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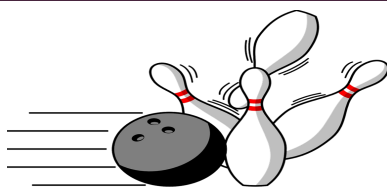
#### Family Bowling at Trindle Bowling

Saturday, March 19, 6:30-8:30

\$7 per bowler

Sign up in the coffee corner

Sign up deadline March 13



#### Cafe Ministry Opportunity

Volunteers Needed to Serve in the Cafe

##### **Commitment:**

Arrival time: 8:15, Cafe opens at 9:00

Clean up after the Sunday School Hour  
sign up under the Cafe bulletin board



## Men's Softball

Calling ALL Men!.....Join the Church Softball Team

Men Spring softball seasons starts April 30th. To sign up or for more information contact or email Jim Herman. JWHTNG42@hotmail.com Signup deadline is March 13th.

More info on dates and times go to our website

<http://www.ncnazarene.org/softball-team/>

#### NCCN Easter Egg Hunt

March 26th @ 9:30-11:30am

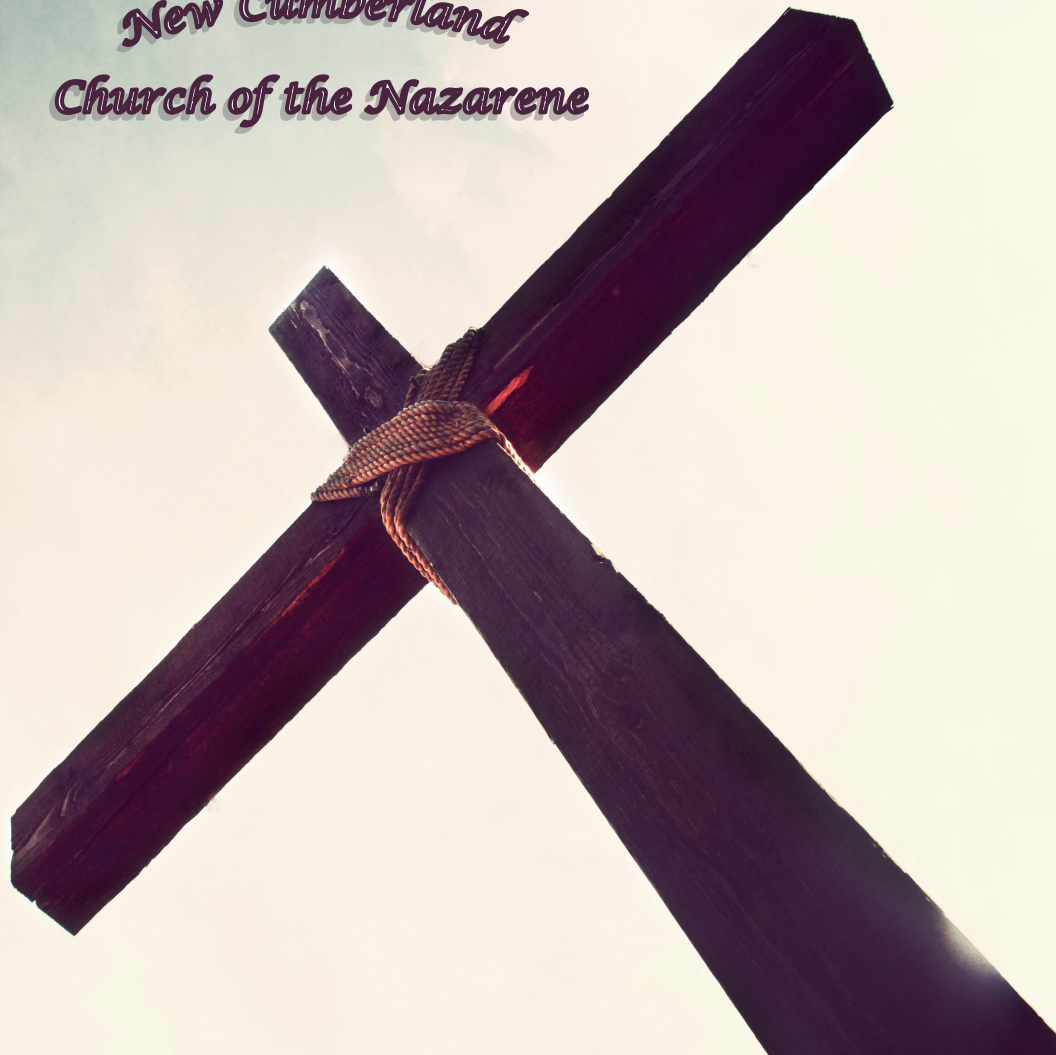
Volunteer sign ups are on

Children's Ministry board

*Candy donations needed*



## New Cumberland Church of the Nazarene



Rev. Rob Kazee, Lead Pastor

Rev. Judy Carney, Pastor to Children  
& Children's School Director

Michelle L. Speicher, Youth Ministries Director

10:00AM - 11:30 AM      Worship Service

11:30 AM - 12 :30PM      Sunday School

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Third Sunday in Lent,  
*February 28, 2016*

## **We Gather to Worship God**

Prelude Music

Welcome

Call to Worship

## **We Listen to the Scriptures**

Scripture Reading: Luke 13.1-9

Offering

Sermon Series: *"40 Days"*

Sermon Three: *"The Fig-less Fig Tree"*

## **We Come to the Table**

Pastoral Prayer

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

### **Events this Week**

Sunday Worship Service 10:00AM

Sunday School for ALL ages 11:30AM

### **FEBRUARY/ MARCH EVENTS**

Feb 28 Children's Ministry Meeting and Lunch 12:30PM

Feb 29 Vangie Berger 16th Birthday 7:00PM

Mar 4-6 District Lay Retreat \*\*\*\*\*

Mar 8 Church Board Meeting 6:30PM

Mar 13 Day-Light Savings Time Starts 2:00AM

Mar 13 Market Street Breakfast Mission 7:30AM

Mar 19 Men's Prayer Breakfast 7:00AM

Mar 19 Family Bowling at Trindle Bowl 6:30PM

Mar 20 Andrea's Bridal shower 4:00PM

Mar 26 Easter Egg Hunt 9:30AM

Mar 27 Easter Breakfast 9:00AM

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.

**You can find us on Facebook at**  
**[www.facebook.com/ncnazarene](http://www.facebook.com/ncnazarene)**

### **Weekly Wednesday Events @ 7PM**

Caravan: 3 years to 5th Grade Meet in the Worship Center

Youth Group: 6th - 12th Grade Meet at The Gathering Place

Men's Bible Study: Dave Earp leader 615 16th St.

