



The Castro Valley Connection

Castro Valley Church of the Nazarene

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Becoming A Devoted Follower of Jesus

From Pastor Steve:

GOING THROUGH HARD TIMES!

We're all going through a tough time, life is different, our pace has been altered and we are all trying to find a new one. Whatever you're dealing with, I want you to know that you're not alone and something good can come from the tough spot we're in right now. **God promised.**

Jesus experienced hard times too...the road to the cross was no small matter. But He had to decide to go through it. He even asked God if it was really necessary.

Just like Jesus had to make a choice, you and I also have to decide to go through hard times.

In our daily lives, we need to believe that when we go through

good. It's the place we can always come back to in every kind of trial.

Now this doesn't mean the trials are necessarily good, but God transforms them,

into a vehicle for good because He is

amazing. If we love God and really want His will for our life, I think it's safe to say that we can trust Him to bring good from it—no matter what happens to us. Even if we have to take detours because of our own stupidity or if we're innocent but someone else gets involved and brings hurt and pain into our life, we can trust God to work it out.

It's comforting to

The HARD Times

hard times, the result will be good. But when we're hurting, probably one of the most challenging things for us to remember is that God is going to work it out for our good. That's the promise given to us in Romans 8:28

When something doesn't happen the way we would like it to happen, we can believe God will work things out for



Get into the Word

Take a Look!!!

Deuteronomy 31:16

Isaiah 26:3

Philippians 4:13

1 Peter 1:3-9



Sunday's Message

11:00 a.m.

"God is Able! More Than Able!"

Gospel of Mark, Chapters 4:35-5:43

Prayer Concerns:



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

✂ **Diane Reed's Mother: Shirley**

90 Hears old, failing with a health issue. Pray for peace and comfort.

✂ **Sherry Barillas' Daughter: Tasia**

Has Hodgkin's Lymphoma and is at risk for this virus. Pray for protection.

✂ **Mike Roche** is going through chemotherapy. His numbers are borderline and need to improve. Please keep praying for his healing.

✂ **Pastor Stacy and Christy Diet:**

The Pastor and wife in our Pittsburg Nazarene Church contracted the coronavirus are stable but worried. Their daughter Sarah has been separated from them for quarantine.

✂ **Pastor's & Suzanne's Niece Sierra**

Sierra is special needs, heavily handicapped and has been experiencing seizures. Pray for her health and comfort.

✂ **Health Care Workers in our Congregation:** Justyn Miller (EMT),

Becky Cook, (Nurse) Lisa Davy, (Medical Receptionist) Robert Davy, (Radiologist) Annalise Eastman, (Nurse) Stacie Redmond, (Mental Health therapist) Troy Cote, (Hospital Maintenance), Marilyn Cole (Care Provider)

✂ **Our Country, Leaders and**

Essential Workers: Our country is going through a very tough time. Please pray for our President, Vice President, the Task force, for medical personnel and essential workers. Pray for wisdom and protection.

2020 Elections Results

2020-2021 Church Leadership

- Suzanne Mason, Missions (Elected)
- Lisa Cote, Technology (Elected)
- Marilyn Cole, Pastoral Care
- Judy Pierce, Finance
- Ed Bovee, Buildings and Grounds
- Wiley Davis, Buildings and Grounds
- Karen Anderson, Fellowship / Connect
- Mike Roche, Music/Worship

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District Assembly Delegates

- Dana Cintrone
- Marilyn Cole
- David Hartshorn
- Gerry Hauser, Alternate

Mission's Convention

- Suzanne Mason, Ex officio
- Gerry Hauser
- Ester Bellefeuille
- Marilyn Cole
- Julie Joseph
- Becky Cook

District Assembly and Missions Convention will be held via video conference. More information will be forthcoming.

Welcome New Members

Becky Cook, Sara Cook, Suzanne Mason, Sarahann Mason and Anita Brugman

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.

If there are other prayer concerns, please let the office know. Our prayer chain is ready and willing to pray!

Did You Know....

- **...that Weekly Video Check-ins will be held on Thursday at 12:00 p.m. See your weekly update for link.**
- That there will not be a Women's Ministry Event on April 7.
- That services are broadcast on Facebook live and on our website. We are working

out the technical issues.

- Men's Ministry meets every Thursday at 7:00 p.m. through a Zoom meeting?

