

The Greatest Story

A New Thing

Luke 5:27-39

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porterville church of the nazarene

MARK PITCHER, Lead Pastor

Welcome to Port Naz • We're glad you're here!

Sunday, April 30

Worship Services, 8:30am & 11:00am

Children's Church for kids of all ages, 8:30am & 11:00am

Small Group Discipleship Ministries for all ages, 9:45am

Prayer Lab, Pastor Colene Wiens, 5:00pm

Wednesday, May 3

Adults, Children (K-6th), Choir, 6:30pm • Youth (7th-12th), 7pm

Nursery through Preschool for parents who are on campus

Porterville Church of the Nazarene

Monday-Friday, 8:30am-5:00pm • 559.784.3305 • welcome@portnaz.org

2005 W. Olive Avenue • Church and Preschool

Port Naz Christian Academy

Monday-Friday, 7:30am-5:30pm • 559.784.KIDS(5437) • pnca@portnaz.org

Karen Pitcher, Director

PASTOR MARK PITCHER

GROWTH means **Change**, and CHANGE is **Difficult**
It is the **Transition** that will either **Disable** or **Enable**

What the original hearers of Luke understood, and we understand as well, is that Jesus changes everything; He is the ultimate Change Maker.

Luke 5 provides us with five encounters of different individuals and their responses to the possibility of change:

With a tax collector, vs. 27-29;

Confrontation #1, who is coming to dinner, v. 30;

Jesus responds as a doctor, vs. 31-32;

Confrontation #2, concerning fasting, v. 33;

Jesus responds with an illustration of the bridegroom, vs. 34-35;

A New Thing, The Kingdom of God Agenda, vs. 36-38.

Jesus uses a parable as His teaching tool:

He was saying, the Gospel was not an addition to religion, it replaces it;

The Gospel cannot be placed in old wineskins of legalism and traditions.

A stern warning, v. 39:

Jesus calls us to change...will you?

What to do:

Commit to God's Kingdom Agenda; do what Jesus did;

Adapt to reality; learn what it takes to reach out to those who have not experienced God's agenda;

Invest in relationships; connect with people who are not yet connected to God;

Learn their story and share your story;

Pray and be ready.

LifeChange

ASSISTIVE HEARING DEVICES

Port Naz is equipped with a hearing assistance system • Receivers are at the Welcome Center

PASTORAL PRAYER

A pastor is available to pray with you > Prayer Hallway, east of the Worship Center, during Worship through song

SERMON BROADCASTS

KTIP > 1450 AM Radio • Podcasts > Google Play & iTunes • Website > portnaz.org
CDs & DVDs available for purchase with an order envelope > Welcome Center

TODAY

Who We Are, Learning About My Church • 9:45am, Room 212 [Choir Room]

Prayer Lab • 5:00pm, Sequoia Room

CONDOLENCES

to **Joyce Atchison** and family, with the passing of **Roy Musselman**, beloved father and friend • Services were held Friday

to **Cecil & Lena Hubble** and family, with the passing of **Cheryl Hubble**, beloved daughter-in-law, wife, mother, grandmother, friend • Services are pending

to **Aline LaPointe Maghe** and family, with the passing of **Harold**, beloved husband and friend • Services are pending

to **Sandy & Mike Powell** and family, with the passing of **Merle Powell**, beloved uncle and friend • Services were held Thursday

MAY

Port Naz Christian Academy • Summer & Fall enrollment
Ages 2-6 years, Monday-Friday; 2, 3 and 5-day schedules available
For more information, contact **Karen Pitcher**, 784.5437

Missions Council Meeting • Monday, 6:30pm, Room 301

Safe People • Begins Wednesday, 6:30pm

A 9-week DVD Series by **Drs. Henry Cloud & John Townsend**
How to find relationships that are good for you, and avoid those that aren't
RSVP on your Connection Card

National Day of Prayer • Thursday

For Your Great Name's Sake! • Brochures > Welcome Center & Ushers' stands

A Taste of the Summit, Everyone has INFLUENCE • Sunday, 7th, 9:45am
A sample GLS video with **Joseph Grenny**, Leader, Speaker, Social Scientist
Adults and youth are invited and encouraged to attend

Who We Are, Learning About My Church • Sundays, 7th & 21st, 9:45am

Prayer Lab • Sundays, 7th & 21st, 5:00pm

Mother's Day • Sunday, 14th

Biker Service, 8:30am; **Graduating Seniors' Service**, 11am • Sunday, 21st

Preschool Graduation & Spring Program • Thursday, 25th

Holy Communion • Sunday, 28th, AM Worship Services

COMMUNITY & FAMILY LIFE

Pastor Chad & Voni Ramage
cramage@portnaz.org

PURE DESIRE MINISTRIES

Pastor Kristy Johnson
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NEW TO PORT NAZ?

We want to meet and greet you.
Please fill in this Connection Card
and present it at the Welcome
Center to receive our gift for you.

TELL US ABOUT YOU

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|--|-------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1st time Guest | <input type="checkbox"/> 11 & Under |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Return Guest | <input type="checkbox"/> 12-20 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Regular Attender | <input type="checkbox"/> 21-30 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Member | <input type="checkbox"/> 31-40 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 8:30am Worship | <input type="checkbox"/> 41-50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 9:45am Small Group Discipleship | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 11:00am Worship | <input type="checkbox"/> 51-60 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 5:00pm Prayer | <input type="checkbox"/> 61+ |
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LET US KNOW

RSVP	Are you new? Have a change of info? Want to sign-up, RSVP, or let us know...?
Missing/Need Visitation	
Email	
Phone	Birthdate
City & Zip Code	
Address	
Name	

INTERESTED IN?

- I'm new to Christ, what's next?
 - Baptism
 - Membership
 - Small Group Discipleship Ministries
 - An appointment with Pastor:
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CONNECTION CARD

