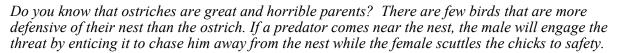


The FIRST EDITION

Loving God, Loving Each Other Loving Little Rock

"Let us love one another, for love comes from God." I John 4:7

"Keep Our Eye on the Egg"





But the ostrich can also be a poor parent. While they are often 6 feet tall and can outrun a horse, their strongest attribute is probably their eyes. Their huge eyes enable them to see great detail at great distances. The problem is that their disproportionately large eyes are sending messages to an unusually small brain. The result is an extremely short memory. In other words, if something leaves their view, it escapes their attention. This means that an ostrich will abandon its nest if it ever leaves their field of vision. Talk about out of sight - out of mind!

The early church knew this and many churches in the middle east often have an ostrich egg hanging in the corner of their sanctuary to remind them of God's watchful care and our careful watchfulness. It reminds them to keep their eye on Jesus and His mission for us.

Recently the leadership of First Nazarene prayerfully decided on goals for 2018. We then asked the congregation to join us as we committed them to the Lord. Here is what we are striving to accomplish this year.

Ministry	Worship		Stewardship		Discipleship		Missions
# of Salvations	Increase in Attendance	Break the 200 Barrier	Increase Giving	Decrease Spending %	New Discipleship Groups	New Members	Service Projects
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In order to reach these goals, we need God's blessing and everybody's participation. Let's keep the main thing the main thing as we keep our eye on the egg!

All for Jesus with a Smile! Pastor Bobby



PALM SUNDAY & EASTER SERVICES

Palm Sunday - March 25 Easter Sunday - April 1

Invite others to come with you as we celebrate together the salvation
Christ provided for us through His death & resurrection.

Jesus paid it all for us so we can live forever with Him!!! Hallelujah!



VISION

We're moving Forward in Faith

I've had the privilege of attending First Church for many years and love being a part of this church family. I am excited to see what God has planned for us as we move forward to our next chapter in serving Him.

Mary Alice Spann member since 1964



Alms Offering

The season of Lent is characterized by three things: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving (financial sacrifice)

Each year, First Nazarene collects an Alms Offering between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday that is given to support a local cause.

> This year, our Alms Offering supports Pathway To Freedom, Inc. As a Christ-centered program,

PTF provides services to prisoners preparing them to reintegrate into society and become productive citizens through the use of social and life skills that enhance family and social relationships, moral and spiritual development and employment opportunities.

PTF's unique plan of restoration and progressive programming begins 18 to 24 months before an inmate is released and continues for an additional 12 months after the inmate has returned to the community. Inmates volunteer for the program and must meet several criteria before they are accepted.

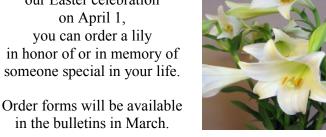
PTF stresses personal responsibility, the value of education and work, care of persons and property, and the opportunity for a new life.

Our Goal by Easter (April 1): \$4800 As of Feb. 28, the total given is \$1,223.

Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison... - Hebrews 13:3a

Easter Lilies

To help decorate the sanctuary for our Easter celebration on April 1, you can order a lily in honor of or in memory of



New First Naz Online Giving

For those of you who prefer to pay your monthly bills online, you can now include your tithe and other First Nazarene contributions to your online payments.

There are two ways at this time to do this.

- 1. Go to the lrfcn.org website and click on the purple "Donate Online" box on the home page. Follow the steps as indicated on each screen.
- 2. Use the information on the enclosed instruction sheet in this newsletter to download the "GivePlus Church" App on your phone. Follow the steps as indicated on each screen and as shown on the instruction sheet.

If you have any questions or problems, contact the church office.



Meet & Greet Dr. Virgil & Judy **Askren**

You are invited to First Naz at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, March 13,

to meet our new South Arkansas District Superintendent and his wife.

There will be five Meet & Greet sessions held across the state at various locations and dates. All of the central Arkansas Nazarene churches are invited to this event on March 13. Let's have several from First Naz here representing our congregation.

