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VBS "Survivors: Learn to Thrive" Wednesdays 6:45-8:30 Ages 3-5th grade Register online ncnazarene.org



This Fall *could* be the start of **Co-Ed softball for NCCN** Jim Herman is looking for anyone that *might* be interested in joining the team. If this is something you *might* be interested in please contact Jim Herman JWHTNG42@hotmail.com

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New Cumberland Church of the Nazarene

Worship Order and Community Life

# New Cumberland Church of the Nazarene

Order of Worship Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 10, 2016

#### We Gather to Worship God

Prelude Music Welcome Call to Worship Worship Reading

#### We Listen to the Scriptures

Pastoral Prayer Offering Scripture Reading: Excerpts from Hosea Sermon Series: "Majoring in the Minors" Sermon One: "Hosea"

## 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 |
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| Sunday School for ALL ages | 11:30AM |

#### JULY/ AUGUST CALENDAR

| July 10 Market Street Breakfast Mission             | 7:30AM      |
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| July 11 Softball at Nazarene field                  | 6:00PM      |
| July 13 VBS: Survivors: Learn to Thrive             | 6:45PM      |
| July 13 Teen activity: build a bird house 6:        | :45PM       |
| July 20 VBS: Survivors: Learn to Thrive             | 6:45PM      |
| July 20 Teen activity: Swimming                     | 6:45PM      |
| July 25 Softball Play offs                          | 6:00PM      |
| July 26 Softball Championship                       | 6:00PM      |
| July 27 VBS: Survivors: Learn to Thrive             | 6:45PM      |
| July 27 Teen activity: to Mrs. Buhr's house         | 6:45PM      |
| Aug 6 First Saturday Pray Breakfast / for Men and W | omen 8:30AM |

#### Weekly Wednesday Events from 6:45 -8:30PM

VBS 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. Trim Mama Book Study; Maria Sweeney– Rippon 613 16th St.

> Please visit us on our website, <u>www.ncnazarene.org</u> 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.

# Magic or Religion?

The magical response to transcendence is about manipulating spiritual forces through certain incantation or practices, like a needle in a voodoo doll. The religious response to transcendence is about trust and faithful obedience. (Do magical practices ever seep into your relationship with God?)

## **The Indictment**

"Instead of clinging to her divine Husband, Israel has run after the baals, believing them to be the source of her prosperity and fertility in the land. And, instead of relying on the strength and security given her by her (divine) Father and Husband, Israel has turned to foreign alliances and put her trust in military prowess for the protection of her life" (Elizabeth Achtemeier).

## **Hard Questions**

How might I be participating in the faithlessness of God's people in the world today? To what form of infidelity am I most susceptible? How is God healing my infidelities?

**NOTES** 

Sermon Reflection Guide New Cumberland Church of the Nazarene For Personal Reflection and Communal Conversation The Eight Sunday after Pentecost, Sermon Series: "Majoring in the Minors" Sermon One: "Hosea" 10 July 2016

# Hosea:

# 1.2-9

When the Lord first spoke through Hosea, the Lord said to Hosea, "Go, take for yourself a wife of whoredom and have children of whoredom, for the land commits great whoredom by forsaking the Lord." So he went and took Gomer daughter of Diblaim, and she conceived and bore him a son.

# 4.1-3

Hear the word of the Lord, O people of Israel; for the Lord has an indictment against the inhabitants of the land.

There is no faithfulness or loyalty, and no knowledge of God in the land. Swearing, lying, and murder, and stealing and adultery break out; bloodshed follows bloodshed. Therefore the land mourns, and all who live in it languish; together with the wild animals and the birds of the air, even the fish of the sea are perishing. **11.1-4** 

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols. Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them.

I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them. 14.4-7 I will heal their disloyalty; I will love them freely, for my anger has turned from them. I will be like the dew to Israel; he shall blossom like the lily, he shall strike root like the forests of Lebanon. His shoots shall spread out; his beauty shall be like the olive tree, and his fragrance like that of Lebanon. They shall again live beneath my shadow, they shall flourish as a garden; they shall blossom like the vine, their fragrance shall be like the wine of Lebanon.

## **Question for Everyone:**

I am loyal to a fault. 1 = Strongly disagree. 10 = Strongly agree.

#### Gomer

When I think of Gomer, I see the face of a Heroin addict trying to survive on the streets turning a ten-dollar trick just to get her next fix of junk. This is the image Hosea leaves us with as a descriptive sign of God's people in Hosea's day. (How do you respond to Gomer?) The question is why is God so hacked off? What have the people of God done to cause God to file for divorce? (What do you think makes God angry?)