Ladies Healing & Recovery Group: Brenda Holston 613 16th St.

# The Church of the Nazarene of New Cumberland

## Sermon Reflection Guide

### For Personal Reflection and Communal Conversation

Third Sunday in Lent, 28 February 2016

Sermon Series: “40 Days”

Sermon Three: “*The Fig-less Fig Tree*”

## Luke 13.1-9

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.”

Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’”

## Question for Everyone:

(1) When on a plane, train, or any public space I never strike up a conversation with strangers. As far as I’m concerned strangers should remain strangers. (10) When on a plane, train or any public space I look forward to the opportunity to make a new friend and will immediately begin a conversation. As far as I’m concerned strangers are merely future friends. Where are you on this spectrum?

## Two Stories about Untimely Deaths

“Entering into another person’s grief can be really intimidating. You don’t want to make their suffering more acute. There are no words appropriate for sudden and tragic loss.” How do you respond to a friend’s grief? Do you engage? Do you remain at a distance? Why?

## Tragedy

“What about those 18 persons tragically killed near the Temple when the Tower of Siloam fell on them? Do you think they were worse offenders than other people living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent you will all perish.” How would you respond to Jesus’ hard question? Why do bad things happen to good people? And vice versa?

## Living with Your End in Mind

“Jesus seems to be saying that judgment, like death is always near. The Grim Reaper can visit at a revival service on a Monday night or while taking your Saturday morning stroll. Live with the end in mind. Live well. Live fully. Live fruitfully.” Do you ever contemplate your end? Do you think about death? Why? Why not?

## *Metanoia*

In the Greek the word translated “repent” is *metanoia*. Repentance is more than feeling sorry enough to change. *Metanoia* is about changing the way we think about everything thus reframing our lives entirely so as to live into Jesus’ reality. Jesus called reality the Kingdom of God. We enter the Kingdom of God through *metanoia*.

Does the Gospel frame the way you see absolutely everything?

## The Fig-less Fig Tree

“Many questions emerge from this text to help us face the truth about our faith. One of them is, are we using our time on earth fruitfully? Life is short and fragile and death never comes at an opportune time. Are you living fruitfully?” Well, are you?

Next Week: Luke 15