

YOUR WORDS...
are my
JOY
and my
**HEART'S
DELIGHT.**

JEREMIAH 15:16, NLT

**ALLEN PARK
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
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The Captive Set Free, Part 1

I want to share a true account of a series of events. The events are recorded by the person who experienced them. We are told in Scripture that Jesus came to set the captive free. We will often relate this to the forgiveness of sins that He so graciously extends to us. And while this is true, Jesus came to set some people free from another type of bondage. I would like to share a testimony with you. It is not a smooth and polished writing, it is just a simple testimony of someone here who was freed by Jesus Christ. Here is that narrative:

Hi, I was possessed by a demon which showed itself on December 2, 2011. And, I was delivered from it December 4th. I was delivered from it by God through my Pastor, his wife, and the congregation of the Church of the Nazarene.

I started attending the Church of the Nazarene when I was six. However, I drifted away when I was about sixteen years old. I have always had anxiety since a young age, and especially for the last seventeen years.

I started having uncontrollable kicking and jerking of my legs, arms, and body. So in 1995 I went to the emergency room at the hospital. Having told them my symptoms, they gave me a blood test for drugs. But of course, I was not on drugs. They did not know what was wrong with me and so prescribed me Ativan to calm my nerves, and sent me home.

I continued to have the jerks of my arms, legs, head, and shoulders. This continued for years, only to worsen. Many times I went to the [several] hospitals only to be given more Ativan and be sent home. I was told to go and see a neurologist. I went to the clinic in [my town] and the doctor thought that I was having seizures and gave me Dilantin, which never helped.

I felt more depressed. With no insurance I could not get in to see a neurologist. I even tried to pay cash, to no avail.

A couple of years ago I had two events occur where I had sever pain in my chest. The pain was so sever and lasted so long that I started to roll on the floor, vomit and urinate on myself. I realize now that it was demonic, however, I did not realize it at the time. I continued to have the spells which increased in frequency and were now coming upon me daily, sometimes as many as six times a day. I started going back to church thinking that God could help me. While at church on a Wednesday evening, I had one of those spells/seizures in the pew. The pastor, his wife, and the congregation prayed for me. And, the pastor's wife, Hilda, asked my mom if this could be demonic. My mother said, "no," because I never felt evil in these spells or seizures.

I continued to try to attend church but I would have to leave because I would feel a seizure coming on. By now we were asking the people of the Church to pray for me. I continued to go to church when I felt like it, but I never felt good.

No matter where I was at; doctors office, store, home, at my mother's, work, in my car, restaurants, I would often have a spell or seizure. The body movements got worse, with my body twisting every which way and also at times I would become stiff as a board. I would also have horrible smells come in my nose, my eyes would begin to flicker and then roll back into my head just before I would have a "seizure." My fingers would begin to hit the table furiously when my seizures would start. While I was certain that loud noises, such as children playing, would trigger my seizures. I could not control any of this, but I was conscience of everything. I could not stop it. Sometimes I felt so strong I could almost climb the walls when I would have a seizure.



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SUNDAY SCHOOL
Make the Connection

Sunday School Ministries International (SDMI) News

Elmer Towns: The 4 Purposes of Sunday School

(This article on Sunday School was so good, I thought it worth sharing. Because of its length, it will be shared in several segments. It is taken from the website churchleaders.com by Josh Hunt, January 4, 2012)

Part 2

Sunday School Is the Teaching Arm of the Church

Second, Sunday School is the teaching arm of the Church. "Teaching" means guiding the learning activities that meet human needs. The first step of teaching is expressed in the verse by the words "that they may hear." The ultimate step teaching is "that they may learn."



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Sunday School Is the Winning Arm of the Church

Sunday School is also the arm of the Church that wins people to Christ. "Winning" is defined as communicating the gospel in an understandable manner and motivating a person to respond to Christ. The Old Testament expression "fear the Lord" means to bring a person to reverential trust of God. It was a concept of salvation. Today we might describe a person who "fear[s] the LORD" as a person who receives Christ, or trusts the Lord, for salvation.





Nazarene Missions INTERNATIONAL

**N.M.I. President
Barbara Stephenson**

Now thanks be to God who always leads us in triumph in Christ, and through us diffuses the fragrance of His knowledge in every place. For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing.

2 Corinthians 2: 14-16

Sunday, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017 following the evening service, the NMI Council will be sponsoring a time of writing letters to prisoners through Voice of the Martyrs (VOM) . This activity will bring blessings to all of us mark your calendars so you can take advantage of this great opportunities for us to be included in this sharing and caring ministry.



