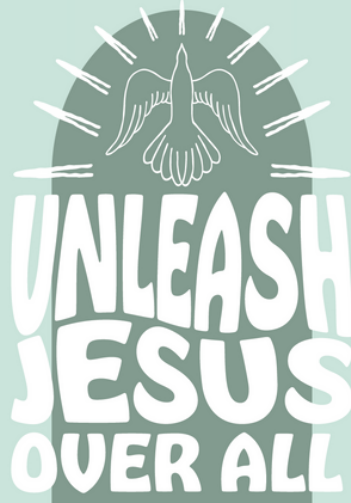




JANUARY 2024

ANDERSON FIRST CHURCH

OF THE NAZARENE



FEARS • FAILURES • CHOICES • NEEDS • IDENTITY • PAST • HOME & FAMILY

Dr. Joe here, it's an honor to serve at AFC Naz and the many communities that surround our campuses. I want to speak for a minute about the new year and where God is leading us.

How cool would it be if all of us made the decision in 2024 to unleash Jesus over everything. Okay, so in that moment many of you rolled your eyes. Right? Let me explain what this means. For me I have had to unleash Jesus over my past. I have finally in the last couple of years been able to let Jesus into the darkest places of my past. It wasn't like my past was causing me to mess up but it was effecting my decision making processes, my thought patterns, my insecurities and so much more. I finally said enough. I need to begin to have conversations with Jesus, honest conversations with Jesus about my past and the impact it has had on me. As I have been committing more and more of this to prayer I have found that my confidence has grown, my faith has grown, and I still have a long way to go. Let's go back to this idea of unleashing Jesus over everything.

So picture this with me-if every person that encounters the ministries of AFC and is challenged to make the step of faith to allow Jesus to be unleashed in the areas they struggle most with what would that look like? Wow that would be a people that aren't perfect but are willing to at least take the step to allow Jesus into their

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struggles with their identity, past, failures, home and family, choices, and so much more. As Christopher says It's about taking that one area that we all have and at least opening it up for the eyes of Jesus to come in and begin to have an impact on. We will be starting an 8 week journey beginning Sunday January 7th in all services and the journey is titled unleash Jesus over everything. You will see that theme repeated throughout the year.

Church if we would all be willing to release those closed areas and unleash Jesus in them the impact will be huge. We will examine people in the Bible who allowed those very things to happen and we will celebrate the victories that they had while at the same time learning how to apply those life principles from the word to our lives in 8 very specific areas. Be praying about this new vision God has given us for the new year.

Apparel, many have asked about AFC apparel. It's back and you have 8 choices . This is the cool part. Let's say your prayer right now is that Jesus would be unleashed over your family. Then choose that hoddie or t-shirt that says that. That becomes your prayer. On the back bottom right hand corner the words are different. This is a chance for you to personalize your swag to your journey. I have one that says unleash Jesus over your past. I think I want one that says family as well.

To go along with this series we have written a weekly devotional guide. This will help you take the principles learned and experienced on Sunday and continue to study them throughout the week. They will be on sale when we get them from the company soon. These will be a sermon supplement like we have never done before. We will have a limited supply and I pray that each family will make the commitment to purchase one and use it. This is the first time AFC is doing this and how cool is it that we have the possibility to all be studying the same thing every day. That will bring unity to our church. That's why the enemy has been fighting so hard. So let's fight back and enter the new year open to unleashing Jesus over everything personally and in our church. Grab your apparel today, grab the devtional when it arrives and begin to pray! Pray that Jesus would be unleashed in 2024 and that nothing would hold him back as He is unleashed over you and your church! You are so loved and so appreciated!

Blessings for an awesome 2024!

Dr. Joe



JANUARY birthdays!

