

February news



The Value of the Locker Room

We joined a gym.

In an effort to have more space in our house, we decided to do away with the bulky treadmill and purchased the family membership to the YMCA. For a couple of weeks now, I've been getting up before dawn, driving to the gym, and doing 30 minutes of some kind of exercise. I have tried out the walking track, the treadmill and the elliptical (which, by the way, took me 4 days to figure out how to turn on).

I'm not a dainty exerciser - lots of sweat. So next I head to the locker room to shower and get ready for work, then I'm in the office by 8AM. Honestly, it's been great! I have more energy, I'm getting to work earlier so then I'm able to leave earlier, adding more time to my evening. It's a win all around.

While watching people from the treadmill, I noticed most of them are "regulars." When they come in, they do the nod to some of the others and might address them by name. A couple of times I've heard them ask someone else where they were yesterday. They were missed. On the way out, it seems customary for the guys to fist-bump the desk attendant.

I hope to one day be those people.

In the locker room, it's different. There's more. Women are chatting, people are genuinely smiling at me as they pass. Lots of "Hello!" and "How are you?" One lady loaning a hairdryer to another. A compliment on my sweater.

The workout room is busy and active. The locker room is more intimate and vulnerable. Different experiences, both valuable.

It made me think of our church family.

Sunday services are fantastic, and so important. We are worshipping, learning, and gathering. Vital to our growth in our relationships with Jesus.

Thrive groups, Discipleship Classes, men's prayer breakfasts, ladies' ministry . . . these are our locker room experiences. This is where we connect. We can get further than genuine greetings and have deeper conversations. We can share life. We discuss needs we wouldn't have shared in a larger group. We can build deeper friendships and the conversations we have bond us.

The Disciples are a great example of this in Scripture. This small group spent so much time together and the experiences they had were shared. Early on they were learning together about who Jesus was. They had times of doubt. In Mark 6:7 they had to divide in pairs (always my fear in a group) and follow instructions and watch God work through them. They experienced failure and disappointment together as they tried, without success, to heal a boy in Matthew 17, when Jesus talks them through it and shows them how. By the time Jesus went back to heaven, the disciples had grown and matured in their faith together, and were bold leaders sharing the Good News in the book of Acts.

These close relationships are so valuable. I can verify that it's worth it. I have been part of a Thrive group for some time now, and it is priceless to me. If you aren't part of some smaller group in our church, please consider trying one out. I'd be happy to talk to you about it!

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another..." Hebrews 10:24-25

- Jennifer Chapman



Membership Class

Church of the Nazarene

Learn more about our story, our denomination and membership...

3 Classes:

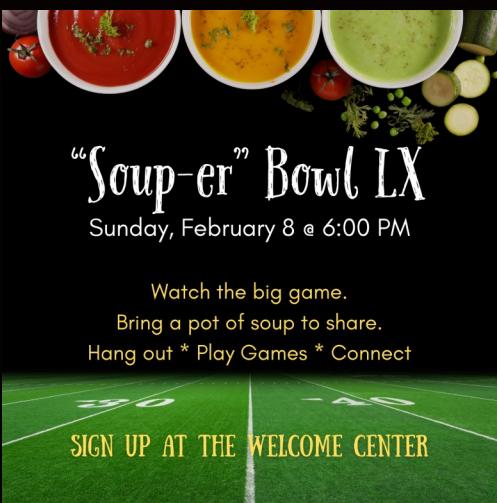
Sunday, February 8 - 9:30 AM
Sunday, February 15 - 9:30 AM
Sunday, February 22 - 9:30 AM

Register Now

Attendance does not commit you to membership.



Meeting in the Ministry Center



"Soup-er" Bowl LX

Sunday, February 8 @ 6:00 PM

Watch the big game.

Bring a pot of soup to share.
Hang out * Play Games * Connect

SIGN UP AT THE WELCOME CENTER

Galentine's Day

Join us for a fun night of food and friendship.

Sign up at the Welcome Center

Friday, February 13th

6:00 PM

Rio Grande (by Kroger on 5th Ave)

Good food. Great company.

We are thankful to gather again in fellowship.
For this event, meals will be available for individual purchase.



Second Saturday Prayer

February 14th
9:00 AM



PRAISE & TESTIMONY

February 8th at 5:00 PM



WIDOW'S LUNCHEON

FEBRUARY 21
12:00 PM



WIN-A-COUPLE CLASS DINNER

February 14th at 4:00 PM



CELEBRATIONS

Birthdays

2 Kaleb Angle	12 Jacob Simpkins	19 Debra Collins
6 Steven Deal	13 Chase Callihan	Britney Absher
7 Keith McSweeney	14 Brayden Christian	20 Jackson Day
Leigh Ann Simpkins	15 Hannah Knapp	21 Hannah Lanz
8 Aaron Rorabaugh	16 Brian Louden	Enola Beckett
10 Joshua Pannell	17 Connie Fizer	24 Ivan Thomas

Anniversaries

4 Marc & Teresa Price
9 Frank & Karen Boggess
11 (Bill)* & Nancy Hammond
12 Jerry & Katrina Zornes
25 Joe & Sherri Gillerlain

*(*We remember)*

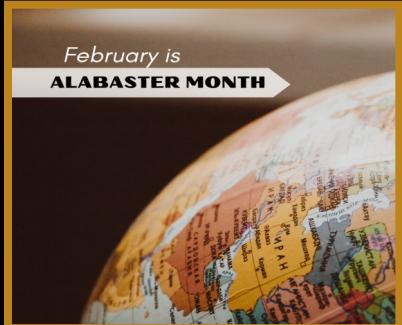
If your special day isn't listed, it's because we don't know it.
Please call or email the office so we can celebrate with you.



