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THE STORY

Welcome

About Columbia First Nazarene

At CFN you're welcome no matter where you are in life and in your journey with God. You'll find genuine worship, Bible-based teaching, and a challenge to live an authentic life.

First Time Here? Relax...

No one is going to single you out. Most weekends start off with a time of singing followed by teaching. We'll also worship God with our giving through our offering at the end of the service. Ushers are stationed at the sanctuary doors to accept your offering.

As you leave, we would love to welcome you personally. Just stop by Guest Services in the Main Lobby. We're so glad you're here!

Connection

We believe that spiritual growth happens best in the context of community. Connection Groups meet weekly for encouragement and spiritual growth.

A variety of groups meet following our service (10:45 a.m.), as well as throughout the week. For a complete listing, visit the Connections Kiosk in the Main Lobby.

Children from Infant through 5th grade

We want kids to see how God's word fits into their lives, and build friendships that will last. Children's worship is offered at 9:30 a.m. and Connection Groups begin at 10:45 a.m.

Students from 6th through 12th grade

Our purpose is to lead students into a relevant relationship with God and a ministry of learning to serve others. Connection Groups begin at 10:45 a.m., and student worship is offered on Wednesday nights.

If you're new...

We'd love to know you're here!

Connect Card

Fill out a connect card located at your seat and bring it to Guest Services as you leave.

We'd love to welcome you and answer any questions you may have.

Need Info?

Stop by the Connections Kiosk for information on everything from Wednesday classes, registration forms, or a current prayer list. You may also sign up for our weekly e-mail update or text alerts.



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THIS WEEKEND

Thank you for making us a part of your weekend! Welcome to Week 7 of THE STORY, our current series where we are chronologically walking through the Bible. This week we will be balancing the celebration of finally taking the promised land with the brutal nature and significant loss of life that is required. How do we reconcile what we read this week with the merciful God of the New Testament?

TODAY is Promotion Sunday for Preschool and Elementary children.

Children's Christmas Musical Practice

It's that time of year! Elementary children will begin practice for their December Christmas Musical on Sunday, Sept. 3, from 9 - 9:30 a.m. in the Studio worship area. Practices will be held each Sunday until the date of the musical. INCENTIVES will be given to those who arrive on time. CDs will be available for purchase for \$5 each.

Volunteer Opportunities

We are in need of an ELEMENTARY CLASS GROUP LEADER during the second hour on Sundays. The children will be working on quizzing during this time so minimal preparation is required. If you can help, please email Whitney Detty at wdetty@columbianaz.com or call the church office at 803.772.2461.

A BUS DRIVER is needed on Wednesday evenings to transport children in the community who desire to participate in our evening activities. The bus leaves at 4:15 p.m. for pick-up and again at 7:30 p.m. for drop-off. If you are interested in serving the church in this way, please contact Carolyn Haley at chaley@columbianaz.com or call the church office at 803.772.2461.

If You Need Prayer...

If you have a prayer request, we would like to pray for you. Simply write your request on a Connect Card found in the pew in front of you and drop it off at the Welcome Kiosk or hand it to an usher posted outside the Sanctuary doors. If you have an immediate need, someone is always available after the service in our prayer chapel off the Main Lobby.

UPCOMING EVENTS & INFO

Wednesday All-Church Dinner/Meeting

Join us as we kick off the Fall Church Season. Dinner begins at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, August 23. On the menu is Spaghetti, Steamed Vegetables, Texas Toast and Salad. Cost for meals is \$5 for 6th grade - adults; \$3.50 for children; \$20 maximum per family.

After dinner, join us in the sanctuary at 6:15 p.m. for an All-Church Meeting where you will hear updates regarding the church and our fall programming. Childcare will not be available.

Youth Promo Party

All youth in grades 6 - 12 are invited to a Promo Party on Sunday, August 27, from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. in the Youth Room. It will be a great time of food, games and prizes. Receive youth info and paperwork AND meet the worship team and youth leaders. PARENTS, please join us after your Connections Class.

Women's Fellowship

Meet us for yogurt and fun times at Menchie's Frozen Yogurt, 5580 Sunset Blvd., Lexington, on August 29 at 7:30 p.m.

"This is My Story" Women's Getaway 2017

Ladies, start planning now for the annual District Women's Retreat that will take place November 10 - 12. "This is My Story" will focus on discovering the power of the Gospel through the stories of those around us.

The guest speaker for this event is Trevecca Nazarene University Chaplain Shawna Gaines, and worship music will be provided by the Trevecca Nazarene University Worship Band.

The retreat will take place at the Hilton Royal Palms in Myrtle Beach. The cost is \$155 - \$185 depending upon the type of accommodations you prefer. First-time attendees between the ages of 18-25 will receive a special discount. Price includes breakfast on both Saturday and Sunday.

Registration forms are available at the Connections Kiosk. Deadline for registration and fees is Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 13. Contact the church office at 803.772.2461 for additional information or see Mandy Bruce.

Financial Update

July Tithes & Offerings Received (minus Missions)	\$93,279
July Expenses	\$ 6,063
July Missions Received	\$76,086