

THE LOOP

WORSHIP
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FIRST TIME HERE?

WELCOME! We are always happy to meet new friends!

It is our sincerest hope that you will feel welcome here and come back soon!

HOPE COMMONS APP

Make sure to download the Hope Commons App! It includes: the Live Webcast, podcasts, a digital copy of this Loop and more!



GUEST WIRELESS

Look for: "Guest of Hope Commons" network. No password!



Discover Hope Commons

Jan 27 following the Saturday Service & Jan 28 at 12:30PM

Come join us for dessert Saturday or lunch Sunday and discover more about where we have been and where we are going as a church. Membership is a way of making a formal commitment of partnership with the mission and vision here at Hope Commons Church.

Galentines

Saturday February 17, 10AM

Ladies Galentine's Day is back! Ladies celebrating ladies, Saturday February 17th, 10am in the FMC. Sign up on the app, \$10 per person. Breakfast will be catered by the one and only Kenosis Cafe!

Inclusive Family Worship Space

Temporary Home in Room 104

All children are welcome in the sanctuary! As an optional worship space for families with special needs kids, we introduce the **Inclusive Family Room Worship Space**. Each week can be a unique experience. We hope this is one more tool in parents' toolbox to keep the family in worship together. The room is equipped with flexible seating arrangements, and an area stocked with appropriate resources for children who benefit from more active engagement.

Above all, the space embodies our church's commitment to inclusivity and respect. We want to foster a deeper sense of community and belonging for families with special needs children, ensuring that everyone in our congregation can participate in and enjoy our services together.

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WORSHIP

We fulfill our purpose as we learn to worship God, both corporately & privately.

Here is some info on worship opportunities

Worship is not a style of music, a way to dress, or even an event to attend. It is a way of life! We worship with our life when we bring glory and honor to God. We meet together on the weekends to remind ourselves what we are to live like the rest of the week!

Baptism A Public Statement of Faith

Baptism is a tradition that dates back long before the New Testament begins. By the time we meet John the Baptist in Matthew 3, baptism has become a public statement of a life dedicated to the Kingdom of God through confession and repentance.

Baptism is an outward expression of something that happens inside us. When we say "Yes" to Jesus, we move from the Kingdom of Me to the Kingdom of God! In the language of the New Testament, we go from death to life!

Interested in knowing more? Ask at the lobby's Welcome Center!



church. This place thrives by the faithful giving of the people that sit in these pews!

Ways to Give

When you are ready to give, we have several different ways to go about doing that!

The Box: There's a security box on the back walls of the sanctuary and patio.

The Mail: Many people send a recurring check using their bank's bill pay feature.

The Web: Go to our website and find the "Give" link or use the link in the East Ave Church app.

Text-to-Give: Text the dollar amount of your tithe or offering to 84321 (as if that were a phone number). You can also designate a specific fund by including a keyword in your text, like "food" or "camp".

Faithful as You Intend to Be

Life gets busy! Finding a way to automate your giving is a great way to stay faithful with giving. Whether you use your bank's recurring bill pay system or online at our website, you can set monthly, bi-monthly, bi-weekly or weekly gifts to fulfill your intentions!

Giving at Hope Commons Why We Give

We believe we should live generously in this world while first taking care to fund the Kingdom ministry of the local

**3 WORSHIP
OPPORTUNITIES**
Saturday 6PM
Sunday 9AM & 11AM
We Live Stream the 11AM
service! Now you never
have to miss weekend
worship no matter your
schedule!

NOTES AND VERSES

WORSHIP RESOURCES

Sanctuary Volume

We know everyone has different comfort levels when it comes to sound reinforcement, whether it is decibels, frequencies or pressure.

Your comfort is important to us! We stock the Lobby with disposable ear plugs for the comfort of those with sensitive hearing. Just ask one of our Guest Services Team and they will get some for you!

Bibles

If you need a Bible, please take one from the pew or download the Bible App!

Search for "YouVersion" on the App Store or in Google Play. You can read your preferred version as well as choosing different Bible studies in order to dig deeper into God's word.

WHAT COMES NEXT?