- 1: Annie Claus
- 2: Amari Adkins, Krystal Vermillion
- 3: Charlie Ainsworth, Bane Bowling, Rebecca Hoesli, Melva Killion, Folakemi Ogunnaike, Susan Slinker, Deonna Willis
- 4: Kevin Folsom, Grayson Heskett
- 5: Granger Weir
- 6: Rin Clegg, Sally Derexson, Emily Kardatzke, Ashley Smalley
- 9: Julie Johnston, Michelle Konyin, Rebecca Rick, Chris Wright
- 10: Ellie Hochstetler, Weston Smith
- 11: Kevin Bratcher, Bethany Jones, Rudy Lee, Ava Schnepf
- 13: Quincy Fairer
- 14: Jill Nalywaiko
- 15: Silas Cunningham, Robert Donham
- 16: Kim Bolt, Misty Karnes
- 17: Gary Cable, Don Driffill, Kevin Girt, Jordan Moody
- 18: Jaedyn Beardsley, Emily Miller, Mariesha Stone
- 19: Jett Brown
- 20: Jessica Green, Dan Miller, Larry Quick
- 21: Samuel Beard
- 22: Braydon Rogers, Philip Rowe
- 23: Ella Bitar
- 24: Ilana Stapleton
- 25: Jeremiah Summers
- 26: Jessica Johnson, Amy Purcell
- 28: Nancy Bitner, Candice Jones, Rosaleigh McCloud
- 29: Haylee Hemp, David Meazel, John Slinker
- 30: Mike Derexson, Roger Phillips, David Wilson
- 31: Raymond Brewer

Are we missing your birthday? Please contact the church office at office@andersonfirstchurch.org or 765.643.3137 and let us know. You can also update yourself on the church directory on the AFC app. Thanks!

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**MAY YOUR BIRTHDAY BE
SPRINKLED WITH FUN AND
FILLED WITH LOVE!**

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CHURCH MEMBERSHIP CLASS

there's a seat for you!

WEDNESDAY
**JAN
3**
6-8:30PM



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CHURCH ELECTIONS

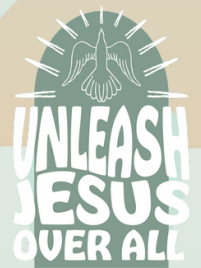
• JANUARY 28 | 8:30AM-12:30PM •



also this month

2-5: Young Adult Passion Trip
9: Children's Council meeting 7pm
12-13: Teen Quiz / Middletown
14: Small Groups
20: Teen Quiz / Flint, MI
20: Kids Quiz / Ft Wayne Gracepoint / 10am
30: Church Board meeting

ADULT MINISTRIES



WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN FICTION

Book Club

Thursday, January 18

6:30pm

read "Just Once"
by Karen Kingsbury

We meet every 2 or 3 months and discuss a different book each time! Join at any time!



S H O R T N O T E S O F W I S D O M F R O M P R O V E R B S

SNOW

DAY

WALKING TOGETHER SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS FOR WOMEN
SUNDAYS IN JANUARY / 10:20AM / CLASSROOM #1



ADULT MINISTRIES



MENS BIBLE STUDY
WEDNESDAYS 6:15PM

THE BOOK OF TITUS

WITH BIBLICAL TEACHING FROM
CHIP INGRAM



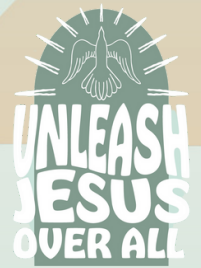
date
 YOUR
mate

THE ONCE A MONTH
**DINNER OUT
COUPLES GROUP**

**JANUARY 13 DESTINATION:
1000* PIZZA / MT SUMMIT / 4PM**



ADULT MINISTRIES



PACERS GAME!

02.06.2024

PACERS  ROCKETS



FOR GUYS OF ALL AGES



THERE IS HOPE!

*Do you struggle to move forward in your life due to past failures?
Do you feel as if you're not fulfilling your purpose?*

LIFE
RECOVERY
group

A 12 step
**LIFE CHANGING
JOURNEY**

Do you suffer from:

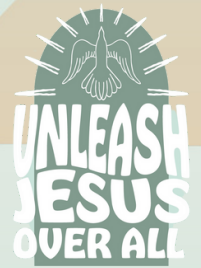
- addictions ◀
- food ◀
- depression ◀
- anxiety ◀
- relationships ◀

The topics addressed aren't just for people with alcohol or drug addictions but for anyone who wants to move from the pain and struggles of the past toward a healthy, happier future.



