

- 1 Kevin & Sara Avis
- 12 Darryl & Kandy Edwards

**Art of Marriage Weekend**  
February 10-11  
Nazarene Church  
**\$50/couple**  
(includes snacks and workbooks)  
Valentine's Dinner (extra charge)  
Feb. 10, 5:30 pm  
**Register by Feb. 1:**  
[jamestownndnaz.org](http://jamestownndnaz.org)  
(\$65 after Feb. 1)

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1 <b>6:30 pm</b> Great Adventure Youth <b>7 pm - Prayer</b> <i>Art of Marriage</i> <b>Deadline</b>	2	3	4 <b>6:30 am</b> DAWG Pound
5 <b>9:00 am</b> Annual Meeting <b>10:30 am</b> Worship Lord's Supper	6	7 <b>6:30 pm</b> Ladies' BSF	8 <b>6:30 pm</b> Great Adventure Youth <b>7 pm - Prayer</b>	9	10 <b>Deadline</b> <i>Arctic Blast</i> Registrations <b>Art of Marriage Conf.</b> Feb. 10-11, Nazarene Church	11 <b>6:30 am</b> DAWG Pound
12 <b>9:20 am</b> Sunday School <b>10:30 am</b> Worship	13	14 <b>6:30 pm</b> Ladies' BSF	15 <b>6:30 pm</b> Great Adventure Youth <b>7 pm - Prayer</b>	16	17	18 <b>6:30 am</b> DAWG Pound <b>10 am - Prayer</b> , First UMC
19 <b>9:20 am</b> Sunday School <b>10:30 am</b> Worship	20	21 <b>6:30 pm</b> Elders' Mtg. <b>6:30 pm</b> Ladies' BSF	22 <b>6:30 pm</b> Great Adventure Youth <b>7 pm - Prayer</b>	23	24 <b>Deadline</b> <i>Winter</i> *SOULstice <b>Arctic Blast</b> , Feb. 24-25, (Grades 4-5)	25 <b>6:30 am</b> DAWG Pound
26 <b>9:20 am</b> Sunday School <b>10:30 am</b> Worship	27	28 <b>6:30 pm</b> Ladies' BSF	<b>February 2017</b>			

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| 1 Matthew Motschenbacher | 11 Dianne Satrom    | 17 Carol Ryum     | 20 McKinley Johnson | 26 Blake Reed      |
| 3 Ellen Pfeiffer         | 12 Sheila Schnabel  | 17 Paul Tahrar    | 23 Addison Spanier  | 27 Mary Rachel     |
| 3 Cassie VanEpps         | 14 Alivia Hoke      | 18 Kristi Grounds | 24 Daniel Peterson  | 28 Elijah Anderson |
| 6 Amanda Lausch          | 14 Amy Patzer       | 18 Aaron Johnson  | 25 Kimm Avans       | 28 Ally Nill       |
| 7 Kristen Spanier        | 15 Alan Spanier     | 18 Megan Shockman | 25 Ryan Carlson     | 28 Teresa Wolfe    |
| 7 Darryl Stading         | 16 Laurie Markegard | 20 Jeri Lynch     | 26 Jeff Grinsteiner |                    |
| 9 Addison Graves         | 17 Kalen Heller     |                   |                     |                    |
- Happy Birthday!**

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We've been looking at **time** from a different perspective in January and will continue to do so through February.

**I hope you are being challenged as I am.** Sharing questions, reflections and practical ideas with others is essential if we are going to begin to live out what God is teaching us.

I am grateful how our **Life Groups** are interacting on this topic. **New groups are beginning each month.** Are you part of a Life Group? Please **contact Pastor Kalen** with your questions.

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*Lighting the Way Together*

TO **WORSHIP** GOD, HELP PEOPLE TO **KNOW** JESUS CHRIST PERSONALLY, **GROW** TO BE LIKE HIM, **SHOW** HIS LOVE, AND **GO** WHERE HE LEADS . . . **TOGETHER.**

The **Passion Play** rehearsals are beginning, culminating with three or four performances Easter weekend. **There is a role for you** (acting, singing, set changes, costumes, makeup, audio, publicity, prayer, greeting, providing food, parking, etc.). **All ages are welcome and needed.**

**Specific cast needs include:** two men for the roles of Peter and Bartimaeus (able to sing), 10 singers for an angel choir, crowd people, soldiers, a half dozen disciples, several small speaking parts (including children), elementary age boys. Please indicate your interest by contacting the church office or speaking with a cast member.

**Rehearsals are 1:30 Sunday afternoons beginning January 29.**

**If you are not able to be part of the production, God still desires to use your ministry gifts.** Especially

now through early summer we have **needs for people to be involved with Youth ministry, children and youth Sunday School, Jr. Church, nursery, Life Groups, greeters and other areas.** Please contact an elder, ministry team person, pastor or the church office for more info.

