



# The F I R S T E D I T I O N

**Loving God, Loving Each Other  
Loving Little Rock**

**“Let us love one another,  
for love comes from God.” 1 John 4:7**

## **“Keep Our Eye on the Egg”**

*Do you know that ostriches are great and horrible parents? There are few birds that are more defensive of their nest than the ostrich. If a predator comes near the nest, the male will engage the threat by enticing it to chase him away from the nest while the female scuttles the chicks to safety.*



*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  
someone special in your life.

Order forms will be available  
in the bulletins in March.



## 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 [lrcn.org](http://lrcn.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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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## 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.

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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.**

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## 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.

Remember to bring your Easter baskets.



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.

# Church Family News

## LRFCN Church Game Night

at  
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.



**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!



## The First Edition

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