



# The Castro Valley Connection

## Castro Valley Church of the Nazarene

January 2017

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Galatians 6:7-8

Proverbs 11:18

2 Corinthians 9:6

Luke 19:20-21

"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously"

You reap what you sow  
so make sure you sow good seeds...



# Let's Get Engaged!



### Encouragement From Pastor Steve

Good afternoon everyone. I pray you are doing well on this rainy afternoon. I am so encouraged by what the Lord is doing in our midst; He is blessing us right in front of our eyes. Don't miss out!

There is an old adage that states, "**You get out of life what you put into it!**" And although there may be slight variations of this, this "REAP what you SOW" principle is biblical and well proven, especially in our spiritual life.

When I was about 10 years old I didn't like taking showers.

Don't judge me. So, I would turn on the water, stick my head in the water to get it wet and call it a day. But something would give it away, probably the smell. I

Through this engagement comes the benefits of Christian living. Without it comes struggle and faithlessness.

Here's an important question:

**What kind of seeds have you been sowing lately?**



remember my dad saying, "if you want to get clean, you might actually need to get into the water."

I cannot stress enough the need for every believer to be consistently engaged in the process of the Christian life.

If we are sowing seeds of righteous living, you will reap good things. Seeds of righteousness would be things like spending time with Jesus on a regular basis, reading His word, being kind to people, having a servant attitude toward others, giving yourself in service to the Lord in small and big ways.

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## Prayer Concerns:



Please keep the following items on your prayer list this week:

### Martha Castleman

Martha took a fall and has a hairline crack in one of her vertebrae. She is currently at Kaiser, San Leandro.

### Mark Bovee

His condition is worsening. Pray also for Ed and Bonnie Bovee as they care for him.

### Mari Mahoney

Mari's cancer has returned and has metastasized. Keep her on your prayer list.

### From Travis Ferris

Travis's mom was having chest pains. Although released from the hospital, she will undergo testing.

### Master Plan

Pray for open doors and God's leadership in our Master Plan.

### Jacque Hauser

Jacque has cancer and will be undergoing treatment. Pray for healing and strength through this process.

### Cold and Flu Season

Pray for those suffering from colds and flu.

### Health and Happiness

For families in our church and their everyday challenges.

If there are other prayer concerns, please let the office know

## SUNDAY SCHOOL SERIES

Looking at the foundational beliefs of Christianity and their impact on the life of the believer.

### ESSENTIALS OF THE FAITH



### **Prayer Team:**

For critical items of prayer contact Pastor Steve or Bonnie Bovee to activate the prayer team.

Prayer is essential for the life of the believer, for in it is the vital connection with God.

### Pray for our L.I.N.K.S. Missionaries

We have adopted the Thibault family, Missionaries to Kosovo ... Pray for their health and safety, for success in their ministry to the people of Kosovo.



Gil, Megan, Sarah, Aria and Malachi

## New 2017 Directory Ready

If you have not already done so, please pick up the 2017 Church Directory this Sunday morning. If you would like to have a digital copy, please let us know.

A PDF version is available.

## 2016 Giving Reports Available

Check with the church office to receive your 2016 Giving Reports to prepare your tax returns.

### Did You Know....

...that our monthly Gospel Night is January 29th at 6:00 p.m.?

Any other news? Keep us informed so we can celebrate with you!

### ROARING LAMBS SCHEDULE

January

- 15 Zola Schantin
- 22 Rick & Linda Cole
- 29 Debbie Hartshorn

## Announcements and Calendar Updates

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<b>January</b>	11	4:00 p.m.	Bible Study on Romans—Every Wednesday at 3:00 p.m.
	12	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study: The Book of Acts
<b>Events</b>	15	9:30 a.m.	Adult Bible Class: Essentials of Faith
		10:45 a.m.	Worship
		5:00 p.m.	Hymn Singing and Bible Class—The Parallel Gospels
	19	7:00 p.m.	Men's Bible Study: The Book of Acts: The Holy Spirit in the Life of the Early Church
	21	12:00 p.m.	Women's Ministry: Getting to Know You "Soup-er Saturday"
	28	4:30 a.m.	Men's Ministry Game Night and Barbecue.
	29	6:00 p.m.	Gospel Music Celebration: Fellowship Reception to follow.

## Celebrations

### January Birthdays

- 5 Wilma Kuhns
- 6 Lorena Porter
- 8 Pastor Salvador Zavala
- 19 Gerry Pierce
- 22 Melanie Davis
- 28 Judy Pierce
- 29 Jackson Copp

### January Anniversaries

- 14 Bob & Tina Frey
- 21 Rich & Diane Reed

If your birthday or anniversary are not listed, let us know.



### A Women's Ministry Event

## Getting to Know You

A CVNaz Women's Ministry Event

### "Soup-er Saturday"

AT THE CHURCH FELLOWSHIP CENTER

**January 21 @ 12:00 p.m.**

Sign up with Suzanne Redmond this Sunday

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## Pastor's Message: Engage

Are these the kind of seeds we are sowing on a consistent basis, day-in, day-out? If so, we will find that God's blessings are showered on us: peace, joy, contentment, fulfillment. Those seeds we sow for others come back in a harvest of good things others do for you.

Therefore, it is very important to me, as pastor, to see my people engaged in the areas that have the greatest return of blessing.

Over this next year we will encourage every member to be engaged with those things that bring the greatest return, to invest in areas of greatest potential and to sow so that the reaping will be realized.

There are 5 areas we will

focus on this year: Our personal relationship with God. Our time in His word. Our life of prayer. Our Fellowship and Worship and our engagement to our community. I want to encourage all of our church family and friends to engage in these areas just a bit more than you have in the past.

The principle of sowing and reaping is simple yet dynamic. And it is a promise we cannot ignore.

Seek to understand the biblical principle of sowing and reaping and desire that this year, 2017, will be the best year ever.

We may not see the results of our sowing right away, but we must never

doubt that God will give us a good harvest in due season.

There is another part of this: there's blessing all along the journey. Yes, even while we are waiting for the harvest God blesses the process.



### JANUARY OFFERING REPORT

#### Monthly Income Goals:

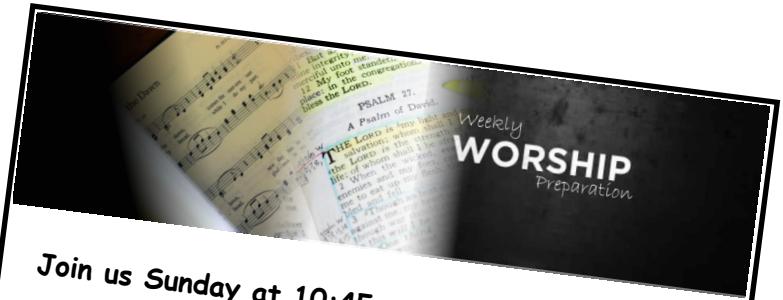
Ministry Budget: \$14,000

Received: \$2,690.00

Still Needed: \$11,310.35

Thank you for your faithfulness!

The Castro Valley Connection will be published monthly and updates sent weekly. For announcements, articles and items of interest email the church office at [cvoffice@castrovalleynaz.org](mailto:cvoffice@castrovalleynaz.org).



Join us Sunday at 10:45 a.m. for worship. It is our time to meet together with God, receive the inspiration of worship and the Word and the opportunity to fellowship with other believers.

*Pastor's Message:  
The Biblical Principle of Sowing and Reaping*