



LAKEVILLE CHURCH OF THE
NAZARENE

ANNUAL MEETING

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"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. - Galatians 6:9-10



LCN Annual Church Meeting

April 28, 2024

The annual meeting of The Lakville Nazarene Church was called to order by Pastor Stephen Hunt, who opened by explaining the purpose and significance of the meeting.

The congregation proceeded to cast their votes for two open church board seats and the position of Nazarene Missions International (NMI) President.

The Secretary's Report from the previous year's annual meeting was read aloud and subsequently accepted unanimously by the membership.

Election results were as follows:

- Samantha Hunt was unanimously elected to serve as NMI President.
- Jack Dator and Tracy Silva were unanimously elected to serve on the Church Board.

Following the elections, Samantha Hunt presented the NMI annual report, highlighting the year's mission activities and initiatives.

Pastor Stephen then delivered his pastoral address, which included a reflection on the past year's ministry efforts as well as a message of encouragement and vision for the coming year.

The meeting concluded in a spirit of unity and gratitude for God's continued faithfulness.

Tracy Silva

Church Board Secretary

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2024 Year in Review: Nazarene Missions International Report

Dear Church Family,

"God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them." — Hebrews 6:10

This year has been a powerful reminder that when we serve others, we are truly serving Christ. Through the heart and faithfulness of our church family, Nazarene Missions International has seen incredible impact in 2024 both locally and Internationally:

- Crisis Care Kits:
 - We set a bold goal — and with God's help, we exceeded it! Together, we collected and assembled Crisis Care Kits to provide hope and essential supplies for individuals and families facing crises around the world. Sending Pastor Stephen to District Assemble with seven boxes.
- Thanksgiving Baskets:
 - This year marked the fourth year of our Thanksgiving Basket outreach. We created and distributed over 15 baskets, bringing warmth, food, and encouragement to families in need within our own community.
- Alabaster Offering:
 - Through sacrificial giving, we raised \$150 toward the Alabaster Offering, helping fund the construction of churches, schools, clinics, and homes in mission areas globally — building both physical structures and stronger communities of faith.

Every act of service, every gift, every prayer matters. God sees it all and uses it to make an eternal difference. Thank you for being a part of the mission. Let's continue forward together, ready to serve even more boldly in 2025! It has been a privilege to serve as your NMI President for the last three years.

Blessing

Samantha Hunt

NMI President

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2024 Year in Review: Worship Ministry Report

Dear Church Family,

"Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker." — Psalm 95:6

This year has been a powerful testimony to God's faithfulness and the heart of our worship community. Every service, every song, every prayer has been an offering lifted high to the Lord, and He has been so faithful to meet us here.

We celebrate incredible dedication within our worship and media teams. Through dedication and a spirit of excellence, our team members have expanded their skills in sound, video production, lighting, and live streaming — ensuring that every aspect of our worship experience reflects the beauty and glory of God. This is all the more impressive as our media team is made up of our church youth who are all eleven to thirteen. I cannot express the thankfulness that I have for them and all they give of themselves. They are our future and the love they have for the Lord shines through each and every week. Our media ministry has not just supported worship; it has become an extension of it, helping the Word of God reach beyond our walls to touch hearts near and far.

We have witnessed deeper unity among our worshippers, greater boldness in our praise, and a fresh hunger for God's presence. As we bow down and kneel before the Lord, our Maker, we move into the next year full of gratitude, expectancy, and a renewed commitment to lead our church into even greater encounters with Him.

To God be the glory for all He has done — and all He is yet to do!

Blessing

Samantha Hunt

Worship Leader



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To The LCN Church Family

As we reflect on the past year, we are filled with gratitude for the significant events, improvements, and opportunities that God has provided.

As part of our ongoing commitment to positively impact our community, we were delighted to welcome Coach John Sports back for their 17th consecutive season of flag football. This long-standing partnership has been an incredible blessing, providing not only a fun and healthy outlet for children and families, but also creating meaningful opportunities to build relationships and share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are deeply grateful for the continued collaboration with Coach John Sports and look forward to many more seasons of shared ministry and outreach together.

In addition to our sports programming, we were excited to host our annual Trunk or Treat event, a cherished annual event that brings together families from all across our community. This year, we had the tremendous privilege of sharing the Gospel message and demonstrating the love of Christ to nearly one hundred children and their families. Through creative displays, heartfelt conversations, and a spirit of generosity, we sought to plant seeds of faith and create an atmosphere where God's love could be tangibly experienced. It was a beautiful day of connection, celebration, and ministry, and we are thankful for everyone who made it possible.

