



## GIVE THANKS!

Thanksgiving is a great season of celebration and remembering the many blessings of life. But thanks giving must also become a life-style that is lived out every day of the year. We are unfortunately, living in a day where there is a tremendous amount of complaining and grumbling. Paul tells us that we must instead address one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs. Then we will be stars that shine as the lights in the world. It will be a light that will shine brightly with hope and love and grace and mercy. Let us make a difference in our world by living a life of thanks giving.

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## Installation of Pastors on the District



Rev. Niki Corey was installed as Pastor of Oakwood Church of the Nazarene on October 25, 2020.

Rev. Michael Flowers was installed as Pastor of Georgetown Church of the Nazarene on November 8, 2020.



Pastor Michael and Mindy return to the Illinois District after serving in Alaska for the past 5 years. Be sure to welcome them and their 3 girls: Jane, Rebecca and Hannah.

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## N.M.I.

Even though 2020 has been a chaotic and strange year we in America have so much to be thankful for. Most of all we have been given the message that Jesus died for us making it possible to have eternal life. Many in our world never heard of Jesus. I would challenge each church to give your best in the Thanksgiving offering this month. This is a way we can join our missionaries as they attempt to tell others of the Good News.

Sunday, November 22, 2020  
Make a Difference!



## PRAISES AND REQUESTS

*"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!" Psalm 107:1*



Juan & Rachel Ricapito—3 young men attended services after recently accepting Christ; 3 Baptisms at Anna; Thelander family recovered from COVID; Eva Pinkston recovering from heart procedure.

*Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. Philippians 4:6*

Ron & Diane Waltrip's family recovering from COVID; Dan & Teresa Taylor—loss of his mom, dad dealing with COVID; Several in our parsonage families across the district dealing with COVID; Eira, baby granddaughter of Bobby and Connie Parker, awaiting a heart transplant; Leah McClain, scheduled for another surgery in a few weeks; Pastor Wade Stine and his family as they grieve the loss of his grandmother. Dwayne Anderson having trouble with hip and knee.

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## IS YOUR CHURCH GROWING?

We all want to answer this question with a great big, YES!

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MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL  
*Make the Connection*

However, we all are facing many challenges as it relates to discipleship and GROWTH; both spiritually and numerically in our churches today. The Foundry has continued its efforts to produce quality materials to meet the needs of the churches today. One such resource that we want to highlight this month is the material entitled: "Honest Questions. Real Conversation." This is a study designed for youth or small groups to start conversations about everyday aspects of living for Jesus. Each study is 7 weeks long and explores the subjects: Christian Disciplines, Everyday Christian Living, The Fruit of the Spirit, The Story of God, and Prayer. You can find out more information by checking out [TheFoundryPublishing.com](http://TheFoundryPublishing.com) - search for dialogue youth studies. May the Lord, continue to help you discern the best NEXT STEP to your church's growth!

*"... and when he saw the man, he felt compassion for him."*

## Calendar of Events

### **2020** (Everything subject to change)

November 17 - C.A.R. (Connect and Resource) Project for our Pastors. Topic is Theological Coherence with Dr. Tim Crutcher. This will be online

November 21 - Kid's Invitational Bible Quiz at Paris First Church.

December 4 & 5 - St. Louis Top Ten Teen Invitational Bible Quiz

**December 5 - District Leaders' Family Christmas @ Thomas Keller Convention Center, Effingham**

### **2021**

January 9 - TEAM DAY NORTH @ Decatur First

January 9 - Teen Bible Quiz

January 30 - TEAM DAY SOUTH @ Salem Grace

February 6 - Ministerial Credentials & Studies Board @ Mattoon East Side

February 13 - Teen Bible Quiz @ Pittsfield

March 5 & 6 - Teen Bible Quiz Finals @ Decatur West Side

April 10 - District Children's Quiz Finals @ Pana

May 1 - Ministerial Credentials & Studies Board @ Decatur First

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

July 15-17 - District Gathering Celebration - Conventions & Assembly

Kid's Camp - Still working to finalize a place and date

### **2022**

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

July 14-16 - District Gathering Celebration - Conventions & Assembly

### **2023**

June 22-30 - Tentative Dates for General Conventions & General Assembly

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

July 13-15 - District Gathering Celebration - Conventions & Assembly