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Medina Naz Newsletter

‘Measuring Success’ - *Pastor Pete Ryder*

Whatever project we tackle, we like to know what success looks like, right? We need to know when we’re done and if we’ve done a good job.

At work that might be a certain number of sales made or satisfied clients. At school it might be a paper turned in on time or an A on a test. In construction it’s a completed project. In a race it’s a finish line crossed. Depending on what we’re trying to accomplish in life, it’s nice to know when we’ve succeeded, or along the way, if we’re making progress toward the right goals.



That’s why, as part of our new Mission and Vision for Medina Naz, we’ve specified several “Measures” for success for people associated with our church. Our mission is, ***“We live to love people to life!”*** But what does that look like day to day, and how do we know if we’re making progress or if we’re even heading in the right direction? Over several Sundays this Spring, beginning on Easter, I’ll be preaching on what we believe are some great ways to measure if we’re really seeing God’s abundant life developing in our lives and in the lives of the people of our community.

We’ve actually come up with a list, questions to ask ourselves in order to evaluate if we’re making progress in our relationship with God. Once someone has made a profession of faith in Jesus and stepped into the abundant life He offers, asking these questions can help make sure we’re continuing to move in the right direction...

John 10:10b

“I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.”

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Ask Yourself:

- *Have I Met with God Today?*
- *Am I Trusting & Obeying God in Everything?*
- *Do I See Jesus in The Mirror?*
- *Who Have I Served Today?*
- *Am I Close to Someone Far from God?*

I'll be unpacking these in the sermons this spring, but this list should get you thinking about the progress you're seeing in your own relationship with God, and how you are using your influence to develop these things in the lives of others.



Feel free to copy this list, tuck it in your Bible or put it somewhere you'll see it regularly, and begin asking these questions to seek God's answers. These could lead to great discussions between spouses, or great teaching tools around the dinner table. Don't settle for

status quo in your spiritual life!

I'm excited about all of us being intentional in growing closer to Christ, and seeing how He transforms our lives, our church, and our community!

Easter at Medina Naz!



Friday, March 30 @ 7:00 p.m. - Good Friday Tenebrae Service

Sunday, April 1 @ 10:30 a.m. - Easter Worship Celebration



April is Alabaster Offering Month!

With all of the events of March, we postponed the Alabaster Offering. That gives you a few more weeks to collect your change and more to help build churches around the world. So, take a box, fill it up, and bring it in on Sunday, April 29.



Volunteer at the Medina Personal Care Pantry

Saturday, April 7 at Living Hope Church (6288 Wooster Pike). 7:30 – 9:30 a.m.
Questions? Contact Pastor Pete or Jackie Tiffe.



Deliver Food to Kids in Need



Friday, April 20 at 3:00 p.m.

Help us deliver food to kids who may not have enough to eat on weekends. If you would like to know more about this ministry opportunity in our community, email Pastor Pete today!
Ryder@medinanazarene.org