I RAISED MY HAND

If you have recently made a decision to follow Jesus (whether the first time or a renewed commitment), the pastoral staff would like the chance to celebrate with you! We would like to hear your story and answer any questions you have as to your next steps.

I WANT TO BE BAPTIZED

Baptism is an outward symbol of something that has happened on the inside. It is a community celebration of new life! This is a public declaration of a person crossing from death to life, and into the Kingdom of God! We love to celebrate together!

If you are interested in baptism, we would love the chance to chat about the details!

I WANT TO BECOME A MEMBER

On regular occasions we hold a Hope Commons 411 class, where Pastor Ron talks about the history and backdrop of our church and about the passions that drive us forward. He also talks about what it means to be an official member of the nuts-and-bolts structure that keeps our community organized! If you let us know you are interested in the details, we will move up the next meeting to fit your schedule!

CONNECT

Our relationship with God is shaped by the company we purposefully keep.

Here are ways to stay connected at Hope Commons Church!



Sundays @
9AM & 11AM

Here at Hope
Commons we
work hard at

creating a safe and fun
environment for your child – one
that grows their
minds and instills in
them a love for
Jesus and a passion
for His word! Our
Sunday morning
program is
available for
children 2 months through 5th
Grade.



KIDS ZONE



Connect Youth

Every Wednesday, 6PM to
8PM, Back on Campus!

Our midweek youth
group is high
energy and fun for
students grade 6
through high
school! We play
whacky games, sing
songs, learn, and pray together.
Join us any week! You can find us at
6PM doing checkin on the back
patio down the left
side of the building.



YOUTH GROUP



UPCOMING EVENTS



Our Small
Groups are
designed to go
deeper into the
message from
the weekend.



SMALL GROUPS

First Saturday Dinner @ 5PM

The Saturday night worship crowd
gets together every first Saturday of
the month for dinner before church.
You don't have to regularly attend
Saturdays to come hang out!

Small Groups for Kids

Every Monday, 6PM-7:30PM

Join us every Monday from 6:00PM
until 7:30PM in Room 110. This
group is designed for kids grades 1
to 5.



MONDAYS

BIG MEETING @ 6PM

**SMALL GROUPS @
6:30PM**

Serenity is a 12-Step, Jesus
Centered approach to recovery.
We offer support, strength, and
opportunities for spiritual growth
to those suffering from: addiction,
compulsion, disease, hurt, hang-
up, or weakness. For information,
please write "Serenity" on your
Connection Card and drop it in
the offering box.

Big Meeting

Every week, we spend time
together as a large group
worshiping, sharing testimonies, and
hearing devotionals that keep us
focused on our recovery.

Small Groups

After the Big Meeting, we break into
smaller, gender-specific groups, so
we can share our week's experiences
and seek prayer from each other. We
help strengthen those around us by
sharing the load together.

Chip Night/Birthday!

The last Monday of every month we
celebrate those individuals who have
achieved some time in recovery -
from 24 hours to 32 years - Recovery
Happens One Day At A Time!

SEASON OF LENT

Fat Tuesday

Tuesday February 13, 6PM

The day before Ash Wednesday is known as Fat Tuesday or Mardi Gras. It is the day of feasting and fun before the season of Lent. Here at Hope Commons Church, we all gather together on Fat Tuesday, enjoy some pancakes and host an open mic. Start thinking of what talent you'd like to share! Sign ups on the app coming soon.

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday February 14, 7AM & 7PM

On Ash Wednesday we reflect on our need for a savior. We have two services (7AM and 7PM) that help us move into the Lent season. We read scripture, we sing and we conclude by receiving ashes on our forehead as an outward symbol that we need Christ.

Passover Dinner

Thursday March 28, 6PM

That week before the first Easter, Jesus was in Jerusalem for the Passover Feast, one of three big festivals a year. Typically folks just call it the Last Supper, because that was the last meal before Jesus was arrested. This meal has so much significance because it is a story told through food. And it is the story of Jesus, even though it was already a 1500 year old tradition. Join us as we explore it all together!

Good Friday Service

Friday March 29, 7PM

In order to truly celebrate our risen Savior, we must also experience His execution. We read through the story of Jesus' death on the cross and sing in remembrance. This is a dark and somber service in our sanctuary.

