

Desert Time: Being Still

The wisdom of contemplative Christianity is that we don't *have* to hit rock bottom due to sin and failure to be saved from ourselves. But we may have to enter the desert of silence, as we fast from productivity, fasting from "muchness" and "manyness" and constant distractions so as to be stripped of our false self. (Do you practice silence and stillness as you pursue God?)

Remembering

This matter of remembering Jesus is as the heart of Christian spirituality and practice. We remember Christ at the Table so that we can remember Christ in the work place, at school, at home "Do this (and everything else) remembering me. As you go about your day, remember my teaching, remember my sacrificial love, remember my activities on earth, remember my love for you." Silence gives us the space to remember. When we leave "desert time" we are better equipped to remain attentive to the Spirit's presence. (How do you remain attentive to God throughout the day?)

*Prayer
Corner*

Barb Long: home recovering
Pam Long: In manor care
Haiti partners traveling this week

All Church Picnic

When: Sunday, August 21
Immediately after service in lieu of Sunday School

Where: @ the Pavilion:
828 Old Forge Road, New Cumberland

What Provided:
Hot dogs with choices of chili, sauerkraut, cheese whiz, and condiments. And also Drinks

What to Bring:
1 side or dessert to share
Lawn chair, if you like

Join us in a time of fellowship, good food and outdoor games!

In the case of inclement weather, the picnic will be held in the Gathering Place.

Haiti Team Fun Day

New Cumberland, PA on
Friday August 12th

Hang out time begins:10:30AM
Hershey Chocolate World

Lunch at the Church:12:30PM
(please sign up this Sunday)

Boat Ride:2:00PM Pride of the Susquehanna River
Boat Ride (\$10.00)

Come and get to know our brothers and sisters in Christ from Haiti.

SEE PASTOR ROB FOR MORE INFO

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10:00AM - 11:30 AM Worship Service

11:30 AM - 12 :30PM Sunday School

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*Worship Order
and
Community Life*

New Cumberland Church of the Nazarene

Order of Worship
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
7 August 2016

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude Music
Welcome
Call to Worship
Worship Reading

We Listen to the Scriptures

Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Scripture Reading: Readings from Jonah
Sermon Series: “Majoring in the Minors”
Sermon Three: “Jonah (part 2)”

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
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.

JULY/ AUGUST CALENDAR

Aug 9 Board Meeting	6:30PM
Aug 10 Teen activity: Sole Hope and Sweet Frog	6:45PM
Aug 10 Vacation Bible School	6:45PM
Aug 14 Market Street Breakfast Mission	6:45AM
Aug 14 After Church Fellowship with special guest	10:00AM
Aug 17 Teen activity: Sky Zone	6:45PM
Aug 17 Vacation Bible School	6:45PM
Aug 19 Children’s ministry meeting	5:30PM

Sermon Reflection Guide

New Cumberland Church of the Nazarene
For Personal Reflection and Communal Conversation
The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost,
Sermon Series: “Majoring in the Minors”
Sermon Three: “Jonah”

Jonah 2

Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish, saying, “I called to the Lord out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice. You cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me; all your waves and your billows passed over me. Then I said, ‘I am driven away from your sight; how shall I look again upon your holy temple? ’The waters closed in over me; the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped around my head at the roots of the mountains. I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever; yet you brought up my life from the Pit, O Lord my God. As my life was ebbing away, I remembered the Lord; and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple. Those who worship vain idols forsake their true loyalty. But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Deliverance belongs to the Lord!’ Then the Lord spoke to the fish, and it spewed Jonah out upon the dry land.

Question for Everyone

I am constantly aware of God’s presence throughout my day. There is a scarcely a moment in my day without my thoughts turning to God. (10) Honestly, I’m a functional agnostic. I am seldom aware of God’s presence, even in the midst of difficulty. Where are you on this “awareness” scale?

Jonah hits Rock Bottom

One of the things that make “rock-bottom” so abysmally dark is that when we find ourselves at the bottom of that pit we sometimes come to realize that we are holding the shovel that had dug the hole. (Do you have a “rock bottom” story about yourself or someone you know?)

A True Story

Jonah’s story is a truthful story. That is, I read Jonah like I would read one of Jesus’ parables, full of truth though not dependent on historicity. That is, in the words of Richard Roar, “*all stories are true, and some of them actually happened.*” (Do you think Jonah’s story actually happened? Does it matter to you? Why? Why not?)

Grace in Strange Places

Jonah is the patron saint for people who find grace in strange places. Never forget that God’s judgment is often nothing more or less that God allowing us to feel the pain of our decisions. And that pain can become a means of grace, if we let it. (Have you ever found grace in strange places? Tell the story).

Grace and Pride

It’s really hard to be a Christian if you don’t need grace. And it’s really hard to need grace if you aren’t aware of your brokenness. That’s why pride is so detrimental to the spiritual life. Pride is the false assumption of self-dependency. Pride is the fruit of an acute lack of self-awareness. Pride repels grace. Humility attracts grace. (Is there such a thing as healthy pride? When is pride sinful?)