

# Good News from Fly

## Welcome to the Fly Newsletter!

### *John Wesley's Rule for Christian Living...*

Do All the Good You Can,  
By All the Means You Can,  
In All the Ways You Can,  
In All the Places You Can,  
At All the Times You Can,  
To All the People You Can,  
As Long as Ever You Can!

It is a wonderful time! Spring is in the air. The blessed season of Holy Week and Easter is around the corner. Growth is happening, both in individual lives and in our church as a whole.

With so much going on, we are seeking new ways to keep everyone informed and up to date regarding happenings in church life. Our prayer is that this monthly newsletter will serve as a means of communication that you find beneficial.

To that end, we need your help. If you have ideas or

suggestions, please share them. We suspect it will take a few months to figure out

the best format for this newsletter. As you read over these pages each

month, let us know how it is helpful to you. What do you like about it? What might make it better?

In addition to being a source of information, we hope this newsletter will serve as a ministry tool as well. From time to time we'll include devotionals, editorials from the pas-

toral staff, and resources that you can use in your spiritual walk.

In this issue you'll find information about services for the Easter season, ministries and projects that are in the works, and events coming up this summer.

A reminder that the first Sunday in April is a special day. Not only will we be celebrating Palm Sunday but it's also Membership Sunday. If you are interested in becoming a member of Fly Church of the Nazarene please speak to James or Michelle.

Now, sit back, have a cup of coffee (or tea!) and enjoy the *Good News from Fly*.



Things are happening at Fly Nazarene!

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## Building Project in the Works

We're in the initial planning stages of a building project at Fly. Among the items for consideration are a new fellowship hall, extending the sanctuary, and remodeling for new class and meeting room space.

Much positive consensus has been developed in previous board meetings as ideas have been discussed. At the writing of this newsletter, we begin to move forward in consultation with an architect.

Keep all aspects of this project in your prayers. Planning, fund raising, implementation, and ongoing discussion—there is much opportunity for God to be at work among and through us during this exciting time.

# Holy Week—Celebrating the Transition From Darkness to Light

-an editorial from Pastor Michelle

The final week of Lent is a time to remember and reflect upon the Passion of Christ. It has at times struck me as a curious term to use for such a period in the life of our Lord. We tend to associate *passion* with only the most positive of feelings. What does that have to do with suffering and death? But it is good to recall that *passion* implies intense or compelling emotion.

That certainly applies to the motivation of Jesus, who willingly came into our world in order to fix what we had so thoroughly broken—our relationship with the Creator.

As we approach the events of Holy Week, I encourage you to view them

through fresh eyes. Consider what the Father has lavished upon you.

In gratitude, invite the Spirit to ignite a holy passion in your heart and life.

Palm Sunday celebrates Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Remember that he came to die.

Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper, Judas' betrayal, and Jesus' suffering in the Garden of Gethsemane. Remember that as



*But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. -Romans 5:8*

he was obedient to the Father, so he calls us to obedience in love.

Good Friday and Holy Saturday call us to remember that Christ was wrongfully tried and condemned to a brutal, horrid death. It is no wonder we mark these days with black, the color of mourning.

But thanks be to God, Easter morning comes! Death and sin have been defeated by Christ. And in him, we can claim victory.

You can learn more about Holy Week, or other periods of the Christian Calendar, at *The Voice*: [www.crvoice.org](http://www.crvoice.org)

## Holy Week Services

Various services are scheduled at Fly and in the community during Holy week. Join us in worship.

- ◆ April 5, Palm Sunday—regular services at Fly. We'll take in new members this day. Stay for our annual fish fry lunch.
- ◆ Palm Sunday on the Santa Fe Square community service at 2:30 p.m. Bring a lawn chair.
- ◆ April 9, Maundy Thursday—Tenebrae (service of shadows) with candlelight, scripture reading, and Communion. Fly Nazarene at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ April 12, Easter Sunday—regular services at Fly. Join us in a pot-luck lunch afterward. There will also be an egg hunt for the kids!

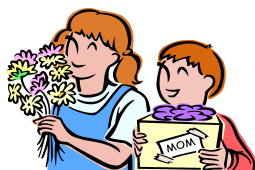
## Go On Line

Have you seen our website? You can always drop in for the latest news, information, and updates about what's going on in the life of Fly Church of the Nazarene.

[www.flychurch.org](http://www.flychurch.org)

## Mother's Day / Children's Day is May 10th

May 10th is an important day in the life of Fly Church that you won't want to miss. We'll celebrate mothers, be blessed in worship with a special program from our children, share lunch and spend the afternoon together in fellowship. This is also the acknowledged home-



*"I remember my mother's prayers and they have always followed me." -Abraham Lincoln*

coming date for Fly, so many guests will be in attendance.