FEBRUARY PANTRY POUNDING



February Collection Item



February is
ALABASTER MONTH

Coming
Soon!



Saturday, March 7
5:00 PM - 7:00 PM



February 2026

All Church, HF Kids, HF Youth, HF Women's Min, Thrive

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 THRIVE- Rorabaugh Group	2	3 Prayer Shawl THRIVE-Young Adult	4 Wed. Night Activities @ 6 PM Women's Bible Study	5	6	7
8 Praise & Testimony "Soup-er" Bowl	9	10 THRIVE-Rick's THRIVE- Men's & Women's THRIVE-Young Adults	11 Wed. Night Activities @ 6 PM Women's Bible Study	12 THRIVE- Married Group	13 Women's Galentine's Day Dinner	14 2nd Saturday Prayer Win-A-Couple Class Dinner
15 NDI Meeting	16	17 Prayer Shawl THRIVE-Young Adult	18 Wed. Night Activities @ 6 PM Women's Bible Study	19	20	21 WIDOW'S LUNCHEON
22 Leadership Team Meeting	23	24 THRIVE-Rick's THRIVE- Men's & Women's THRIVE-Young Adults	25 Wed. Night Activities @ 6 PM Women's Bible Study	26 THRIVE- Married Group	27	28
					District Holiness Summit 4.0	

Connect.Thrive.Serve.

"Our vision at HF is to be a church that is CONNECTING with Christ and people, THRIVING in Christ and God's Word and SERVING Christ and others."

CONNECTING:

Ministry Center: (Gathering Room) Phase One renovations are getting closer to completion. The holidays and weather have set us back a little bit, but some decor has been added, a television mounted, and the countertop, sink, ice maker and baseboards will be installed soon. As soon as those things are accomplished, we will announce an Open House for you to come check it all out!
*P/S You're welcome to peak-in any time.

Still Waters Coffee Co.: We're excited to continue moving forward with the opportunity we have to share this space with Still Waters Coffee Co., and your Leadership Team is diligently working through the legal agreement to make that happen. Still Waters, as you know, is very much ministry-minded so we are really looking forward to partnering with them to reach the Highlawn Community.

First Impressions and Bridge Team: Our Stewards have been working hard on keeping us *connected* with new visitors we're seeing weekly. Nathan Miller passed along some very encouraging information last week that I'd love to share with you. In the past 6 weeks we have had 26 people escalate from "visitor" status to "regular attendee"! That's exciting! Thank you for being so welcoming!

Also, remember to get the Church Center app to stay connected with everything happening at HF (Directory, updated calendar, events and online giving) – Be looking for a personal gifts assessment & Sermon notes coming to the app soon.

In addition, Hannah Miller has created an updated (after 15 yrs.) HF logo with a focus on *Connecting* our generations. We're excited to have continuity throughout our ministries with it as well.

THRIVING:

Compassionate Ministries: Benevolence Fund: There is a special fund set-up for our Church Members/regular attenders who sometimes find themselves in financial need. You can give specifically to this (*offering*) in any form that you normally give.

SERVING:

There are plenty of serving opportunities available in each church ministry. Please check out the "SERVE" tab in the Church Center app to see what fits you best. Here are two big needs:

Van Coordinator/Rider/Driver: Vital to the Outreach Ministry of HF, we pick up children, teenagers and adults weekly, that would not otherwise be able to be here. We still need someone with a heart for reaching everybody we can with the Gospel, that would be willing to schedule riders and drivers as well as recruit new ones. And we greatly need those drivers and riders. Please contact Pastor Marc if you can serve here. *There are rotation options now for Wednesday evenings and Sunday mornings if you are able to serve as a van rider or driver.

HF Youth: Our youth are our greatest resource for the future of ministry here at HFCN.

Please consider investing in them by volunteering. You are needed and there are several opportunities available. Please contact Pastor Trevor if you're able to serve.

ADDITIONAL:

Youth Pastor Search: Your Leadership Team spent time in prayer, thought, and discussion about the prospect of hiring a full-time Youth Pastor, and the decision was made to move forward in the search. We currently have the means to cover the first year but beyond that will be faith. As Believers, we should understand that God never calls us to something He won't make happen. I believe *that* faith, is where you and I come in. First by committing to pray and second, by committing to faithfully give regular tithes and offerings.

Although the needs of the church go on and are covered, some of you haven't been in the regular habit of tithing. That alone, if we're all faithful to it, will easily allow hiring a Youth Pastor. Some of you *are* faithfully tithing, & God might put it on your heart to give over that as a special offering for our youth. If every member or person calling HF home, tithed regularly... we'd absolutely thrive! I believe we have Spiritual momentum here and I also believe... God blesses that, when we're faithful. So, I'm just gonna ask you to be faithful, & trust God!

If you have further questions about anything shared here, *ask* me, a Pastoral staff member or a Leadership Team member. Until we see each other again, let's all go and be light in a dark world!

In Jesus,

Pastor Marc