

# OWEGO NAZARENE CHURCH



## ENCHANTED

A couple of years ago Disney released a movie called "Enchanted" about a princess who is banished from the animated land of Andalasia and thrust into the unmagical world of modern-day Manhattan. When a cynical, no-nonsense lawyer comes to her aid, he ends up becoming "enchanted" by this joyful, wide-eyed princess.

One of the big changes in our culture over the past couple of centuries is we have become "disenchanted." There is no longer a belief in the

"enchanted" realm of spirits or unseen realities of any kind. The only things considered "real" are those that can be accounted for by material explanations.

Through the book of Revelation, God pulls back the curtain and shows us an unseen spiritual realm that is more real and more lasting than what we can see and touch. A realm where He is on the throne. A realm where intense spiritual conflict between the Lamb and the Dragon is taking place around us. A realm that is already breaking into our material world and will one day be fully revealed when Christ

triumphs over all His (and our) enemies. The world is not a disenchanted place!

How do we as Christians help our neighbors know about the unseen but profoundly real Kingdom of God? By consistently living enchanted lives! What do I mean? Offering thanks and praise openly. Rejoicing in the Lord always. Doing good to others. Loving our enemies. Forgiving those who wrong us. And displaying hope in Christ even in the dark times. We must let others see through our lives that there is another Kingdom.

Make it your mission to re-enchanted the part of the world that you occupy!

*Pastor Dennis*

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## NAZARNE YOUTH INTERNATIONAL



## 30 Hour Famine!

In the time it takes you to read this sentence, another child will have died because of hunger or related causes. This is a sad and sobering fact, but we can do something to help! Join us on April 9-10 as we go without food for 30 hours and experience exactly what hunger is. Between now and then we will be fund-raising to feed these children!

As always, be sure to check out [www.owegonaz.com/youth](http://www.owegonaz.com/youth) and our facebook page for pictures, news and details!

## WHO IS THAT LITTLE CUTIE!

Baby Day Parade

May 2, 2010

11:00 a.m. Worship Service

We love our babies! We will be parading our little ones and celebrating the priceless gifts God has blessed our families with. Pictures for a slide show will be taken during April when your babes are in the nursery. Age two and younger. Register on the

Naz Kidz Board or  
[onazkidz@yahoo.com](mailto:onazkidz@yahoo.com)

**Baby Dedication**

Pastor King will be dedicating babies to the Lord on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you would like to have your child dedicated please contact the church office by April 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Summer Bible Adventure**

EGYPT...Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace!

Week of July 11<sup>th</sup>  
Preschool – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

# NAZ KIDZ CORNER

**BMG Reciting Dates....**

May 16, 23, 30

**BMG Award Day June 6**  
during Discovery Time

Each school year we challenge your child with a Bible Memory Goal, BMG! They have been working on memorizing their BMG since September, 2009. In 7 weeks they will be asked to recite their Goal. Is your child prepared? See your child's Discovery Time teacher for a copy of their BMG. We want all our kids to hide God's Word in their heart!

Naz Kidz Bible Memory Goals  
Age 3-4 "Jesus loves the little children, and that means me!"

**Kindergarten – John 3:16**

**First Grade –**

The Ten Commandments

**Second Grade –**

The Books of the Bible

**Third Grade –**

The Lord's Prayer

**Fourth Grade – Psalm 23**

**Fifth Grade –**

The Apostle's Creed

**Fifth Grade Parent/Child**

Camping Trip

June 11-12

Friday 6:00 p.m. –  
Saturday Noon

At the end of summer our fifth graders will be moving up into Club 678 and become part of our Naz Youth group. That will bring lots of changes! Each fifth grader and their parent(s) are invited to a camping overnighter. It will be a time to laugh, play, eat and talk together. You're moving up and we want to help you explore all that might mean. Miss Cheryl and Pastor Andy will be hosting. Mark the dates on your calendar and be watching for more info!

**BLOCK TIME CHALLENGE**

We have had a great adventure in the Promised Land this year! A challenge has been made to each BT Kid. We discovered that Joshua got his power from obeying God!

We get our power from obeying God's Word too! Each BT kid who can recite all nine of the monthly BT verses will earn a half gallon of your favorite ice cream and a spoon to eat it with! The BT Memory Verse List is posted on the BT Board in the Kids Room. You can begin reciting this week at BT! Deadline to recite will be May 19<sup>th</sup>. Will you accept the challenge!

## Faith Promise Sunday 2010

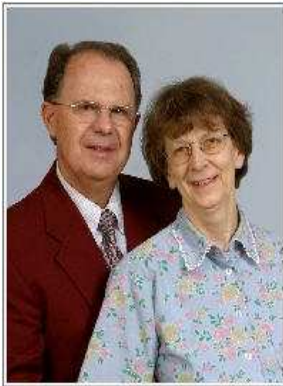
Sunday, April 18 is designated as Faith Promise Sunday 2010. Two key events are planned which will alter the normal Sunday schedule. You may want to take note and mark your calendar accordingly.