Wednesdays at 7:15pm

ADULT MINISTRIES



AFCYA
AFC YOUNG ADULTS

COLLEGE LUNCH

January 21 following 3rd service
Split for Small Groups after lunch

For College Age Young Adults 18-25



A PLACE TO STUDY AND COLLABORATE

YOUNG ADULT *Study Tables*

AT ANDERSON FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

EVERY THIRD TUESDAY 4-7 IN THE MIDLEVEL



AFCYA
AFC YOUNG ADULTS

ADULT MINISTRIES



AFCYA
AFC YOUNG ADULTS

MEN'S YOUNG ADULT SMALL GROUP

after church on
Small Group Sundays

beginning January 21



AFCYA
AFC YOUNG ADULTS

WOMEN'S YOUNG ADULT SMALL GROUP

after church on
Small Group Sundays

beginning January 21



KIDS



PRESCHOOL PLAYDATE

JOIN US FOR A STORY, SNACK
AND CRAFT



JANUARY 11 AT 5:30 P.M.
SPECIAL EVENING
STORYTIME .



NURSERY AND CHILDREN'S
DEPARTMENT

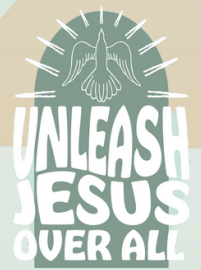
OPEN HOUSE

WEDNESDAY
JANUARY 10
6 - 7 PM

- tour the classrooms
- meet the teachers
- experience the kids worship area
- enjoy snacks and fellowship



YOU'RE INVITED



Children's Ministry VOLUNTEER LUNCH

SUNDAY, JAN. 28

12:45 pm in Lower Level



THE COMMUNITY CENTER @ AFC
2301 MERIDIAN ST, ANDERSON

6-8
PM



TUESDAY
JANUARY
23

ONU+ OPEN HOUSE

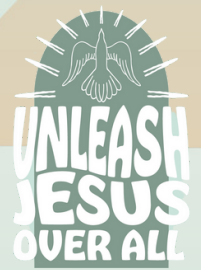
LEARN MORE ABOUT ONU+ @ AFC!

UNIQUE COLLEGE EXPERIENCE WITH THE BEST OF TWO WORLDS – OLIVET NAZARENE UNIVERSITY'S ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AND THE COMMUNITY CULTURE AND SUPPORT OF AFC NAZ. OUR PROGRAM GIVES YOU A LOW-OR NO-DEBT PATH TO EARNING A FOUR-YEAR ACCREDITED DEGREE IN A COMMUNITY SETTING, WHILE ALSO PROVIDING PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE EVERY SEMESTER, INTENTIONAL LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT, ROBUST SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE, AND THE SUPPORT OF AN ON-SITE DIRECTOR.

- LOCAL
- AFFORDABLE
- FULLY ACCREDITED
- FOUR-YEAR DEGREE
- COHORT/COMMUNITY MODEL



FAMILY



It's a Boy!!
Baby Shower
for Victoria McIntosh
and Kayden Hoesli

Sunday, January 7
following 3rd service

lower level

THEY ARE REGISTERED AT TARGET AND AMAZON

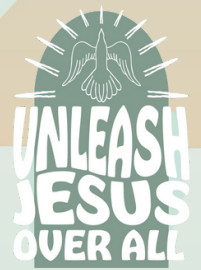
ANDERSON FIRST CHURCH & THE COMMUNITY CENTER @ AFC

- FREE CHILDCARE
- CHAIR MASSAGE
- HAIR STYLING
- DEVOTIONS
- MANICURES
- BROW WAXING & TINTING
- SNACKS
- FREE COFFEE FROM LUNA COFFEE

SINGLE MOM
Night of Pampering
TUESDAY, JANUARY 30 / 6-8:30PM



AFC MIDWEEK



**WINTER KICK-OFF
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17!!**

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MIDWEEK
something for everyone!

WINTER KICK-OFF ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17!

