

A SEASON OF HOPE



Advent

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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Christmas Eve

Sunday, Dec. 24 • 5:00 p.m.

Join us as we reflect on Christmas past, celebrate Christmas present & anticipate Christmas future

Nazarene Compassionate Ministries

December is Compassionate Ministries Month. Your gifts to this ministry help local churches WORLDWIDE facing disasters, trauma, pain and despair. If you would like to participate in this effort, donations are being accepted. Please mark your check or envelope "Compassionate Ministries," and place it in the offering plate or drop it off at Guest Services in the Main Lobby.

Year End Contributions

Your continued generosity this year has allowed us to personally invest in the lives of hundreds of individuals who call CFN home and St. Andrews their community. Your gifts have even traveled to Haiti with our missions team and around the world as a support to Nazarene global missions. This would not be possible without your sacrifice!

As you consider a specific year end gift, we are now receiving donations toward 'PROJECT 7,' as outlined in the ministry update, to assist our upcoming modifications designed to provide a safer and more meaningful experience for our children, adults & guests.

Here are 3 easy ways to give:

- 1) Go online to www.columbianaz.com/give
- 2) Text "COLUMBIAFIRSTNAZ" to 77977
- 3) Drop your contribution in the offering plate or at Guest Services.

December Food Pantry Needs

Because of YOU, our Food Pantry distributed 118 bags of groceries this month, including a special holiday bag. Thank you for your generosity. The pantry is now in need of the following items:

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| Cereal | Peanut Butter |
| Rice | Mac & Cheese |
| Mashed Potatoes | Spaghetti Sauce (no pasta) |

Items can be placed in any of the Food Pantry bins on campus.

MINISTRY UPDATES (thru 12.08.17)

In November, we presented three current challenges that involved:

- 1) Identifying a long-term location for our Middle School Ministry.
- 2) Improving our Guest Experience (especially families with young children).
- 3) Expanding security resources across our campus.

In an effort to potentially address these challenges simultaneously, several modifications were proposed for consideration. On Thursday, Dec. 7, the Church Board unanimously approved to proceed with the concept of the modifications and will continue working on both timeline and budget. An update will be provided at our next Congregational Meeting on Wed., Jan. 10.

In addition, the Church Board also approved that we begin the bidding phase on the reconstruction of our drainage system on the west side of our campus. Richland County has approved our final plans and permits, and we are able to proceed. Funds for this infrastructure modification were raised in Dec., 2015 as a part of our Nehemiah Project.

2017 Advent Calendar

DECEMBER

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| 20 | No Wednesday Ministries | |
| 24 | Worship Service
<i>(No Children or Youth Connection Groups)</i> | 10 a.m. |
| | Christmas Eve Candlelight Service | 5 p.m. |
| 25-26 | Church Offices Closed | |
| 27 | No Wednesday Ministries | |
| 31 | Worship Service
<i>(No Children or Youth Connection Groups)</i> | 10 a.m. |

JANUARY

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| 1 | Church Offices Closed | |
| 3 | No Wednesday Ministries | |
| 10 | Congregational Meeting | 6:15 p.m. |
| 17 | Wednesday Ministries Resume | |

Financial Update

Nov. 2017 Tithes & Offerings Received	\$70,384
Nov. 2017 Expenses	\$70,986
Nov. 2017 Missions Received	\$ 5,613
Received YTD (June-Nov. 2017)	\$479,127
Expenses YTD (June-Nov. 2017)	\$447,409
(Fiscal Year beginning June 1, 2017)	