

Perry Church of the Nazarene

news

April 2019



Go and Baptize

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, - Mat 28:19 NIV

This water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also--not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand--with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him. - 1Pe

Baptism does not appear in the Old Testament, but the allusions are found throughout. Being saved by going through water is a common theme. In this passage, Peter makes a connection to Noah's family being saved through the water in an ark. We could also cite Moses being saved in his own ark in the Nile. The children of Israel were saved from Pharaoh's army by going through the Red Sea. Forty years later, they cross the Jordan river to enter the Promised Land. A foreign general, Naaman, was cleansed of leprosy when Elisha told him to immerse himself in the waters of the Jordan. So in the Old Testament, we see that going through water brings salvation, denotes a transition and brings healing.

In the New Testament, Jesus said "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit." - Jhn 3:5 NIV Entering the Kingdom of God is not a physical journey, but a spiritual rebirth. To enter this world, we must be born. To enter the Kingdom of God we must be reborn. Jesus said this birth is of water and the Spirit. The implication seems to be that baptism, this physical act, is an important part of our spiritual rebirth. The Apostle Paul connects baptism to Christ's death and resurrection. Under the water we die to self and emerge united with the resurrected Christ.

Jesus calls us to "baptize" people of all nations in the

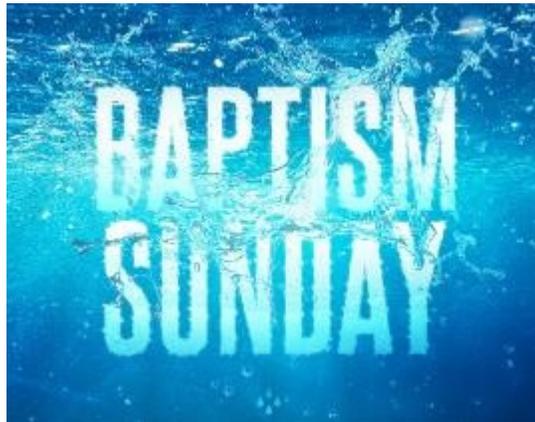
name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. When Jesus was baptized, the Father spoke and the Spirit descended upon the Son. When we put our faith in Christ and follow Jesus' example by getting into the baptismal waters, we stand alongside Jesus in the water, while the Father speaks his words of love and the Holy Spirit descends on us. It is a holy moment in our lives. When Martin Luther was tempted to

despair and believe his soul was lost, he would combat such feelings by saying aloud, "but I have been baptized," as a reminder of what God had already done in him. Only God saves, but baptism is an outward sign of what has happened to us. And in baptism, God pours out his Holy Spirit on us.

On April 28th, following the second service, around noon, we will baptize believers. If you believe in Christ and have not been baptized, remember that baptism is not a suggestion. Christ calls us to baptism. God wants to embrace

you. Through the water and the Spirit, He will cleanse, redeem, and restore. Like crossing the Jordan, baptism becomes a point of transition. Before, we lived life by our own agenda. Now, we have died with Christ, buried in the baptismal waters. When we emerge through the water, we are new. We no longer live by the old rules and resources. We are now immersed in Christ and His Spirit. We've crossed over and entered the Kingdom of God.

Pastor Tim



April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Upward Flag Football Games
7 Relationship Enrichment Class Starts	8	9	10 Men's & Women's Bible Study Teens & Children	11	12 Teen Spring Retreat	13 Upward Flag Football Games Teen Spring Retreat
14	15 VBS Meeting	16	17 Men's & Women's Bible Study Teens & Children	18	19 Community Good Friday Service	20 Men's Breakfast Upward Flag Football Games
21 EASTER	22	23	24 Men's & Women's Bible Study Teens & Children	25	26 Teens: Right at Home	27 Upward Flag Football Games
28 BAPTISM	29	30 PrimeTime Luncheon				

Upcoming Classes and Activities

Men's Breakfast

April 20 at 8am

All men are invited to join in Heritage Hall for good food, great fellowship and relevant teaching.

PrimeTime Luncheon

April 30 at 12pm

PrimeTime is for anyone 55 years old and over, who enjoys fun and fellowship. Bring a dish to pass and enjoy this month's entertainment.

PCNConnect: Our Online Directory

Have you logged into PCNConnect, our online directory, yet? Have you uploaded a picture of yourself? If not, call Stacy Smith in the church office to receive a username and password; learn how to use the directory; and look up your giving statements.