Faith Promise for Missions

This year's Faith Promise Service will be held on Sunday, April 22. A celebration dinner will be held at 5 PM that afternoon. Information will be sent in March listing what will be included in the 2018-2019 Faith Promise Budget.

Begin praying now about what God wants to provide through you to help spread His Word to the world.



The theme this year is **Blasting Off for Missions!** Your help is needed in making or providing rockets for the table centerpieces. Contact the office if you can bring a rocket to use as a centerpiece.

News & Notes

PT Cruisers Luncheon



Friday, March 2

David's Burgers in Maumelle Meet there at 11:30 AM Invite a friend to come with you. Let Connie know if you are coming.

Next luncheon: April 6 at Crossroad's Cafe in Cabot.

Wednesday Meal

March 14, 5:30 PM

On a pew card, write your family's name and how many will be coming to dinner or call the church office by
Tuesday, 3/13, to make your reservation.
The menu will be spaghetti, salad,
French bread, & dessert.



The cost is \$5/person or a maximum of \$20/family.

Ladies' Bible Study

A new six-week Bible Study for ladies will begin on Wednesday, March 14, at 6:30 PM and meet in Classroom 2 in the Casey Center.

The book they will study is "Fight Back with Joy" by Margaret Feinberg.

Contact Monica Jenkins or Amanda Noble to sign up for the class and order your book.

Assisted Living Center Service March 11, 5:30 PM

You are invited to Brookdale Assisted Living Center along with others from First Nazarene to visit, sing, and have a devotional with some of the residents.

They are so appreciative of the time we spend with them.



The teen department is having a sale Friday & Saturday, March 23 & 24,

from 7 AM - noon each day. Bring your items to the church by March 21 or let David Powell

know if you have things that you need picked up.

Ladies' Painting Class April 27

Ladies, mark your calendars and save this Friday

for a fun evening at First Naz. Invite someone to come with you and meet your First Naz friends. Watch for a sign-up sheet and more details later this month.





Daylight Savings Time Begins March 11

Reminder: set your clocks

AHEAD 1 HOUR

on Saturday night, March 10.

2018 Calendar Items

To help you plan, here are some important dates to mark on your calendars for 2018:

Family Movie Night - April 13

Faith Promise Emphasis - April 22

Ladies' Painting Class - April 27

SoAR Children's Mission Explosion - April 28

Graduation Sunday - May 20

Memorial Sunday - May 27

District Assembly - June 18 - 20

Jr. High Camp - July 9 - 13 Kid's Camp - July 16 - 20

Sr. High Camp - July 23 - 27

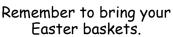
Children's Family Picnic - September 16

Children's News

Children's Easter Egg Hunt April 1

After the morning service

Invite your friends to come with you to the First Naz Easter egg hunt.





Both plastic eggs & individually wrapped pieces of candy are needed this year. Bring these items no later than Wednesday, March 28.



Family Movie Night April 13

Invite your friends to come with you to First Naz for a fun movie night.

Save this date on your calendars. More details will be shared next month.

Children's Mission Explosion April 28

Kids, read all 6 of this year's mission books to get your name in the drawing for a camp scholarship on April 28. All children reading at least 3 books will get a prize. Don't miss it! You must be present to win.



Sunday, March 11, at Verizon Arena. Tickets are \$15 each at the door. Arrive early - tickets are only sold at the door that day and sell very quickly.

Congratulations

to our teens who won third place in this year's Frozen Frisbee Tournament that had teams from both the North & South Arkansas Districts!



Church Family News

LRFCN Church **Game Night**

Dickey Stephens Park in North Little Rock



Friday, April 7, 2017

Gates open at 5:10 p.m. Game starts at 6:10 p.m. Cost: \$16 per person includes all you can eat picnic and game ticket.

The picnic will be served from 5:10 - 7:10 p.m. at the Baggage Picnic area (unlimited hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, beans, popcorn, sodas, tea, and water).

Purchase your tickets in the foyer by Sunday, March 18. Seats are limited!!!

Teen Fundraiser Luncheon

March 25, 2018

Menu: Homemade soups, Salad, Desserts

Cost: your donation Location: Casey Center

Thank you for your continued financial support of the teen department.





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