



*On Sunday,
December 24th :
Morning Worship
Service is at 10:30am
No 9:30am Life Groups*

Bring your camera or phone to take a photo with your family and friends at the photo booth in the foyer before or after the morning and evening services.

December

18 th -	6:00pm:	Church Leadership Team, Christmas Gathering, Foyer
19 th -	6:30am:	Men's Prayer Breakfast, Flap Jack
	6:30pm:	G.P.S. (God's Plan for Singles) ages 18-29, at the home of Dave and Candy Burris- Friendsmas!
	6:55pm:	Men's Bible Study Fellowship, Union Missionary Baptist Church, 500 MLK Blvd.
20 th -	5:15pm:	Youth Quizzing, Lower Level
	5:30pm:	Kids Quizzing, Lower Level
	6:30pm:	Kids Faith Factory, & Teen Fuse Group
	7:00pm:	Prayer Gathering, Room 209 "40 Days of Community" by Rick Warren, Conf. Rm. A
24 th -	10:30am:	Morning Worship Service (No 9:30am Life Groups)
	5:00pm:	Christmas Eve Communion Service
25 th - 26 th		<i>Merry Christmas! Office Closed</i>
27 th -	5:15pm:	Youth Quizzing, Lower Level
	5:30pm:	Kids Quizzing, Lower Level
	6:30pm:	Kids Faith Factory, & Teen Fuse Group
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WELCOME to South Church of the Nazarene

We're glad you're here!

We want to stay connected with YOU! Everyone please fill out a Connect Card located in the rack in front of you. If you are visiting, have a prayer request, new address, phone, or email address, this is a great place to communicate with our staff. Please place your connect card in the offering plate or drop it by the Welcome Center in the foyer. We have friendly people at the Welcome Center ready to answer any of your questions!

Be sure and visit our website www.southnaz.org



December 17, 2017

10:30am



CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

- **Life Groups** for all ages Sunday at 9:30am.
Powerhouse- Every Sunday Morning from 10:30am-12:00
(For grades Preschool-6th) Nursery & Toddler Care Available!
- **Children's Quizzing** on Wednesdays 5:30-6:30
- **Faith Factory-** Every Wednesday from 6:30-8:00pm
(For grades Preschool -6th).



Grades (7th-12th)

Through **FUSE**, our SouthNaz student ministry, we seek Jesus and build relationships with each other as we connect in worship, fellowship, discipleship and ministry. By doing these things, we FUSE together. (1 Timothy 4:12)

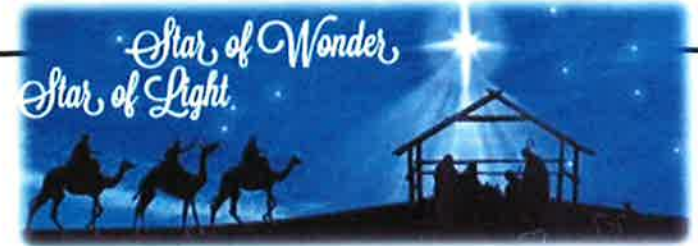
- **Life Groups:** We come together to deepen relationships and grow spiritually. **Sunday Mornings at 9:30am**
- **"FUSE" Youth Group:** Students get together and worship in a casual atmosphere that bonds us together in song and message. Come as you are. **Wednesdays at 6:30pm**
- **Big Comfy Couch:** **Second Sunday of the month.** Meet at the church at 5:00pm and will return at 8:30pm.

Download the SouthNaz App for your smartphone at [Google Play](#) or from the [Apple App Store](#). You can use the app to fill out your

connect card and give your title!



OR



MERRY CHRISTMAS That's a phrase loaded with traditions – both sacred and secular. It is also loaded with expectations – white Christmas, meaningful family gatherings, gifts given and received... frankly the list is endless, almost like your holiday calendar. The word Christmas isn't even in the Bible but the story sure is. After 400 years of silence God speaks of, angels, shepherds, wise men, available servants, answered prayers Luke 1:13, and *coming babies* - **Luke 1:13** Zachariah and Elizabeth's son John who would prepare the way and **Luke 1:26** Joseph and Mary's baby Jesus. Both of these miraculous births would end the silence and bring the hope the world desperately needed. Hope then, like now, wouldn't be in a government or even in religion but in a savior who's Kingdom will never end. The Hope of God in the coming of the Messiah would be for all who would receive Him – John 1:12 So... in the midst of the hustle and bustle – readily receive the Hope that God offers to any who will open their hands and receive it.

