



MAY 2018

Medina Naz Newsletter

‘Better, Stronger, Greater’ - *Pastor Pete Ryder*

Have you ever had an experience where you felt like things were going great, that it couldn't get any better...and then it did!? At first you may have been disappointed that things were changing, but then you realized that it was for the best. I think we see that play out with certain milestones in our lives: babies learning to roll over, or crawl, or walk; moving on from elementary school to middle school, or middle school to high school; graduating from high school or college... Things are going great - that's why we cry at most of those



events and milestones, but those transitions are necessary because there's potential for something even better around the corner.

I think the Jesus' disciples must have been going through some of those same emotions leading up to the day of Pentecost after Jesus' death and resurrection.

The Jewish people had been celebrating Pentecost, part of the 'Feast of Weeks', every year since they had been wanderers in the desert. God established it as one of the feasts that would commemorate His work in their lives, coming 50 days after Passover

(*'pente-' means 50*). They gathered and celebrated the first harvest, God's blessings.

The Feast of Weeks that came 50 days after Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection started out the same, but became a significant turning point in Christian History. Jesus had risen from the dead and then spent a month and a half (*40 days - Acts 1:3*) spending time with His followers, convincing them that He was indeed live, and teaching them about the kingdom of God. What amazing days those must have been for the disciples!

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Jesus, their Master and Savior had overcome death itself! They had to think that this was it - the fall of the Roman empire was near and Jesus was going to take charge (*Acts 1:6*)! But instead, Jesus told them to wait...for something even better, even stronger, even greater than having Him there with them. They were supposed to wait on the Holy Spirit.

Earlier Jesus had told them that the Holy Spirit was coming. In John 14, 15, and 16 Jesus had explained to the disciples that it would actually be better for them once He left. Instead of Jesus being with them, confined to one place and time, the Holy Spirit would bring indwelling power and guidance for each of them all at once! He said the Holy Spirit would guide them into

truth, and that they would do even greater works than Jesus, Himself, had done because the Spirit would be empowering them.

So 10 days before Pentecost that year, Jesus told them to wait. He said that if they waited they would receive power when the Holy Spirit came - power that would point people to Jesus. Then He ascended into heaven, and Jesus' followers started to wait. They stayed together, praying and waiting.

I don't know if they were patient in their waiting or not. I probably wouldn't have been. 10 days is a long time. But Acts 2 tells us that in the morning on the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit came over them, giving them extraordinary power to supernaturally witness about Jesus and resulting in over 3,000

people deciding to follow Jesus! What Jesus promised had come true...The Holy Spirit came with power, and it was better, stronger, and greater for those disciples than anything they had ever experienced before!

Pentecost falls on May 20th this year, so on the last three Sundays of May, we'll be looking at what the Bible says about the Holy Spirit, how He works, and what just might be possible in *our* lives if we wait for Him to come over us with power so *we* can point people to Jesus! Join us in May for "Better. Stronger. Greater."



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.

Faith Promise Sunday - May 6

Special Speaker - Rebecca Moisio, 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!



THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

MAY 3, 2018

★ PRAY FOR AMERICA ★

UNITY

EPHESIANS 4:3
MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO KEEP THE UNITY
OF THE SPIRIT THROUGH THE BOND OF PEACE.

#PRAY4UNITY



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.

Church Annual Report & Elections

Sunday, May 20

Receive a report of where Medina Naz has been and where we're headed as we wind down the church fiscal year. Also, all active church members are invited to cast their ballot of support for the new church leaders and delegates.

Volunteer at the Medina Personal Care Pantry

Saturday, May 5 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, May 18 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



A huge Thank You to everyone who helped make our "Welcome Project" a success! We have new carpet in the foyer and hall, and a whole new experience at Cafe Naz with tile, tables, and more! Other new signs have appeared, and furniture is on its way very soon.

Thanks to all who donated funds, materials, time, and expertise in order to make our church more welcoming to guests!

Catching Up on Missions Giving

Every year we support the World Evangelism Fund of the Church of the Nazarene, primarily through your "Faith Promise" giving. This year we are about \$2000 behind and have just a few weeks left to get our funds in before the end of our fiscal year. Would you consider making a donation to help us catch up and pay our



fair share for the World Evangelism Fund? Maybe you can catch up on your Faith Promise, or maybe you weren't able to make a Faith Promise but can give a 1-time gift.

Thank you in advance for your support of the World-wide Mission of the Church of the Nazarene!

Summer Camps!

Our Nazarene North Central Ohio District hosts some great summer camps for kids & teens each summer. Here's the info... Flyers and forms are available at the kiosk in the church of foyer or online at www.ncodistrict.org.



TEEN CAMP

(for students who have completed 7th - 12th grades)

June 18-22, 2018

Cost:

\$185 (B4 May 18th)

\$200 (B4 June 1st)

\$210 (B4 June 10th)

PRIMARY CAMP

(for students who have completed 1st - 3rd grades)

July 28-31, 2018

Cost:

\$140 (B4 July 18th)

\$165 (After July 18th)

PRETEEN CAMP

(for students who have completed 4th - 6th grades)

Cost:

\$160 (B4 July 1st)

\$170 (B4 July 11th)

\$195 (After July 11th)

(for students who have completed 4th - 6th grades)

Cost:

\$160 (B4 July 1st)

\$170 (B4 July 11th)

\$195 (After July 11th)

Summer Mission Trip 2018

Our trip to Lower Lights Ministries in Columbus, Ohio is right around the corner—**June 24-29!** Please be praying for our 9 team members from Medina Naz, that they will not only share God's love but be impacted by this experience too! And it's not too late to donate to offset the expenses of the trip. Just mark your gifts "Mission Trip!" Thanks!



Love INC Golf Outing



June 23rd at Bunker Hill Golf Course

Cost: \$85 per golfer – Includes 18 holes, steak dinner & supports the ministry of Love INC!



Love INC

Contact Pastor Pete to sign up to represent Medina Naz!

Life Groups!

We believe in the power of GROUPS to help you live abundant LIFE! We currently have 2 groups that meet regularly, in addition to all of our Sunday School classes on Sunday mornings. Details are listed below and meet every other week. You'll learn more from God's Word, develop closer relationships—leading to a closer relationship with God! Groups are both currently



studying themes from the Sunday morning sermons.

GROUP OPTIONS:

Sundays @ 6:00 p.m.

Hosts: Dave & Karen Walder

[4553 Poe Road
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Wednesdays @ 7:00 p.m.

Hosts: Pete & Rebecca Ryder
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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!

May 2018

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3 National Day of Prayer	4	5 Personal Care Pantry, 7:30 am
6 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Faith Promise Sunday	7	8 ELECTION DAY	9 Pete R. BD Youth Group 7:02 pm	10	11	12
13 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am MOTHERS DAY Nikki C. BD	14 Ministry Leaders Meeting, 6:30 pm	15 Alyssa E. BD	16 Youth Group 7:02 pm	17	18 Food Delivery, 3:00 pm	19 Kim N. BD
20 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Annual Report & Elections	21	22 Fred W. BD	23 Toni A. BD Dave & Phyllis T - Anniv Youth Group 7:02 pm	24 Louise D., Beverly T., Shirley G. BD	25 Teresa M. BD	26
27 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am	28 Memorial Day	29	30 Bridget C BD Youth Group 7:02 pm	31		

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