Three Easter Services

Saturday March 30, 6PM;

Sunday March 31, 9AM&11AM

Easter is a day we pull out all the stops! (Believe it or not, that is in reference to a pipe organ, which we do not actually have.) We are all in for the unabashed worship of the risen Savior! Jesus beat death by rising from the dead - What a reason to celebrate!

Easter Brunch 9:30-11:30AM

Egg Hunt 10:20AM

Save the Date!

Youth Events

Movie Night! Friday, February 9, 6:30PM
Napoleon Dynamite with popcorn & snacks

NERF WAR!! Friday, March 15, 6-7:30PM
Open for grades 4-12!

Youth Group Olympics Fri, May 10, 6PM

Kids Zone Events

Movie Night! Friday, February 23, 6-8PM

Kids Night Out Friday, March 22, 6-8PM.

Kids Night Out Camp Theme Friday, April 19, 6-8PM

Kids Night Out Superhero! Friday, May 24, 6-8PM

Ladies Events

Galantine's Saturday, February 17, 10AM
Friday, March 8, 6PM

Ladies Tea Saturday, April 27, 10AM
Friday, May 24, 6PM

Saturday, June 29, 10AM

Nazarene Compassionate Ministries

Latest Issue Available in the Lobby!

Read about how NCM walks alongside local churches in their efforts to meet the needs of children, families, and communities. Through your partnership, local congregations are changing the world.



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Peace Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

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SERVE

The heart of the message of Jesus compels us to personally act out our faith.

Explore ways you can serve here at Hope Commons Church and your

Volunteer @ Hope Commons

Volunteers are the life-blood of this place. There is no way we could serve our community each week without all of the people who faithfully give their time and talents.

There's always room to serve because we put a lot of people to work on a rotating schedule.

Facilities Team

These folks help maintain the church and assist with stewarding the blessing of the building that God has given us.

Guest Services Team

This is an important ministry within our church. You are our guests' first impression, and your service can help facilitate pastoral care. You never know when a smile might change someone's entire week! Contact Katie Guild to join the team!

Tech & Visuals Team

We train folks (who are tech-inclined) to help keep the worship services flowing! That includes: what goes on the big screen, the lights and sound, and the live webcast.



HOW TO VOLUNTEER

Kids Zone

Every week we have a fun, interactive Bible session, play games, and make a

craft. Volunteering in these classrooms is a great way to pass on the love of Jesus.

Meal Team Six

One thing a church family should do well is take care of people in times of crisis or transition. Volunteers on this team sign up to make a meal and deliver it! Contact Katie Guild to join the team!

Kids Clothes Closet

The Kids Clothes Closet is open every Sunday between our 9AM and 11AM services. The clothing closet is in need of help sorting items, then folding/hanging/stocking clothes for the current season.



Food Bank Open Every Monday @ 5PM

Our food bank gives out over 100 bags of food every week! If you would like some help feeding your family, or know of anyone who *would like* help, we give to anyone who asks!



FOOD BANK

Where does the food come from?

The food we give away comes from several sources: the Butte County Food Bank in Oroville and the Chico Gleaners, to name a few. Additionally, food comes from folks who like to give from a specific list, since we have carefully designed the bags to hold meals that do not require a kitchen to cook.

How you can help

You can donate right to the food bank. Use the keyword "food" to get it to the right place. All the ways to give are on page 2!

You can also get a list of the foods that are currently in the food bags by following the Scan Me code! **The top needs currently are beans, canned chicken, stew or hearty soup, oatmeal packets, and hand warmers.**

The Kids Clothing Closet

Hey- did you know that Hope Commons Church has a Kids Clothes Closet? It is open every Sunday of the month between our 9AM and 11AM services. We are so thrilled to be able to offer used clothes to families.

Help Needed

The clothing closet is in need of help sorting items by size, gender and season, then folding/hanging/stocking clothes for current season. If you are interested in helping, please let us know on your Connection Card! We also need your donations! You can bring quality kids clothing any time you come for worship!

