



Special points of interest:

- What is Oikos?
- Busy time for Naz Kidz
- Getting to know who?
- Find out what Nazarene Missions International has in store....

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OIKOS – YOUR WORLD DELIVERED

I want to introduce a word that is probably not a part of your everyday vocabulary. The word is **OIKOS**. It's pronounced OY-koss. Go ahead and say it loud. Oikos.

What is Oikos? Well, you're going to have to wait until our Sunday morning services on May 23rd to find out. That date will be **OIKOS Day**. Please make it a priority – I don't want you to miss out on Oikos!

But while you're waiting, let me tell you what Oikos is *not*:

Oikos is not a word I made up. As you will see, it has very ancient origins.

Oikos is not a fancy word. It's simple – so simple, in fact, that even a child (or a caveman) can grasp it!

Oikos is not a new fad. We will discover that it has been around for 2000 years.

You may not realize it yet, but you have an Oikos. I have an Oikos. Young or old, rich or poor, Christian or not-yet-Christian – everyone has an Oikos. Let me offer you this tantalizing clue: *your Oikos is God's simple strategy for changing the world.*

OIKOS – your world delivered. I can't wait to tell you about Oikos on May 23rd.

Pastor Dennis



Nazarene Youth International

Contact Pastor Andy or check out the youth group website at owegonaz.com/youth for more youth group activities.

Senior High

Littlechurch

Sundays at 6 PM

CLUB 678

Wednesday nights at 6:30

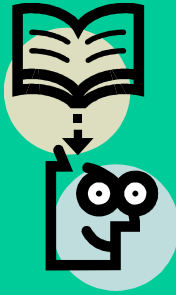
COLLEGE/YOUNG

ADULT BIBLE

STUDY

THURSDAY NIGHTS

AT 6:30



BABY DAY PARADE & BABY DEDICATION MAY 2, 2010 11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

NAZ KIDZ CORNER

BMG Reciting
Dates...**May 16, 23, 30**
BMG Award Day **June 6**
during Discovery Time @ 9:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Each school year we challenge your child with a Bible Memory Goal, BMG! They have been working on memorizing their BMG since September, 2009. On **May 16, 23, or 30** each child will be

given the chance to recite their BMG during Discovery Time. They may choose which Sunday they will recite. 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!

Fifth Grade Parent/Child Camping Trip June 11-12 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) is 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! See Cathy Lanning to make reservations.

BLOCK TIME CHALLENGE
Memorize all 9 monthly BT Verses and earn a half gallon of your favorite ice cream and a spoon to eat it with!
Memory Verse List is posted on the BT Board in the Naz Kidz Room
Recite verses weekly...
deadline is **May 12**
Final 2009-10 BT and Year End Celebration is **May 19th**

UPWARD & THE STRAWBERRY PARADE
June 19th

We're looking for UPWARD Basketball Players, Coaches & Cheerleaders to wear their uniform and march in the Strawberry Parade. Register on the Naz Kidz Board or onaz-kids@yahoo.com

Summer Bible Adventure (formerly VBS) EGYPT...Joseph's Journey from Prison to Palace!
July 13, 14 & 15
Preschool – 5th Grade
6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

We are looking for Family Group Leaders...See **Diana Talcott** or **Miss Cheryl** to join the Journey!



**“Missional” churches and people are
Kingdom, people, and externally focused.**

(Mt. 28:18-20; Acts 1:8)

May Missional Opportunities

(For more information contact NMI Council)

May 1-31: **Faith Promise**

(“Promise” cards & opportunity available.)

May 5&6: **District NMI Convention**

(@Rochester Calvary. All are welcome.)

May 6&7: **District Assembly**

(@Rochester Calvary. All are welcome.)

May 18: **Dessert, information, and inspiration with missionary from
Ecuador**

(Mini-Hall at 7 PM.)

May 21,22: **mini-W&W to Fawn Grove**

(Provide used clothing & pray for 8 Owego folks that are participat-
ing.)



GETTING TO KNOW YOU!

Karen Garrity

If you want to know Karen Garrity, listen to her music. She is the backbone of the music group known as Sweet Aroma. She says, "Our music is classified as adult contemporary with a positive message. The majority of what we sing, I have written. I always say if you want to know me, the real me, if you want to know where my heart is, read the lyrics to the songs, they say it all. Our ministry has not reached to the vast, but if one comes to Christ, it was well worth it. God doesn't measure us on how the people respond to our message but our obedience to his direction."



Karen's life was eternally altered when her mother accepted Christ. The mother prayed with her children and Karen, eager to please a parent, prayed too. But Jesus wants us without reserve or pressure and it was in her late 30's Karen felt she needed to know God away from her mother's beliefs or the church's, and sought a personal knowledge of Him. "If He was and is who He says He is, I must not only believe in

bits and pieces of and about Him, I must believe it is all true...and live accordingly. Not by laws and regulations, but because He loves me so and He shed his blood that I could have forgiveness and life.

As a new Christian, Karen found that there were things that must be believed by faith. "One in particular to me is the Virgin Birth, what a thing to believe! See what I mean? If you believe in one aspect you must take it all as truth. So I've gone through a lot of soul searching and still at 50, I'm soul searching every day."

Our lives are a journey with Christ and after attending many different churches and occasionally encountering difficult experiences, Karen believes that "this particular church is one of the most balanced I've been a part of. Once again have a desire to be involved in the ministries within the church."

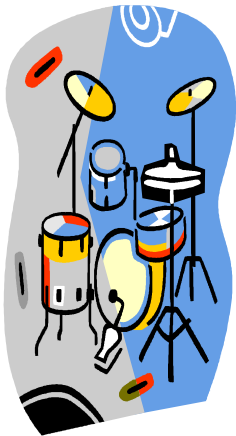
Dave Barnes, Worship Pastor, with a bloodhound's nose for musical talent, quickly recruited Karen to fill in on the Praise Team. She is a woman with many gifts and can play several instruments, compose music, and records multi-layer tracks for performances. But Karen is more con-

cerned with being than doing. She offered a Mary-like response to my question of church involvement. "I listen intently and try to apply the messages, and pray for the leaders in the church. I thank God for the Owego Nazarene Church and this body of believers."

If there were a ministry that Karen would like to see added to our church, it is a ministry for single people, either through divorce, death, or just never having been married. And when asked how could pray for her, she answered, "To completely let go of the past and let God do the driving in my life."

Karen's love of nature and others is evident in her employment with Trehab in Sayre as a Development Specialist and she is also chief dog-sitter and bone-provider for **Furry Friends Inn**, a pet boarding facility she opened last October in the peaceful hills near her home in Lockwood. Although a country girl at heart, she likes to travel, spend quiet time and time with her dogs, friends, and family (not necessarily in that exact order).

Finally, Karen says, "God is the Lover of My Soul. He will never turn his back on me, He will never let me go and He never has hurt me. But I know I have done all of those things to Him. Yet in spite of myself, He loves me with an everlasting love. For that reason I want to serve Him and love Him more and more."



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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 April: **\$8,899**

Our average weekly giving for the year:

(April '10-March '11): **\$8,899**

Bet you did not know this month is celebrated as:
National Salad Month ~~
National Egg Month ~~
National Barbecue Month
~~ National Hamburger Month
~~ Better Sleep Month and National Photo Month

On May 10, 1872 the first woman was nominated for President of the U.S.A. even though women could not vote. Her name was Virginia Woodhull.

Read more: <http://purpleslinky.com/trivia/history>

9:45 A.M.
Every Sunday
S NDAY
SCHOOL is
looking for
U !

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