



**Our Mission is**

- 1) to **REACH** our world for Christ and the church in the shortest time possible
- 2) to **TEACH** and **MODEL** Christ-likeness in all we do.

Sunday School 9:30 a.m. Sunday Evening 6:00 p.m.  
Morning Worship 10:40 a.m. Wednesday Evening 6:30 p.m.

**Morning Worship**  
September 27, 2020

**WE WELCOME YOU**

Welcome

**WE WORSHIP IN SONG**

*“Everlasting God”*

*“Sinking Deep”*

*“Goodness Of God”*

(Altars are open for prayer)

**WE WORSHIP IN PRAYER**

Pastoral Prayer

**WE WORSHIP IN THE WORD**

Message: “Rejection Or Acceptance”

Invitation

*“I Give You My Heart”*

**WE WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING**

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 16:2a

(You may give here, on the website or the EasyTithe app)

Announcements

Closing Prayer

**Go out and spread the good news**

Recordings of services are available at no charge. Or you can go to [www.nixanazarene.org](http://www.nixanazarene.org) and watch the service on the website.

If you are a guest, with us for the first time, please fill out a Connect Card, stop by the Welcome Center and pick up a free book.

**OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE**

September 27<sup>th</sup> – October 4<sup>th</sup>

**TODAY** - Today is Alabaster Sunday.

- No Pre-Service Prayer, 9:15 a.m.
- No Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 a.m.
- Morning Worship, 10:40 a.m. Worship on Facebook Live, 10:40 or you can view the service on our website, YouTube, or Facebook after noon.
- No Small Groups, 6:00 p.m.

**MONDAY** - Morning Prayer Time, 9:00 a.m.

**TUESDAY** - VanZant Bible Study Small Group, 6:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY** - No Mid-week happenings at the church. Check out

Pastor Gary’s Facebook live broadcast at 6:30 p.m.

- Teen Shine and Praise Team Practice, 6:30 p.m.

**SUNDAY** - Today is World Wide Communion Sunday

- Pre-service Prayer, 9:15 p.m.
- Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 p.m.
- Morning Worship, 10:40 a.m. Worship on Facebook Live at 10:40, or on our website, YouTube, or Facebook after noon.
- Small Groups, 6:00 p.m.

**COMING UP. . .**

- Oct. 5** - Morning Prayer Time, 9:00 a.m.
  - Ladies Only Small Group, 10:00 a.m.
- 6** - VanZant Bible Study, 6:30 a.m.
  - Women’s Ministry Council Meeting, 6:45 p.m.
- 7** - No Mid-week happenings at the church. Check out Pastor Gary’s Facebook Live broadcast at 6:30 p.m.
  - Teens and Praise Team Practice, 6:30 p.m.
- 8** - Lay Leadership Meeting on Zoom, 10:00 a.m.
- 9** - NMI Council Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
- 11** - Pre-service Prayer, 9:15 p.m.
  - Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 p.m.
  - Morning Worship, 10:40 a.m. Worship on Facebook Live at 10:40, or on our website, YouTube, or Facebook after noon.
  - No Small Groups, 6:00 p.m.
  - District Ordination Service, 6:00 p.m.
- 12** - Morning Prayer Time, 9:00 a.m.
  - Church Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 13** - VanZant Bible Study, 6:30 p.m.
- 14** - No Mid-week happenings at the church. Check out Pastor Gary’s Facebook Live broadcast at 6:30 p.m.
  - Teens and Praise Team Practice, 6:30 p.m.
- 18** - Pre-service Prayer, 9:15 p.m.
  - Sunday School for all ages, 9:30 p.m.
  - Morning Worship, 10:40 a.m. Worship on Facebook Live at 10:40, or on our website, YouTube, or Facebook after noon.
  - Small Groups, 6:00 p.m.

**Because of a positive test for COVID-19**, we are cancelling Sunday School, Children’s Church, KinderChurch and Nursery until Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>.

**We need volunteers to help in our Nursery.** It is on a rotating basis, only during morning worship, and you would be with another adult volunteer. Contact Jenna Allen (870.630-7198) to volunteer.

**Upcoming Special Events**

**Keep checking Facebook and listening to Phone Tree** messages for possible changes in our worship gatherings.

**October 11<sup>th</sup>**

This will be the District Ordination Service. The service will be held at the Carthage Church, at 6:00 p.m. Make plans to attend this important service.

**October 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>**

Teens and Parents, heads up. Make plans to attend the Fall Family Campout. Registration and fees are due October 4<sup>th</sup>.

**HELPING HANDS MINISTRY**

We have a group of people who help with odd jobs that people need done at their homes. We need volunteers to help. If you like to do yard work or small building or repair jobs and would like to help with this ministry please contact John Lewis at 417 494-4172/227-0571.