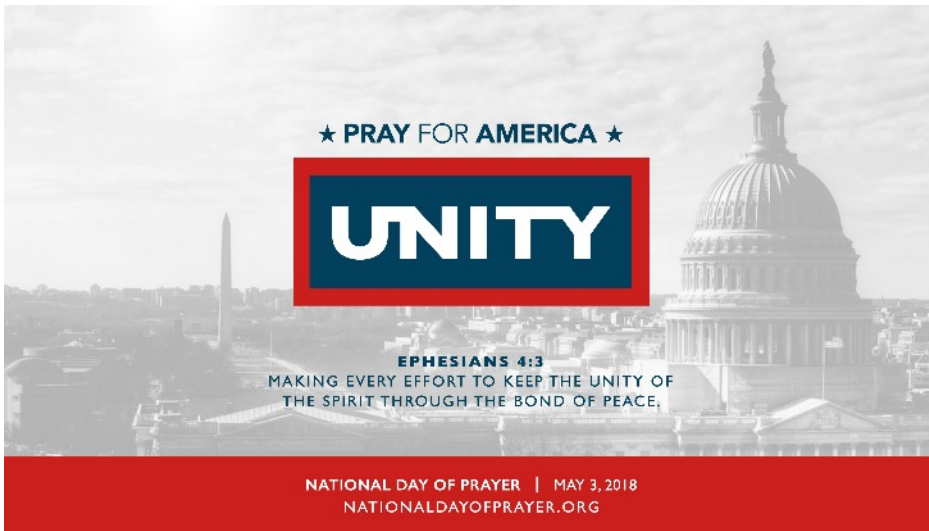
Faith Promise Sunday - May 6

Special Speaker – Rebecca Moisiso, Media Missionary
Rebecca was with us in the Fall of 2016. She's been serving in various locations since then and we're excited to get an update! Hear what God is up to through Nazarene World Missions, and partner with your church in spreading the Gospel around the globe!



Pray

- **Prayer Guides** – Available on the table in the foyer.
- **Pastor's Prayer Team** – Receive a monthly prayer letter from Pastor Pete.*
- **Prayer Chain** – Receive a call when special needs arise.*
*to sign up email: ryder@medinanazarene.org.



National Day of Prayer

Thursday, May 3

- **Mayor's Prayer Breakfast**
- 7:00 a.m. at Williams on the Lake. Cost: \$15. Speaker - Mayor Dennis Hanwell
- **Prayer on the Square - noon.** Join students from Christian schools in the area as they lead us in

prayer, music, and devotion

- **Community Service - 7:00 p.m.** Medina United church of Christ Congregational (NE corner of the Square) Join with other churches as we pray for unity in our community, our churches, our state, and our country.



Donate to the mission of the Church, above & beyond your regular offerings ...

A special offering will be received on all fifth Sundays" to help fund the ministries listed below ... but you can give anytime by designating your giving, "A&B."

- Good Samaritan Fund
- Oasis of Hope
- NCO District Outreach
- Love in the Name of Christ

Next Above & Beyond Sunday - April 29.

Summer Mission Trip 2018

June 24-29, 2018

Lower Lights Ministries in Columbus, Ohio

Cost: \$275 (before fundraising)

Fliers & Registration Forms are available at:

Medinazarene.org/ministries/outreach-ministries



Life Groups!

We believe in the power of GROUPS to help you live abundant life! Groups are listed below and meet every other week through the winter and spring. You'll learn more from God's word, develop closer relationships—leading to a closer relationship with God!



GROUP OPTIONS:

(Groups meet every other week)

Sundays @ 6:00 p.m.

Hosts: Dave & Karen

Walder

[4553 Poe Road](mailto:likealmonds@gmail.com)

likealmonds@gmail.com

Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.

Hosts: Pete & Rebecca Ryder

[4025 E. Smith Rd.](mailto:Ryder@medinanazarene.org)

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Medinanazarene.org/ministry/groups

RightNow Media

Your church believes in you, and connecting you with great resources to help you GROW closer to God! That's why we provide you with "RightNow Media." It's an online resource that links you up with video lessons taught by great Christian teachers and leaders on a variety of topics.

Need help with your finances? There's a whole section to guide you. Want to work on your marriage? That's there too. There are great



studies for teens too, and a whole channel dedicated to amazing videos for kids!

If you haven't checked out RightNow Media yet, send a quick email to Pastor Pete at ryder@medinanazarene.org, requesting an invitation. Or if you have an account but haven't used it in awhile, get back on there at www.rightnowmedia.org. It's your customizable, online Christian resource library!

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April 2018

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1 EASTER SUNDAY Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.	2	3	4 Youth Group, 7:02 p.m.	5 Ladies Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.	6 David D. BD	7 Personal Care Pantry, 7:30 a.m. David & Jackie T. Anniv. Fred & Nancy W. Anniv.
8 Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.	9	10	11 Youth Group, 7:02 p.m.	12 Ladies Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.	13	14
15 Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Vision Team Mtg., Noon	16	17	18 Youth Group, 7:02 p.m.	19 Ladies Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.	20 Food Delivery, 3:00 p.m.	21
22 Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service, 10:30 a.m.	23 David A. BD	24 Church Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	25 Youth Group, 7:02 p.m.	26 Ladies Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.	27	28
29 Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Worship Service, 10:30 a.m. Alyssa Y. BD	30					

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