

## We Believe ...

1. In one God, the Creator of all things, who reveals Himself as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
2. In Jesus Christ, who is fully God and fully man at the same time, who became like us to bring about our salvation.
3. In the Holy Spirit, who is active in the world, bringing us to salvation.
4. That the Bible is the Word of God, giving us all we need to know about how to be saved.
5. That we are all sinners by both nature and act and need God's forgiveness and cleansing.
6. That Jesus Christ died on the cross, was raised from the dead, and that, by trusting in His death, we can be restored to a right relationship with God.
7. That when we turn from sin and trust in Christ, the old record of sin is wiped clean, and we are born anew, thus becoming part of the family of God.
8. That after being born anew, we need the fullness of God's Spirit in our hearts. When we make a complete commitment to Him, He cleanses our spirit, fills us with His perfect love, and gives us the power to live our lives victoriously.
9. That Jesus Christ is coming again.

Melwood Church of the Nazarene came into existence on October 31, 1971 with the merger of the Faith and Grace Churches of the Nazarene. Dedication of the current church building took place in 1973. The Church of the Nazarene is an evangelical denomination, which has its roots in the Wesleyan and Holiness movements. We are committed to the essential doctrines of the Christian faith and the message of Christian holiness. We believe our church can really be a place to belong.

### Service Times

#### SUNDAY

9:30 AM - Fellowship Time / Discipleship Groups\*

10:45 AM - Worship Celebration\*

5:00 PM Elevate Youth Ministry

#### WEDNESDAY - 7:00 PM

Family Bible Study

\*Nursery is available each Sunday morning.  
(Ages Birth through 2 Years)

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# Introducing Melwood

A Community of Faith  
On a Mission ...

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Love God  
Love People  
Serve the World

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# Our Staff

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**DR. JOHN W. NIELSON** has served as *Lead Pastor* at Melwood since August 1994. A graduate of Eastern Nazarene College (B.A. in Religion) and Nazarene Theological Seminary (M.Div., D.Min.), he is an ordained elder in the Church of the Nazarene. He and his wife, Amy, have three daughters, Bethany (a son-in-law Ben), Kathryn and Jenna.

**REV. JANET JOHNSON** has served as *Associate Pastor and Director for Melwood Child Development Center* since August 1999. She is a graduate of Nazarene Bible College with a B.A. in Bible and Theology, as well as Christian School Education. An ordained elder in the Church of the Nazarene, Pastor Janet oversees our Preschool, School-Age, and Summer programs. She is married to Charles (Chuck) Johnson, who serves as the Finance Administrator at Melwood. They have five grown children and ten grandchildren.

**ERICA TAMBURELLO** serves as *Administrative Assistant* in the Melwood Church Office. Erica is a graduate of Mount Vernon Nazarene University. She enjoys learning new skills, cooking, game nights, and hanging out with her family. She and her husband (Jeff) have one son.

**AMY NIELSON** serves as our Children's Ministry Director. She has a passion for worship, praying with people and connecting kids to Christ. She is married to Pastor John and they have three daughters—Bethany (son-in-law Ben), Kathryn, and Jenna.

**BUTCH SWEENEY** serves as *Lay Minister for Pastoral Care*. He works with hospital visitation and other pastoral care needs. He and his wife, Paula, who also helps in the Church Office with finance administration, have two grown children and two grandchildren.

# Our Gatherings

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## DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

The focus of this time is Bible study and includes interactive, group discussion to help us grow in our Christian walk, individually, and together as a community of faith. Most groups meet Sundays at 9:30 AM. See the *Discipleship Groups* brochure for more information.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP CELEBRATION

Sunday morning at 10:45 AM is a time of celebration as we are gathered to worship, sing to the Lord, offer our gifts, celebrate community, come to God in prayer, and hear the Word of the Lord along with a relevant, Biblical message from our Pastor.

## SUNDAY EVENING YOUTH MINISTRY

*ELEVATE* is our Sunday teen ministry led by Mark Price and Heather McKee. They meet on-site (5:00-6:30 PM). One Sunday a month they take *ELEVATE ON THE ROAD* for an off-site activity. And one Sunday a month they have "HANG TIME," where they gather at the home of one of our teen families.

## WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES

Join us for an intergenerational, family Bible study each Wednesday at 7:00 PM in the Upper Room. We have prayer together and explore a variety of topics (often related to Pastor John's current Sunday morning sermon series), and look at how we can apply them to our lives and journey of faith. Anyone is welcome to join us! During the summer months, we also host Melwood Movie Nights, where we show a family-friendly movie, including free popcorn and beverages—an opportunity to enjoy a movie with a message.

# Our Ministries

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## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (Ages 0-12)

Nursery (Little Lambs)  
Discipleship Groups  
Worship Quest (Children's Church)  
Mission Quest (God's Work Around the World)  
Vacation Bible Adventure  
Children's & Preteen Summer Camps  
Child Development Center (Ages 2-4)\*  
Before & After Care (K-6th)\*  
School-Age Summer Program (K-6th)\*  
\*A Ministry of Melwood Church of the Nazarene

## YOUTH MINISTRY (Grades 7-12)

Discipleship Group  
Elevate  
Teen Summer Camp  
Activities and Service Projects

## ADULT MINISTRY

Discipleship Groups  
Wednesday Evening Family Bible Study  
Community Groups  
Men's Ministry

## OTHER MINISTRIES

Lifeline Prayer Ministry  
Worship Team and Music Ministry  
Sound and Media Ministry  
Mission Matters (Nazarene Missions Int'l.)  
Faith In Action  
Food Pantry Ministry  
Melwood Nazarene Academy  
(Home School Program)



## **COMMUNITY GROUPS**

We encourage small groups to meet together for prayer, fellowship and care. Groups meet at the church, in homes or other places off-site. We encourage each person to be involved in a community group.