

Meade Church of the Nazarene  
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### From the Pastor's Desk

February brings to mind various things: Ground Hog Day, St. Valentines Day, President's Day, and, in the church, Youth Week and Alabaster Offering. With those things in mind, I want to make these observations.

Each year hundreds of thousands of cards and gifts are exchanged on February 14<sup>th</sup> as people express their love for that special someone in their lives. The very basis of our love for each other is God Himself. The Bible reminds us that "God is love" [1 John 4:16] and that "We love because He first loved us" [1 John 4:19]. During this month let's take time to tell someone – whether it is our sweetheart or a special friend – how much we love and appreciate them.

This month we celebrate the birthdays of two of our greatest presidents: George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. As we think of these men and our nation, let's take time to pray for our nation and for our leaders – especially for our new president. Our nation will only be as morally strong as the people who make up this nation. Let's pray that God will help us to be 'salt and light' and thereby make a difference.

Alabaster Offering has, for the past fifty years, been a wonderful way that we in the Church of the Nazarene have been able to secure land and build buildings for the spreading of the gospel all around the world. It is appropriate that this "love offering" is given in February – a month when we think of expressing our love to others. Let me encourage you to be prepared to participate in the Alabaster Offering on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

For many years in February we have celebrated "Youth Week" in the church. In recent days with our new youth group we have been reminded again of our responsibility to make a place in our church for the spiritual and social development of the youth in our community. Let's make it our goal to pray for the youth and for Denice and Tom Kuhns (and Allison) as they minister to the youth in the church.

*Pastor Ron*

*Men's Breakfast - Saturday, February 14, 7:30 a.m. - in the church fellowship hall. We have a special (inside) project to do after we eat. See you then!*

**Worship Choir practice – Sundays at 4:45 p.m. We are working on Easter music plus.....**

**Special thanks to "Under the Influence" Youth Group for the great meal on January 18<sup>th</sup>. It was wonderful!**



### Kids Quiz Meet

The next Kids Quiz is Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at Dodge City First Church of the Nazarene. The quiz begins at 10:00 a.m. The van will leave for Dodge City at 8:45 a.m.

**Quiz Kids !!** Remember our weekly practice on Wednesdays – 4:00 – 5:15 p.m.

### Western Kansas Holiness Crusade

The holiness crusade is scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, February 13, 14, & 15 with General Superintendent Dr. Jerry Porter. Saturday night is an all Hispanic night at the Dodge City Hispanic church. Friday (at 7 pm) and Sunday (at 5 pm) it will be in our Garden City First Church. (Due to our scheduled series of "The Truth Project" we will only run the van on Friday evening.)

"Do you really believe that what you believe is really real?"



"The Truth Project" with Focus on the Family's Dr. Del Tackett will continue Sunday evenings until March 29. The purpose of these lessons is to help Christians develop a genuine biblical worldview that is based upon the Scriptures. These teaching sessions have been wonderful!

**Sunday Evenings – 6 pm, Jan 4 – Mar 29, 2009**



### NMI – February Emphasis

Each February we receive our special "Alabaster Offering" – a love offering that is used totally for the purchase of land and/or the building of churches, clinics, pastor's homes, Bible Schools, and other ministry centers. We will receive this offering on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. If you need an Alabaster Box, see Margaret Blehm. Our monthly mission meeting will be Wednesday evening, February 25<sup>th</sup>.

Did you know that the last two months we have averaged 62 in Sunday School? That is great --- going in the right direction! Thank you to each one who is making an effort to be involved in this important part of the church life.



SUNDAY SCHOOL  
*Make the Connection*

### From the Record Book: January 2009

Average Sunday School attendance	62
Average Morning Worship attendance	87
Average Evening Service attendance	67
Total Offerings – church	\$11,495.88
Total Offerings – missions	\$ 3,376.46

*"Love is a commitment with a beginning and no end."*



## Super Bowl Party

Chris and Susan Hartnett are hosting a Super Bowl party at their home on Sunday, February 1<sup>st</sup> beginning at 5 p.m. (503 N. Meade Center). Bring along your snack items and enjoy the fun and fellowship.

We will have our regular evening service on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Those who attend the service are welcome to join the Super Bowl party after the service.

"Under the Influence" youth Super Bowl party is at the church starting at 5:30 p.m.

**Youth Spring Break Ski Trip is March 19-22 at Red River, N.M. There are some snack items that Denice needs for this event. Watch for a sign-up sheet so you can help in supplying these items for the youth.**



Looking for a place to take your sweetheart for a great Valentine's Dinner? There is a place – right here in Meade! Our youth group is serving a great dinner in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, February 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. by reservation only. The cost is \$30 per couple. Call 620-338-7412 for reservations and tickets. The proceeds from this event will help underwrite the youth spring break ski trip. Deadline for reservations: February 8<sup>th</sup>. See the Meade County News for the menu and full details.



**Church Board Meeting – Monday, Feb 9 @ 7 p.m.**