

# Pastors' Reports

## Acts 2 (NRSV)

41 So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added. 42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

43 Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. 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.

## What a friend we have in Jesus

Joseph Scriven

What a friend we have in Jesus  
All our sins and griefs to bear  
What a privilege to carry  
Ev'rything to God in pray'r  
O what peace we often forfeit  
O what needless pain we bear  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptations  
Is there trouble anywhere  
We should never be discouraged  
Take it to the Lord in prayer  
Can we find a friend so faithful  
Who will all our sorrows share  
Jesus knows our every weakness  
Take it to the Lord in prayer  
Are we weak and heavy laden

Cumbered with a load of care  
Precious Saviour still our refuge  
Take it to the Lord in prayer  
Do thy friends despise forsake thee  
Take it to the Lord in prayer  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee  
Thou wilt find a solace there

## Standing on the promises

Russell K, Carter

Standing on the promises of  
Christ my King  
Through eternal ages let  
His praises ring  
Glory in the highest I will shout and sing  
Standing on the promises of God

Chorus: Standing, standing  
Standing on the promises of God my Saviour  
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God

Standing on the promises that cannot fail  
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail  
By the living Word of God I shall prevail  
Standing on the promises of God

Standing on the promises I now can see  
Perfect present cleansing in the blood for me  
Standing in the liberty where Christ makes free  
Standing on the promises of God

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord  
Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord  
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's Sword  
Standing on the promises of God

Standing on the promises I cannot fall  
List'ning ev'ry moment to the Spirit's call  
Resting in my Saviour as my All in All  
Standing on the promises of God

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- **The task of the Church of the Nazarene is to make known to all peoples the transforming grace of God through the forgiveness of sins and heart cleansing in Jesus Christ. Our mission first and foremost is to “make Christlike disciples in the nations,” to incorporate believers into fellowship and membership (congregations), and to equip (teach) for ministry all who respond in faith. The ultimate goal of the “community of faith” is to present everyone fully mature in Christ (Colossians 1:28) at the last day. (Nazarene Manual, p 64)**
- **It is in the local church that the saving, perfecting, teaching, and commissioning takes place. The local church, the Body of Christ, is the representation of our faith and mission. (Nazarene Manual)**
- **Acts 2**

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- **LargsNaz Vision statement:**
  - **In the coming year, 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.**

**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