Community Good Friday Service

Friday, April 19 at 7pm in Sanctuary

Join us for a community Tenebrae Service on Good Friday at our church. This Holy Week devotion follows the story of Jesus from his last supper with the disciples through his last words on the cross.



Easter Worship & Breakfast

Sunday, April 21

Celebrate Easter in community as we gather for worship and breakfast. Worship services on Easter Sunday, April 21st, are available at either 9:00 or 11:00am with children's worship offered at both services. Easter breakfast will be served in Heritage Hall from 10:00am-10:45am. All Sunday School classes are cancelled that day.

Baptism

Sunday, April 28

We will have a baptism service on Sunday, April 28th. Anyone interested in learning more about baptism or in being baptized should plan to attend one of the following classes or contact the class leader for more information.

- Adult classes will be taught by Pastor Tim on April 10 & 17 at 7pm in the fellowship hall.
- Children's classes will be taught by Sarah Bawks at 10am on Sunday, March 24th, April 7th, and April 14th. Parents are welcome to attend.
- Teen classes will be taught by Pastor Aaron and scheduled individually as needed.

Egg Hunt Donations & Volunteers

We are gratefully accepting donations of individually wrapped candy through Wednesday, April 17th for our Easter Egg Hunt. Thank you for your generosity and your help with this outreach. Thank you to the volunteers who have offered to help with the groups of kids and hand out the booklet explaining why we celebrate Easter. If you'd like to volunteer this day, please contact Sarah Bawks.

Relationship Enrichment Classes

Sundays from 9-11am

A multi-week small group class led by Kent and Karen Strachan will take place on Sunday mornings at 9am beginning March 31. Utilizing Dr. Emerson Eggerichs *Love and Respect Building Blocks* small group DVD study, the class will explore key principles that create "Ah Ha" moments and bring fresh insight into your relationships—whether married or single. The end of the class will wrap up with an exploration of how these love and respect principles apply to families so that cycles of family conflict can be broken and replaced with a healthy, energizing rhythm. Whether married or single everyone will benefit from this small group study and is welcome to attend.

Inside Out Children's Ministries

Easter Egg Stuffing

We'll stuff Easter eggs on Wednesday, April 17th at 8pm in rooms 202 and 203. Please let Sarah Bawks or Cathie Hilts now if you'd like to help. All are welcome.



VBS-on-the-Go Meeting

Monday, April 15 from 6-7pm

We are looking forward to a new possibility of taking VBS-on-the-Go to areas in the community during the summer. If you are interested in helping with preparations for this ministry, taking part in the ministry, leading an area during the VBS or simply want to know what this is, please join us at our start up information meeting on April 15th.

Easter Family Packets

Family Devotional Packets will be sent home on Palm Sunday, April 14th. These packets will help families walk through the Easter experience from Palm Sunday through the Resurrection. All supplies and Scripture readings will be included in the packet. We pray you and your families draw closer together as you experience Easter together!

Real Life Student Ministries

Spring Retreat 2019: Up Close and Personal April 12-14

We will gather here at our church for our Spring retreat. There will be testimonies at each service and we will be encouraging small groups to share their stories with each other. *Sail the Ship* from ONU will be with us to lead worship. We'll house guys and girls in separate quarters on Friday night and then each teen will head home on Saturday night. If you can't come for all of it, you can come on just the days/times you are able. Cost is \$35 which includes food, lodging, a t-shirt, and all activities. Money and registrations are due by April 10. Contact Pastor Aaron to register.



Right at Home

April 26 from 7-10pm

Teens will meet at the Mergos home (11131 Garrett Dr, Fowlerville, MI) from 7-10pm. They have a swimming, fishing, kayaking pond (weather and daylight permitting). Also a bon fire and space to play games and just hang out. Invite a friend, bring a snack and join us for a night of fun, games, and fellowship. Contact Pastor Aaron if you need a ride.

Each Week in April

Sunday morning

- 9:00 Early Worship
- 10:00 Discipleship Classes (all ages)
- 11:00 Morning Worship
Children's Worship

Wednesday evening

- 6:30 Children's Quizzing
- 7:00 Men's Bible Study
Women's Bible Study
Real Life Student Ministries
Children's Caravan
Benson Buddies

Paid nursery staff is available during all service times.



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Mission Statement:
 We exist to lead as many as possible to
 become devoted followers of Jesus Christ.