**HELP FOR DISTRICT PASTORS**

The District Superintendent has asked up to participate in an offering to give aid to district pastors in times of need. Mark your check’s memo “Pastoral Aid”. Our church has sent \$350 to the District as of August 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Get the Church Directory on your phone, laptop or home computer. Email the church office at [office@nixanazarene.org](mailto:office@nixanazarene.org). Tell us if you would like a certain username and/or password. You will receive a return email with instruction how to get the directory on your PC or phone. The email will list your username and password. If you need help, just call the church office and we will be glad to get you going.**

**Nursery This Week (September 27<sup>th</sup>)**

**Infant AM:** No Nursery

**Nursery Next Week (October 4<sup>th</sup>)**

**Infant AM:** Bonnie Hendrix and Susan Brubaker

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:**

No Sunday School A.M. Worship – 28  
No Small Groups No Wednesday Services

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

**GENERAL CHURCH:**

Offering last week	\$ 1,593.00
Budgeted Expense YTD	\$100,671.75
Actual Expense to 9/12/2020	\$81,990.42
Total Received 2020-2021	\$95,383.00

**OUTREACH GIVINGS:**

2020-21 Faith Promise Received	\$7,716.00
A.T.I.C.	\$1,118.28
R.A.K	\$875.57
Scholarship Fund	\$461.86

## *Prayer Concerns*

Paul Bisso – surgery, Tuesday (29<sup>th</sup>)  
Cheryll Eoff's Mother – fall recovery  
Ruth Daniel – surgery recovery  
Daniel Joubert – home recovering from Covid  
Healing for those testing COVID positive  
Roman's Friend, Jean Deason – radiation therapy  
Julie Brooks – recovery from fall injuries in the hospital  
Bert Mills – recovery of strength in rehab  
Hendrix's Son-in-law, Steven Brewster - chemo  
Doug Gasperik – Bert Nall's son-in-law, chemo & recovery  
Paul Bisso – back and leg pain  
Mark Gardner – knee/leg problems  
Pastor Gary's sister, Diane – cancer surgery recovery  
Pastor Gary's cousin, Doug – broken leg  
Pastor Don – surgery recovery  
Roman's friend son, Josh Donelson – life choices  
Renne and Betty Nance – Father's health  
Decisions around the Coronavirus  
Essential Workers on frontlines  
Garton's daughter – accident recovery/liver spots  
Iris Geren – treatment of infection  
JoAnne Tapert's friend, Wendy - cancer  
Peggy Aldridge – back issues  
Sharla Fields – post surgery treatment  
Heather Haworth – new chemo treatments  
Judy Groves – health issues and rehabilitation  
Leo & Vaunda Gardner – health issues  
Debbie Manning's cousin – open heart surgery  
Kelly Rogers – back pain/further treatment  
Matt Allen's Cousin – recovery from shooting  
Roman's Friend Margaret Hughs – chemo treatments  
Judy Davidson – continued chemo treatments  
Jennifer Mercure – cancer  
Hazel Davis – health concerns  
Houston and Vera Ker – health issues  
Marie Horne's Mother – health concerns  
Don Daniel's brother – spiritual health  
Darrell Middleton – brain damage from accident  
Brett Sutherland – leukemia  
Keith and Cari Asby – health issues  
Sean Carey – health  
Victory Mission & Least Of These – food & finance  
Military Personnel  
Our Leaders (Local, State, and National)  
Gary Richards – accident recovery

## REJECTION OR ACCEPTANCE

ACTS 17:24-28

### GOD'S BEEN REJECTED

Ezekiel 20:13

Deuteronomy 1:6-8, 25-26

2 Kings 17:7-8, 15      Isaiah 53:3

Jeremiah 6:19      Jeremiah 15:6

Amos 2:4

### GOD DOESN'T GIVE UP

Romans 5:8

1 John 3:1

Psalm 103:8-13

Titus 3:4-6

### ACCEPTANCE BRINGS REWARD

John 3:12-16

John 17:2-4

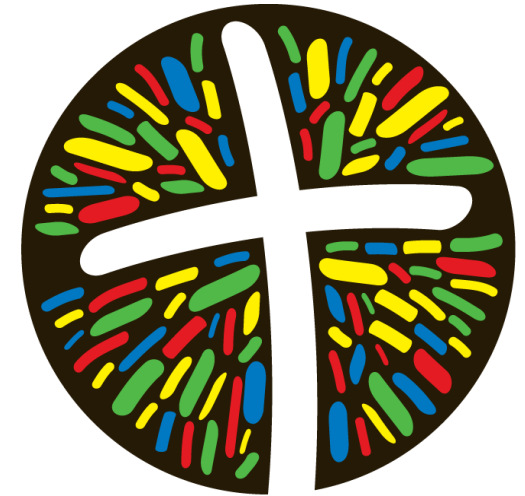
Romans 6:19-23      1 Timothy 1:16

Hebrews 6:12      1 John 5:11-13

### *Small Group Questions*

*For October 4<sup>th</sup>*

1. Share some life rejection/acceptance experiences and their impact/effect on you.
2. How should we handle rejection as a Christian?
3. What blessings or benefits come from accepting Christ?



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**Gary Swearingin, Pastor**  
**Don Daniel, Associate Pastor**  
**David Sutton, Associate Pastor**

