



Installation and Bonding Service

Pastor Grant Miller

Nashville First Church of the Nazarene
Dr. Dwight M. Gunter II, District Superintendent

November 9, 2025

A Heritage of Godly Leadership

J. O. MCCLURKAN

1898-1914

C. E. HARDY

1914-1916

R. T. WILLIAMS

1916-1918

G. E. WADDLE

1918 - 1919

E. A. GIRVIN

1920 - 1921

H. H. WISE

1922 - 1948

E. K. HARDY

1948 - 1952

C. D. EWELL

1952 - 1957

W. M. GREATHOUSE

1958 - 1963

T. E. MARTIN

1963 - 1970

J. V. MORSCH

1970 - 1974

MILLARD REED

1974 - 1991

STAN TOLER

1991 - 1993

GARY ALLEN HENECKE

1994 - 2011

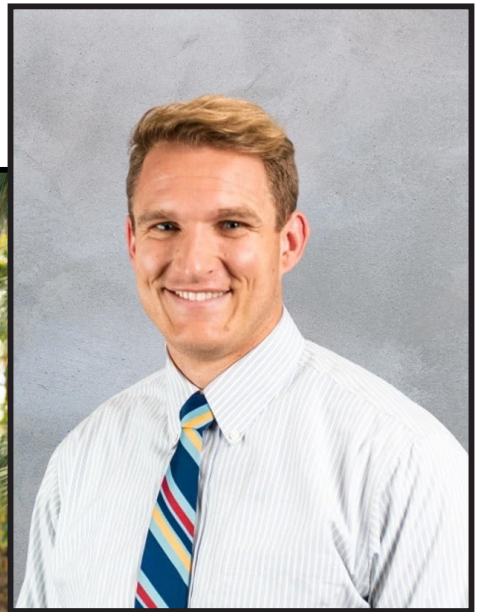
KEVIN M. ULMET

2011 - 2025

GRANT MILLER

2025 - present

Introducing...



REV. DR. GRANT MILLER
Jen, Whittaker, Alice,
and Everett

The Miller family comes to NFCN by way of Nampa, ID, where both Grant and Jen had served for many years in a variety of roles at Northwest Nazarene University and Nampa College Church of the Nazarene. Grant served as NNU's Director of Community Life for several years and most recently as University Chaplain since 2021. In addition to his work at NNU, Grant served as Young Adult Pastor at Nampa First Church and then as the College and Young Adult Pastor at Nampa College Church. He graduated with a double-major in political science and public communications from NNU in 2010, returning the following year to get his third major in philosophy. Grant received his Master of Arts in Spiritual Formation and a Master of Divinity from NNU and holds a Ph.D. in Public Policy & Administration from Boise State University. Grant and Jen have three children: Whittaker (10), Alice (8), and Everett (4).

Order Of Service



Prelude

Pastor Tim Pitzer

House Of The Lord

Welcome

Pastor Grant Miller

Reciting of The Apostles' Creed

Made For More

People of God

Special Video Messages

Gary Allen Henecke and Kevin M. Ulmet

Covenant of Installation and Bonding

led by Dr. Dwight M. Gunter II, MidSouth District Superintendent

Prayer

My Life Is In Your Hands

Offering

King Of Glory

Mitchell House Music

Message

Pastor Grant Miller

Holy Communion

Jesus Messiah

Benediction

Apostles Creed

(Manual, Church of the Nazarene, 701)

We believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell;
the third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Church of Jesus Christ,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting
Amen.

Statement of Purpose and Scripture

The calling of a minister to special preparation and service is God's divine and mysterious work. God calls and commissions the pastor through the Holy Spirit's guidance and the leadership of the church.

Through prayer and seeking God's will, Pastor Grant Miller and the congregation of Nashville First Church of the Nazarene have been brought together by the Holy Spirit to be His body in this place, at this time, within His Story.

The pastor is charged with great responsibility and given biblical authority to lead under the guidance of God.

Pastor Miller, you are called to be the compassionate shepherd, the spiritual counselor, the servant-leader, the incarnational leader.

Consider Paul's charge in Colossians 3:14-17...

Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Role of the Minister in the Church

(Summary From Manual Church of the Nazarene 2023-2027)

The Church of the Nazarene has high expectations of its ministers.
We expect all ministers to...

- Have A Firm Spiritual Foundation
- Be People of Christlike Character & Example
- Invite People to Pursue Holiness of Character and Ethics
- Mentor Future Ministers and Nurture People in Their Call to Ministry
- Possess Gifts and Graces for Ministry
- Love the Word of God and Deeply Desire to Let it be Planted in our Hearts

Covenant of Installation and Bonding...

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT: Jesus says, “I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.” (John 10:11 NRSV). Pastors likewise put their own best interests aside for the sake of others.

CONGREGATION: *The New Testament speaks of elders and overseers.*

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT: These are wise leaders, prudent, careful and attentive to the family of faith. The relationship between pastor and people is characterized by respect and love.

