

# CONNECT



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## JANUARY 2016

### Weekly Connection:

#### SUNDAY

7:07 AM Prayer  
8:15 AM - Early Worship  
8:15 AM - Radio Program  
WBBA 97.5  
9:30 AM- Sunday School  
10:30 AM- Morning Worship  
JAM Kids Hour  
6:30 PM - Praise & Worship

#### TUESDAY

9-10 AM Ladies Bible Study  
7:00 PM Young Adults-Coffee H.

#### WEDNESDAY

6:05 AM- Men's Prayer – FC  
6:00 PM Teens  
6:30 PM Prayer in sanctuary  
7:00 PM– Small Groups  
Caravan (Sept.—April)  
“Wacky” Wednesday (May-August)

#### FRIDAY

9-11 AM Walk-in prayer—  
the Sanctuary

As I reflect on this question, there are a number of people in my life who have been a real example of dependable. And maybe a few things as well. One person who stands out in particular in my childhood, adolescent and early adulthood years of life and fulfills the description is my mom. She was born in the little town of Oakley out in southwestern Kansas in 1917, growing up on a prairie homestead, much of that time with an absent dad. She began her journey following Jesus as a teenager and married my dad in 1935 at the age of 18. She raised nine children in the rural community of Tecumseh, in southeastern Nebraska. She passed from this world just a few days after 9/11.

As I think about my mother and why she was dependable, there are multiple factors that would entitle her to this description.

Eat breakfast every morning at 7:00AM

Eat dinner every day at 12 noon (except Sunday). It always would be when we arrived home from worship services.

Eat supper each day at 5:30PM

Have family devotions (reading God's Word and prayer) every day at 7:15AM.

See her multiple times through the day praying and reading the Bible.

Provide assistance to my dad as needed on the farm.

Help neighbours consistently who needed a hand.

Keep her word, even if it meant personal sacrifice.

Consistently on time.

Listen to me and my siblings each time we needed to talk.

Persevere when difficult hard times came (challenging financial times on the farm, tragic death of one of my brothers, dad involved in a farming accident having leg amputated).

Speech with gentleness and kindness even when she needed to be firm.

Faithful to my dad 54 years of marriage.

As I think about mom, although she has been physically gone for some 14+ years, she continues to be an example, a model of being dependable. In other words, she stands out as faithful, consistent, trustworthy, and loyal. Her family, neighbours and friends could count on her. Her kind of example mirrors the character and nature of God. Do you and I have people we can without question depend on? Are you someone who is dependable? Where there is dependable, there is assurance. And where there is assurance, there is hope and peace.

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## Authentically Challenged

Authentic is a word that perks the ears of both teens and adults. “Fluff” is out and “life with meaning” is in. It’s no longer a feel-good society looking for cookie cutter answers. Folks are searching for what’s real. They’re looking for answers that really matter. But this isn’t anything new. Even during the days of Jesus a man named Simon (Peter) was looking for the same answers.

In Luke 5 we read about Peter’s calling.

Jesus gets in Peter’s boat and tells him to cast his net into the water during the heat of the day. If you recall, Peter pulls up his nets and fills not only his boat with fish, but his partners’ as well. If you take the time to read Luke 5:1-11 you’ll notice that Jesus was already speaking the Word of God to those gathered around him. I’m sure Peter was listening while he was cleaning his nets near the shore.

Look, teens and adults aren’t looking for “fluff”. They’re looking for authenticity. They need to hear the truth. More importantly they need to see the truth. They need to experience the truth. The only way this can happen is if you let Jesus into your boat and cast your nets into the deep. It will only happen if you trust Jesus with your entire life, even if it goes against everything else the world says is “ok”.

We can’t live a life of hypocrisy. If you’re going to preach it, you better live it. Jesus is saying, “Trust me” just as much now as he did 2,000 years ago to a man named Simon. As a leader you have two choices:

- Leave Jesus on the shore while you clean your nets

*OR*

- Let him into your boat and allow your life to be transformed and restored into the man or woman that he has called you to be.

*Be authentic. Trust Jesus.*

Kevin D’Ettorre, Associate Pastor of Youth at New Philadelphia First Church of the Nazarene



PCN Children’s Ministry

BACK TO NORMAL



Nazarene Missions International

Sunday, January 17th @ 6:30 p.m.—guest speaker Liviu Neagoe from Romania. Pastor Neagoe, a friend of Jonathan and Brittany, also drills wells in Africa.