Merry Christmas,

Pastor Brad and Deb
(and their adorable grandbabies!!!)



Memorial Christmas Tree

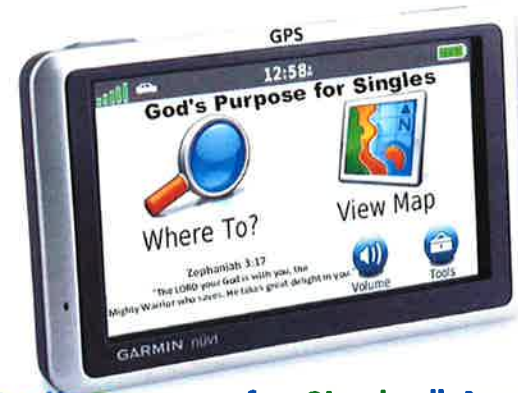
Our Grief Ministry has provided a *Memorial Christmas Tree* for those who have lost a "loved one". The tree is located in the foyer. You may write the name of your "loved one" on the red heart provided and place it on the tree here or on your tree at home as a remembrance of them this Christmas.



IF: SOUTHNAZ
LADIES CONFERENCE
SAVE THE DATE
FEBRUARY 9TH AND 10TH
MORE INFO TO COME SOON!



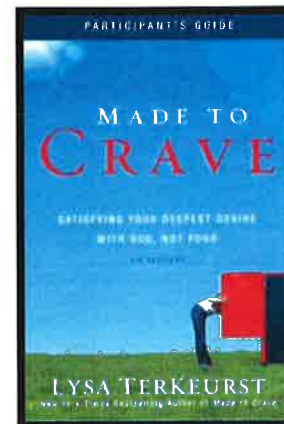
Giving God praise that we have exceeded our Faith Promise goal of **\$61,350!**



G.P.S. "God's Purpose for Singles" Ages 18-29
TUE., DEC. 19 AT 6:30PM is "FRIENDS-MAS" at the
Burris home, 11306 Brickand, Grand Ledge
Bring an appetizer or dessert to share and a
coffee/tea mug to exchange. Students home from
college please come!

Ladies Bible Study and Exercise Class

When: Thursdays, beginning January 4 - February 8
Time: 6:00-7:30pm Where: Lower Level
Cost of the Books: \$9:00



Workout is based on each individual's ability.
Bring a mat, weights, and a water bottle.
Sign up at the Welcome Desk.

According to bestselling author Lysa TerKeurst, craving isn't a bad thing, but we must realize God created us to crave so we'd ultimately desire more of **Him** in our lives. Many of us have misplaced that craving, overindulging in physical pleasures instead of lasting spiritual satisfaction.

Christmas Miracles—The Message

Hebrews 1:1-3

Pastor Brad Dyrness

December 17, 2017

We are here on earth, busy living our lives, pursuing our own agendas, but _____ to God's voice.

God sent His very own Son to communicate His message in a way that we can _____.

Hebrews 1:1-2

1. God speaks through _____.

God has been speaking throughout _____ to reveal Himself to us.

God has been _____ His message through visions and dreams, through angels, through symbols, natural events, and many other means.

There is no lack of _____ for God's revelation ...

BUT - Before the coming of Christ there had been 400 years of _____.

God's revelations in the Old Testament were _____
- no single one of them contained the whole truth.

2. God speaks through _____.

He did more than just proclaim God's message - He _____ God's message.

Hebrews 1:3

If you want to know what God is like, look to Jesus!

3. God speaks to _____.

The miracle of the message is not just in the fact that God speaks to us today through His Son, but that the message has the power to transform our lives.

1 Timothy 2:6

Jesus came so that:

God could reveal Himself and His plan to us in a way that we could _____.

We can be _____ from sin's hold on our lives.

Why would He do that?

- Because He wanted us to know how very much He _____ us.
- He wanted us to know that He created us for a reason - that we might _____ Him.
- He came to proclaim the message that we have been _____.
- We don't have to live as _____ to guilt and regret.

So... in the midst of bad news, there is another message:

The miracle of Christmas is the miracle of the message - **God loves you and me!**

_____ the message God is speaking to you and your life will never be the same!

Answers: deaf, understand, history, history, speaking, variety, silence, fragmentary, Christ, is, transform, understand, set free, loves, know and love, set free, prisoners, Believe and receive