

INFORMATION FOR OUR GUESTS

Our prayer is that you will experience the presence of God today.

NFC Communication Cards are available in the pew racks or on the Early Church round tables. Please use these to communicate prayer requests, questions, or words of encouragement.

Nursery and preschool programs are available this morning in the Family Life Center. Please visit our web site at nfcnaz.org to find out more about NFC and our weekly activities.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY, December 22

7:00am Men's Bible Study - NNU Alumni Hse
7:00pm NMI Council Mtg - Conf Rm
CR Women's 12 Step - Counseling Rm

TUESDAY, December 23

6:00am Men's Bible Study - 2nd St. Deli
9:30am Heart 'n' Hand Quilters - B55
6:00pm Boy Scout Troop 112 - B59
Celebrate Recovery - Gym
CR - CM Celebration Place - CM225
CR - Yth The Landing - Forum
6:45pm CR Childcare (0-4yrs) - Nursery

WEDNESDAY, December 24

12:00pm Office Closed
5:30pm Christmas Eve Service - Sanctuary

THURSDAY, December 25

Office Closed for Christmas

FRIDAY, December 26

Office Closed
6:30pm Singles' Road of Healing - Forum

SATURDAY, December 27

No scheduled activities

SUNDAY, December 28

9:20am Nursery (ages 0 to Kinder.)
9:30am Early Church - FLC Gym
Sunday School - NFC Grounds
Yth - NFCU - Forum
10:45am Worship Celebration/Dr. Steve Borger-Sanctuary
10:50am EC 2nd Hr. Classes - NFC Grounds
No Evening Worship

B - Basement of Ferdinand Hall
CH - Care House
CM - Children's Ministries, Upstairs FLC
Conf Rm - Family Life Center
FH - Ferdinand Hall
FLC - Family Life Center

Forum - Downstairs Family Life Center
Parlor - Sanctuary Building
Ps - Preschool, Upstairs FLC
S - Sanctuary Building
Y - Youth, Downstairs FLC

WORSHIP GATHERINGS	
9:30 am Early Church	305
10:45 am Sanctuary Service	837
7:00 pm Tuesday Gym	121
Total	1263
Sunday School	1096

OFFERINGS	
GOAL FOR DECEMBER	\$ 156,270
Received to date	\$ 86,136
FAITH PROMISE BUDGET	\$ 245,000
FAITH PROMISE COMMITMENTS	\$ 249,602
Received to date	\$ 168,902

PRAY FOR:

- John & Vicki Moore - Australia
- Pastors Tommy & Stephanie Lobdell - Mountain Home Church of the Nazarene (Lobdell's ministry in Mountain Home begins January 4)
- Jeffrey DeHaven - Idaho Army National Guard

IN THE HOSPITAL: Tina Berman, Sandra Brown, Arlen Gingrich, Alice Weller

IN APPRECIATION: In thoughtfulness of our father, **Levi Henrickson**, we thank the pastoral & church family for your visits to Dad. Thank you, Pastor Kent, for the memorial service & message of salvation. We appreciate the beautiful plant & cards. The funeral dinner was so appreciated. - **the family of Levi Henrickson**

YOU ARE INVITED TO the Diamond Jubilee 75th Wedding Anniversary Celebration for **Rev. J. Melton & Letitia Thomas** on Sunday, December 28, in the Karcher Estates Main Lobby. It is a drop-in event from 1:00 - 3:00pm.

COMMUNITY:

- **The Grace Place**, Love INC's Resale Shoppe, has moved to a new, bigger space in "The Birches" Plaza. Go by & check it out. Love INC is taking a break from remodeling their facilities. They will resume in January & if you would like to volunteer to help, call 466-7810.

OVERFLOW JAVA MINISTRY - Downstairs in the FLC adjacent to the Forum. A variety of flavored hot/cold beverages are available until 9:25am for \$2 or less. Proceeds support our NFC Youth Ministries.

WiFi Users - NFC Guest Networks use the following password: **nfcguest2014**.

Tableproject: Come join us on the Table. It's a private online meeting place, just for our church, that enables us to connect 24/7, not just on Sunday. Need help or more information? Contact the group leader of any of the ministries in which you are involved or email tablehelp@nfcnaz.org for more information.

