

## Largs Church of the Nazarene

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#### LargsNaz Vision Statement

In the year ahead, Largs Church of the Nazarene will fulfil our mission to make Christlike disciples, to incorporate believers into fellowship and membership, and to equip for ministry all who respond in faith, by

focusing on **hospitality, health, and holiness**. Hospitality entails providing a welcoming safe space and fellowship at the Lord's table, while health includes promoting good stewardship of ourselves and our environment, and holiness is perfect love and heart cleansing that transforms the way we think and act. Following the example of the early church in Acts 2, we believe that God will bless our efforts and empower us with the Holy Spirit to bring wholeness and healing to our community.

#### Acts 2 (NRSV)

44 All who believed were together and had all things in common; 45 they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

#### Romans 12 (NRSV)

10 love one another with mutual affection (*philadelphia*); outdo one another in showing honour. . . . 13 Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality (*philoxenia*) to strangers.

#### Hebrews 13 (NRSV)

1 Let mutual love (*philadelphia*) continue. 2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers (*philoxenia*), for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. 3 Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.

#### Victory in Jesus

E.M. Bartlett

I heard an old, old story,  
How a Saviour came from glory  
How He gave His life on Calvary  
To save a wretch like me  
I heard about His groaning,  
Of His precious blood's atoning  
Then I repented of my sins  
And won the victory

Refrain: Oh, victory in Jesus,  
My Saviour forever  
He sought me and bought me  
With His redeeming blood  
He loved me 'ere I knew Him  
And all my love is due Him  
He plunged me to victory  
Beneath the cleansing flood

I heard about His healing,  
Of His cleansing power revealing  
How He made the lame to walk again  
And caused the blind to see  
And then I cried, "Dear Jesus,  
Come and heal my broken spirit"  
And somehow Jesus came and brought  
To me the victory [Refrain]

And I heard about a mansion  
He has built for me in glory  
And I heard about the streets of gold  
Beyond the crystal sea,  
About the angels singing  
And the old redemption story  
And some sweet day I'll sing up there  
The song of victory! [Refrain]

#### Way Maker‡

Osinachi Kalu Okoro Egbu

You are here moving in our midst  
I worship You I worship  
You You are here working in this place  
I worship You I worship You  
(You are) Way Maker, Miracle Worker, Promise Keeper  
Light in the darkness, my God, that is who You are  
You are here touching ev'ry heart  
I worship You I worship You

You are here healing ev'ry heart  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here turning lives around  
I worship You I worship You  
You are here mending ev'ry heart  
I worship You yeah I worship You Lord

Even when I don't see it You're working  
Even when I don't feel it You're working  
You never stop You never stop working  
You never stop You never stop working

## Hospitality, Health and Holiness: A Tale of Two Phils (Acts 2; Romans 12; Hebrews 13)

- **Introduction**

- **Christian hospitality: what is it?**

- **Acts 2**

- **Two "Phils" (*Groundhog Day*, Romans 12 and Hebrews 13)**

- **Phil Connors and Punxatawney Phil**
  - *philadelphia*

- *philoxenia*

- **How do we show it?**

- **two kinds of people**

### **Doxology**

Thomas Ken

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

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