

A WORD FROM TERRY & BECKY.....

Life is good! I was recently asked, if all you had today was what you praised God for yesterday, what would you have? My desire is to make sure that I am expressing gratitude for God's presence and provision for us every day. We are thankful for the opportunity to work alongside each one of you and believe God is at work across the Illinois District. Excited to be together this summer.

PLANS ARE BEING MADE FOR OUR 78th ILLINOIS DISTRICT ASSEMBLY & CONVENTIONS

Although we are not quite sure what the safety measures will be in July, we are planning to be in-person for our annual District Conventions & Assembly. Mark your calendars and continue to watch for more details.

July 15 @ 7 pm - Opening Celebration

July 16 - Conventions - NMI, SDMI & NYI

July 16 @ 7 pm - Ordination

July 17 @ 8:30 am - Assembly Business



RELATIONSHIPS: The Key to Successful Discipleship

Some of the myths of successful discipleship have been a history of chasing the "next best thing" when it comes to a program or a routine for helping people on their journey of faith. This is a myth that I have fallen into as a pastor. As I have continued in ministry and in the call to make Christ-like disciples, I have learned that discipleship is all about relationships.

Jimmy Dodd (*Survive or Thrive*), writes about 6 relationships that every pastor needs to thrive. I believe that this does not just apply to pastors, but rather everyone that desires to help someone else on this journey of grace. One such relationship that Dodd mentions is that of a "mentor." This mentor is someone that can bring wisdom to your life and walk with you through the journey from time to time. As I think about this relationship from Scripture and then try to apply it to our life I think of someone like Paul. Before Paul was mentoring other great leaders, Saul had to be mentored and helped along by Barnabas. This man saw what God saw in Paul and continued to pour into his life. Paul then passes along that trait with Timothy, as well as many others.

One key to successful discipleship must be the relationship between mentor and mentee. Who is pouring into your life? Who is your "Paul"? Who are you pouring your faith into? Who is your "Timothy"?

Rev. B.J. Thelander, District SDMI Chairperson



L.I.N.K.S.

In last month's edition, we reintroduced you to our three LINKS missionary families. In this edition, we continue to encourage you to consider possible ways you can link with your LINKS missionaries to let them know they are being prayed for and thought of by your local church.

Here are the 2020-21 LINKS Assignments:

Collin & Shireen Elliott - Anna First, Benton First, Carbondale New Beginnings Community, Nuevos Comienzos, Centralia, DuQuoin, Marion First, Mount Vernon Faith, Murphysboro, Oasis Community, Royalton First, Salem Grace, Sparta, Carmi, Fairfield, Flora, Mount Erie, Olney

Ruth Irene Cordova - Auburn, Champaign First, Decatur First, Decatur Oak Grove, Decatur West Side, Decatur Trinity, Georgetown, Oakwood, Ogden, Mansfield Community, The Hope, Olivet, Chrisman, Paris First, Springfield First, Rantoul, Monticello, Clinton, Tuscola, Hope Chapel, Flash Point, Grace Place, Sherman, Springfield Trinity, Taylorville First, Virden.

Arlin & Joyce Jakobitz - Barry, Beardstown, Beardstown Hispanic, Bethel Community, The Bridge 54/79, Griggsville, Mount Sterling, Nebo, Pittsfield, Quincy Emmanuel, @ the Well, Arcola First, Arcola Spanish, Casey, Effingham Hispanic, Marshall, Mattoon East Side, Pana First, Shelbyville, West Union, Belleville Emmanuel, Belleville First, Belleville Hispanic, Edgemont Grace, Fairview Heights Parkview, Glenview, Godfrey, Granite City Iglesia del Nazareno, Jerseyville, New Community, Roxana

During the 97th General Board meeting, the 164th world area for the Church of the Nazarene was recognized. Luxembourg has officially joined the Northern Europe field on the Eurasia region. Thank you for praying for Luxembourg.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE QUIZ

Saturday, April 9

Pittsfield Church of the Nazarene

10:00 a.m. Start Time; \$6/quizzier

Contact Vonda Hill immediately to register quizzers.

After registration, plans will be finalized regarding virtual participation

Contact Vonda Hill at vkhill1966@gmail.com or at 618-697-2386 for final details.

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISES & PETITIONS

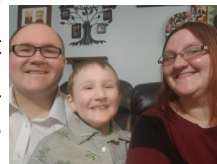
- ◆ Churches with new pastors - Springfield First, Belleville First, New Community Church, and Benton
- ◆ Pastor Bobby & Connie Parker's granddaughter, Eira, still waiting for heart transplant.
- ◆ Pat Unger, wife of retired Pastor Rick Unger recovering from Covid
- ◆ Churches still looking for Pastors - Glenview, Quincy Emmanuel, Taylorville
- ◆ Ed Sprinkle and his family as they grieve the loss of a sister.
- ◆ The Carlos Lonberger I family . Pastor Carlos passed away March 5, 2021

NEW PASTORS



Omar & Lesvy Gurrión are the new pastors at Belleville Hispanic. The past two years he has served on staff at Colorado Springs Eastborough. Prior to his service in Colorado he pastored in Dodge City, Kansas and at Colorado Springs Emmanuel. They started at Belleville on March 7.

