

# ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT



Church of the Nazarene

*For Unto Us A Child Is Born*

Christmas, December 2015

*A Note from Coach Bill Carr...*

*Speak the words Merry Christmas and immediately people respond. Many repeat the greeting back, some ignore it, others offer a variation such as Happy Holiday or Season's Greetings. Mention Christmas and most people have some emotional memory that either brings them a sense of joy, comfort, and peace or sorrow and perhaps even bitterness. Few if any have no response to this season we call Christmas. Yet with all it's marketing, celebrating, and popularity, it seems that the "Foundation of Christmas" is being pushed further into the background and thus becoming lost in all the other Christmas hype. The foundation that is very simply and pointedly stated by the One who's birth is celebrated at Christmas. In his response to a evening question Jesus shares the foundation of Christmas, "For God loved the world so much, that He gave to the world His one, and only son, so that anyone and everyone who would believe in Him and trust in Him should not be lost from life but would have eternal life." The foundation of Christmas is discovered in the reality of God's love to us and for us, and revealed to us through Jesus. The one born in a manger, crucified on a cross, dead and buried, and resurrected on the third day, and is now alive as the glorified Christ. Merry Christmas, God loves this world and He gave us Jesus, His one and only son.*

*Coach Bill*

## Prayers of Love and Sympathy

*We extend our love and prayers to the following families who lost loved-ones:*

*Pastor Kyle and Marlane Berger (Torrington) at the passing of Kyle's Dad  
Rev. Larry and Lori Dahlberg (Cody) at the passing of Lori's Dad*

*Coach Bill Carr met with the following church boards, this Fall, to conduct Pastoral Reviews. Congratulations to the following pastors who received unanimous 4-year calls from their church boards.*

*Rev. Pat Weyrauch, Libby Montana  
Rev. Phillip Ferguson, Lander Wyoming  
Rev. Jon Martin, Kinnear Wyoming (Sunnyside)  
Pastor Jeff Louwer, Great Falls Montana*

## *December Connections*

NMI Emphasis: Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Month

December 1: Pastor Review, Great Falls

December 1: World AIDS Day

December 4: Pastor Review, Poplar

December 5: Pastor Review, Sidney

December 6: 2nd Sunday of Advent

December 7: Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

December 13: 3rd Sunday of Advent

December 13: American Bible Society Offering

December 20: 4th Sunday of Advent

December 22: First Day of Winter

December 24: Christmas Eve

December 25: Christmas Day

December 30—January 2: Winter Retreat

(College age 18-25, Info Luke Finch)

December 31: New Year's Eve

## **Advent: A Time of Expectant Waiting**

**Advent is a period of spiritual preparation in which many Christians make themselves ready for the coming, or birth of the Lord, Jesus Christ. Celebrating Advent typically involves a season of prayer, fasting and repentance, followed by anticipation, hope and joy. Many Christians celebrate Advent not only by thanking God for Christ's first coming to earth as a baby, but also for his presence among us today through the Holy Spirit, and in preparation and anticipation of his final coming at the end of time.**

## Prayers of Love and Sympathy

*To the family of Mrs. Doretta Nees who passed away on November 12, 2015. Mrs. Nees was a lovely lady who exemplified Christ in so many ways and will be missed by her church family. She was the wife of Dr. Guy Nees and mother of Dr. Tom Nees. The Memorial Service was held at the Kalispell Church.*

# Welcome Casper New Start Pastor and Family

## The Fort Ministry

*"A Safe Place Teaching Simple Faith"*



*Pastor Family*



*Coach Bill & Pastor Jim*



*The Barn (Worship Center)*

**Rev. Jim and Kim Shade  
Isaac and Judah  
(and Levi and Rachel who are out of the home)**

*And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in clothes and lying in a manger."*

*Luke 2:8-12*



*Merry Christmas*

## Installation of Pastor Jim and Colleen Cedar David, Jessica, and Cati



**Casper, Wyoming on November 8, 2015**

**Pray for our Rocky Mountain District  
NNU Students**

### Bitterroot Valley

*Deign Allred      Ethan Etter*

### Great Falls

*Elizabeth Lauwer*

### Pablo

*Kelsey Koberg      Kylie Koberg*

### Whitefish

*Drew Galbraith      Nathan Knox*

*Michael Reimer*

*(Please let us know if you know of others)*