Children of all ages are encouraged to participate in our program. Songs, scripture readings, or memorized

speeches are welcome. Resource materials are available at the church. You can also contact Ms. Michelle for assistance or additional details.

There is no Sunday school scheduled this date. Service begins at 11:00 a.m.

# Youth Ministry Night at Fly! Kick-off Event on April 19th!

We're looking forward to starting a new youth ministry event at Fly. The 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sunday nights of the month youth in grades 6-12 are invited to gather for a time of food, fellowship and faith.

Meetings will be 5:30-7:30 p.m. and hosted at Fly Nazarene. But we are encouraging participation among youth in the Santa Fe community through our sister Nazarene churches and other denominations. So invite your friends!

Pastor David Dhanarajan, who serves on staff at Mt. Wesley Nazarene, will lead services. David has been doing a wonderful job in faith-



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Calling our generation to a dynamic life in Christ.

ful service to our youth through the Wednesday night bible study that meets at Mt. Wesley. We are praying that God will use this additional opportunity at Fly to bless our teens and transform their lives.

The ministry kicks off on April 19th. We hope your teens will plan

to attend. If you have questions please contact James or Michelle. You may also contact David Dhana- rajan at 682-2796.

On a related note, you may recall that several of our youth partici- pated in a special service at Mt. Wesley in the past. This service was conducted by those who attend the Wednesday night bible study and they have expressed interest in doing the same thing at Fly. De- tails are still being finalized, but at present we anticipate this special youth-led service taking place at Fly on April 26th.

## Summer Fun—Don't Miss Out

Summer presents many ministry opportunities. Listed here are dates of which you'll want to make note. Check your church bulletin each Sunday for additional details about these events as they become avail- able. Information and registration forms will also be available via the church website.

- ◆ District Teen Camp (grade 7-12) at Trevecca Nazarene University June 1-5
- ◆ Biker Sunday at Fly June 7
- ◆ District Camp Meeting at Garner Creek Campground June 9-14
- ◆ District Middler Camp (grade 3-4) at Garner Creek Campground June 15-19
- ◆ VBS at Fly June 22-26
- ◆ District Conventions and Assem- bly July 8-10
- ◆ District Primary Camp (grade 1-2) at Garner Creek Campground July 13-16
- ◆ District Preteen Camp (grade 5-6) at Garner Creek Campground July 20-24

## Prayer Closet

Please remember these items in your prayers:

- ⇒ Church building program
- ⇒ Holy week services
- ⇒ New youth ministry endeavors
- ⇒ Mother's Day / Children's Day

- ⇒ Summer camps & camp meeting
- ⇒ VBS
- ⇒ Safety for those traveling during spring break
- ⇒ General Assembly & conventions in Orlando, FL June 24-July 3



- ⇒ Michelle will be speaking in a re- vival at Erin Church of the Naza- rene on Sat., April 25, 6:30 p.m.

*If you have a request you'd like listed in the monthly newsletter, please commu- nicate it to Michelle.*

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**SERVICE TIMES**

Sunday School—10:00 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Worship—11:00 a.m.  
Youth Night—1st, 3rd, & 5th Sundays of the month, 5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Wednesday Bible Study at Mt. Wesley Nazarene—7:00 p.m.

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Assoc Pastor - Michelle Lunsford

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5 –Fish Fry & Membership Sunday -Palm Sun on Santa Fe Square 2:30 p.m.	6 –John Troy birthday	7	8 –Mike & Danielle-Taylor anniversary -Jordan, Jonathan, & Joshua Mitchell b-day	9 –Maundy Thursday Tenebrae service 7:00 p.m.	10 Good Friday	11
12 –Easter: pot-luck lunch, egg hunt for kids after morning worship	13	14 –Dina Dallas birthday	15 –tax day	16 –Ron Haman birthday	17 –Benefit for Shirley & Kenneth Thompson 6:30 p.m. at Goshen Methodist	18
19 –board mtg -Youth Night Kick-off Service! 5:30-7:30 p.m.	20	21 –Geri Haman birthday	22	23 –Randy & Salene Walters anniversary	24	25 –SF Vol for Christ breakfast and trash pick-up 7:30 a.m. at SF United
26 –youth led morning worship service	27	28	29	30		<i>Looking ahead to May</i> 3 - church elections 10 - Children's Day 31 - church year ends