

Congregational Life

Our congregational life is intentionally designed to effectively make disciples for Jesus Christ and advance the Kingdom of God. The 3 strands/notes metaphor which articulates the scope of *NNCF*'s core values - understanding and honoring covenant relationships, flowing in the priestly ministry whose foundation is forgiveness, & being in step with a Hebraic mindset and rhythm - work altogether, both to define, and provide a theological framework for our regular congregational activities.

Sunday Worship

Three Sundays of the month we will gather at 10:30am when worship, prophetic intercession and provision from the Word of God will occur. It is our expectation to corporately flow in a manner consistent with Colossians 3:15-16 ("And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord."). Although Arnold and Juliet will facilitate these gathering times, we believe that Holy Spirit speaks to each believer. So in the assembly of the congregation our desire is to discern and shepherd Holy Spirit's flow that will encourage and honor God's gift(s) in each submitted, disciple of Christ. This is a crucial part of the process for making disciples of Jesus Christ.

NNCF, is an affiliated house ministry of Glory of Zion International Ministries (GZI), located in the Dallas, Texas area. At the start of each Hebrew month, they observe and broadcast a worship and teaching service which establishes a prophetic direction for that month. We will link via the internet on one of NNCF's three, Sunday gatherings so that our congregation may receive apostolic and prophetic insight from the leaders of GZI. On this particular Sunday we will also flow into an extended fellowship time which will consist of sharing a meal, our life stories, and prayer for one another. Partaking in this component of congregational life will be an important aspect for nurturing our covenant relationships with each other.

One Sunday a month will be designated, "Family-Focus Sunday" on which day we will not gather as a congregation. Rather we encourage each family to reserve this Sunday to worship God together, in their own homes to: share the Word of God with one another, pray for each other, engage in intercession for "unsaved" family members (both in your immediate and extended family) and partake in the Lord's Supper. This accommodation is part and parcel of our commitment to confirm and release Kingdom authority into our individual families.

Thursday Evening Meditations

Gatherings on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month will begin at 7:00pm. This venue will be devoted for topical examination of various elements encompassing biblical, Christ-centered wisdom and truth. This is an essential part of the process for making disciples of Jesus Christ.

Special Gatherings, Events and Outreach

- Once a month, on a Friday, we will invite members/attendees of our fellowship to participate and share in a Shabbat meal and The Lord's Supper.
- We will participate via the internet in the special gatherings hosted by *GZI*, which occur at *Passover* (March/April), *Head of the Year* (September), and *Starting the Year Off Right* (January).
- *NNCF* will also forge a relationship with, and support *Revive Israel*, an international Messianic Ministry.
- We will link with The Pregnancy Center of Warren County to assist in their fight for life and support of families who chose to honor God when they said, "no" to abortion. This may include our participation in specific ministry activities of the PCWC, and developing relationships with and/or supporting one or two PCWC transitioning families during the year.
- As the Holy Spirit leads us we will engage in appropriate, Kingdom/Body of Christ edifying, special events hosted in our region, or at various congregations in New Jersey or elsewhere.