Please continue to pray:

- ◆ for the many refugees who are displaced, and for the missionaries who are ministering to their various needs.
- ◆ for opportunities to lead others to Christ in our community.
- ◆ for missionaries and their families. Many MKs (missionary kids) will be traveling back to the US from visiting their parents on the field for their Christmas break.


**Calendar Highlights**
**JANUARY 2015**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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**FEBRUARY 2016**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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28	29					

9 Prime Time Luncheon  
11 Church Board Meeting

1 *Happy New Year!*

6-10 Youth Revival with "Big Chap"

12 Prime Time luncheon

14 Church Board Meeting

17 Special speaker from Romania—6:30 p.m.

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 ▣ Tumbling every Saturday morning (some exceptions); see Anne Nash for dates and times. ▣  
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**Birthdays & Anniversaries**

1 Thelma Douglas	23 Macee Borrowman
Henry DeVries	25 Becky Freesmeyer
4 Jonathan Kroeze	Madison Hess
Moira Curry	Molly McClain
7 Ana Juan	27 Patty Burlend
8 Robert Clarkson	Cleve Curry
Bruce Rush, Sr.	Donna Davidsmeyer
10 Jenna Booth	28 Ashlyn Crone
12 Doris Green	Cash Kirk
13 George Whitlock	30 Bill Green
14 Ashlyn Collard	
15 Mary Lou Buchanan	<i>It's our anniversary!</i>
Kaderick Freesmeyer	1 <i>Bill &amp; Denise Booth</i>
Debbie Galbreath	3 <i>Robert &amp; Gladys Clarkson</i>
16 Bruce Stauffer	6 <i>Dave &amp; Linda Sheppard</i>
17 Johnny Swartz	7 <i>Pastor Jon &amp; Mary-Lou Kroeze</i>
23 Justin Curry	

**Nursery Helpers**

<i>SUNDAY Nursery</i>	
03 AM	Sheila & Matt Davidsmeyer
PM	Katie Davis
10 AM	Vicki Grammer
PM	Michelle & Jarrod Kirk
17 AM	Andy & Sheryl Borrowman
PM	Janeen Freesmeyer/Allison Kirk
24 AM	Russ & Paula James-Monroe
PM	Katie Davis
31 AM	Chad & Brandi Ruzich
PM	David & Grace Guthrie
<i>TODDLER Nursery - Sunday AM</i>	
	3 Ben Guthrie
10	Ashlyn Collard 17 Emily Guthrie
24	Macy James 31
<i>WEDNESDAY Nursery</i>	
06	Susanne Curry 13 Della Rush
20	Don & Annelle Kirk 27 Ben Guthrie



## Life Changing



Jim Chapman speaks to thousands of people every year in **conferences, camps, retreats, school assemblies, revivals** and more. He is also author of ***Finishing Well: A guide to training for the race of life.***

With a style like no other, his **humor and passion** will deliver **a powerful message that leaves you challenged.**

**YOUTH REVIVAL January 6-10, 2016**

**Pittsfield Church of the Nazarene**

**Friday, Jan. 8th UNITE Rally will be at the Assembly of God church from 6:00-7:30 p.m. with Jim Chapman as speaker; NO SERVICE AT OUR CHURCH THAT NIGHT**

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In the age in which we live, we really cannot count on our government, the social security / retirement plan, physical safety or even technology as advanced as it is. All these have failed and will at some time fail us. Yet in this age, there is a God who is always dependable and will never fail. I absolutely believe there are multitudes who are looking for this God, and the People of God need to step up and stand up to be counted on so this generation will see and know.

Listen again to the words of the songwriter/singer Steve Green:

We're pilgrims on the journey of the narrow road  
 And those who've gone before us line the way  
 Cheering on the faithful, encouraging the weary  
 Their lives a stirring testament to God's sustaining grace  
 Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses  
 Let us run the race not only for the prize  
 But as those who've gone before us  
 Let us leave to those behind us  
 The heritage of faithfulness passed on through godly lives

[Chorus] Oh may all who come behind us find us faithful  
 May the fire of our devotion light their way  
 May the footprints that we leave  
 Lead them to believe  
 And the lives we live inspire them to obey  
 Oh may all who come behind us find us faithful

After all our hopes and dreams have come and gone  
 And our children sift through all we've left behind  
 May the clues that they discover and the memories they uncover  
 Become the light that leads them to the road we each must find

*Pastor Jon Kroeze*



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