

# NEWSLETTER

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## FREEDOM IN CHRIST

Young people gathered at The Way of Life Nazarene Church, Amritsar for a one day Youth Conference centred on the theme “FREEDOM IN CHRIST.” The conference brought together young people for worship, prayer, biblical teaching, fellowship, and testimonies.



The gathering began with prayer led by Rev. Amrik, who committed the conference, the young people, and the needs of the community to God. The church youth then led the worship session, creating an atmosphere of joy and fellowship as participants worshipped together.

Pastor Shimon shared the Word of God on the theme of freedom. The young people were encouraged to understand that true freedom is found in Jesus Christ and that He brings freedom from sin, fear, bondage, and hopelessness.



A special time of prayer was also held for people struggling with drug addiction. Participants prayed for healing, strength, restoration, and freedom for those affected, as well as for their families. The prayer reflected the church's concern for individuals and communities facing the challenges of addiction. The conference was organised through the efforts of Rev. Amarjit, Tripti, and others who supported the programme. Their service helped create an opportunity for young people to come together and be encouraged in their faith. The day also included testimonies from people who shared how God had worked in their lives. These testimonies encouraged the young people to trust Christ and to become voices of hope within their generation.

As the conference concluded, participants were encouraged to live in the freedom found in Christ and to serve Him faithfully. The gathering ended with renewed faith and a desire to reflect Christ in their communities.

## PASTORS' FAMILY RETREAT

Families serving together in ministry need opportunities to pause, reconnect, and be encouraged. The Pastors' Family Retreat brought nearly 50 pastors and family members from the South Karnataka Region together for two days of fellowship, worship, and spiritual renewal.

The retreat was held on August 18 and 19 and provided a meaningful time for pastors and their families to spend time together away from their regular ministry responsibilities. Through worship, fellowship, and fun filled activities, participants had opportunities to strengthen family relationships and enjoy time together.



Rev. Andrew, the guest speaker, shared on “Family in Mission.” His message reminded participants that ministry begins not only in the church but also within the home. He encouraged families to walk together in God’s calling and to recognise family life as an important part of Christian service. Rev. Simon spoke on “Connecting the Local Church with the District.” His session highlighted the importance of unity, collaboration, and stronger relationships between local churches and the wider district.

The retreat also provided time for families to connect with one another and share in a refreshing experience. The combination of spiritual teaching, worship, fellowship, and activities created space for pastors and their families to receive encouragement and renewed strength. The two day retreat concluded with gratitude to God for the fellowship and encouragement shared. Pastors and their families returned to their communities encouraged to continue serving faithfully and walking together in ministry.



# EASTERN MAHARASHTRA DISTRICT



Independence Day provided an opportunity for Nazarene churches across Eastern Maharashtra to bring faith, fellowship, and practical service together. Congregations in Pusad, Nagpur, Malegaon, Basmat, Mangrulpir, and Washim marked the occasion through Creation Care activities, cleanliness drives, fellowship, and service to church members and their communities.

At Pusad Church, children took part in a Creation Celebration that included drawing activities and tree planting on the church campus. Under the leadership of Rev. D. Bhalerao, the children were encouraged to appreciate God's creation and understand the importance of caring for the environment.

In Nagpur, City Church of the Nazarene combined Creation and Independence Day with a tree planting initiative around the church campus. Young people and church members participated under the leadership of Rev. K. Gawai, turning the celebration into a practical expression of environmental responsibility.

At Malegaon Church, Pastor Amol led the congregation in a cleanliness drive on the church premises. Church members worked together to care for their surroundings, demonstrating how simple acts of service can strengthen fellowship and responsibility.

Basmat Church, under the leadership of Pastor David, gathered for an Independence Day celebration marked by thanksgiving and fellowship. The gathering provided an opportunity for members to strengthen relationships and give thanks for God's faithfulness.

At Mangrulpir Church, Pastor Dilip led members in a cleanliness activity on the church premises. Their efforts reflected the importance of caring for the places entrusted to the congregation.

Washim Nazarene Church marked the occasion with a flag hoisting led by Pastor Zombade, followed by a special programme honouring senior members. A medical camp was also organised with staff from the government hospital providing medical support to the seniors.

