

# Tithes and Offerings



## In-person

Place in the blue offering bins in the lobby.



ACH

## Online

[tablelifechurch.org/giving](http://tablelifechurch.org/giving)



or text GIVE  
to 717-420-1600



## Mail

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## Auto pay

Send directly from bank.

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CHURCH OF  THE NAZARENE



Order of Worship  
5 November 2023

Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

## **We Gather to Worship God**

Welcome  
Worship in Song  
Call to Worship

## **We Listen to the Word**

Prayer

Sermon Series: Like A Child  
Sermon: "Church at Play"

## **We Come to the Table**

Prayer of Confession and Consecration  
The Lord's Prayer  
We Eat and Drink Together  
We Celebrate the Eucharist in Song  
Prayer

## **We Go to Live in the Reign of God**

Community Life/Gossiping the Good Stuff  
Doxology  
Blessing and Sending

\*Words to music, responsive readings and  
The Lord's Prayer will be on the screen\*

## **CHURCH BOARD & DELEGATE ELECTIONS**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH  
BEFORE & AFTER WORSHIP

All active church members age 15 and older  
are eligible to vote!

## **SERVE WITH**

New  
**HOPE**  
Ministries  
Sharing Christ's love by meeting human needs

**SERVE**  
at the food  
pantry on the  
2nd  
Saturday of  
the month



## **DONATE**

- Toilet paper and paper products
- Hygiene products
- Laundry products
- Cleaning products



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**SATURDAY 12/9**  
9:00AM - 11:00AM  
TABLELIFE CHURCH  
617 16TH ST.  
NEW CUMBERLAND

**BREAKFAST WITH SANTA**

**FREE**

REGISTRATION OPENS NOVEMBER 9 [TABLELIFECHURCH.ORG](http://TABLELIFECHURCH.ORG)

• PANCAKES & FRUIT • PHOTOS WITH SANTA • CHRISTMAS CRAFTS

For a complete list of ongoing ministries and upcoming events,  
please visit [tablelifechurch.org](http://tablelifechurch.org).

## Doggy Bag- Some questions to chew on:



1. What did you hear God say to you through today's Scripture and message?
2. Have you ever viewed Play as a spiritual practice? In your church or religious experience how was Play viewed and taught?
3. How does seeing God as playful impact your perspective of Life and impression of God?
4. Have you ever been so engrossed in an activity that brought you joy that you lost track of time? How is Play a gift?
5. Have you ever thought of how your passions and hobbies could be used to build God's kingdom? How could the things you enjoy doing be used to connect with others who need the hope of Christ?
6. When was the last time you played? Really? Take time this week to play—and thank God for it. If you can't think of anything you enjoy doing or are limited in the hobby department, that's ok! Is there anything you always wanted to do as a kid but never did? How could you create space to do that?

## NEW HERE? NEED PRAYER?

Please fill out a  
connection card located  
in the seats in front of  
you. Or you can fill one  
out online.



If you'd like to talk personally and confidentially w/Pastor Kris about your relationship with Christ, please email [pastorkris@tablelifechurch.org](mailto:pastorkris@tablelifechurch.org) or call

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## Like A Child “Church at Play” Pastor Kris Beckert

**What was an activity or game you enjoyed playing as a child?**

**When was the last time you played? Or did something just for fun?**

*Luke 18:15-17. People were also bringing babies to Jesus for him to place his hands on them. When the disciples saw this, they rebuked them. <sup>16</sup> But Jesus called the children to him and said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. <sup>17</sup> Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.”*

\_\_\_\_\_ **is a part of the Kingdom of God**

- Playfulness in the Bible:
  - God's play in creation (Proverbs 8:30-31)
  - Psalm 104 and sea creatures frolic
  - God's instruction to Abraham to name his son Isaac, which means 'let him laugh'
  - Jesus' life with the disciples

**1. Play reflects the \_\_\_\_\_ of God**

*Genesis 1:31 God saw all that he had made, and it was very good. And there was evening, and there was morning—the sixth day.*

- Play means creating things to enjoy them
- Play bravely embodies a foretaste of God's joyful, victorious ending of pain and suffering
- Play as a reflection of God's goodness

## **2. Play is a \_\_\_\_\_ of God**

*Ecclesiastes 5:18-20 This is what I have observed to be good: that it is appropriate for a person to eat, to drink and to find satisfaction in their toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given them—for this is their lot. <sup>19</sup> Moreover, when God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil—this is a gift of God. <sup>20</sup> They seldom reflect on the days of their life, because God keeps them occupied with gladness of heart.*

- One definition of “play”—a way to connect our being with doing
- Play is not a distraction from reality

## **3. Play is designed to be \_\_\_\_\_**

*Romans 12:15. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep.*

- Play connects us to one another
- Play connects us to God's mission

**Big Idea:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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