CONGREGATION: *We make this covenant with God and with you, Pastor:*

- *To receive you into our lives*
- *To love you deeply*
- *To respectfully follow your God-directed leadership*
- *And to partner in effective ministry with you for God’s glory.*

CHURCH BOARD: Help us see God’s vision for our community. Lead us in compassionate ministry and in prayer. Lead us in worship and fellowship. Lead us in evangelism and discipleship. Lead us to advance Christ’s Kingdom throughout the world.

PASTOR: God has called me to this ministry and to this community. I will be a growing child of my Heavenly Father. I will establish my ministry on the Word of God. I will preach the message of salvation and entire consecration, knowing that it is God who saves and sanctifies the seeker.

CONGREGATION: *Thanks be to God.*

PASTOR: God has called me to equip God’s people for the work of ministry, to be honest with my time, and to be fair with my family.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT: God has called you and confirmed your call through His Church.

PASTOR: God has called me to keep every confidence, to remain open to suggestions for improvement, and to live within my means while living a life of generosity to God and others.

CONGREGATION: *Thanks be to God.*

PASTOR: I will be faithful in prayer.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT: No minister can walk alone.

PASTOR & SPOUSE: We offer ourselves to this body without reservation. We love you. We trust you. We believe in you.

CONGREGATION: *We honor you.*

PASTOR & SPOUSE: We are not flawless.

CONGREGATION: *Neither are we.*

PASTOR & SPOUSE: We will strive for “the most excellent way.”

CONGREGATION: *We will do the same.*

PASTOR & SPOUSE: We will ask for the wisdom of God, the vision of Jesus, and the empowerment of the Holy Spirit.

CONGREGATION: *Teach us from God’s Word. Point us to our bright future. And lead us to our land of promise.*

PASTOR & SPOUSE: Let’s journey there together.

CONGREGATION: *Pray for us as we pray for you.*

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CONGREGATION: *We honor your obedience to God’s call.*

PASTOR & SPOUSE: We are available to Him always.

EVERYONE: Let’s begin ... together. Thanks be to God!

*May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you
to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus,
so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father
of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore,
just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.*

(Rom. 15:5-7)

Nashville First Church of the Nazarene

Full-Time Pastoral Staff

Rev. Dr. Grant Miller, Senior Pastor
Rev. Dr. Sabrina Jones, Executive Pastor
Rev. Andy Karuchit, Pastor to Children
Rev. Stephen Kihnley, Pastor to Students
Rev. Tim Pitzer, Worship Pastor

Extended Ministry Team

Rev. Rebecca Bailey, Pastoral Care, Interim
Rev. Adrienne Brewer, Ministerial Assistant to Pastor Miller
Rev. Nicole Deppen, College & Crossroads Pastor, Interim
Rev. Jack Galloway, Emeritus Minister of Pastoral Care
Rev. Hilda Hernandez, Hispanic Congregation Pastor
Rev. Dr. Andy Ingram, Congregational Life, Interim
Rev. Deumarc Jean, Haitian Congregation Pastor
Rev. Petronie Karaj, African Congregation Pastor
Rev. Dr. Letitia Washington, Emmaus Worship Pastor

Pastoral Support Team

Rev. Susan Badley, Worship and Senior Adults
Rev. Nicole Deppen, Youth & College
Lauren Duke, Children
Buz Harrison, Media
Vlady Kozyutynskyi, Facilities
Beth McKenzie, Congregational Life
Becky McLaurine, Finance
Sara Sheppard, Finance
Lisa Spruill, Preschool
Allie Windom, Executive Assistant

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THANKSGIVING BREAKFAST NOVEMBER 27 | 7 AM



celebrate

Advent

with us!

NOV 30

9am:
Sunday School

10:15am:
Advent Series
Message

Hope

DEC 7

9am:
Sunday School

10:15am:
**NFCN Kids
Christmas
Showcase**

Advent Series
Message

Peace

DEC 14

9am:
Sunday School

10:15am:
Musical Presentation:
"The Name that
Changed the World"

Kids: Jingle Jammies

Advent Series
Message

Joy

DEC 21

9am:
Sunday School

10:15am:
NEOS Youth
Christmas Musical

Advent Series
Message

*Elementary Kids
Family Worship

Love

DEC 24

5pm:

*Christmas
Eve
Candlelight
Communion*

Activities for
children during all
Sunday morning services
unless indicated by *
Nursery for ages
18 months and younger
is available each
Sunday.

DEC 28

NO Sunday School

10:15am:
Celebration Worship

*Elementary Kids
Family Worship

Consider Supporting Our Community through the 510 Foundation

11.2.2025 GIVING REPORT:

Weekly Tithe Received	\$ 20,117
Month-to-date Tithe Received	\$ 20,117
October Expected Tithe	\$ 179,000
Year-to-date Tithe Received	\$1,171,359
Year-to-date Tithe Expected	\$1,202,800

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\$600 = meals for 200 people

\$2,400 = one month of meals for 800 people



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be Found FAITHFUL in our Generation

OUR VISION

to Extend God's Love
Teach Biblical Truth, and
Share our Lives Together