Hope Commons Message Podcast

Don't Miss a Weekend Message

Subscribe today to our podcast in Apple Podcast, Google Podcast, TuneIn and Stitcher. If you use another podcast app, let us know and we will work on getting on that platform! Thanks for the subscription!

We Need Your Help!

While you are sitting in a pew or on hold at your mobile phone provider, you can help your church right here!

Search for Hope Commons on Your Map

If you use any kind of map app, use it to search for Hope Commons Church! Do it once, twice, or even a hundred times! This helps our new name get recognized online!

Search for "Churches in Chico"

Just open a browser window and search for "churches in Chico", find Hope Commons Church and click to open! That will help train your search engine what the right answer to "Churches in Chico" is!

Like Hope Commons YouTube Videos

Go ahead! Give us a Thumb's Up on any video on YouTube! Start with the current Live Webcast!

Give us 5 Stars on a Google Review

Go to google.com and search for Hope Commons Church. Look for "reviews". Then, leave us a 5 Star review with a couple of sentences about us!

Other Local Activities

Here are a few outside events we host at Hope Commons you may find interesting!

CHICO TABLE TENNIS

Tuesdays, 6PM to 10PM

A local ping-pong group is now hosting their weekly meet-ups right here in the Hope Commons gym! All are welcome, whether you are exceptional, or just want to learn to play. \$5 a night. Everything is provided!

ALANON MEETINGS

Mondays 7PM to 8:15PM

Alanon is a 12 Step support group for those who struggle with loved ones with addictions.



THE PATIO AT HOPE COMMONS

The Patio Project is part of Hope Commons' master plan for the future of our Chico campus. In a combined vision from multiple groups of our folks, we have a beautiful plan to connect our campus with East Avenue and become more valuable to our neighbors. As we rebranded a few years ago to Hope Commons Church, we also birthed the vision to build out common space for our community to use and enjoy. It is a place designed to be welcoming, make friends and benefit the church by creating a fabulous open air event space.



A Little History

In the early 1960s a group of Nazarenes were getting crowded out of their building on the corner of 13th and Broadway here in Chico. A member of the church sold 4.5 acres of orchard to the church at a favorable price on a sleepy road north of town.

In 1964 the church showed up to build the parsonage (a home for a parson, or pastor), then started building sections of the church, starting with the Family Ministry Center and moving south.

By 1970 the sanctuary was complete and the gym was finished in 1971, completing our campus footprint as we know it today.

But those folks that came before us didn't stop there. They gave sacrificially so the church could get out of debt. And they were able to burn the mortgage in 1988, leaving us debt free for more than 30 years.



Looking to the Future

As the stewards of such visionary work by those who came before us, we seek to bring new life to our campus in fresh ways that will help us reach new people for the Kingdom of God. It is a core value of ours that we exist for people who are not here yet. We are looking for ways our Chico campus can embody that core value.



From the Outside

In a world that is increasingly unchurched, it is important that we see our building from an outsider's perspective. Currently, a view from the parking lot leaves so many questions about how our campus works. Where is the front door? When I find the front door, what am I walking into? Where are the windows?!

Today, our campus sits on a busy East Avenue, where 18,000 cars drive by each day. What is our curb appeal saying to our community? At best, we are daring new comers to try to puzzle out how this place works.



A Lobby with a View

One way we will be opening up the building is to add a new way to open up! On either side of the mostly hidden front doors we will install tilt up glass doors on either side. They are weather sealed when down, but able to tilt up during all the pleasant mornings. This will allow our building to be more friendly to those who are not familiar with church, as well as connect the sanctuary with the patio for worship.

Designed with People in Mind

Creating a Food Truck Garden is a fun, creative way to invite people who are hungry on campus. We will be able to host 4 trucks at a time, as well as provide shaded seating for everyone. All week long The Patio at Hope Commons can be a meeting place for lunch or dinner. With multiple trucks people should be able to find something that strikes their fancy. It is a modern take on the mall food court!



Event Space

The round planter will become an outdoor platform to host all manner of events. We will use it for our own outdoor worship experiences and seasonal events like Rock Around The Tree. We will also have the space to host the Bidwell Junior High Jazz Band, or a cover band on a Friday night complete with food trucks! It is space that we will use and make available for our community to creatively find uses for.