Across Eastern Maharashtra, these celebrations reflected gratitude, stewardship, service, and fellowship. Through practical activities and care for different generations, the churches demonstrated that Christian faith can be expressed through simple actions that strengthen both the church and the wider community.

## LEADERSHIP TRAINING



Developing leaders for the future requires more than leadership skills. It also calls for biblical understanding, doctrinal grounding, accountability, and a strong commitment to Christ and His Church.

With this focus, the Andhra Pradesh District conducted a Second Line Leadership Training Programme from 15–17 September 2026 at the Scripture Union Camp Centre, Mahabalipuram, Chennai.

The three day training brought emerging leaders together for worship, devotion, fellowship, prayer, and practical learning. The opening session was led by the In Charge District Superintendent, Rev. G. T. Basavaiah, with Rev. R. Gopal, who emphasised the importance of preparing and equipping future leaders for the Church.

Morning devotions led by Rev. Gethsy and Rev. G. T. Basavaiah encouraged participants to deepen their relationship with Christ and approach the training with renewed commitment.



The programme included sessions on Biblical Leadership by Rev. D. S. P. Raja, Empowering Laity in Nazarene Ministry: Essentials and Core Values by Rev. J. Magesh, Doctrinal Understanding of Leadership by Rev. R. Gopal, and Ecclesiastical Leadership in the Global Church of the Nazarene led by Rev. D. S. P. Raja and Rev. J. R. Gopal. The sessions addressed servant leadership, lay involvement, doctrinal faithfulness, and leadership responsibilities within the Church.

An Accountability Prayer session provided time for participants to pray, encourage one another, and strengthen relationships. The training concluded with reflection and commitment prayer led by Rev. G. T. Basavaiah and Rev. J. Magesh.

The district expressed gratitude to Rev. Dr. S. Dandge for his support, guidance, encouragement, and vision for leadership development. The participants returned to their local ministries better equipped and encouraged to serve Christ and His Church faithfully.

# PRAJAKTA MEMORIAL NAZARENE CHURCH

Caring for God's creation became a practical expression of faith as Prajakta Memorial Nazarene Church celebrated NYI Creation Day 2026 under the theme, "Celebrating God's Creation, Caring for His Creation, Growing Together." The celebration brought together the youth and church family for prayer, learning, fellowship, and practical service.



Under the guidance of Mr. Suresh and Rev. Chandrakant, the youth took part in activities that connected Christian faith with responsibility towards the environment. The programme began with cleaning the church campus and its surroundings. Working together, the youth learned that caring for creation can begin with taking responsibility for the places where they worship and serve.



Prayer and learning were also an important part of the celebration. The youth thanked God for the beauty of creation and reflected on humanity's responsibility to care for the

earth. They discussed simple ways to protect the environment through everyday actions. Water conservation received special attention. The youth were encouraged to avoid unnecessary wastage, turn off taps properly, reuse water where appropriate, and keep water sources clean. They were reminded to treat water as a precious gift from God.

The youth also planted trees around the church campus. They were encouraged not only to plant but also to water, protect, and monitor the trees as they grow. This activity highlighted the importance of patience, responsibility, and continued care. Through cleaning, planting, praying, and learning together, the youth strengthened their fellowship and were encouraged to live out their faith through practical service. The celebration reminded them that caring for God's creation is an ongoing responsibility and an opportunity to reflect Christ's love in their community.



**Thank you, Nazarene Pastors, for faithfully serving Christ, shepherding His people, and blessing countless lives through your loving ministry.**

**The greatest thing anyone can do for God and man is pray**



**Samuel D. Gordon**



1. **Pray for** all the churches and their members to show their love for Christ by giving generously toward the Alabaster Offering this month.
2. **Pray for** God's protection, strength, wisdom, and blessings upon every pastor and their family as they serve the Lord.
3. **Pray for** the upcoming Nazarene Advanced Media Cohort, asking God to call and equip men and women who are willing to use their media skills to serve the Church, share stories of God's faithfulness, and bring glory to His name.
4. **Pray for** FSC and all District Superintendents of the India Field and their advisory boards, as they play an important role in extending the Kingdom of God.
5. **Pray for** all coordinators and their teams in the India Field as they spread the Word of God in different parts of the country.



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