September is also the month for taking the Alabaster Offering. The Alabaster Offering provides funds for property and buildings around the world. While we understand the church consists of the people of God and not a building, buildings erected for the purpose of ministry help provide a sense of permanence, functionally enhance ministry efforts and convey an attitude that the Church of the Nazarene intends to "put down roots".



Pick up your offering boxes, fill them up and bring them to the Church on Sunday, September 24.

TERRY CAMPBELL

IN CONCERT

National Song Evangelist
Southern Gospel



Allen Park Church of the Nazarene
10944 Reeck Rd
Allen Park, MI

Wednesday October 18, 2017
Time: 7:00 PM

For booking info call: 402-540-3964

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He will
REIGN
forever
and
EVER
Revelation 11:15, NRSV

If you are not attending a Sunday School class or would like to drop in to visit; Joe & Sharon's class is a great way to learn more about the book of Revelation and the end times and how it might apply to current events today.

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My family would pray for me and tell me that Jesus loved me.

I finally managed to get an appointment with a neurologist. She diagnosed me as having pseudo seizures and told me it was not epilepsy, as this was not generating from my brain. This was coming from within myself and that I should see a psychiatrist or counselor.

At my first meeting with the counselor I became very nervous and starting looking around nervously as well as looking at the floor. I had a "seizure." The counselor immediately made an appointment for me to see a psychiatrist the next day.

The next day I went to see the psychiatrist and had a difficult time talking as I was trembling and was experiencing the ticks that would come upon me before I would have a seizure. He decided to give me sleeping pills and medication for depression and anxiety. The medications did not seem to help much.

At this point I began to believe it was much worse than just seizures. I realized this when I began to see black shadows at work and at home. I saw the shadows mostly when I was alone. I would also hear my name being called. At first it was very soft then would get louder. It always called my name three times. I would walk though the house to find no one there. And, a few times my bed would shake enough to get my attention and scare me.

As time progressed, my "seizures," got so bad that my family knew that there was something terribly wrong. My family and I were overwhelmed with what was happening.

At times my mouth would open wide and make horrible sounds. I would also make the craziest facies, noises and jesters with my hands and would just about climb the walls with an un-natural strength when I would have the "seizures." People around me would have to move everything out of my way when a "seizure" would come upon me.

We will pick up the testimony from this point in the next newsletter.

James Craig
Lead Pastor



God is at work in W.E. Worship. Transitioning from VBS back to our normal Wednesday night W.E. Worship service was a great moment to see how God is at work transforming this ministry. We have been praying for more children since W.E. Worship began and have been blessed with the attendance of new children, not only at VBS, but at the Wednesday night W.E. Worship service as well. It is so awesome to see the children giving their praises and prayer requests with the belief that God will listen. There is something very special in the way a child trusts and believes that God is listening to them and that He will answer their prayers. Why do adults, people that have been believers for many years, still struggle with believing that God truly hears their prayers? Good question, right? Perhaps we should stop and observe children praising and sending prayers to God to fully understand why. Children will pray about anything. Their animals, the weather, the flowers, it doesn't matter. What is stopping us? It is never too late to pray with "child like faith".

Steve Minella



Wednesday

Evenings at

7:00 PM

WE

Worship

A weekly
worship service
for Kids

(ages 2 thru 12)



Children's Worship
Service

AFTER EDEN

by Dan Lietha

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AnswersInGenesis.org

Pastor does believe in a "literal 6 day creation" even though his sermons can seem like MILLIONS of years!



CHURCH OF THE
NAZARENE

September 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Men's Breakfast at 9:00 AM at Ramsey's Men's Study at 10 AM at the Church
3 Communion Prayer Meeting 8:30AM Noisy Offering	4	5 Prayer Meeting 9:30 AM SDMI Council 7:00 PM	6 Children's NMI Study 7:00 PM	7 Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM	8	9
10 Prayer Meeting 8:30AM	11 Christnet	12 Prayer Meeting 9:30AM Church Board 7:00 PM	13 Prime Timer's Ark Adventure Wellington, KY	14 Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM	15 Deadline for Men's Re- treat Regis- tration	16
17 Prayer Meeting 8:30 AM Dollar Sunday	18	19 Prayer Meeting 9:30AM NMI Council 7:00 PM	20 Adult NMI Study 7:00 PM NYI Council Meeting 8:00 PM Newsletter Deadline	21 Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM	22 Men's Retreat	23
24 Prayer Meeting 8:30AM Alabaster Of- fering VOM Letter Writing Gath- ering	25	26 Prayer Meeting 9:30AM	27 Men's Ministry Meeting 8:00 PM	28 Prayer Meeting 7:00 PM	29 TOPS Garage Sale at the Church	30

Note: Pastor James & Hilda will be at Pastors' & Spouse Retreat September 18—21 .