



# The Messenger

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## Three Phase Christianity

adapted from Regi Campbell's blog "Radically Mentoring"

I see three phases in the lives of Christians. The first begins when someone "gets serious about their faith" or "comes to Christ" or "becomes genuinely aware" of God in their hearts" or "gets saved" or "surrenders to Jesus." Whatever words we pick, we're talking someone's initial authentic personal engagement with the Lord. "I've been saved!" "I love Jesus!" "I love my church!" "I love reading my Bible!" "I have eternal life!" "I have peace!" Faith becomes real. Alive. Personal.

All good...but there's more.

Jesus taught that life is not about ourselves, it's about others. This is phase 2. What I call the 'outward turn'...the realization that true joy and fulfillment shows up when we become others-focused instead of self-focused. This means loving and serving other people. Making

disciples. Helping people and giving God credit instead of making ourselves the hero of every story. This is praying for people, in addition to praying for ourselves. This is selflessness, generosity, compassion, and empathy.

All good...but there's more.

Then there's the 'upward turn'...the third phase of Christian maturity. It's the Jesus-life. When we become aware that His Spirit lives in us – not up there or out there but in here – something new and different arrives. There's an unshakable peace, a sense of His presence, a constant prayer conversation, a different kind of conscience making it much harder to do the wrong thing intentionally, and a confidence that everything's going to be all right.

Phase 1 is "I have Jesus." Phase 2 is "Jesus is not just what I have, He's what we all need." Phase 3? "Jesus is not just what I have and what I need, He's all I want!"

Is your faith only about you? Jesus' faith was never self-focused, it was about others. Make the outward turn and move toward loving and serving others. If that's where you are, you may have fallen into serving Him versus enjoying Him. Reconnect with Jesus and engage with Him at the heart level.



### October Birthdays

Tammy Schroll	10
Andy Murphy	16

### October Anniversaries

Cheryl & Ernest Szczepanski	11
Debby & Harold Kimmey	23
Wanda & Mike Murphy	29

**If you have a birthday or anniversary that needs updated, or know of someone's not listed, please email or call the church to let us know!**



## Mission Moments: Faith Promise

**The purpose of NMI shall be to mobilize the Church of the Nazarene in missions through 1) praying, 2) giving, 3) educating, and 4) engaging children and youth.**

NMI is a direct line for missions in the local church and has often been described as “the face of mission in the local church.” In every sense of the word, NMI is the denomination’s organizational representative, dedicated to the cause of world evangelization. While other departments also support missions, it is the distinctive task of NMI to bring each mission area into the local church in such a vital way that every Nazarene will be glad to



be a part of global outreach, spreading the good news of full salvation (holiness) to the ends of the earth. NMI provides the infrastructure, the spiritual dynamic vehicle, whereby the local church is mobilized in mission.

Faith Promise is the giving from our church to the World Evangelism Fund to help spread the work of NMI.

On October 28 our Faith Promise speaker will be Rebecca Moisio. She is serving in Eurasia as a media missionary.

The service will be followed by our Harvest Dinner. Be watching for a sign-up



sheet to bring sides and desserts on the 28th!

If you have any questions regarding our speaker, or the Harvest Dinner, please see Diane VanderSchoor.

## TEEN MINISTRY:

### Teen Quizzing

The teens meet during the Bible Study hour on Sunday mornings after the service to learn and discuss the book of John. Teen Quizzers can also join the teens at State Road Church on Sunday nights from 5:30-7:00 p.m. to practice the jump seats, work on memory verses and interact with quizzing team mates! The next Teen Quiz is October 20 at Willow-Lake. If you have any questions regarding Teen Quizzing, please see Harold Kimmey.



## CHILDREN’S MINISTRIES:

### Children’s Quizzing

The children are studying the book of Acts this year. They will meet during Bible Study hour on Sunday mornings. If you have any questions regarding Children’s Quizzing, please see Pastor Marcella Rivera as SDMI President.



