



There are so many things in this life that give us joy. The birth of a child, the day we stand at the altar with the love of our life, buying our first home or starting a new job ... each one is a joy-infused moment that becomes a permanent part of our story. But the joy that is found in these things does not last for eternity and it can be easily overshadowed by the other aspects of these moments that don't bring us much joy. There is one source of joy, however, that is incapable of being overshadowed. The joy we find in Jesus is not just a fleeting emotion or an experience that we return to time and time again. Joy in Jesus is a deeply rooted way of life that impacts every part of who we are. Because of the forgiveness we receive through the blood of Christ and the new life we receive through Jesus' resurrection, we can have that firmly planted joy in our spirit. And this joy becomes a launching pad for every aspect of our lives. The joy of the Lord is our strength!

## TODAY'S MESSAGE - Jesus Is Joy

*Have I been a giver of grace to those who are closest to me?  
Have I allowed anyone close enough to see my faults and failures?  
Have I been faithful to the fellowship?*

### ENGAGE THE BODY

ENGAGE  
GOD • THE BODY • THE WORLD

## WELCOME

We are so glad you decided to be with us today. Take a few moments and help us connect with you by filling out the Connect Card located on the back of each seat. If you're a guest and have more questions, please stop by one of our Welcome Stations and pick up a Welcome Bag with more information about us.

## 2:42 MINISTRIES

Making connections that matter and engaging the fellowship is an important part of life at NPN. We encourage you to check out 2:42 and see what might work for you. We have fellowship, Bible studies, and discipleship groups for a variety of ages and interests throughout the week. We invite you to engage the body of Christ!

## KIDS

The Garden Kids Ministry is a place where your kids can grow and learn about Jesus! Each Sunday morning, our kids worship and celebrate the sacraments with the entire family and then move to The Garden for teaching and activities. In addition to Sunday morning, we have regular Sunday evening activities and special activities throughout the year.

## STUDENTS

Fusion Youth is our Junior and Senior High Ministry. Our students are challenged in their pursuit of God while enjoying fellowship, developing their talents and gifts, and just having a good time! Visit [npnaz.org](http://npnaz.org) under Ministries to learn more about Fusion Youth.

## OUR TEAM

- LEAD PASTOR..... Mark Maddux**  
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## THIS WEEK

### SUNDAY

Morning Worship - 9am & 11am  
•Nursery Care for birth to age 3  
•Today is Family Sunday - Kids age 3-Grade 6 will worship upstairs. Be sure to pick up a worship bag.  
Caravan Picnic @ 1pm - Tuscora Park Pavilion  
State of the Church Meeting - 6pm  
NO Evening Small Groups

### TUESDAY

JOY Small Group - 10am  
Prayer Shawl Group - 1pm

### WEDNESDAY

Young at Heart Small Group - 2pm  
Children & Youth Activities - 7pm  
Adult Groups & Studies - 7pm  
Praise Team Practice - 8:15pm

### THURSDAY

Prime Time Banquet @ Canaan Acres - van leaves 4pm

## MORE NEWS

### STATE OF THE CHURCH

Tonight @ 6pm Pastor Mark will review the past year and share about the year to come. There will also be time for Q&A.

### #FINNSTRONG FUNDRAISER

Tickets are available for \$10 in the church office or at the display in the foyer. To donate baked goods and desserts, contact Connie Miller at 330-260-1747 or [cfisher69104@gmail.com](mailto:cfisher69104@gmail.com).

### MOTHER'S DAY

Join us as we celebrate our mothers. Each woman will receive a gift.

### FAITH PROMISE SUNDAY

On May 19 we will celebrate the many ways we are blessed to give to missions, local and global. We will make our new faith promise pledges to a new faith promise goal for 2019-2020.

### MISSION FAIR

In conjunction with Faith Promise Sunday on May 19th, we will have a Missions Fair in the gym between services. There will be booths set up to inform you of different mission opportunities, prizes, and breakfast!

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It takes all of us to make this family work! We need additional volunteers to help greet at our 9am or 11am services. This is a GREAT way to ease into volunteer work and meet new people! Contact Pastor Kevin ([kevin@npnaz.org](mailto:kevin@npnaz.org)) if you're interested.

## WHEN YOU GIVE WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE

We continue to reach out to our church and community through our 2nd Sunday Blessings Offering. God has given us so many opportunities to bless and help this past couple of months that our funds are extremely low. **Would you consider giving to 2nd Sunday blessings TODAY?**

In addition to placing your gift in the offering, online giving is available via [npnaz.org](http://npnaz.org) and our Church Center app.

**OPERATING**  
**April's Giving**  
**\$42,169.06**

**YTD NEED**  
**\$540,003.00**

**YTD GIVEN**  
**\$536,207.20**

**FAITH PROMISE**  
**Last Week's Giving**  
**\$419**

**YTD NEED**  
**\$55,000.00**

**YTD GIVEN**  
**\$57,851.05**