A core mission of LCN is to support those on the journey of recovery. This year, we expanded our outreach by welcoming Al-Anon to our grounds, joining Celebrate Recovery and AA as programs committed to helping those who are struggling find hope and healing. Together, these ministries form the backbone of our vision to see the broken restored and made whole in Christ.

We also celebrated important advancements in our facilities. After much anticipation, our new church sign was created and installed—a beautiful and meaningful addition to our property. We are especially thankful to Jack Dator for his dedication and support in bringing this project to fruition.

As I reflect on the year's work and ministry at LCN, a simple but powerful truth comes to mind: "God's not done."

When growth in numbers seems slow or invitations go unanswered, we see lives being transformed—and we know God is not done.

When the financial resources seem insufficient, yet the needs of the church are miraculously met, we know God is not done.

When we struggle to see the path ahead, both as a church and individually, and God grants us fresh vision, we know with certainty: He is not done.

God remains faithful, and it is our privilege and calling to continue serving Him faithfully in return.

"...My Father is always at his work to this very day..." (John 5:17)

"for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose." (Phil. 2:13)

"God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them." (Heb. 6:10)

Preparing for the year ahead.

"Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 3:13-14)

As we stand on the threshold of another church year, there's something profoundly powerful about looking back on where we've been and then turning our focus toward what lies ahead.

For some of us, the past year has been filled with victories and breakthroughs. For others, it may have been a season of struggle, disappointment, or loss.



Regardless of where we stand today, the truth remains: God is not finished with us yet. The upcoming year is an opportunity—a fresh start, a new chapter in the story God is writing for our lives and the life of the Church.

This year, let us embrace the opportunity for growth, renewal, and transformation as we press on toward the future that God has prepared for us. We may not have seen great growth in years past, but God is not finished. He is the great gardener and he was tilling and preparing the soil for the fruit that will be to come.

The Encouraging Story of the Old Oak Tree.

In a vast forest, there stood an ancient oak tree. Over the years, it had weathered many storms, endured scorching summers, and withstood the harshest winters. Its trunk was thick and strong, its branches spread wide, offering shade to those beneath it. But as time passed, the oak tree began to notice something. Its leaves were falling, its bark was aging, and the mighty branches that once stood tall were beginning to show signs of wear.

In a particularly severe storm, strong winds howled through the forest, and many trees were uprooted. But the oak tree, though battered, stood firm. It had grown strong not only because of its outward appearance but because its roots went deep into the earth. The storm had tested it, but it had also strengthened it.

As the storm passed and the sun returned, the oak tree found itself more resilient than before. It had learned to endure, to grow through adversity, and to trust the deep foundations it had built. In the coming seasons, it would continue to grow, shedding old leaves and embracing new life.

1: Forgetting the Past (*Philippians 3:13*)

Paul challenges us in Philippians to forget what is behind. This doesn't mean that we erase the memories, but rather that we choose not to let past failures, mistakes, or regrets define us. Just like the oak tree sheds its old leaves in preparation for new growth, we, too, are called to release the weight of the past.

A pastor wearing a tan jacket and a beard is speaking into a microphone at an outdoor event. He is standing in front of a white tent. The background shows a parking lot with a car and some trees.

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Let this next year be the season where you say, “I’m letting go of everything that holds me back from God's best for me and the Church. I’m leaving behind the regrets, the doubts, and the failures of yesterday.

2: Straining Toward What is Ahead (*Philippians 3:14*)

The apostle Paul writes, “Straining toward what is ahead.” This is not a passive waiting for things to change (we’ve done that), but an active pursuit of the future God has promised.

Think of the oak tree once more. Its roots reach deep into the soil to find water and nourishment. Similarly, we are called to root ourselves deeply in God’s Word, His promises, and His presence. The deeper our roots, the stronger we become to face whatever storms may come.

As you prepare for the year ahead, ask yourself: What goals has God placed on your heart for you and the Church? What dreams has He planted in your spirit for you and the Church? Are you willing to press forward toward them, even when obstacles arise? The future may be uncertain, but God is faithful to lead us.

3: Pressing On Toward the Goal (*Philippians 3:14*)

In Philippians 3:14, Paul says, “I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” This is the ultimate goal: to know Christ more deeply and to fulfill the unique calling He has placed on our lives.

Like the oak tree continues to grow and spread its branches, we, too, are called to grow spiritually, to reach higher in our faith, and to bear fruit that lasts.

The new year is not just about resolving to do better—it’s about pressing on toward the goal of becoming more like Christ...to become a church that resembles Him.

God Bless, Pastor Stephen Hunt



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