11:00AM

ELECTIVE CLASS OPTIONS AVAILABLE BEGINNING AT 10AM

**EACH
WEDNESDAY
10:00AM
HOME SCHOOL ELECTIVES
11:00AM
CHAPEL & HOME SCHOOL HOUR**



OLIVET NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

- Home School Elective / 10am
- Live from ONU
- Community Chapel
- Live Worship
- Jr High Small Group option
- For students grades 6-12

AFC KIDS

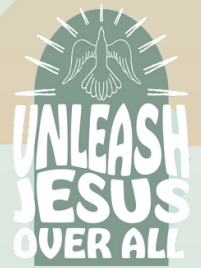


- Home School Elective / 10am
- Bible lessons
- Activities
- Crafts
- For students grades K-5
- Fun for Pre-K & under as well!

**EACH
WEDNESDAY
12:00PM
HOME SCHOOL FAMILY LUNCH
12:00-2:00PM
HOME SCHOOL PLAYZONE**

ANDERSON FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE & THE COMMUNITY CENTER @ AFC / 2301 MERIDIAN ST, ANDERSON

COMMUNITY



FOOD DISTRIBUTION AT ANDERSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY!



TUESDAY, JANUARY 16 / 4:30-6PM

TAG TEAM TUESDAY



CREATIVE ACTIVITIES FOR
FAMILIES WITH KIDS

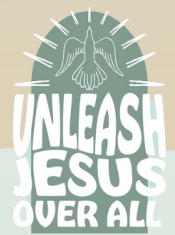
the kids corner

JANUARY 4 & 18
4:30-6PM

FREE! AFTER SCHOOL SNACK AND SUPPLIES PROVIDED!



COMMUNITY



WINTER
KICK-OFF
JANUARY 17

COMMUNITY WIDE

CHAPEL SERVICE

LIVE STREAMED FROM



WEDNESDAYS AT 11AM



COMMUNITY CENTER HOURS JANUARY



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 OPEN FOR CHURCH 9AM, 10AM, 11:15AM	1 CLOSED	2 CLOSED	3 CLOSED	4 PLAYZONE 10-6 KIDS CORNER ARTS & CRAFTS 4:30PM	5 PLAYZONE 10-6	6 CLOSED
7 OPEN FOR CHURCH 9AM, 10AM, 11:15AM	8 OPEN FOR GENERATION STEPPERS 6:30PM	9 PLAYZONE 10-6 CLOTHES CLOSET 10-2PM	10 OPEN FOR KIDS OPEN HOUSE 6PM YOUTH MIDWINTER MTG 7PM	11 PLAYZONE 10-6 PRE-SCHOOL PLAYDATE 5:30PM	12 PLAYZONE 10-4 PRE	13 PLAYZONE 12-3
14 OPEN FOR CHURCH 9AM, 10AM, 11:15AM	15 OPEN FOR GENERATION STEPPERS 6:30PM	16 PLAYZONE 10-6 CLOTHES CLOSET 10-2PM YOUNG ADULT STUDY TABLES 4PM	17 OPEN FOR ONU CHAPEL, HOME SCHOOL HOUR, MIDWEEK SERVICE LIFE RECOVERY 7:15PM	18 PLAYZONE 10-6 KIDS CORNER ARTS & CRAFTS 4:30PM WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB 6:30PM	19 PLAYZONE 10-4	20 PLAYZONE 12-3
21 OPEN FOR CHURCH 9AM, 10AM, 11:15AM	22 OPEN FOR GENERATION STEPPERS 6:30PM	23 PLAYZONE 10-6 CLOTHES CLOSET 10-2PM ONU+ OPEN HOUSE 6PM	24 OPEN FOR ONU CHAPEL, HOME SCHOOL HOUR, MIDWEEK SERVICE LIFE RECOVERY 7:15PM	25 PLAYZONE 10-6	26 PLAYZONE 10-4	27 PLAYZONE 10-1
28 OPEN FOR CHURCH 9AM, 10AM, 11:15AM	29 OPEN FOR GENERATION STEPPERS 6:30PM	30 PLAYZONE 10-6 CLOTHES CLOSET 10-2PM SINGLE MOMS PAMPERING EVENT 6PM	31 OPEN FOR ONU CHAPEL, HOME SCHOOL HOUR, MIDWEEK SERVICE LIFE RECOVERY 7:15PM	1 PLAYZONE 10-6	2 PLAYZONE 10-4	3 PLAYZONE 10-1
OPEN FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSE	PRIOR/NEXT MONTH	OPEN	CLOSED	CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY / VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION		