

# NAZ NEWZ

Hallwood Community Church of The Nazarene Newsletter

An "I LOVE YOU" Church

April 2016

## Notes from The Pastor's Desk:

LET LOVE BE YOUR HIGHEST GOAL

Over the past couple of months we've been looking at the three key words in our mission statement. We already looked at Faith and Hope, and the close relationship between the two. It's hard to have one without the other. This month we focus on our final key word – LOVE! Love is at the core of who we are as a people radically changed by God's redeeming Love. Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 14:1, "Let Love be your highest goal." That's a powerful statement. Is Love really your highest goal in everyday life? If so, what's the evidence of that? How can other people see that your primary motivation in life is loving God with all you are and loving others as yourself?

Honestly few people do this well. Few people have Love as their highest goal. It may be one of our goals and aspirations, but it's not our highest. The true secret to becoming a person with Love as their highest goal is to first die to our selfish nature and truly desire the things of God. To Love the things God Loves! This is a life-long journey and process of transformation for us, but we can see immediate and powerful results just by simply committing to the journey.

I rejoice in the thought of our Church truly becoming an "I Love You" Church. But this will only happen as each of us embraces an "I Love You" lifestyle and we make Love our highest goal. As your Pastor, I'm encouraged by the routine acts of Love I see and hear about from you. Unprovoked service projects, helping neighbors and meeting needs, selfless giving of our time, talents, and resources, outreach in our community, and the constant support for each other through prayer and genuine concern.

Being an "I Love You" Church must be more than a motto. It has to be the highest goal for every member. But remember – this is a Team effort! So, as the writer of Hebrews says, let us "Think of ways to encourage one another to outbursts of love and good deeds." Hebrews 10:24

Pastor Stacey



An "I Love You" Church taking new life into a hurting world!

## *Our Mission:*

*Sharing Faith,  
Hope, and the  
Love of God  
with the world  
around us.*

See:

*1 Corinthians 13:13*

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Jimmy and Wendy Weaver

## Member Spotlight: Jimmy and Wendy Weaver

Jimmy & Wendy met each other when he was 15, she was 14. She stole his hat and teased him about his hat hair so he decided she was too much work. After being friends for another 24 years, he decided maybe she was worth another try!

Jimmy Weaver has been working at ABB TotalFlow for 4 yrs doing the job of Senior Field Services Technician. Wendy works for the State of California for 1-1/2 yrs. as a Senior Project Manager.

Jimmy found God as a child listening to his grandfather give sermons in his tiny church while he pretended to be sleep on the church pews. He would listen to the Word being delivered but was far too young to understand what was being said. Eventually those memories would lead him to a personal relationship with Jesus!

She found God as a 22 year old woman after God put her in the presence of a Christian at work who was bold enough to live her faith every day. It was during a praise and worship concert with her coworker that the Holy Spirit drew her in to more than just the music!

### How they have fun!

Jimmy's personal hobbies include gardening, gold panning and trying new nerdy things. Wendy enjoys music, reading and hanging out with hubs! Together they enjoy hiking, motor cycles and classic cars.

### The rest of the family

Their family consists of a 28 yr. old daughter, Katie, a 25 yr. old son, Steven; and a 22 yr. old son, Michael. They are also parents to a needy Rottweiler who thinks she should be a lap dog and an angry cat who thinks the dog is a nuisance.

## Counselor's Corner

### "Spring Has Sprung!"

We often "feel" better when the weather changes from cold and dreary to sunny and crisp, and we see the world coming to life in shades of green and blooming flowers all around!

We tend to be more optimistic and energetic. Maybe even hopeful, looking forward to days ahead.

So, how do we maintain hope in our spiritual lives when maybe we don't "feel" like God is near? How do we have optimism about God's plan for our lives when we are still doing the same old thing? Focus on the Truth over feelings.

This may seem simple:

1. Pray - and listen to GOD
2. Read - and obey GOD
3. Go - and share about GOD

The message of hope we believe:

### Our God Has Robbed the Grave!

May this truth be burned in your heart and bring you spiritual hope!

Pastor Elaine



Jimmy and Wendy Weaver

## Hallwood Humor:

A mother was preparing pancakes for her 5 and 3 year-old sons. They were fighting over who would get the first one. The mother decided to use it as a teaching moment, stating Jesus would let his brother have the first pancake. After a pause, the 3 year-old turned to his brother and said, "You be Jesus!"

## Prayer Focus:

This month's prayer focus is on orphans and widows in our community.

"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress..."

James 1:27a



## **MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT: The Hallwood Church Leadership Board!**

### **Our Leadership Board LOVES Hallwood!**

Each year the Church Members of Hallwood Community Church of The Nazarene elect a new leadership board from our current church membership roll. These board members spend numerous volunteer hours in various positions showing LOVE throughout our church and community.

Stewards are responsible for outreach, evangelism, assisting the needy, providing service opportunities, and promoting Christian stewardship of life resources.

Trustees are responsible for overseeing the title of the church property, managing the physical facilities, as well as, financial planning.

The Nazarene Youth International (NYI) President is responsible for planning and developing a youth ministry ages 12 and up, college/career, and young adult.

The Nazarene Missions International (NMI) President is responsible for mobilizing the church in mission through praying, discipling, giving, and educating.

The Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries (SDMI) President is responsible for planning, organizing, promoting and conducting Christian Education.

100% of our Leadership Board Members also regularly volunteer outside of their elected duties! When you see a Board Member, thank them for their dedication and love for our Church and community!

# Coming Events

## Sunday Services:

- 9:30 Christian Education for all age groups (nursery provided)
- 10:30 Worship Service (Children's Church and nursery provided)

## Wednesday Evenings:

- 6:30 Teen group
- 7:00 Adult Bible Study and Children's Scouting Program

## April

- 3rd** Twin Cities Rescue Mission food service. Contact Jerry at: 923-2204
- 16th** Ladies Lunch at Round Table Pizza, Marysville at noon. Call: 743-7961
- 17th** Box Social and Movie Night - Youth Fundraiser, 5:30pm in the gym
- 28-29th** Annual Church District Assembly. Oroville Church of The Nazarene. For details contact the church office at:743-7961

[visit our website for more exciting calendar information](#)

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## Contact Us

Give us a call for more information about our services and ministries

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