

New information is in a bold box. The weekly Newsletter is also on our website.

Contact Us

Pastor Brian Smith
golfnpaz@aol.com

Phone: 970.667.4323

Email: office@lovelandnaz.org

Mail: 1020 S. Lincoln Ave, 80537

Web: lovelandnaz.org

Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 9am-1pm

Mission Statement

We exist to impact people around the corner and around the world with the love of Jesus.

Our Core Values

Biblical Focus

Applying God's never-changing Word to an ever-changing world.

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do every good work.
2 Timothy 3:16-17

Spiritual Transformation

Changing lives through a relationship with Jesus.

Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.
Romans 12:1-2

Stay Connected!

Check your spam/junk folders regularly for our emails and add "office" with office@lovelandnaz.org to your email contacts.

The church calendar is available on our website homepage under the "Calendar" tab. It is updated weekly.

Sunday Church Service

Join us on Sunday at 9:30am at 1020 S. Lincoln Avenue. For those of you unable to attend in person, the service will be live-streamed on our *Loveland Nazarene Church* YouTube channel at 9:30am. If you are unable to join us live, the video of the service will be available on YouTube shortly after the service is over. *If you are viewing **LIVE** on a TV, please email the church office with the number of people viewing. On other devices, check in on the YouTube Livestream Chat with the number of people viewing.*

Children's Ministry

The children are rehearsing for their Christmas musical, *Carol of the Toys*, with Miss Nikki at 9:30am. We have toddler and preschool activities as usual.

Quizzing begins this month. We will meet this Sunday, September 14 at 6:00pm and Sunday, September 28 at 6:00pm.

Student Ministry

Loveland Naz Teens meet on Sunday 6-7:30pm.

Men's Bible Study

Thursday, September 18 at 7:00am. Coffee and a light breakfast will be served.

Warm Hearts, Warm Babies

If you enjoy needlework join us Friday, September 19, at 10:00am as we make baby items to donate to local Crisis Pregnancy Centers.

September Is Alabaster Month

There is a basket in the lobby for your Alabaster boxes. Participation in the Alabaster Offerings helps provide places for people to live, learn, heal, and worship. There is a handout next to the basket that details the Alabaster mission. All funds received in these offerings go toward building needs; nothing is used for administration.

Men's Retreat

November 7-9 in Lees Ferry, AZ. There is space for 15 men. The cost is \$400 per person *all-inclusive*. **We need a deposit of \$100 by September 21.** If you have any questions please contact Bruce Tallman at 970-685-1514.

Prayer Requests

- Iren Pape recovering from knee surgery.
- Ruth Saunders in cancer treatment.

Stewardship in 2025/2026

Giving through 09.07.24

Faith Promise	\$	740
Tithes & Offerings		7,184
Needed Weekly		8,030
Needed Year to Date		152,570
Received Year to Date		167,874

2023/24 Capital Campaign Update

Received to date:	\$	2,656,254
Commitments		3,746,282

Community Impact

Making our community a better place to live.

He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."

Mark 16:15

Loving Relationships

Creating a place for genuine relationships.

The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these.

Mark 12:31

Passionate Worship

Gathering together, praising and honoring God with all our heart.

Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come before him with joyful songs.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. Know that the Lord is God. It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.

Psalms 100:1-4

Methods of Giving

- Offering is received on Sunday mornings.
- Mail a check to the office.
- Online bill pay through your bank.
- Online through our website-lovelandnaz.org. Click on the "GIVE" tab.

From the Word

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: "If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple."

--Luke 14:25-27

Jesus had a way of thinning crowds. Just when His popularity surged, He would turn and speak hard truths. Today's words are among the hardest. Hate your family? Hate your life? Carry your cross? What is Jesus saying?

He's not calling us to despise our loved ones. The Bible clearly teaches us to love, honor, and serve those closest to us. But compared to our love and loyalty to Christ, even our strongest earthly attachments must take second place. Jesus demands first place, not out of arrogance, but because only He can give what we need most: forgiveness, salvation, and life that never ends.

That means discipleship won't always be comfortable. Sometimes, following Jesus causes tension in our families. Sometimes, it brings loss, rejection, or suffering. That's what Jesus means by "carrying your cross." It's not about daily annoyances; it's about faithful endurance, even when faith costs us dearly.

These words test us. We like to follow Jesus when it's easy, when it fits our schedule and goals. But are we willing to follow Him when it's hard? When obedience means sacrifice? When His path leads to a cross? If we're honest, the answer is often no. We cling to comfort, relationships, and reputation more than we cling to Christ.

And that's why we need Him all the more.

Jesus walked this path perfectly for us. He loved His Father above all and bore the ultimate cross. He gave up His life so that we would be forgiven for all the times we haven't. He makes us His disciples not by our strength, but by His grace.

Now, empowered by that grace, we follow because Jesus is worth everything.

Prayer: Jesus, forgive me for loving anything more than You. Strengthen me to carry my cross and follow You, knowing You carried the cross to save me.



Laughter Really Is the Best Medicine!

It's not an empty nest until they get their stuff out of the basement.

