



# The Castro Valley Connection

## Castro Valley Church of the Nazarene

May 1, 2020

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### God is Doing a New Thing! Really!!!



These days are not easy; they challenge our comfort zones, our daily routines, our “normal.” It’s not easy for us to look past our current situation and allow ourselves to think about the future. But, it’s important to do so.

The question for all of us is this, “What is God doing in this time?” Or “What is it that God will do through



### READ MORE ABOUT NEW THINGS

- Ecclesiastes 3:1
- Isaiah 43:19
- 2 Corinthians 5:17
- Galatians 2:20
- Joshua 1:9



this time?”

*Isaiah 43 tells us, “Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?”*

Do we really understand the opportunity we have right before us? Do we see the future through God’s eyes?

There’s precedent! Jesus always was looking to move people forward, to lead them into new life, to introduce them to new thinking and a life that can be transformed into something new. He gave sight to the blind, healed the lame and raised the dead. Talk about new things!

He taught in ways that introduced new ways of thinking, beyond the status quo, beyond the traditional. He confronted when

necessary and encouraged continuously. He saw the potential of fisherman, welcomed the troubled, the disenfranchised, the sinner and invited them into new life.

*Jesus said, “I have come that you might have life and have it abundantly!”*  
John 10:10

In reality, to say God is going to do a new thing is redundant. Everything that God does is designed to move us forward into that which is new; every promise in the Word is an invitation to newness.

And, if God is doing a new thing, (and we believe He is) this new work is not going to be second rate, it will be so glorious. It’s going to create opportunities like never before, it’s going to set up a period in which the church can look forward, with great anticipation.

God is not going to leave His people in a rut but call

them out into something wonderful.

We must see the possibilities as God sees them. God is able to transform the desert areas of your life into fields of blessing and abundance. God can take a dried condition and transform it into a life of purpose and grace.

When God says He will do a new thing, it means you will move to a level of freedom you have never known before.

### Are you ready?

I want to challenge you to get ready.

- Pray that God would allow you to see the what He is doing.
- Take the opportunity to step into newness.
- Spread the expectation of newness to others; it is infectious.
- And, prepare to celebrate that newness with your church family soon!!!

## Prayer Concerns:

**Prayer is the foundation of power in the life of the Christian. Please keep the following items on your prayer list this week:**

**Richard Oregon** is mending well from his broken leg and is making great progress. Keep praying for he and Penny as she cares for him.

**Mike Roche** is currently in the hospital with an infection in his leg. This is a rather frustrating time. Pray for healing and sustaining strength for he and Beverly. She is not allowed to be in the hospital with him.

### Gerry Hauser

Gerry needs surgery and is asking us to pray that her health provider and the medical team will begin elective surgery soon.

### Comfort in Times of Loss

For the Thornell family. For the DeVore family. See more on back page.

### Financial Needs

Some in our congregation are without jobs and without income creating challenges in making ends meet. Please pray for financial provision during this time.

**Coronavirus, Our Country and its Leaders:** What we are facing is unprecedented in the history of the world. With this, we need wisdom now more than ever. Prayer that our country will be united and that our leaders will have the wisdom they need to navigate these times.

**For our Church Family:** For sustaining grace and peace and for God's closeness during this unusual time.



...Lisa Cote, Chris Kosciusko, Jaread Bello and Jim Hilson for helping us through technology:

...Marilyn Cole, Diane and Rich Reed, Bob Frey, neighbors Alan and Bonnie Katz & other volunteers from the community for your work with the food distribution on Saturdays.

...for everyone who is calling, sending cards, being faithful to the Lord and to His Church.

...to Larry & Judy Carlos, Aaron & Aimee Shaw, Mike Roche, Becky Cook, Joe Linn, Arnold Martin and Jimmie Redmond for your contributions to our music preludes and hymn sing-along.



### Nick and Kayla Anguiano

Congratulations to Nick and Kayla on their marriage. Newlyweds!!!

We celebrate with you!



### Allie (Redmond) Martinson

Allie is finishing her Master's in Social Work in May at San Diego State University. Her graduation will be held in December of 2020.

She and her husband Ross will be moving to Oregon at the end of May.

### Sarah Redmond

Sarah will finish a degree at Point Loma Nazarene University this month and graduate with a Visual Arts Degree. Graduation Ceremonies will be held in August, 2020.



### Brooklyn Copp

We celebrate with Mike & Louise Copp on the birth of their daughter Brooklyn on March 5, 7 lbs, 5 oz.

Here's your chance to take a look. Welcome Brooklyn



# Announcements and Calendar Updates



## Celebrations

### May Birthdays

- 6 Kathy Musil
- 10 Bella Lucero
- 17 Chris Kosciusko
- 21 Bob Bloemink
- 21 Joan King
- 21 Norm Peterson
- 27 Josie Hernandez
- 29 Bob Frey
- 30 Debbie Olsen
- 31 Maddie Redmond

### May Anniversaries

- 3 *Jim & Cindy  
Cleveland*
- 9 *Greg & Patty Copp*
- 17 *Bruce & Joan King*
- 20 *Ross & Allie Martinson*



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

## Calendar

### THIS WEEK

- Thursday, Meet and Greet 12:00 p.m. Zoom
- Thursday, Zoom Men’s Bible Study— 7:00 p.m.
- Saturday, Zoom Prayer Room—9:00 a.m.
- Zoom Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.
- Celebration Sunday Worship—11:00  
(Hymn Prelude at 10:45)

All previous services can be seen at Facebook or YouTube.  
See email for Zoom Links.

## Coming in May

- 3 Celebration Sunday
- 10 Mother’s Day

### APRIL GIVING REPORT

Praise the Lord! Through the Lord’s blessing and through your generous support we were able to meet our budget needs for April. Thank you so much.

If you can and are willing, please continue to give generously, in faith, to fulfill the call of God on our Church.

## District Assembly Update

May 16, 2020

10 am - Noon

Zoom Conference—More Info to come.



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**With Heartfelt Love and Celebration of Eternal Life...**



On Wednesday, April 8 **Jane Thornell** met Jesus face to face. Jane was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and passed from complications. She was a strong, dedicated, devoted believer, serving the church for decades and blessing the CVNaz family with her smile, her leadership and delightful sense of humor. Continue to pray for Al, her children Roger, Amy and Glen (and their spouses), and the grandchildren. Thank you, Jane, for your tireless service to our seniors and to the Church of Jesus Christ. We are blessed to have had you in our lives. Jane will be greatly missed.



On Wednesday, April 22 **Arlene DeVore** met Jesus face to face after suffering a stroke. There are few more passionate about their faith than Arlene; her faith was childlike and totally devoted. She served the CVNaz family for more than 35 years, teaching in Caravan, Sunday School and among the most faithful in attendance, never missing Sunday School, Sunday evening Bible Studies and dropping by the church mid week to wash a window or check on the mail. She missed Dennis very much and 10 months after his passing they are reunited. Thank you, Arlene, for your passion, your love of Jesus and dedication to the church.

There is a memorial page set up for both Jane and Arlene. We've invited their families to check on those pages often. Please participate!

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