A Resource that Benefits the Whole of a Community

It is a patio that creates a sense of belonging. It tells regular folks that we were thinking of them when we designed it! It is space that, when people drive by and see so many activities in their own neighborhood, it says that Hope Commons open for everyone.



More to Share

Yes, there is so much more! This project will include an ADA family restroom in the front of the building, as well as a new coffee bar inside the East Lobby. We will tell you all about them as we go along!

MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK

It is going to take everyone who calls Hope Commons Church their home. Please consider how you will participate in making this all come together.

Workdays

We will be adding more workdays to our regularly scheduled four hour shift once a month. There will be many opportunities to put a crew to work and we will be able to participate in much of it. When we show up in groups our work cuts the overall cost of the project. If you want to join the team we can put you on the mailing list so you get updates on our projects and workdays.

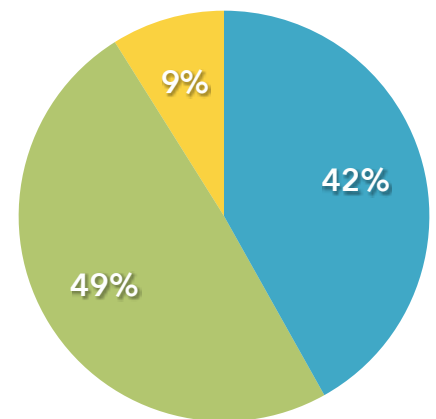
Above Your Regular Giving

Many of you already give regularly. If you do, please consider pledging above your regular giving for 2024. Pray about a stretch pledge that will help us get to our goal! We will be paying for each stage as we go, so your monetary gifts to this tangible project is vital to our success!

The Goal

We are looking to raise **\$250,000** for the project by the end of 2024. Already, **we have \$104,679 raised**, or 42% of the money already! Please be praying about pledging monthly, or planning your year-end giving to include the Patio Project!

If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know! Pastor Ron is available to chat your ear off about the Patio!



● Raised ● Left ● Pledges

Children's Clothes Closet Ministry

*Hours: Sundays between 9 & 11 services.
(Pastors can open any time)*

We invite you to pop in to our Children's closet to see if we can provide any items you might need for your kids. Do not be surprised if you here laughter or smell essential oils diffusing for it is truly a fun environment with cute and practical clothes for our favorite kids. It is also open to our neighbors so bring a friend who has a need so we can share the love.

Donations accepted:

Gently used, Clean clothing: shirts, pants, sweaters/ coats and shoes from infancy to size 16.

Infant towels, sheets, receiving blankets and small quilts

Please we do NOT accept the following items; since we simple do not have the room

- No PJ's
- No adult clothing with exception of pregnancy clothing
- No car seats or infant carriers, swing, toys etc.

Current needs:

- Diapers sizes 2 and 5
- Baby food and formula
- Baby wipes
- Boys pants size 10-12 up to teen sizes 14-16
- Girls pants size 10-12
- Any size Coats and sweaters

Drop donations off in black bin under table in Children's closet.

Volunteer

Looking for volunteers to host between services or quarterly sorting/cleaning days.

Thanks!

****Thanks** to the lovely ladies that helped get the closet back into shape!

If your interest to team up with us pleas fill out Connect card OR contact Tess Yocum 530-518-0725 or tlylovetoquilt@gmail.com.



That's right! Our own Thomas and Ashley Hoffman are open for business!
All your morning coffee and breakfast needs met right here on campus!

