

Branson First Church of the Nazarene



TEENS ON A JOURNEY

On Friday night, August 9, five teens and three chaperones went on a journey—a progressive dinner. It was so much fun!

On the way to James & Nancy Plummer's home for ham & cheese, chips & salsa and pigs-in-a-blanket appetizers, they made a quick stop at Peggy Hembree's home to drop off some banana bread. The main meal was at Larry and Karen Doran's home where they ate Mexican casserole with Mexican rice. After devotions, off they went to give banana bread to Ken Warrick and then to Jerry & Beth Presley. Ice cream and cookies were served at Linda Millikin's home. The final stop with banana bread was to see Rodger and Kris Cooper. Nanette Castro did devotions at each of the houses that served food.

The teens who attended are Maddie Castro, Kasen Castro, Sabra Hoskins, Syler Hoskins



Photos provided by Gloria Cariker



and Katara Richards. Vicki Parsons and Gloria Cariker with Nanette Castro were the chaperones.

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Sunday School at 9:30 am
Adult Bible Study Fellowship at 9:30 am
Worship Service at 10:30 am
Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study at 6:30 pm
Thursday Prayer meeting at 6:00 pm

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SPOKEN 4 QUARTET TO APPEAR AT BFCN



Spoken 4 Quartet is making an encore appearance at BFCN. Mark you calendar in red letters for Sunday, September 15. It will be a 6 pm start time.

Their performance at BFCN a year ago was well received. So we're expecting another great

concert. There is no admission, but a free-will offering will be taken.

Tell your family and friends. Spread the word! It's exciting that our little church is hosting this concert.

CIRCLE OF SISTERS

Pizza Ranch again was the meeting place for Circle of Sisters meeting on August 20. Sixteen ladies were present. Jeane Tomey and Joy Straley each shared a few highlights of their trips to Alaska. Rogene Clements brought the devotional lesson. She asked that we keep the church Board members in prayers. Not only are they the church leaders, but several are dealing with health issues.

BOARD MEMBERS

Trustees: Dan Shepard, Jerry Presley, Pat Harrison
Stewards: Donna Hoskins, Kris Cooper, Joy Straley
Missionary President: Gloria Cariker
Sunday School Superintendent: James Plummer
Church Treasurer: Ruth Brasfield
Board Chairman: Pastor Jim
Board Secretary: Rebecca Richards

PAPER PULPIT—KNOWING CHRIST...

“I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow attaining in the resurrection from the death” (Philippians 3: 10-11, NIV).

Have you ever known someone whom you want to be like? Maybe it was a parent or teacher or some movie star that captured your imagination. My Dad was my hero. I watched his life—how he interacted with others; how he was a man of his word; how others sought him out for advice; his sense of humor and his contagious laugh. He was a person in whom others placed their confidence. I wanted to be just like Dad.

But even more than that, I, like Paul, want to be like Jesus. When Paul met the resurrected Jesus as he traveled to Damascus, life took on a whole new purpose. Jesus became not only Paul’s hero, but also his Lord and Savior. From that initial meeting with

Jesus, Paul’s life focused on his relationship with Jesus. His testimony in the scripture quoted above really defines Paul’s life. It was that desire that launched him on the three missionary journeys recorded in Acts. It was that desire that sustained him as he faced all the dangers he describes in 2 Corinthians 11.

The phrase “becoming like him in his death” is explained by Paul’s testimony in Galatians 2:20—“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me.”

Yes, Dad was my hero. But the One I aspire to know and please above all is Christ Jesus.

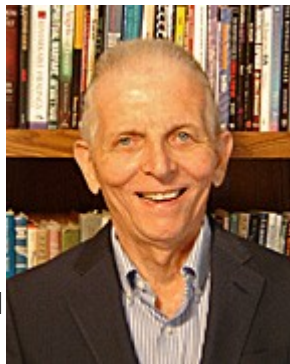
Who is your hero?

In Christ,
Pastor Jim

REV. NATHAN COVINGTON

Reverend Nathan Covington has served the Church of The Nazarene for over 40 years as a pastor, evangelist, and teacher.

After 16 years of successful pastoral ministry he felt the call to full time evangelism and in 1984 launched Servant Heart Ministries, an evangelistic ministry based in Tulsa, Oklahoma.



seminars are a practical, fresh, dynamic form of renewal.

Reverend Covington has the interest of Christ and the building of His Kingdom at heart. He brings to his ministry a rich and vivid awareness of life and of the scriptures, and the material that he teaches is encouraging, practical, challenging, and easily understood.

We are looking forward to having Rev. Covington be at BFCN on September 29 thru October 2. He will fill the pulpit on Sunday morning, meet again at 6 pm Sunday night. Monday to Wednesday night sessions will begin at 7 pm.

In 2008 he launched Life Menders, a ministry which specializes in seminars and retreats. All the

I AM... (AFFIRM THESE VERBALLY)

A Child of God (Romans 8:16)
Redeemed from the hand of the enemy (Psalm 107:2)
Forgiven (Colossians 1:13-14)
Saved by Grace through Faith (Ephesians 3:8)
Righteous and holy (Ephesians 4:24)

Justified (just as if I never sinned) (Romans 5:1)
Sanctified (1 Corinthians 6:11)
A New Creature (2 Corinthians 5:17)
Partaker of His Divine Nature (2 Peter 1:4)
Redeemed from the curse of the Law (Galatians 3:13)



BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

- September 1 Rebecca Richards
- September 8 John Clements
- September 11 Ken Warrick
- September 12 Madisen Castro
- September 13 Erick Tabuchi
- September 14 Alexis Hager
- September 16 Rogene Clements
- September 17 Jerry Presley
- September 19 Vicki Parsons
- September 21 Karen Doran
- September 21 Saphira Hager
- September 25 Hoskins Anniversary
- September 27 Lynn Miller
- September 30 Ray Hoskins

THANK YOU

The church received the following thank you card:

Dear Branson Church of the Nazarene and NMI:

Thank you for the gift cards you blessed our family with! We have already spent some on sweaters for the girls, because inside buildings with A/C, it gets cold. Hard to imagine in Singapore, but we do carry them everywhere!

It was a pleasure to get to know your district at the NMI convention. Thank you for your prayers and support.

Blessings,
The Cole family
Molly, Luke, Isabella, Ariana

CHURCH EVENT CALENDAR

- September 2 Happy Labor Day!
- September 7 8:00 am Men's Breakfast at Davises
- 10:30 am Ladies Craft day
- September 9 7:00 pm Church Board meeting
- September 15 6:30 pm Spoken 4 Concert
- September 17 11:15 am Circle of Sisters, Pizza Ranch
- September 22 4:30 pm In-Door Picnic at Senior Center
- September 29 -
- October 2 Revival with Nathan Covington

A BIT OF HUMOR

A SIGN IN A SHOE REPAIR STORE:
We will heel you; We will save your sole.
We will even dye for you.

A SIGN ON A BLINDS AND CURTAIN TRUCK:
"Blind man driving"

ON A SEPTIC TANK TRUCK:
Yesterday's Meals on Wheels

AT AN OPTOMETRIST'S OFFICE:
"If you don't see what you're looking for,
You've come to the right place."

ON A PLUMBER'S TRUCK:
"We repair what your husband fixed."

AT A CAR DEALERSHIP:
"The best way to get back on your feet - miss a car payment."

OUTSIDE A MUFFLER SHOP:
"No appointment necessary. We hear you coming"

IN A VETERINARIAN'S WAITING ROOM:
"Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!"