Special Thank You's!!!

Because of the quarantine and social distancing orders we have not been able to do our annual volunteer appreciation

Sunday. However, it is so important to express our thanks to those who continually give of themselves to serve the Lord through our church community. For all of you who serve our church just know we are so appreciative of all you do.

Announcements and Calendar Updates

Let's Get Engaged!



All Calendar Dates are Tentative.

April Calendar

- 4 No Women's Event—please continue to pray for one another.
- 10 Good Friday Communion Service:
- 10 Senior Baked Potato Dinner
- 12 Easter Celebration Service: 10:45—Easter Egg Hunt
- 26 Gospel Music Night

May Calendar

- 10 Mother's Day Celebration
- 16 District Assembly—Online Conference
- Missions Convention—TBA

celebrations

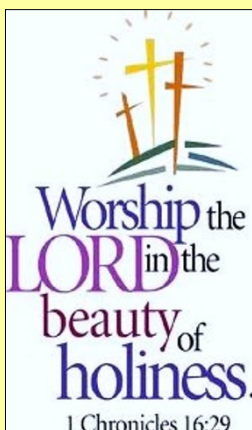
April Birthdays

- 3 Debbie Hartshorn
- 6 Suzanne Mason
- 11 Katie Copp
- 12 Sarahann Mason
- 13 April Machtetta
- 14 Robert Patten
- 24 Aurora Zavala

April Anniversaries

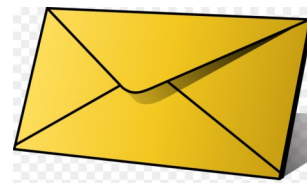
- 3 Ed & Dana Cintrone
- 11 Michael & Charity Hartshorn
- 12 Rick & Cindy Eastman
- 15 Rev. Salvador & Aurora Zavala
- 24 Gary & Barbara Cook

If your birthday or anniversary are not listed, let us know. We want to stay updated.



Giving Opportunities

During this time of quarantine we know that life and routine are very different. Some are concerned about finances, some are not working. If you can and will, please consider supporting the church as you have done so faithfully in the past. We know God will supply for us and will use you as He chooses.



We are so thankful for your support. Our prayer is for your blessing. An envelope will be arriving with a hardcopy newsletter if you need it.



We will also set up a direct giving account through Venmo. It's actually quite simple to do. If you have a smart phone that accesses the internet and apps, download the Venmo app from the App Store. We will be giving you instructions as soon as the accounts are set up.

L. O. C. K. D. O. W. N is a time to:

Listen to God's voice and reflect. Let go and Let God.

Obey His Word and His teachings.

Call on Jesus's name and be Calm.

Know that God has a purpose for all of this.

Dwell in His presence. Do not panic.

Offer a prayer for everyone's safety.

Wait on the Lord and be patient. This too shall pass.

Nurture our personal relationship with God.

Serving the Body of Christ

If you need assistance during this time please let us know. We can:

- Shop for groceries and supplies
- Provide for toiletries.
- Drive for Doctors visits and appointments.

If you need help, let us know.



TIME TO TRUST!

It is time to trust the Lord for his care and provision. Claim the promise of Eph. 3:20 and be at peace.

GOD IS ABLE TO DO
EXCEEDINGLY
ABUNDANTLY
ABOVE ALL THAT
WE ASK OR THINK.
EPHESIANS 3:20

Pastoral Prayer and Support Committee - April 2020

Pastor Steve and Suzanne—Stacie, Allison, Ross, Sarah, Madison

Prayer support from the Castro Valley Church of the Nazarene Church Family

Psalm 91, Psalm 139, Psalm 46:10

Pray that God would shield and protect our pastor and his family in this season of the Coronavirus and major uncertainty and anxiety.

Pray that God (Jehovah-Jirah) would be their provider in all that they need.

Pray that God would give them wisdom to know what to do in regard to ministry, leadership, , teaching, preaching, encouraging, outreach when everything is upside down and uncertain.

Pray that God would give them insight on how to pray – and then would give them confidence that He has heard and will answer.

Pray that God's faithfulness would become even more evident during this time.

Pray that our Pastor and his family would experience the anointing of joy as they see the hand of God in their lives and in the lives of their people at this time.

Pray that God would give them laughter, rest, and sleep.

And maybe sometimes gluten free ice cream.