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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- What is your OIKOS
- Salt of the Earth
- What's going on at Naz Kids?

OIKOS - Your Faith Going Viral

Going viral. That's one of the new catch-phrases of our internet culture. "Viral" comes from the word virus and refers to the rapid spread of a disease. "Going viral" means news or information that circulates quickly among a large group of people.

In the first century, the Gospel went viral. Preachers like Peter and Paul proclaimed the message of Christ to crowds of people, some of whom put their faith in Him. But it wasn't their preaching that caused the message to go viral. The Gospel went viral as these new converts took that message to their OIKOS - their circle of family, friends, servants, neighbors, and work associates. Many of those people turned to Christ and then began sharing their faith with their own OIKOS - and the pattern kept repeating itself. That's how Christianity became a movement that spread throughout the vast reaches of the Roman Empire.

God's plan is for our faith to go viral. And that can only happen through the power of OIKOS.

Who are the 8 to 15 people in your OIKOS who have not yet come to Christ? Think of your children, relatives, neighbors, co-workers, classmates, workout partner, bank teller. God has intentionally put them in your life - and you in theirs - because He wants to use you to help them find Him. It's the most important and most exciting investment you could make of your life.

How can your faith go viral throughout your OIKOS? Consistently do these things:

- Pray* for the people in your OIKOS to come to Christ
- Build bridges of relationship* with the people in your OIKOS
- Live an authentic Christian life* before the people in your OIKOS
- Invite* the people in your OIKOS to a church service or special event
- Watch patiently and expectantly* as the Holy Spirit goes to work in their lives

God is going to use you to change your world - through the power of OIKOS!

*Pastor Dennis*



NAZARENE YOUTH INTERNATIONAL



Teen Camp!

It's not too late to register for Upstate District Teen Camp in Brooktondale. If you submit your registration and a \$50 deposit by June 27, you can still get in on the early bird rate of only \$185!

Teen Camp is July 26-31.

NAZ KIDS CORNER

BIBLE MEMORY GOAL AWARD DAY

Parents Please Attend!

June 6 @ 9:45 a.m. in our Sanctuary

Every child who recited their BMG last month will receive an award to celebrate their success and parents are invited to watch! Children and parents will join their Discovery Time or Sunday School class following the presentations. I am proud of our Naz Kidz!

UPWARD & THE STRAWBERRY PARADE

June 19th Downtown Owego

Parade begins at 10:00 a.m. Gather at 9:00 a.m. in front of The Styling Corner, 127 Spencer Ave, and then we will walk to our designated spot in the parade line up! Wear your uniform and sunscreen. If you have not registered yet, do so on the Naz Kidz Board or at onazkids@yahoo.com.

Summer Bible Adventure

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

July 13, 14 & 15 6:00 p.m. - 8:00p.m.

SBA Celebration Sunday, July 18th @ the 11:00 a.m. Worship Service

Age 4 - 5th Grade

Invite as many friends as you want!! Join Joseph and his Journey in Egypt...Adventure awaits you!

SBA FAMILY GROUP LEADERS

We are looking for SBA Family Group Leaders...See Diana Talcott or Miss Cheryl. We need 15 Leaders and 15 helpers, don't wait to volunteer! Family Group Leaders and helpers will need to attend one of two training sessions. Choose Wednesday June 9th 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. OR Wednesday June 16th 6:30p.m.-7:30p.m.

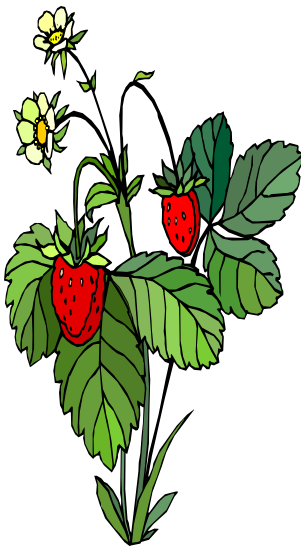
Fifth Grade Parent/Child Camping Trip

DATE CHANGE \*\*\*August 20-21\*\*\*

Hickories Park

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 overnighiter. 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. See Cathy Lanning to make reservations.



