

Come to the Waters

Baptism Orientation

Pastor Rob will be starting an orientation for candidates of baptism. This will start April 17th and end on May 8th. It will be happening during the Sunday School time. Those that are interested are encouraged to fill out a connection card.

First Saturday Pray Breakfast for Men and Women



April 2nd in the Sanctuary @ 8:30

For a time of prayer,
then we will go out to breakfast.

Led by Pastor Rob



Mission Advance 2016

Friday, April 8 - Monday, April 11

NMI Convention (April 8-9)

NYI Convention (April 9)

District Assembly (April 10-11)

Turf Valley Conference Center

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10:00AM - 11:30 AM Worship Service

11:30 AM - 12:30PM Sunday School

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New Cumberland Church of the Nazarene

He is

Risen

EASTER SUNDAY

Worship Order
and
Community Life

New Cumberland Church of the Nazarene

Order of Worship
Easter Sunday
March 27, 2016

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude Music
Welcome

Pastor: He is Risen

People: He is Risen Indeed!

Pastor: Christ has risen!

People: The Lord has risen indeed!

Call to Worship
Worship Reading

We Listen to the Scriptures

Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Scripture Reading: Luke 24.1-12
"An Idle Tale"

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

Events this Week

Sunday Worship Service 10:00AM
Sunday School for ALL ages 11:30AM

Wednesdays from 7PM-8:15PM

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.

MARCH/ APRIL CALENDAR

Mar 27 Easter Breakfast	8:30AM
Mar 27 Easter Sunday Service/no Sunday school	10:00AM
Mar 31-Apr 3 Regional FOL	*****
Apr 2 First Saturday Pray Breakfast / for Men and Women	8:30AM
Apr 3 Children's Ministry Meeting and Lunch	12:30PM
Apr 8-11 Mission Advance	*****
Apr 10 Market Street Breakfast Mission	7:30AM
Apr 12 Church Board Meeting	6:30PM

Please visit us on our website, 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.

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The Church of the Nazarene of New Cumberland

Sermon Reflection Guide

For Personal Reflection and Communal Conversation

Easter Sunday, 27 March 2016

Sermon: *"An Idle Tale"*

Luke 24.1-12

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in, they did not find the body. While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again." Then they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened.

Question for Everyone

(1) I have very grave doubts as to the historical validity of the resurrection.
(10) I am certain, without an inkling of doubt, as to the historical fact that Jesus was raised from the death. Where are you on this resurrection spectrum?

Faith Requires Doubt

"If you are doubter or even a cynic let me assure you that you are in good company. You are among friends. You need to know that Christians don't shout because we are certain; Christians shout because we believe. Faith and certainty are very different categories. The opposite of faith isn't doubt. As a matter of fact, faith requires doubt. You can't exercise faith if you are certain. Certainty requires no faith." Response?

Perplexed

"The early church has gotten no little bad press over their Easter morning response. I've heard sermons about how disappointed Jesus must have been when he rolled the stone away only to find darkness and silence to greet him. But I find their initial response authentic." What do you think about our early forbearer's response to the empty tomb?

Remember?

"Faith emerges in retrospect; we read something in the Scriptures, we hear a sermon, we remember a series of events, the words of a friend, a near miss with calamity, and suddenly the Spirit of Jesus helps us connect the dots. This is not certainty; this is faith supported by the authentic voice of Jesus. The women remember what Jesus said and this memory begins to transform their encounter with the tomb." How did you come to faith?

Resurrection Faith

"The only reason I believe in the resurrection to the degree that I do, is that it was Jesus that was raised from the dead. The integrity of his life, the beauty of his teaching, and the power of His presence both then and now, conspire to breath life into my spirit." Why do you believe? Why don't you believe?

Next Week: John 20.19-31