Sanctuary on June 9 at 11:00 a.m. Followed by a fun celebration at Clague Park.

Donuts with Dad:

Friday, June 16th. There are 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. seatings. Please join the Child Care Center Dad's in celebrating Fathers Day!

Wednesday Nights:

6:30 p.m. for all

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY: will meet with Miss Brianna and Miss Diane in the Church Lounge for a fun, science-themed curriculum through the month of June.

YOUTH MINISTRY:

Will meet in the Teen Room with Miss Marcella and Mr. Bill.



ADULT PRAYER & BIBLE

STUDY: will meet in the Prayer Closet with Jim VanderSchuur.

PRAISE TEAM PRACTICE: meets in the sanctuary.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<p>6:30 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praise Team • Youth Ministry • Children's Ministry • Adult Study 	<p>1</p> <p>10:30 a.m. AA Mtg.</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Sr. Breakfast</p>
<p>4</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Worship Life Bible Study</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Men's Prayer 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Board Meeting</p>	<p>7</p> <p>6:30 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praise Team • Youth Ministry • Children's Ministry • Adult Study 	<p>8</p> <p>10:30 a.m. AA Mtg.</p>	<p>9</p> <p> 11:00 a.m. Child Care Center Graduation</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Teen BLAST: June 8-10</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Graduation Rec 10:00 a.m. Worship Life Bible Study Church Cook-Out</p> 	<p>12</p> <p>NYI Teen Camp June 12-16</p>	<p>13</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Men's Prayer 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p>14</p> <p>6:30 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praise Team • Youth Ministry • Children's Ministry • Adult Study 	<p>15</p> <p>10:30 a.m. AA Mtg.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>8:00 & 9:00 a.m. Donuts w/ Dad</p> 	<p>17</p>  <p>10:00 a.m. NMI Brunch</p>
<p>18</p> <p>9:15– Ladies Prayer 10:00 a.m. Worship</p> 	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Men's Prayer 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6:30 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praise Team • Youth Ministry • Children's Ministry • Adult Study 	<p>22</p> <p>10:30 a.m. AA Mtg.</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Children's World Quiz</p> 
<p>25</p> <p>10:00 a.m. Worship/LBS 12:00-4:00 We Care</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>8:30 a.m. Men's Prayer 9:30 a.m. Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:30 p.m.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Praise Team • Youth Ministry • Children's Ministry • Adult Study 	<p>29</p> <p>10:30 a.m. AA Mtg.</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>General Assembly June 21-30 NMI/NYI June 21-23 General Assembly continues through June 30</p>