



Owosso Church of the Nazarene

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Dear Family & Friends,

One of the greatest worship leaders—King David—gave us some important advice, “Worship the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful songs” (Psalm 100:2). The book, *Reaching Your Spiritual Potential*, talks about the significant dynamics of worship: “When you meet with other believers, you draw power from their strength, and your faith, in turn, empowers them. Worship translates your thanksgiving to God into words and actions.”

So, glad and joyful (passionate) worship not only brings honor to God, it has a ripple effect of enriching the lives of others.

Did you ever think of your worship as a gift? Your presence in church is a gift to God! It’s one way of expressing our thanksgiving to Him for providing salvation and holiness through the Lord Jesus Christ. Even before the plate is passed, you can give an offering—*yourself!*

As we conclude our sermon series, *Forward in Faith*, I want to teach you how to turn your weekly worship into an act of service. That’s right! Together, we’ll learn how to turn an ordinary act of church attendance into a vibrant, meaningful act of blessing to others.

Along with David, you’ll be singing, “I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD” (Psalm 122:1, KJV).

Your Fellow Servant,

Pastor Rodger D. De Vore

Hearing From God Question:

What acts of faith would I do if I had total assurance of Your presence in my life?

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“His Grace, Our Reality”

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“Tell Your Story”

I spent a weekend recently as a chaperone on a youth trip to a conference in Chicago, called “Dare 2 Share”, where thousands of teens were challenged and encouraged to do just what the name of the conference called them to do...**Dare to Share** their faith. I was touched deeply as I watched these students stretch themselves by going door to door in unknown neighborhoods, collecting canned goods for the poor and sharing the gospel as they did so! If *that* didn't take them out of their comfort zone, they were then challenged to call a friend and present the gospel of Jesus to them! It was an awe inspiring thing, to witness thousands of teens, in a huge arena, all talking at once, presenting Christ to a friend! And no matter how the friend responded, they now know this friend who called them is a Christian and cares about them...the seed is planted!

Throughout the weekend, we also listened to many wonderful speakers. As they spoke, I thought of how their messages, taken from God's Word, apply to all of us...especially as we look “Forward in Faith” in these next weeks, months and years.

The message that spoke to me most, talked about how the “things” we accumulate are fleeting and in the long run, we can't take them with us anyway. Cars, toys, computers, clothes, extra homes...are just “stuff” and really not a good investment for the future that *really* matters...that future being eternity. If we fail to invest in the faith-future of those coming after us, where will they be? Where will *their* children be?

As we “Dare to Share”, we face a very important decision here at Owosso Nazarene. Will we invest in the eternal futures of our existing community as well as in those who come after us? As I look at our church building, I am reminded of those who sacrificed for **us** and invested in **us**. I also see great potential and possibilities if we do the same for those who have not yet come through the doors. As we look “Forward in Faith”, may God bless you as you invest in His eternal kingdom.

His servant,
Barb Olds



Barb Olds serves in many areas including our Praise Team, Worship Choir Ministries, IGNITE Student Ministries, Sunday School and more. Barb is married to Mike Olds and they have three children, Elissa, Meagan & Chad.

Campaign Calendar Dates

24-Hour Prayer Vigil

May 23rd & 24th

*Begins Friday at 5 PM and
ends Saturday at 5 PM*

All-Church Vision Banquet ~ May 30th

7 PM in Community Center (catered meal)

Celebration Sunday

June 8th

Firstfruits Sundays

1st Sunday of the Month for 3 years

Join us for Sunday School or Small Group Opportunities related to the Campaign



NEW! Online Giving Program

Have you ever forgotten to bring your tithe check to church on Sunday morning? Perhaps, you have neglected giving to an offering when you were absent from church. Now, we are providing another opportunity tool to encourage you to fulfill your giving commitments.



Using electronic giving is quick easy and convenient.

You have the freedom to give how and when you want.

Using the secure online Donor Web, you have 24/7 access to your account from any computer with internet capabilities. You can add a new donation, cancel or modify an existing donation, choose area of designation within the church and give from multiple bank savings or checking accounts.

Getting Started Instructions:

- ◆ **To setup a new donor account**, navigate to the Owosso Church of the Nazarene website at www.owossonazarene.com and click the **[SIGN UP HERE to give online](#)** link under the online giving box on our church's home page to begin the process.
- ◆ **After you have entered all required fields** and agreed to the terms of use, you will be sent an **email confirmation** to the email address you entered during the account setup process. Simply click the link provided in the email or enter the confirmation code on the Email Confirmation page to complete the account setup process.
- ◆ **To setup a donation** first log into your account using the link provided on our church home page at www.owossonazarene.com **Enter your username and password and click the Sign In button.** Remember that both your username and password are case sensitive.
- ◆ **Next you must enter at least one checking or savings account** by selecting the Accounts tab and then Add ACH (Checking or Saving) Account. Complete all required fields and click save.
- ◆ **Now you can setup a donation.** Select the Gifts tab the Add Gift. Select the designations that you wish to support, enter the amount of the gift, and select if the gift will be one-time or recurring. After all required fields are complete click Save and you are done!
- ◆ **Now login as often as you wish** to add new accounts, gifts or update your personal information.

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