Kent Conrad - Senior Pastor
Jim Vogel - Adult Pastor
Robbie Durbin - Singles' Pastor
Nate Roskam - Young Adult Pastor
Brian Loeber - Youth Pastor
Marcus LeBaron - Children's Pastor
Carol Schroeder - Early Child Pastor
Linda Thompson - Early Church Pastor

James Austin - Community Life Pastor
Barry Lucas - Celebrate Recovery Pastor
Eunice Lucas - Celebrate Recovery Pastor
Doran Ritchey - Worship Arts Pastor
Don Renschler - Pastoral Care
Ernie Lowry - Boy Scout Coordinator
Hugh Friberg - NMI President

DECEMBER 21, 2014

We Gather To Worship

SPECIAL COMBINED SERVICE TODAY

10:00am in the Sanctuary for Pastor Kent & Kay Conrad's last Sunday. You are also invited to a drop-in reception from 2:00 - 4:00pm in Ferdinand Hall to celebrate their retirement after 40 1/2 years of full-time ministry.

Sermon Title: **"The Lord is With You"**
Scripture: **Luke 1:26-38**
10:00am Combined Service - Pastor Kent Conrad preaching - Sanctuary
2:00 - 4:00pm Drop-in Retirement Reception for Pastor Kent & Kay Conrad
6:00pm No Evening Service

THANK YOU KENT & KAY

Nampa First Church has been blessed beyond measure for the last twelve years to have Kent & Kay Conrad as our lead pastoral couple. On this Sunday, their last with us, we want to honor & thank them for more than forty years of faithful service to Christ & His church.

Pastor Kent was our shepherd, preaching from the platform to the aisles, praying as he walked & touched every seat in the sanctuary & reaching out to others from the saddle of his Harley. Kay was a consistently sweet presence, serving the Lord & us, through the Girlfriends ministry, prayer groups & her beautiful, welcoming spirit.

Under their ministry, we saw those needing the Lord's help in overcoming addictions reached through Celebrate Recovery. No Greater Love was revitalized. We became more cognizant of the names of God & how they define His nature, & we realized how important it is for us to become path workers, introducing others to Christ & His call to repentance & faith.

We thank God for Kent & Kay. Their love for & obedience to God have given NFC a wonderful beginning to its second century of service.

CHILDREN & PRESCHOOL MINISTRIES

Combined Christmas Service today, December 21, at 10:00am. There will be no Elementary Sunday School today. Merry Christmas!

Wednesday Night Ministries: Benson's Buddies, Lift Off Live & MIX56 will not meet on December 24 & 31 due to Christmas Eve & New Year's Eve. Please join us at 6:30pm on January 7 when regular activities resume.

Family Tubing Day: Find your snow gear & join us for Family Tubing Day at Bogus Basin on Monday, January 19, from 9:00am - 3:00pm. 1st - 3rd graders must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Cost is \$13. Tickets can only be reserved & held by signing up & prepaying by January 11. You can sign up & pay on the web at nfcnaz.org, sign up at the welcome tables or call the Children's Ministries office at 466-2302.

Next baby dedication is January 18; deadline is Monday, January 5.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

NFCU - Forum, Sundays at 9:30am & **The HUB - Forum**, Wednesdays at 6:30pm.

Parents meetings for Spring 2015 calendaring are scheduled as follows:

Sunday, January 11, at noon in Y16/17
Tuesday, January 13, 7:00pm in Y14/15

For more information on our weekly youth ministry rhythms or for upcoming events, scan the QR code or visit us at nfcnaz.org/ministries/teens & facebook.com/nfcstudentministries.



JESUS, A Ministry of Hope.... At Home, Across The Street, and Around The World

UPCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE

Celebrate the Light of the World in a family-oriented evening of worship
Join us Wednesday, December 24, at 5:30pm in the Sanctuary

"GOD'S NOT DEAD"

The Movie, 7:00pm - Tuesday, December 30, FLC Gym
Free showing hosted by Celebrate Recovery. Everyone is welcome

GOSPEL CONCERT FEATURING LIBERTY QUARTET

Start your New Year off with a great Gospel concert
on Sunday, January 4, 2015 at 6:00pm in the NFC Sanctuary.
Doors will open at 4:45pm & admission is free. A love offering will be received.

GENERAL INFORMATION

NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER/ACTIVITIES scheduled until January 7, 2015 with the exception of the Christmas Eve service, December 24, at 5:30pm in the Sanctuary.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES: The NFC office will be closed from December 24, 12:00pm, until December 29, 8:00am & closed again from December 31, 12:00pm until January 5, 8:00am. We wish all of you, our church family, a Merry Christmas & a wonderful New Year's celebration.

