

Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

Special News – December 2008 – Meade Church of the Nazarene



Church of the Nazarene
Meade Kansas

“The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” (Jn 1:14) It is time to celebrate once again the most glorious event in history – the coming of Christ on that very first Christmas. Because of this most precious Gift salvation has been made available to all who will repent and receive Christ.

We live in a time when people in the public arena seem to have a phobia about actually celebrating the real meaning of Christmas. A few years ago a certain public school was carefully creating their Christmas program, and the nearest they came to acknowledging the true meaning of the season was the second graders who spelled out the words “Merry Christmas” by each one holding up one of the letters. It all went well until the student with the “M” in Christmas got his letter upside down. Instead of spelling out “Merry Christmas” on the school stage that day, the kids, with the inverted “M” spelled out **“MERRY CHRIST WAS.”** And there is the truth of that first Christmas – Christ was. But remember the Bible said of Him that He is the One *“who was, who is, and who is to come.”* (Rev 4:8) This year let’s be bold in our affirmation that this holiday season is about Jesus – the One who came to be the Savior of the world.

Pastor Ron

Prayer Room

The Prayer Room is open during the regular morning office hours – 9 am to 12 noon.

Quiz Kids We will continue with our practices during the holiday season. There may be some changes necessary during December. Listen for special announcements.

(Quiz Kids meet every Wed. from 4 – 5:15 pm)

November:

30: First Sunday of Advent

Fifth Sunday Breakfast – 9:45 – 10:15 am

Morning Worship – 10:45 am

Lone Tree Service – 4 pm

Monthly Missions Service – 6 pm

December:

06: Ringing Bells at Moore’s – 10 am – 2 pm

13: Men’s Breakfast – 7:30 am

Children’s Musical rehearsal – 10 am

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14: Children’s Christmas musical – 10:45 am
(Treats for everyone)

All Church Christmas Gathering – 5 pm
Church Fellowship Hall

21: Christmas Sunday worship – 10:45 am; 6 pm

24: Christmas Eve Service – 5 – 6 pm

28: Worship – 10:45 am; Mission Service – 6 pm

31: New Year’s Eve Communion – 6 pm

Under
the **Influence**
Ephesians 5:18

The youth
group meets
every Sunday

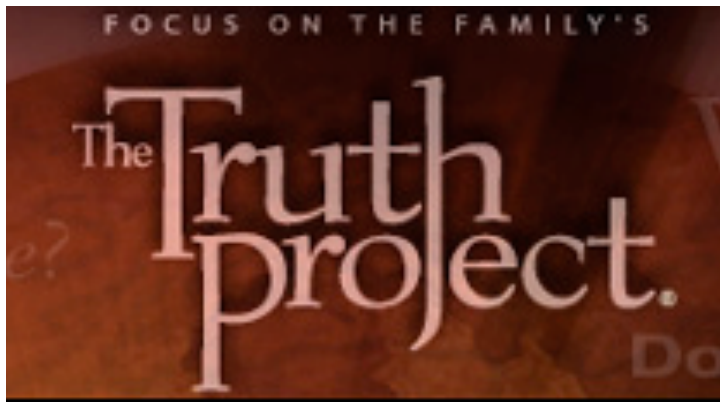
evening from 6 pm – 8 pm in the youth room. On Sunday, Dec 14th they will be serving the soup supper for our all-church Christmas gathering – then they will have their own special Christmas party. Plans are being discussed for a New Year’s Eve lock-in for the youth.

**MEADE
MEN’S
MINISTRY**

Join us for a Men’s ONLY
breakfast on Saturday,
December 13th, at 7:30 am.

We will be eating at the
church this month and hope
to make some plans for the upcoming NEW
Year so your input is needed!! Contact Tom
Kuhns for more information. (620-338-2155)

**Jesus Is The Reason
For The Season**



The Church Board has voted to present the Focus on the Family's "The Truth Project" on Sunday evening beginning in January. This is a special DVD teaching presentation.

"The Truth Project" was created by Dr. Del Tackett who is the president of the Focus on the Family Institute. The purpose of these teachings is to help Christians to have a genuine "Christian worldview" that is based upon our only authoritative source, the Holy Scriptures, the Word of God.

On Sunday evening, January 4, 2009, we will begin this special and important teaching series. The series will end on March 29, 2009. "The Truth Project" will be presented in place of our regular Sunday evening services. Each teaching session lasts for one hour; therefore, the entire time will be dedicated to this series.

These sessions often result in the desire for further discussion. We will take time at the conclusion of each session to attempt to answer questions and engage in discussion that will help us to truly understand what we have heard and experienced.

This series is for everybody – and we are hopeful that individuals from our community who are interested will join us as we focus on the important biblical principles we will be studying.

Dr. Tackett says that there is absolutely no area in our lives or in our world to which God has not spoken through His Word. When we understand what God has said, we can develop a truly "Christian worldview." On the reverse side is the listing of each of the 13 sessions that we will be studying.

Please make it your goal to be present – and bring a friend.

Sunday Evenings, January 4 – March 29, 2009

CHECK OUT THE CHURCH WEBSITE
www.meadenazarene.org

Special thanks to the Worship Choir for their ministry in song both in the morning worship service and in the evening community Thanksgiving service on November 23rd. They did a fabulous job and were a great blessing!

Ladies Christmas Party will be Tuesday, Dec 9th at 7 pm at Susan Hartnett's. Plan to bring a gift for a gift exchange (\$10-\$15). Bring your favorite snack that you like to make during the Christmas holidays. Details: Barb Webb

We want to thank the Women's Ministries for the great refreshments they served following the community Thanksgiving service on November 23rd.



Our annual all-church Christmas gathering will be on Sunday evening, December 14 in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 5:00 p.m. We will have a great time singing Christmas carols, and hearing a devotional given by Dr. Nash, our D.S., followed by a wonderful soup supper – served by our youth group. This is always a great time of fellowship. Don't miss it!



We need help in "ringing the bell" on Dec 6 & 13 at Moore's from 10 am to 2 pm. If you can take a 30 minute or 1 hour slot, please call the church office. Thanks!

Pastoral Review: The *Manual* of the Church of the Nazarene directs that after a pastor has served two years, then after every subsequent four years, the District Superintendent and church board will review the pastoral relationship with the church. Pastor Ron and Sara have now been with us for six years, therefore it is time for such a review. Dr. Nash will meet with the church board for the purpose of this pastoral review prior to our all-church Christmas gathering on December 14. A positive decision by the church board would extend the pastor's ministry for another four years. Pastor Ron and Sara will have time to prayerfully consider the action of the church board before making a public announcement regarding the continuing pastoral/church relationship.