### Quiz Meet Schedule:

- October 13, 10 am at Parkside Church
- December 1, 10 am at Sandusky Community Church
- January 12, 10 am at Parkside Church
- February 24, 4 pm at Sandusky Community Church

- March 10, 4 pm at Wooster Church
- May (TBD) at MVNU Regional Quiz

### Upcoming Events:

**Fall Family Festival, Saturday, October 27 at 6 pm** featuring games, crafts and the movie **Inside Out!**

# FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL:

Your help is needed for our **Fall Family Festival! It will be held on Saturday, October 27 beginning at 6:00 p.m.** There will be games, crafts, and treats for the whole family. The night will conclude with the movie Inside Out at dusk. Weather permitting, the event will take place outdoors. Please see Pastor Marcella River if you are able to help with this fun community event!

The events will include: Wrap the Mummy, Treasure Dig, Sack Races, Pumpkin Decorating, a Scavenger Hunt, a Pie Eating Contest and more! We will have dinner, hot dogs, chips and a snack. Make the night even more fun by wearing a costume (no scary ones please)!



Participation is free, but we are asking for an optional donation of non-perishable food items. The food will be given to a local family in need. Since this is a family festival, if you have a friend you can bring to help you volunteer, we would greatly appreciate it! The idea is to allow our parents the opportunity to participate in the games with their children!

Please contact Pastor Marcella: 440-333-6643 or the church office: 440-333-3998 with any questions. See you there!



## Wednesday Nights:

**6:30 p.m.**

### YOUTH MINISTRY:

5th-12th graders will continue to meet with Pastor Stephen and Elizabeth Ruple. The Bible Study begins with a fun game!

On Wednesday, October 31 the youth will meet at the church at 6:00 p.m. to go trick-or-treating together (parents and children included).

### ADULT PRAYER & BIBLE STUDY:

The Adults will be led by Rev. Jim VanderSchuur. They are discussing the book Hope in the Dark by Craig Groeschel.

There will be no adult study on Wednesday, October 31.

## Child Care Center Events:



The Child Care Center will be celebrating Halloween on Wednesday, October 31.

There will be individual class parties as well as a costume parade. The parade is always a lot of fun to watch. We hope you can join us!



The Child Care Center also purchased a new playset for the Pre-School and Pre-K playground side.



The CCC will continue to do fundraisers to help cover the cost of this new set.

Please consider participating in fundraisers as they come up throughout the year.



If you have any questions, please see Cheryl Szczepanski or Pastor Marcella in the Child Care Center Office.

### PRAISE TEAM:

meets in the sanctuary. If you have any questions or would like to join the Praise Team, see Sharla Zirkle.



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30  <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Worship Life Bible Study	1	2  <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Ladies Bible Study <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Life Group	3  <b>6:30 p.m.</b> • Children/Youth • Adult Bible Study • Praise Team	4  <b>10:30 a.m.</b> AA Mtg.	5	6  Senior Breakfast
7  <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Worship Life Bible Study <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Teen Quiz Prac- tice at State Road	8  <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Board Mtg	9  <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Ladies Bible Study <b>1:15 p.m.</b> CCC Brd Mtg <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Life Group	10  <b>6:30 p.m.</b> • Children/Youth • Adult Bible Study • Praise Team	11  <b>10:30 a.m.</b> AA Mtg.	12	13  <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Children's Quiz at Parkside
14  <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Worship Life Bible Study <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Teen Quiz Prac- tice at State Road	15	16  <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Ladies Bible Study <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Life Group	17  <b>6:30 p.m.</b> • Children/Youth • Adult Bible Study • Praise Team	18  <b>10:30 a.m.</b> AA Mtg.	19  <b>Pastor and Spouse Retreat</b>	20  <b>Teen Quiz</b> at Willow- Lake
21  <b>9:15 a.m.</b> Ladies Prayer <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Worship Life Bible Study	22	23  <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Ladies Bible Study <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Life Group	24  <b>6:30 p.m.</b> • Children/Youth • Adult Bible Study • Praise Team	25  <b>10:30 a.m.</b> AA Mtg.	26	27   <b>6:00 p.m.</b> Fall Family Festival
28  <b>10:00 a.m.</b>  <b>5:30 p.m.</b> Teen Quiz Practice at State Road	29	30  <b>10:00 a.m.</b> Ladies Bible Study <b>7:00 p.m.</b> Life Group	31  <b>6:00</b> Youth & Family Trick or Treat <b>6:30 p.m.</b> • Praise Team <b>Halloween</b>	1  <b>10:30 a.m.</b> AA Mtg.	2	3  Senior Breakfast