

of the Nazarene

Our Mission: To Know, To Show, To Share And
To Grow Together In The Love Of Christ.

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The "Difference Maker" award for December was presented to Dale Ducker. In sharing his appreciation for Dale's life and service to God, his family, and his church, Pastor Stewart spoke of Dale's humility, his willingness to do what is asked of him, and his faithfulness in prayer. He also spoke of Dale's service to and care for his father. Dale and Becky are currently directing our Angel Food ministry, and Dale is an usher, on the counting committee, and a van driver. He has also served as church treasurer and as a member of the school board. We appreciate you, Dale. You make a difference!

Ladies Ministries, under the direction of Sharon Branton, is actively engaged in ministries in the church and throughout the community. On Wednesday, February 3 at 1:30 p.m., and Saturday, February 6 at 11:00 a.m., Ladies Ministries is sponsoring a "Chocolate Candy Molding Workshop." All ladies who are interested in learning a new craft are invited to come to one or both of these workshops. Some of you then may want to become involved in crafting candy to be placed in our new church "Welcome Packets" to be distributed to all visiting families.



Ladies Ministry is also continuing to collect good new or used blankets to be distributed through local homeless shelters and good used clothing for our Kings Closet which will be opening soon. For more information, see or call Sharon Branton.



Our Annual "Souper Bowl" Soup Supper will be held Sunday evening, February 7, at 6:00 p.m. in the church Dining Room. If you will bring a large pot of any kind of soup, call Shirley Coffey TODAY. Every other family is asked to bring a large platter of finger foods and a drink. Come and join us for food, fun, and fellowship.

In this time of recession, many people are finding relief in their food budget through Angel Food ministries. Restaurant quality food at discount prices feed a family of four for a week for \$30.00. Pick up a menu at the church or school and get your order forms in by 6:00 p.m. on Friday February 12. You may also go to "Angel Food" on the internet to preview the menu and order your food boxes by credit or debit card. The February distribution will be Saturday, February 20, from 8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. in the



gym. For more information, see or call Dale Ducker, director of our Angel Food Ministry.



Our Semi-Annual Alabaster Offering will be received Sunday morning, February 14, in the morning worship service. A special offering, given twice a year, all proceeds are given directly to build, buy, or rent buildings, and properties around the world for the purpose of Nazarene World Evangelism. The monies will help provide churches, parsonages, hospitals, clinics, children's centers, offices, etc. No doubt many Alabaster funds this year will be used to help rebuild churches and other ministry related Nazarene facilities in Haiti. Please give generously to this opportunity to help others.

The Asheville First Nazarene Youth Group, under the direction of Pastors Shawn and Bethany Grosvenor is growing and we invite other youth grades 7-12 to become a part of the group. They meet each Wednesday evening in the Youth Room from 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. and participate in many other ministries and activities. Four youth attended the recent district all night "New Years Blast" in Charlotte. They have also repainted the Youth Room, shopped for "Give-a-Kid-a-Christmas" and will join the Elon Church of the Nazarene Youth for some activities Friday through Sunday, February 19-21. Get the word out about our youth and invite every youth you know to attend.



You are invited by Nazarene Christian School to breakfast at FATZ restaurant off Smokey Park Highway (behind Wendy's) on February 27. A wonderful breakfast of all the pancakes you can eat, sausage or bacon, fruit, and a beverage will be served up by NCS volunteers between 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Tickets are \$7.00 each and may be purchased in advance from an NCS student or at the school office. A generous portion of the cost of the meal plus all tips will be returned to NCS in this special fund raiser for the school. Please come and bring your families, friends and neighbors for a delicious breakfast, wonderful fellowship, and an opportunity to help support Nazarene Christian School.

Everyone Loves An Auction!

Make plans now to attend the Annual NCS Auction which will be held on Saturday, March 13, beginning at 11:00 a.m., (preview begins at 10:00 a.m.) in the school

gym. There will also be a bargain table full of goodies and lots of great food to buy.

We are still looking for good used furniture, cars, lawn equipment, working appliances, jewelry, gold pieces, bicycles, athletic and camping equipment, etc., along with the gift certificates from local merchants and restaurants that are a part of every auction. If you have something that you want to get out of your house that someone else would love to have, donate it to NCS for the auction. We will even pick it up from our local area. Your help is greatly appreciated.



Last years auction brought in \$8,500 for our school and this year we need to surpass \$10,000. Any way you can help will be greatly appreciated. (Cash gifts are always accepted and appreciated.)



We have all seen the pictures of the tragic after effects of the terrible earthquake that hit Haiti. If you would like to help the Haitian people, including 118,000 members of the Church of the Nazarene in Haiti, let me suggest 3 different ways you can help:

- 1.) You can help by giving a generous check. Make it out to Asheville First Church of the Nazarene and mark it "Haiti". We will forward it immediately through Nazarene Compassionate Ministries where it will be distributed in the best and fastest ways possible.
- 2.) Crisis Care Kits are desperately needed to distribute to people who have nothing. Included in the kits are items like tooth brushes, tooth paste, a wash cloth, soap, comb, a small toy for a child, and many other items. For more information on how you can help provide a CCK, see or call Janet Mitchell.
- 3.) There are many, many items of various sizes and prices which are desperately needed in Haiti which you might wish to donate. See the list of these items on the internet at NCM.org. All gifts to Haiti are tax deductible.