We are excited to introduce to you our new Pastor and family at Benton First Church of the Nazarene - Rev. Scott & Kim Rowe and their son, Ian. They have accepted the call to pastor at Benton First. He has been serving as the pastor of Newton Falls Church of the Nazarene in Newton Falls, Ohio since April 2017. The Rowes will begin their ministry on April 18, 2021.



RETIRING PASTOR



Bob & Deborah Turner recently announced their retirement from Taylorville, where they have been serving May 1, 2016. Their final service will be on April 25, 2021 completing 5 years with this congregation. Bob served as an associate in Shelbyville for over 14 years prior to going to pastor at Taylorville.

District Superintendent Schedule

March 21 - Carbondale New Beginnings

March 27 - ONU Presidential Gala

March 28 - Springfield Trinity

April 11 - Olney

April 16-18 District Hispanic Pastors Retreat

**m&m RETREAT - October 1 - 3, 2021
@ St. Charles, MO**

DISTRICT TEEN QUIZ RESULTS

District Finals were held at Decatur West Side on March 6, 2021.

Seven churches with 23 quizzers participated in the District Quiz - Paris First, Decatur West Side, Decatur First, Ogden, Pittsfield, Belleville Emmanuel, and Marion.

1st Place Team - Belleville Emmanuel A

2nd Place Team - Belleville Emmanuel B

3rd Place Team - Marion

Top Individual Awards

Top Quizzer - Elizabeth - Belleville Emmanuel

2nd Place - James W. Belleville Emmanuel

3rd Place - Emily, Ogden

4th Place - Henry D., Pittsfield

5th Place - James B. - Belleville Emmanuel



6th Place - Savannah - Marion

7th Place - Henry W., Belleville Emmanuel

8th Place - Scott, Marion

9th Place - Kolby, Marion

10th Place - Alanna, Ogden



The District Celebrate Life and the Field Celebrate Life at ONU have been canceled this year.



CAMP AT CTR IS ON !!!

June 28 - July 2, 2021

- ◆ Forms will be available on the ILD website & CTR website beginning April 1st.
- ◆ Early Bird registration period is from April 1-30
Early bird price is \$350 per student
- ◆ Standard registration period is May 1-31
Standard price is \$400 per student
- ◆ Sponsors may register from April 1 - May 31
Sponsor cost is \$275 per adult.
- ◆ Churches bringing 7 or more students MUST bring a sponsor.
- ◆ No registrations will be accepted after May 31.

Camp Table Rock....
FUN IN THE SON MINISTRIES

A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."

(Romans: 15:13, NIV)



Every Church is encouraged to consider participating in the John & Jill Bowling Scholarship Fund. This is a retirement gift to honor the Bowlings as they retire at the end of the school year. Dr. Bowling has served the University for 30 years as the President. Churches or Individuals may participate. They will be presenting the initial gift at the Presidential Musical Gala on March 27. Send your donations to Olivet Nazarene University, Office of Development, One University Avenue, Bourbonnais, IL 60914-2345

Illinois District Calendar of Events

2021

March 20 - District Budget & Finance Committee, 1:30 pm - Virtual

March 27 - ONU Musical Gala in Honor of the Bowlings

April 4 - Easter Sunday

April 10 - District Children's Quiz Finals @ Pittsfield with a Virtual Option available

April 18 - May 2 - Time Frame for Local Church Annual Meetings

April 20 - District Nominating Committee @ 6:30 pm - Virtual

April 24 - DAB Meeting & DAC Planning Session

April 30 - Church year ends,

Appreciate everyone getting their allocations paid as soon as possible.

May 1 - Ministerial Credentials & Studies Board @ Decatur First

May 8 - ONU Commencement

May 15 - NMI President's Report DUE

May 16 - Pastor's Reports DUE

June 28 - July 2 - Teen Camp @ Camp Table Rock

July 15-17 - District Gathering - Celebration, Convention & Assembly @ Decatur First

June 19 - 23 - Kid's Camp Dates @ Camp Warren

Lay Retreat 2021 - TBD

October 1-3 - m&m Retreat - Embassy Suites, St. Charles, MO

December 4 - District Pastors & Families Christmas Gathering @ Effingham

Thelma Kellar Convention Center

2022

January 8 - Team Day North

January 29 - Team Day South

February 5 - Board of Ministry Meeting
District License Renewal Interviews

April 30 - Board of Ministry Meeting
Ordinand & First Time District License Interviews

June 27-July 1 - Teen Camp @ Camp Table Rock

July 14-16 - District Gathering Celebration
Conventions & Assembly

September 30-October 2 - m&m Retreat

December 3 - District Pastor's Christmas Gathering

2023

January 7 - Team Day North

January 28 - Team Day South

February 4 - Board of Ministry Meeting
District License Renewal Interviews

April 29 - Board of Ministry Meeting
Ordinand & First Time District License Interviews

June 10 - 17 - Dates for General Conventions &
General Assembly in Indianapolis

July 5-9 - Nazarene Youth Conference in Tampa Bay, Florida

July 13-15 - District Gathering Celebration
Conventions & Assembly

October 6-8 - m&m Retreat

December 2 - District Pastor's Christmas Gathering