



Varina Church NMI

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“WHO IS NMI”

YOU - VARINA CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE - MAKING CHRISTLIKE DISCIPLES IN THE NATIONS

www.vanmi.org

We are ONE PEOPLE with a mission to Equip the Church, Engage the Culture, and Expand the Kingdom.

[Matthew 28:16-20](https://nazarene.org/beliefs) <https://nazarene.org/beliefs>

Faith Promise

- **April 1 – March 31st 2023-2024.** Goal \$12,000, to date - \$4,934.38.

Missions – 2023/24 Fiscal Year

- **Adult & Teens** – Our next Mission meeting TBD.
- **Children’s Mission Study** – Temporarily on Hold.
- **CRISES CARE KITS:** CCK is ALWAYS in need of donations. Getting ready for Hurricane Season in the USA and special projects for District NMI – Ukraine and other nations in crises. See Judy Kennedy or Cathy Pope. Drop off Barrel located in the lobby.
- **World Mission Broadcast** – We raised \$100.00. If you would like to contribute you can mark your envelope WMB and place it in the offering plate.
- **Compassionate Ministries-** <https://ncm.org/> Learn how CCK and other donations are helping to rebuild Syria, Turkey, Ukraine. Child Sponsorship, and more.
- **Feed/Clothe the Homeless Communities of Richmond.** There are two opportunities each month: The 2nd and 4th Saturday of each month beginning in August:
 - Help distribute food and clothing. 2nd Saturday.
 - Help cook/serve a meal - Tabernacle of Praise Ministries Int. 4th Saturday.
 - As Sandra Witherspoon returns in August, she will let us know where she needs help – look for a Sign-up sheet at the front desk of our lobby. Coming soon.
- **October 15th Sunday Service** - Shannon Smith
- **November – Alabaster Month – plus Renewal of Faith Promise.**

***PRAY FOR THIS-HAVE FAITH-BE WILLING**

Why do I need NMI Central?

I wrote this message in the July Newsletter – it’s worth repeating - ‘PRAY – 367 verses in the NIV tell us to Pray, and many more indirectly give the same message. This is why we are called as a PRAYING CHURCH. VANMI provides a weekly informational email specific to the needs in the Mission Fields. Needs we are asked to fervently pray over. Check out these links, get to know our missionaries, their work, resource needs, and how you can help.

Matthew 18:20 “For where two or three are gathered in my name, there I am among them,”.

NMI CENTRAL

SUPPORTING YOUR LINKS MISSIONARIES

<https://www.vanmi.org/missionaries>

A message from VCN NMI President

Matthew 9:36-38 He saw the crowds, He had COMPASSION for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

This is one of many verses where we are called to do “good works” – but works that God specifically calls us to do – not only as individuals – but also as a part of Varina Church. While many works are good – not all works are of God for you specifically. We must discern the difference as we are all called in different and unique ways to fulfill the plans that God has for us. Stay in His Word, pray diligently, and listen for His gentle voice calling you to what it is He needs you to do as an individual but also as part of VCN NMI. What “Good Works” is HE calling you to do that fulfills the plans He has for you and for our Varina Church family?