# **Building Project**

"As the gathered community of baptized, spirit-filled persons we serve as a sacramental sign of the presence of God in a way the individual Christians cannot." (How does the gathered church bear witness to Christ in ways an individual Christian cannot?)

## Engaged

"The key characteristic of engaged members is that their church is top of mind for them. They organize their lives around the church. They are proud of their church and can't imagine a world without it" (Growing an Engaged Church, 67-68). (Does this describe you?)

# Nostalgia

We are called to remember God's saving acts no doubt; but we are not called to wallow in an unhealthy nostalgia for a past that cannot be replicated. "The elders forgot that it was not Solomon but God who filled the temple with glory and so they mourn the past that can never return. Worse still they obstruct the new glory that is arriving, for as long as God is on the scene his people may confidently expect things which eye has not seen nor ear heard" (Elizabeth Achtemeier). (Response? Is your recollection of the past a means of grace or a hindrance to grace?)

Prayer

Skip Focht recovering from surgery Gladys Jacobs is not feeling well





#### New Cumberland Church of the Nazarene

Order of Worship Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost 11 September 2016

# We Gather to Worship God

Prelude Music Welcome Call to Worship Worship Reading

## We Listen to the Scriptures

Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Scripture Reading: Haggai 1:1-10
Sermon Series: "Majoring in the Minors"
Sermon Nine: Haggai

#### 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, <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.

#### SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sept 11	Market Street Breakfast Ministry	7:30AM
Sept 11	Family Game Night	6:00PM
Sept 12	Trim Mama Study (613 house)	7:00PM
Sept 13	Church Board Meeting	6:30PM
Sept 17	Men Only Prayer Breakfast	7:45PM
Sept 18	Member engagement All Church Pot-Luck	11:00AM
Sept 24	Doug and Allie's Wedding	3:00PM

Sermon Reflection Guide Sermon Series: Majoring in the Minors Sermon Nine: Haggai

## Haggai 1.1-10

In the second year of King Darius, in the sixth month, on the first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest: Thus says the Lord of hosts: These people say the time has not yet come to rebuild the Lord 's house. Then the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Is it a time for you yourselves to live in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins? Now therefore thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider how you have fared. You have sown much, and harvested little; you eat, but you never have enough; you drink, but you never have your fill; you clothe yourselves, but no one is warm; and you that earn wages earn wages to put them into a bag with holes. Go up to the hills and bring wood and build the house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored, says the Lord. You have looked for much, and, lo, it came to little; and when you brought it home, I blew it away. Why? says the Lord of hosts. Because my house lies in ruins, while all of you hurry off to your own houses. 2.1-5 In the seventh month, on the twenty-first day of the month, the word of the Lord came by the prophet Haggai, saying: Speak now to Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel, governor

of Judah, and to Joshua son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the remnant of the people, and say, Who is left among you that saw this house in its former glory? How does it look to you now? Is it not in your sight as nothing? Yet now take courage, O Zerubbabel, says the Lord; take courage, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; take courage, all you people of the land, says the Lord; work, for I am with you, says the Lord of hosts, according to the promise that I made you when you came out of Egypt. My spirit abides among you; do not fear.

Question for Everyone: (1) When I consider the future near and distant I am filled with anxiety and dread. (2) When I consider the future near and distant I am filled with excitement and great hope. Where are you on this spectrum?

#### Return from Exile

"The ruins of the Temple just sat there, a constant reminder of the ruined life of Israel's faith. The charred remains overgrown with weeds were symbols of Israel's infidelity to Israel's God. The ruined Temple silently reminded God's people, busily trying to scratch out a living, that they had lost their way." (How do you know when you've lost your way?)

#### Time to Rebuild

"Consider how your mediocre spirituality, manifested in the ruined Temple, is an outward sign of your inward spiritual brokenness." (What is the connection between outward signs of religious observance and one's spiritual health?)

#### **Unfinished Business**

The people of God have returned home, but they have not returned to God. They have some unfinished business with God, the business of rebuilding the Temple and rebuilding their fidelity to God. This wasn't an architectural issues, this was a spiritual issue.