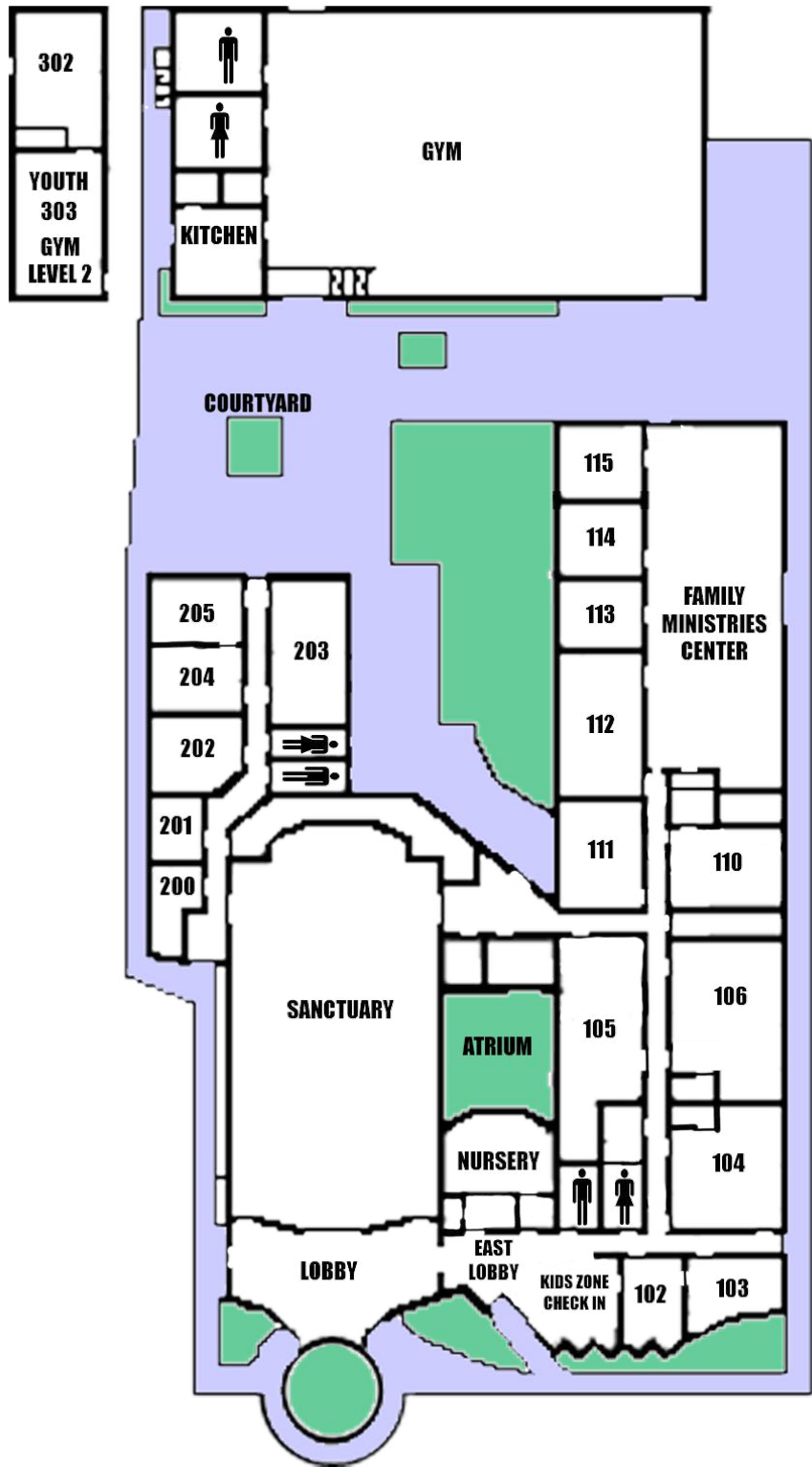
ABOUT US:

We are a Community of Jesus that seeks to introduce our city to the God of the Bible. We are bound together by a faith that is both ancient and relevant. We seek to share our faith with all who care to listen.

As an organization, we seek to **Connect People to God** through worship - purposefully bringing honor to God in every aspect of life. We seek to **Connect People to Others** through Community Groups that meet throughout the week. We also endeavor to **Serve All**, as a natural outpouring of a life lived for God.

We are a part of a group known as the Nazarenes. The Church of the Nazarene is a world-wide organization in well over 160 countries. We seek to bring the presence of God to local communities around the globe through things like clean water, medical clinics, agriculture instruction, soup kitchens and orphanages. Through these actions the message of God is lived out loud. Today you worship alongside more than 2.8 million, in hundreds of languages on six continents.

Thank you for joining us today!



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