BLOCK TIME Memory Verse Challenge

Congratulations to

Hannah Browne, Abby Goodrich, Alison Goodrich, Will Lanning, Kody Lantz, Andrew Larter, John Larter, Sam Larter, Arianna Manwaring, Grace Manwaring, and Madeline Morris

Each received a half gallon of their favorite ice cream...JOB WELL DONE!

BLOCK TIME is finished for this year. We will begin again in September.

It's time for Summer Camp!

Upstate NY Nazarene District Kid's Camp

July 19-24

District Camp Center-Brooktondale, NY

Featuring the multimedia children's ministry group

JUBILEE GANG!

It's fun to go to camp

Details & Registration forms on Naz Kidz Board



## GETTING TO KNOW YOU!

There is a saying among dairy farmers that you should have girls for cows and boys for children. Taking a page from the manual, the Brinks have 200 “Holstein girls” they keep in the barn and three strapping sons to help with the farm they purchased in Barton 25 years ago.

Gary was a Newark Valley graduate and went to SUNY Cobleskill for Animal Science, while Carolyn graduated from OFA and attended SUNY Binghamton to become an RN. They were married in 1987 and Carolyn worked at Wilson Hospital before her children were born, and is currently a substitute nurse in several local school districts in addition to her farm duties.

This family has been attending the Owego Nazarene Church for 7 years, but their faith in Jesus reaches back many decades. Gary accepted Christ as His Savior in Bible School as a child, while Carolyn came to Christ as a teenager through the teaching in the Lutheran Church where she grew up. Gary has been a member of the Church Board for the past three years and Carolyn has been involved with the Sunday School board for several years, having recently been elected Sunday School Superintendent.



### GARY AND CAROLYN BRINK

The Brinks were drawn to our church by the active youth program. Humble and hardworking as they are, the parents are justifiably proud of their best crop—their sons. Patrick (22) has returned home to the farm after graduating from Cornell last May. He worked on a custom harvest crew combining wheat over the past three summers and is co-leader of the recently formed young adults group. Justin (20), a sophomore at SUNY Alfred is learning heavy truck and diesel mechanics technology management. And Patrick (16), a junior at Tioga Central School, plays varsity soccer, is active in the youth group and has recently been selected as one of the senior high NYI representatives. All three actively participated in Boy Scouts and have attained the rank of Eagle Scout—no small task

times three.

Outside of church, the Brink family enjoys each other and God’s great creation by hiking, hunting, cross country or downhill skiing. This is a family of do-ers; even their leisure is productive as Gary enjoys woodworking and Carolyn crafts and gardening.

But we must all take time to be, in addition to doing. Carolyn says that since attending the Owego Nazarene Church they have seen the change that Christ can make in people’s lives. “We have come to know a more intimate relationship with our Lord and Savior and have seen the power of the Holy Spirit in the lives of our brothers and sisters in Christ, our sons, and in our own lives.”

Please pray for the Brinks as a family as their sons enter adulthood and for their ministry here at church. They ask for specific prayer, “for our continued growth in Christ and pray that we will be bold and able to proclaim clearly the Good News of Jesus Christ.”

My grandmother used to tell me that farmers were the ‘salt of the earth.’ This refers, of course, to the familiar parable Jesus told His followers that they should season their world, lest they be thrown out as useless. In addition, the Google dictionary states, “Salt of the earth’ has become a common English expression and today it refers to humble and unpretentious people.” Sounds like an apt description of the Brinks!

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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

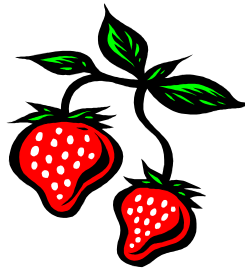
Kathie Brainard: Leadership Team Secretary

Holly Klett: Church Treasurer

Carolyn Brink: Sunday School Superintendent

Larry Warner: Nazarene Missions International President

Phalen Hill: Nazarene Youth International President



### GOD'S PEOPLE GIVE

Needed weekly for ministry

commitments: **\$9,166**

Our average weekly giving for May:

**\$9,408**

Our average weekly giving for the  
year:

(April '10-March '11): **\$9,153**

**9:45 A.M.**

**Every Sunday**

**SUNDAY  
SCHOOL is**

**looking for**

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HERE'S A REFRESHING  
THOUGHT:

WHEN SATAN IS  
KNOCKING AT YOUR  
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"JESUS, COULD YOU  
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