- Current prayer needs:
- Cast members
  - People to attend who need to see and hear the message of Easter.

*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.*

1 Peter 1:3



**Warning:** this story contains humbling circumstances for TBC's Pastor of Community Life! The week following Christmas I came down with a flu bug that quickly morphed into influenza and as time progressed it seemed to present itself as laryngitis. I'll spare you the gritty details, but in short, I was miserable for 2+ weeks. The illness was only exacerbated by the fact that Sarah and I traveled to Minneapolis for a friend's wedding and then to Iowa for a late Christmas with Sarah's family. I'm thankful to have a mother-in-law who has experience working as a nurse who cared for her ailing son-in-law!

Upon our return to Jamestown I was doing significantly better, but was still not up to par. So, you can imagine my dismay when we turned onto the street in front of our house and noticed a four-foot snow drift covering the entirety of our driveway. The next day I did what any good son without a snow-blower does: I called my dad to see if he would help shovel the snow out of our driveway. Being the generous man that he is, he agreed. Still not having regained my strength, I was discouraged as we slowly began to whittle away at the large embankments of snow. Feeling pressed for time as Sarah and I were to have dinner with friends later that evening, I grew increasingly frustrated with our situation. I began muttering to myself, "Why didn't I shovel away some of these drifts before we left?" and "Why don't I have a snow-blower? That would make everything so much easier!"

The irony is that as I was throwing my internal pity-party our neighbor (who I have seen countless times, but have not formally met) just finished blowing out his driveway

and made his way over to our front yard. Without saying a word, he began blowing out *our* driveway! The guilt of not formally introducing myself months--if not years--ago began to flood my stream of consciousness. "I'm the pastor of *community* life – I'm the one that is to show hospitality!" I said to myself. My guilt only escalated as I watched the strain on this 60-something-year-old man's face as he did in 15 minutes what would have taken my dad and me two hours to complete. Wanting desperately to repay the favor/express my sorrow for not being the first to lend a hand, I ran back into the house and grabbed a container of leftover Christmas cookies and presented them to him with the hope that they would be received as a "We're good/I'm not THAT bad of a neighbor!" gift. As I pathetically held out this container of somewhat stale cookies, our neighbor looked at me, put his hand on my shoulder, and said, "No thanks, son. Have a Happy New Year."

Now, although this was a humbling encounter, the takeaway (after I finished eating the stale cookies of course), was 1) If I had taken the initiative and introduced myself to the neighbor earlier I wouldn't have had to endure this humiliation, and 2) It is a good thing to allow others to serve us. Hospitality is not a one-way street. As believers it's equally important for us be cheerful givers, as well as cheerful receivers. For giving AND receiving is the only way neighbors move from strangers to acquaintances to friends.



*As you did it to one of the least of these. . .*



According to Matthew 25:31-46 Jesus judges/rewards His sheep on the basis of their serving Him through their service to others.

HOW do we minister to others - as we would minister to Him (and please Him)?

Some of the "least of these" include students, the elderly/lonely, those in prison, those with physical needs (food, clothing, shelter) and/or those on the fringes (those with disabilities, those difficult to love, etc.). Below are some ideas as to how we can express Jesus' love to students and the elderly. (Next month's focus will include those in prison, the needy and those on the "fringes" of our community.)

#### Elementary students

- \*Provide undesignated money for administrators to use as needed (For example - winter wear, boots; milk money; "fun" activities; family needs)
- \*Donate good quality, "gently used" winter clothes (some storage limitations)
- \*Sign up at specific schools as one who will purchase needed items
- \*Offer to provide help with homework (may require permission)
- \*Donate good-quality backpacks
- \*Sponsor an Angel Tree gift

#### High school students (Contact Julie Skunberg or Gayle Nelson, counselors: 952-4003)

- \*Provide rides to school, especially in cold weather (permission may be needed)
- \*Volunteer to help (one idea is to assist in gaining parental permission for trips, etc.)
- \*Provide money for personal items
- \*Provide money for college application fees
- \*Provide money for test fees (like ACT); retakes or additional tests are students' expense.

#### Elderly (Nursing home residents; those "shut-in" or the lonely)

- \*Visit resident(s) regularly; many residents are far from family and/or friends and have lost their independence, friends, spouse, health, etc.
- \*Remember them during the holidays
- \*Play games with them
- \*Develop a relationship: be a friend, support, pray, listen
- \*Send letters, cards or emails to individual residents (contact the nursing homes for details)

We may often find it easy to give money; our time seems to be much more precious and more difficult to give! When Jesus saw a need, He then took time to meet that need. Are we going so fast, so intent on our own personal agendas or schedules, that we fail to "see" the needs around us? Take time to **SEE** and **RESPOND**!