

*Reflection Guide continued:*

notoriously fluid; at risk of oversimplifying,

I would suggest that while depression is an illness treatable by counseling and medication, acedia is a vice that is best countered by spiritual practice and the discipline of prayer . .

. . Acedia means the

absence of care.” (Kathleen Norris, *Acedia and Me*).

### **A Robust Christian Spirituality**

Being a Christian means practicing a robust Christian spirituality. Do you practice a robust Christian spirituality? What does this practice entail?

Notes

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.

## **Community Volunteer Want ADS**

**Office help needed:** Are you good at organizing? Consider giving help to our church office. The Church office will be moving in August. We seek help in moving, organizing, setting up work spaces. Some experience in file organization a plus. Aug-Sept See Becky Wolfe for more info or call the Church office 717-774-6444

**Café Help needed:** People person? The café is looking for committed people that would like to help maintain coffee supply, and help with clean up. See Bernie Nelson or call him at 585-5408

**Church building improvement helper:** several people to help remove the furniture and place it in room 105 with the other pieces, remove baseboards from the walls, rip out the carpet in 3 foot strips and then scrape/remove any remaining glue from the floor. Help needed ASAP contact Randy 717-579-9400

### **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.

Rev. Rob Kazee, Lead Pastor

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10:00AM - 11:30 AM Worship Service

11:30 AM - 12 :30PM Sunday School

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TO

WORSHIP

*Worship Order  
and  
Community Life*



## New Cumberland Church of the Nazarene

Order of Worship  
Eighth Sunday after Pentecost  
July 17, 2016

### We Gather to Worship God

Prelude Music  
Welcome  
Call to Worship  
Worship Reading

### We Listen to the Scriptures

Pastoral Prayer  
Offering  
Scripture Reading: Hosea 2.12-13, 28-28  
Sermon Series: "Majoring in the Minors"  
Sermon Two "Joel"

### 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.*

### JULY/ AUGUST CALENDAR

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 3 VBS: Survivors: Learn to Thrive	6:45PM
Aug 3 Teen activity: Bowling	6:45PM
Aug 6 First Saturday Pray Breakfast / for Men and Women	8:30AM
Aug 10 Teen activity: Sole Hope and Sweet Frog	6:45PM

### Sermon Reflection Guide

New Cumberland Church of the Nazarene  
For Personal Reflection and Communal Conversation

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost,  
Sermon Series: "Majoring in the Minors"  
Sermon Two: "Joel"

Hosea 2.12-13, 28-28

Yet even now, says the Lord,  
return to me with all your heart,  
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;  
rend your hearts and not your clothing.  
Return to the Lord, your God,  
for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love,  
and relents from punishing.

Then afterward

I will pour out my spirit on all flesh;  
your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
your old men shall dream dreams,  
and your young men shall see visions.  
Even on the male and female slaves,  
in those days, I will pour out my spirit.

### Question for Everyone:

(1) I blame God when bad things happened. (10) I blame myself when bad things happened. Where are you on this spectrum?

### Locusts

Hard times have a way of getting our attention, God's megaphone as C.S. Lewis famously asserted. Life has a way of getting our attention. The question is, will I choose the way of discouragement, cynicism and disillusionment or will I choose the way of hope and optimism and the courage to trust God in the midst of anxious times? (How do you normally respond to trouble?)

### What To Do with Judgment?

While I am not the least bit reluctant to name God's presence in the midst of turmoil, I am extremely reluctant to name God's judgment in the catastrophes of life. (Do you share this reluctance? How do you square this reluctance with the Hebrew Prophet's propensity to name calamity as God's judgment?)

### You Have No One to Blame but Yourself

The Hebrew prophet served the people of God during three epochs of their history: before exile, during exile, after exile. Their message was essentially the same during all three epochs: catastrophe is coming/has come and you have no one to blame but yourselves. (When bad things happen to you, do you sense the need to cast blame? Are you more likely to blame yourself or the other? Do you ever blame God?)

### Acedia

"I think it likely that much of the restless boredom, frantic escapism, commitment phobia, and enervating despair that plagues us today is the ancient demon of acedia in modern dress. The boundaries between