

Women's Ministry News

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Coming September Events

**Sept. 9th- Women's
Ministry Kick – Off
10:00-12:00**

**Baby Shower for Crisis
Pregnancy Center**

Sept. 12th

**Fall Bible Study-
The Armor of God
by Pricilla Shirer**

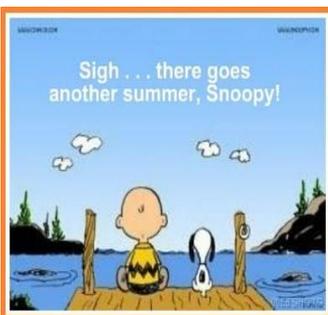
**Sept.12- Oct 31st
9:30-11:00**

What We Have to Offer, If We Offer it

In 2016, an article by Michael Lipka, from the Pew Research Center, found that that average age of attenders in the Church of the Nazarene was 53. If we look around during our usual Sunday Morning service we see more people who are 50 or older than any other age. I have heard it said that we have an “old” congregation. Some have said, “What do we have to offer younger people?”

While teaching at a Christian high school in north Phoenix I ran across a science teacher who graduated from the same high school that I graduated from in Fremont, CA. She told me the story about how she became a Christian. She and her husband were newly married young people. They weren't raised with any church background and were doing the usual; work during the week and party on the weekends. Their life was getting further into the confusion that comes with that life style, and their marriage wasn't doing well. They began more partying and heavy drinking. Their life changed forever when they met a sweet older couple from a church they'd never heard of. (These old folks were Nazarenes.)

My friend described how this old couple kept inviting them to Bible studies and church, and finally, they decided to go to a Bible Study. When they went, there were some more older people attending the Bible Study. (sound familiar?) The point is that this group of old people just kept loving on them. God was working on them and they became believers. So, my question is, “What do we have to offer?” Is it fantastic programs and activities, great music, cookouts and trips? All those things are wonderful, but if we don't have real salvation; where lives are truly changed, people can get a new beginning, and brokenness can be healed- we don't have anything! What we must offer is Jesus, the Son of God, who offers salvation, forgiveness for sin, and a place in Heaven. I have started praying that God would send me someone to love into the kingdom. Regardless of what age we are, we have everything to offer... if we will just Offer it!





Women's Ministry 2017-2018 Kick-Off Event

This year Women's Ministry will sponsor the Crisis Pregnancy Center. Ellen Swanson will be speaking about the center and ways that we can support this ministry. The crisis Pregnancy Center has a Baby Store. Bring a Baby Shower type of gift or come prepared to make a donation on Sept. 9th at 10:00. **Save the babies and support the mothers!**

Suggestions for a Baby Store gift to bring:

- New baby bath towels
- new crib sheets
- blue lid similac formula
- bottles
- shampoo
- diaper rash cream
- Diapers: Newborn-size, and Size 4,5, or 6
- Baby wipes
- new Girls' Onesies, Sizes 12M - 24M
- new and like-new baby clothes
- Any financial donations can be used to purchase larger-ticket items like cribs, carseats, strollers, highchairs, etc

Sign -ups in the church foyer or call the church office 928-445-1136



Col. 3:17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.