

Sermon notes

*Prayer  
Corner*

Nancy and Frank Myers

## Advent Conspiracy Meet the BAKER family



With the diagnoses of cancer, the Baker family faces a significant crisis this Advent season; therefore, we will conspire to be a means of grace to their family. Each Sunday of Advent we will receive an offering on their behalf.

### Advent Conspiracy Christmas Boxes

We Start collecting!  
Bring the following:

Canned Yams	(Corn, Peas, Green
Brown Sugar	beans, baked beans)
Green Beans	Jello
Cream of Mushroom	
Soup	
French Fried Onion	
Rings	
Instant Potatoes	
Gravy	
Cranberry Sauce	<u>After December</u>
Canned Fruit	<u>14th</u>
(Peaches, Pears,	Rolls
Pineapple Rings,	Butter
Fruit Cocktail)	Pumpkin
Canned Vegetables	Apple Pie

### Advent 2016 Schedule

**This week** → Advent 2 (4 December):  
Parents Afternoon Out  
Advent 3 (11 December):  
All Church Common Meal  
Advent 4 (18 December):  
Christmas Dinner Boxes Distribution  
21 December: All Church Christmas  
Caroling at 6:00pm  
Christmas Eve Service of Carols,  
Candlelight, and Communion at 5:30pm  
Christmas Day Worship  
at 11:00am

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11:30 AM - 12:30PM Sunday School

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## Second Sunday of Advent



## Imagine Righteousness

# New Cumberland Church of the Nazarene

Order of Worship  
Second Sunday of Advent  
4 December 2016

## We Gather to Worship God

Prelude Music  
Welcome  
Call to Worship  
Worship Reading

## We Listen to the Scriptures

Pastoral Prayer  
Offering  
Scripture Readings: Isaiah 11.1-9  
Sermon Series: *Imagine*  
Sermon Two: *"Imagine Righteousness"*

## We Come to the Table

Prayer of Consecration  
The Lord's Prayer  
We Eat and Drink Together  
Prayer of Thanksgiving

## We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life  
Gossiping the Good Stuff  
Doxology  
Blessing and Sending

*If you are a guest with us today,  
Please take time to fill out a Connection Card.  
The ushers will be picking them up  
later in the service.  
Thank You*

Please visit us on our website, [www.ncnazarene.org](http://www.ncnazarene.org)  
for details of events.

Also you will find, photos, monthly newsletters,  
bulletins, online giving and you can also  
send prayer request to the prayer chain.

## DECEMBER CALENDAR

Dec 6 Steward's Meeting	6:30PM
Dec 11 Market Street Breakfast Ministry	7:24AM
Dec 11 All Church Pot- Luck	11:30AM
Dec 17 Youth Christmas Party	5:00PM
Dec 18 Christmas Dinner Boxes Distribution	11:30AM
Dec 21 All Church Caroling	6:30PM
Dec 24 Christmas Eve Service	5:30PM
Dec 25 Christmas Day Service	11:00AM

## Sermon Reflection Guide Second Sunday of Advent 2016

### Isaiah 11.1-9

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.  
The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,  
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the spirit of counsel and might,  
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.  
His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.  
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide by what his ears hear;  
but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.  
Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.  
The wolf shall live with the lamb,  
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,  
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,  
and a little child shall lead them.  
The cow and the bear shall graze,  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.  
The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,  
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.  
They will not hurt or destroy  
on all my holy mountain;  
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters cover the sea.

## Question for Everyone:

(1) I'm a follower/(10) I'm a leader. (1) I feel threatened/  
(10) I feel safe. Where are you on these spectrums?

## The Vulnerable

"Like Ezekiel's dry bones, these dead tree stumps are an indictment against a fruitless and fearful people who had placed their trust in political maneuvers and compromising alliances. They had failed in their fundamental mission to take care of the vulnerable." Why does God care about the vulnerable? Who are the vulnerable in your arena of influence?

## Israel's God

We have a beautiful mission; it is the mission of gathering up humble people into God's loving embrace so as to abolish all the oppressive elements that keep humans from flourishing (from sinful habits so systemic injustice). At her best Israel remembered that she worshiped the God who hears the cry of the oppressed.

## Leadership

Leadership is a tricky word in our culture. It is fraught with the baggage of leaders who lead in order to win rather than serve, leaders who use their power to bully rather than nurture, leaders who manipulate rather than collaborate. Do you consider yourself a leader? What is the context of your leadership?

## Righteous Leadership

You can be sure that righteousness will often entail empowering the weak, befriending the friendless, or confronting a bully peacefully. Do you see the righteous need in your arena of influence? What does righteousness require of you now?

## Sanctuary

We must insure that our space is a sanctuary in the fullest sense, a place consecrated for worship and a safe place for all people. Do you consider our community to be a safe place? Why? Why not?