

New Beginnings Church of the Nazarene

“I am making everything new”
(Rev. 21:5)

The Journey Forward...Answering the Call to Follow Jesus



The second century of proclaiming and living the good news of Christ is upon us. We believe that it is God's desire to begin a new season of fruitfulness for His glory. On this journey we will answer the call to follow Jesus by:

- ***Planting Seeds of Hope***

First Intention: God desires for the seed of His word to be planted in the lives of everyone. Jesus is our hope (I Timothy 1:1)

Our Obedience: We envision to become a people who are daily planting seeds of hope in the lives of others with full confidence that God will honour his word.

Practical Engagement:

- Engaging in spiritual conversations/proclamation of the God's Word
- Initiating loving acts of encouragement, comfort, and invitation
- Expecting opportunities to offer grace and peace
- Praying for a spiritual awakening in West Prince

Scriptural Reflection:

- (Luke 8:11 NIV) The seed is the word of God.
- (Mark 4:14 NIV) The farmer sows the word.

- (Isaiah 32:20 NLT) The LORD will greatly bless his people. Wherever they plant seed, bountiful crops will spring up.
- (Jeremiah 31:17 NLT) There is hope for your future,” says the LORD. “Your children will come again to their own land.

- ***Growing in Christ***

First Intention: God desires for his people to “move...forward to maturity (Heb. 6:1) so that each seed may fulfill its intended purpose.

Our Obedience: We envision creating a relational community that fosters spiritual growth and transformation leading to holiness of heart and life.

Practical Engagement:

- Multiplying Growing in Christ Groups for all ages
- Discipling and Mentoring
- Creating a culture of prayer by listening to God’s voice
- Fostering a culture of Generosity and Gratitude
- Walking in Freedom and Forgiveness (Set Free Retreat)
- Engaging in Meaningful Worship
- Answering the Call to the Deeper Life

Scriptural Reflection:

- (Romans 12:2 NIV) Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is--his good, pleasing and perfect will.
- (Ephesians 4:15 NIV) Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ.
- (1 Thessalonians 4:7 NLT) God has called us to live holy lives...

- ***Cultivating Ministry to One Another***

First Intentions: God desires for his Church (Body of Christ) to be his hands and feet in this world through service and ministry to others.

Our Obedience: We envision a people equipped to minister to others in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Practical Engagement:

- Serve the needs of our neighbours with compassion and mercy through works of service
- Cooperate with the Body of Christ in our community
- Training modules and events to equip the saints for ministry

Scriptural Reflections:

- (Eph. 4:12 NIV) to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up...
- (2 Corinthians 9:12 NIV) This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.
- (Mark 12:29-31 NIV) '...Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. (30) Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' (31) The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself...'

• *Harvesting the Increase*

First Intention: God desires to see lost people saved and set free. He also desires to see his church grow and flourish.

Our Obedience: We envision the opportunity to create welcoming space for others as we answer the call to go into the harvest field (John 4:35).

Practical Engagement:

- Engaging in outreach to our families
- Personal Evangelism Training
- Harvest Outreach Events and Community Partnerships
- Altar calls/Invitations for people to become followers of Jesus
- Baptism/Church Membership

Scriptural Reflections:

- (Ecclesiastes 5:9 NIV) The increase from the land is taken by all; the king himself profits from the fields.
- (Psalms 107:37 NIV) They sowed fields and planted vineyards that yielded a fruitful harvest...
- (Psalms 67:6 NIV) The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us.
- (Galatians 6:9 NIV) Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

• *Resting for Renewal*

First Intention: God desires for his people to experience his Sabbath rest for the purpose of renewal and restoration.

Our Obedience: We envision the opportunity to make room for Sabbath rest in our lives and ministries so that we may live in God's design for spiritual wholeness and new creation.

Practical Engagement:

- Incorporate Sabbath rest times into the church calendar
- Provide teaching and preaching on God's design for Sabbath Rest
- Encourage church leadership to model Sabbath rest in their personal lives

Scriptural Reflections:

- (Genesis 2:2-3 NIV) By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work. (3) Then God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it he rested from all the work of creating that he had done.
- (Exodus 20:8-10 NIV) "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. (9) Six days you shall labor and do all your work, (10) but the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God...