### World Missions Fair (08:30 – 10:15AM)

During the traditional Early Service and Sunday School hours, your NMI Council will be hosting a Missions Fair complete with a “Passport” booth and seven kiosks. The kiosks will utilize a variety of story board and video displays high-lighting each of the seven World Missions areas. The information presented will be appropriate for travelers of all ages. Sunday School classes are encouraged to attend and travel from one World Missions Area to the next as a group. Make sure you get your “Passport” and have it stamped at each of the kiosks you attend.

### Combined Church Service to feature Missionary Hermann Gschwandtner (10:30 - noon)



In lieu of the normal Early and Late Church services, Faith Promise Sunday will consist of a single combined church service which will have a missions focus featuring guest speaker Missionary Hermann Gschwandtner.

Mr. Gschwandtner and his wife, Brigitte, (shown here) are global missionaries in the EurAsia Region and have been involved with the Jesus Film Harvest Partners (JFHP) in South Asia for the past 12 years..

More information regarding our Faith Promise Activities and Mr. Gschwandtner can be found by visiting the OwegoNaz website at <http://owegonaz.com/faith-promise> and <http://app.nazarene.org/MissionaryProfiles/profile.jsp?profile=36849>



Nazarene Missions  
INTERNATIONAL

## Getting to Know You

It has been almost 50 years since Marge Stanton first set foot in the church of the Nazarene on Temple Street in Owego. As is often the case, the children begin attending first and then a parent follows. Her children were enrolled in Sunday School classes and Marge decided to try out the Ladies class with Mrs. Burnett. Gentle leading by church members and Brother Moran directed Marge to assist teaching Sunday School herself and dip her toe into Bible quizzing, VBS, and service to others.

Marge was not unchurched. Her family moved to Owego when she was 1 year old and as the youngest of 7 children, Marge was close to her mother especially, as her father died when she was only 5. Her mother was left to raise most of the children alone in the pre-World War II era, but made sure that wherever they were living, her children attended Sunday School. Marge also had wonderful role models in her grandmother, aunt and mother-in-law.

“But what really moved me to love and serve the Lord were church members praying for my mother when the doctor said that she was dying”, says Marge. “I made a bargain with God that if he would heal my mother; I said to Him, I’ll serve you. Well, He healed her and I turned to Him and accepted the Lord at the age of 33 as a mother with 4 children.”

So for the next 20 years Marge

worked in the Nursery, Jr. Church, Sunday School, and quizzing. Marge states, “Children are worth everything that you put into them. They need to be in quizzing...it is something that will stay with them their whole lives.”

Some memories Marge has of those days, was one little girl who prayed consistently, “Lord, save the Devil!” Many of the parents and grandparents in our congregation today recall Marge’s steady hand during quiz preparation drills. Marge remembers all the Belokur children in her Sunday School class and says, “It is so rewarding to see these kids grow up and stay with the Lord.” Dan Belokur comments with a smile, “She still bosses me around.”

Personally, Marge along with many friends and family prayed for her husband Joe’s salvation for years. “One day the Lord kept nudging me to ask Joe about his salvation. I resisted, but finally obeyed. Joe who was a very private person, said in a very matter-of-fact way that he had accepted Jesus that morning. For the last 3 years of his life we read the Bible and prayed together every day. God has been with me so close today and my daughter dedicated ‘Precious Memories’ on WPEL’s request time this morning.”

*(The day of this interview was the anniversary of Joe’s death 9 years ago).*

God continues His work in Marge’s life. Several years ago the flood destroyed most of her modest home and



the past 50 years of her life. When applying to SBA for assistance to rebuild, she was required to have a credit card and she discovered that all the assistance available was in the form of loans. “I don’t have a credit card and I didn’t want a loan,” Marge states emphatically. “I told the men at the office that the government is not my source and I was going home to pray. God told me that He would never leave me nor forsake me, but He also told me to go back and apologize to the people in the office—and I did!”

“So many people gave and helped me and the Lord returned more than I could have hoped or imagined,” Marge concludes. “It has been a real interesting journey and if the Lord tarries, I’ll just go one day at a time and not run ahead of him.”

Well, knee replacement may preclude a lot of running, but if you know Marge—she will continue to walk side by side with her Savior.



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WEEKLY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Services:

Sunday Morning Worship - 8:15 & 11:00 AM

Sunday School Classes for All Ages - 9:45 AM

& at 6:00 PM :

Pit Stop , LittleChurch, Evening Service in Chapel

Wednesday Services:

CLUB 678 - 6:30 PM & BLOCK Time - 6:30 PM

Gathering Place & Adult Prayer & Share Time - 6:30 PM

Church Staff

Dennis King: Lead Pastor

Dave Barnes: Worship Pastor

Andy Fey: Youth Pastor

Cheryl King: Minister to Children & Their Families

Kathie Brainard: Leadership Team Secretary

Holly Klett: Church Treasurer

Polly Carman: Sunday School Superintendent

Nancy Kemp: Nazarene Missions International President

Phalen Hill: Nazarene Youth International President



Here's a refreshing thought:  
When Satan is knocking at your door, simply say, "Jesus, could you please get that for me!!!!!"



God's People Give

Needed weekly for ministry commitments: **\$9,335**

Our average weekly giving for

March: **\$9,708**

Our average weekly giving for the year:

(April '09-March '10): **\$8,657**