

Young at Heart

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a newsletter for seniors 55 +

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**FIRST NAZARENE CHAPEL
OPEN FOR PRAYER**
Mondays thru March 26th
6:00 – 7:00 pm

Come and join us for our Chapel Prayer Time. You are welcome to stay the entire hour or come and go as needed.



**The purpose for
this prayer time is
to focus on
evangelism.**

During the new sermon series, “Touch One Life”, Pastor David challenges us to write the name of a person, who is unsaved, on an index card, making a commitment to pray for them. We are excited to see what God can do through the power of prayer!



**RED CROSS
BLOODMOBILE**

First Nazarene Church
Tuesday, February 13, 2018
8:00 am – 1:30 pm



LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

“Discerning the Voice of God, How to Recognize When God Speaks”
by Priscilla Shirer

A 7 sessions study offered
on a weekly or on a bi-weekly basis.

WEEKLY STUDY

Tuesday Mornings Begins on March 6	10:00 – 12:00
Wednesday Mornings Begins on March 7	10:00 – 12:00
Wednesday Evenings Begins on March 7	6:00 – 8:00

BI- WEEKLY STUDY

Wednesday Mornings Begins on March 7	10:00 – 12:00
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SIGN-UP

SUNDAYS, February 11 & 18
in hallway next to Welcome Center

BOOKS

\$18.00 which includes \$5.00 for the study due at sign-up.

PROMOTIONAL VIDEO

A promotional video will be presented during announcements on Sunday, February 11.



HOSPICE 101

Monday, April 16, 2018, 1:30 – 3:00 pm
First Nazarene Church, Entrance B–Room 317

Presenters
Angie Armstrong, Community Outreach Liaison,
Physio-Care Hospice
& a clinical support professional

More details to come!

Co-sponsored by Young at Heart & Parish Nursing

Ladies' Spring Banquet – All Ages Are Welcome
Sponsored by the Women's Ministry

FASHIONABLY DRESSED FROM THE INSIDE OUT

Friday, April 20, 2018
Pictures: 5:30 – 6:00 pm
Catered Dinner: 6:00 pm (cost TBD)
Program: Sharon Reed — Style Show & Speaker
Location: First Nazarene Church, Family Life Center & Chapel

Would you like to volunteer to model for the style show?
Please call Sharon Reed at 765.419.4140.

TENTATIVE BUS TRIP PLANS for 2018

 Savannah, Georgia, Monday thru Saturday, April 9 – 14

 Boston/Cape Cod Tour, Monday thru Saturday,
late summer/early fall

“Watch for more information to come.” —Helen Olson (765.432.0246)



THANK YOU. . .

for the items you contributed to help fill the Christmas Gift Bags.

We, the Visitation Ministry team, filled and delivered 118 Christmas gift bags to our seniors who have trouble getting out. The seniors want to give you all a great big “THANK YOU”. They enjoyed opening and seeing all of the items found in their bags. The visitation team thanks you, too!

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Men of all ages usually meet monthly on the 2nd Saturday at 8:00 – 9:00 am in Richard's Restaurant. Questions? Please contact Bob Brantley at **765.450.5845** or **busbob85@att.net**.

WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Women of all ages meet once a month on the 3rd Saturday at 8:00 – 9:00 am in Richard's Restaurant. If you have questions, please call Marcia Carnes at **765.883.8244**



FIRST NAZARENE CHURCH COMMUNITY MEALS

Wednesdays, 4:30 – 5:30 pm

We offer take-home meals for those in the First Nazarene church who are shut-ins or are otherwise in need. **To place an order, call the church office at 765.453.7078 on Tuesday by 4:00 pm. Pick up your order on Wednesday between 5:00 and 5:30 pm at the south hallway kitchen door.**



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry provides care for people going through difficult life circumstances.

For questions or referrals, please call one of the ministry leaders:

Mike & Taffy Clevenger

765.457.1456

Sherri Rinehart

765.271.2010

Pastor Cindy Lundin

765.438.3623

PARISH NURSING MINISTRY

♦ **Blood Pressure Checks** ♦

Room 301 *between*

Sunday morning services.

Parish Nurses: Amy Dotson, Chris Gilbody and Nancy Ringeisen



ELIZABETH "LIZ" ROBINSON FIRST NAZARENE WORSHIP PASTOR

I was born in Albermarle, North Carolina. My parents spent 38 years in Brazil as missionaries. I happened to be born on a furlough. We returned to Brazil when I was six months old, and I lived there until I returned to the US for college when I was 18. We would return to the US for a year every 4 years

Most of my time in Brazil was spent in the beautiful city of Salvador, located on the "Bay of All the Saints".

SCHOOLING AND CREDENTIALS

I received my undergraduate degree in piano from a small Baptist college in Kentucky-Georgetown College. I went on to get my Master of Church Music from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. That degree is in piano performance/pedagogy and church music. Since then, I completed studies to be ordained as a deacon in the Church of the Nazarene.

WHY AND HOW DID YOU CHOOSE THE FIELD OF MUSIC TO PURSUE?

My routine in high school was to come home and practice piano for an hour or two. My father was always very encouraging, as he listened from his study. As I agonized over what to study in college, he suggested music. It never occurred to me, but I'm glad I took his advice!

WORK

I have worked in several capacities over the years: teaching piano, working in the college cafeteria, mowing lawns for a realty company in the summers, waitressing, Dunkin Donuts, and part-time at a Nazarene Church in Louisville. More recently (since 1991), I have been at Kokomo First Nazarene.

CHURCH

I was raised in a Southern Baptist home. My father, a pastor, founded a church, which began in our living room in Salvador. When I returned to the US. The Church of the Nazarene was closer to what I grew up with overseas than what I found in stateside Baptists churches. So, I began attending a Nazarene church. The rest, as they say, is history!

A LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE

As is true for most of us, I suspect, my faith has been shaped by numerous, small events/decisions, most of which did not seem auspicious at the time.

However, one event does stand out. On her thirteenth birthday, our daughter, Bethany, was diagnosed with hepatocellular carcinoma: liver cancer. It would not respond to chemo, and she was not a candidate for a transplant. Four days later, following a weekend of "celebrating" her birthday (possibly her last, we were told) and tsunamis of prayer going up from First Nazarene and all over the world, she underwent surgery to try to remove the mass.

The surgeon came out after several hours, stating that they had taken a mass the size of a football from her. I'll never forget his words: "I have twenty pathologists at IU looking at this. We don't know what it is. But it is not what it was 4 days ago."

About two weeks later, the final verdict was in: adenomatosis (benign). God healed. Flat out, unmistakably, gloriously healed her.

She is now living a full life as a band director and bass guitar player in Noblesville, and will be marrying in April.

PERSONAL INTERESTS, TALENTS/SKILLS, ETC.

Besides my obvious love for music, I love animals – all kinds. My time these days is taken with enjoying grandchildren. I enjoy kayaking on the Wildcat Creek, my flowers, and taking walks. Baking is a joy in my life and cooking for our family gatherings "on the creek."



BRUCE AND LIZ ROBINSON HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR 38 YEARS. THEY ARE SURROUNDED BY THEIR THREE CHILDREN AND THEIR SPOUSES AND SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN, AGES 18 MONTHS TO 9 YEARS.