READING THRU THE BIBLE in chronological order begins Wednesday, January 7, at 6:00pm in the Family Life Conference room. Come join with others in a significant read of God's Word.

THANK YOU: Your generous giving to Nampa First Church has been a wonderful blessing. We are fast approaching the end of the calendar year in which to make contributions for 2014. You may either place your contributions in the offering or bring them to the Church office by noon on Wednesday, December 31. Of course, you may also put your contributions in the mail; however, your envelope must be postmarked on or before December 31 to be counted in 2014.

For those of you who participate in online giving through our website, please note that December 25 is the last date you can select to be counted in 2014. Because we have a 5 day waiting period, you would need to have selected the 25th by December 20.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions, do not file your 2014 income tax return until you have received a written acknowledgement of your contributions from the church. Some of your contributions may not be tax-deductible if you file your tax return before receiving a written acknowledgement of your contributions from the church.

Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study, led by Jennifer Alban, will not meet again until January 6.

Reminder: If you need a workbook for Beth Moore's Revelations study beginning Wednesday, January 7, 6:30pm, please let us know on a communication card or call Mona at 989-8004.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

Young Adult Class - Sundays - 9:30am in S260. A book-by-book study of the Bible. Teachers: Grant Miller/John Emerson.

Young Adult Ministries is sponsoring a Goal Planning Seminar Series scheduled January 14, 21, 28, & Feb. 4. It is being taught by Errol Carrim & is open to all ages! This is a free event, but please register under the Young Adults Upcoming Events on our website or by scanning the QR code.

For more details on young adult events, check out facebook.com at NFC - Young Adults or nfcnaz.org/ministries/young-adult.



CELEBRATE RECOVERY

*Taking an honest Spiritual Inventory
and*

MOVING FORWARD
With Christ!

This Week:
Christmas Special

Tuesday, December 23, 7:00pm, FLC Gym
Family Friendly Programs
A safe place to leave hurts, habits & hang-ups
& move forward!

BIBLE STUDY 101- Room CM209 - Tuesdays at 8:00pm

This Bible Study goes deeper into The Eight Principles of Celebrate Recovery. It is designed to provide a greater application & working knowledge of each of the Beatitudes from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:3-12). Leaders are Jerry Powers & Reese Verner.

NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL

Work & Witness: Our church's next trip will be in June 2015. The team will be going to Burundi, Africa. Be in prayer about joining this team. Applications can be found on the NFC website or at the welcome center. The website is set up so you can make payments for this trip on-line.

FYI: Our Faith Promise weekend is Feb. 28 - Mar. 1, 2015. Guest speaker will be Brian Ketchum, who is presently in France. Please be in prayer for this special time.

New Work: Recently workers boarded an airplane to an area where the Church of the Nazarene hasn't yet been established. Once there, they met with believers who are eager to proclaim the Gospel & to be recognized as an organized church. The country is a secure/CAA area. Prayer coverage is needed. The workers are courageous for Christ & we need to lift them before the Lord. We can give no details, but we have confidence that when we pray, the Spirit Himself intercedes on our behalf. (Romans 8:26)

Be in prayer for The Persecuted Church around the world. New attacks occur daily.

SINGLES MINISTRIES

Sunday mornings - SOS is studying the book of John in Rm S256. **SPLASH** is continuing their study on sanctification led by Marsha Rogers & Benny Choy in Rm S4.

Sunday evenings - Fellowship & Coffee, 7:00pm, at Marsha's house, 1030 E Hawaii.

Wednesday evenings - No Divorce Care until January 7, 2015.

Friday, December 26, 6:30pm - Road of Healing - Bring your own dinner & join us!

Wednesday, December 31 - New Year's Eve Party in the Forum. Watch facebook & email for updates & details

Coming in January - "Beyond Boundaries" Class in Y14/15 beginning Wednesday, January 7, @ 6:30pm. This is not just for singles, but for everyone who would like to improve their relationships. Learn when & how to trust & grow friendships, work relationships & marriages! This is a 6-week video series by John Townsend.

CARE HOUSE MINISTRIES

Now that growing garden produce has come & gone, we can always use canned goods to get us through these cold winter months.

If you are looking for a great place to volunteer & connect with our community, the Care House might be your answer. For information about this fun way to serve, contact Nichole Moore, Brian Westerfield or Neal Moore at 466-3549.

The Care House count for December 6, 9 & 11.

People: **644** Boxes: **155** Meals: **1,932**