

A WORD FROM TERRY & BECKY ...



We are in a season of such beauty and change from colors bursting forth to fields being harvested, the ground being blanketed with colored leaves and the next day a dusting of white snow, the temperature accommodating most of us at least once a week. And all of this is as God planned: *As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease.*" Genesis 8:22

Then the anticipation of the holidays. The excitement builds and builds for many waiting to see family and the traditions of the upcoming days. For others they will be challenging as they face them for the first time in a new season of life. No matter what season we are in may we praise the Lord. We make a Thanksgiving poster at our house each year and write things for which we are thankful. Go ahead, make one listing all the things you for which you are thankful. Add to it. Read it daily as a praise offering to God. Our poster includes you!

HALF-MILLION MOBILIZATION OF PRAYER

The Vision of Stan Reeder, USA/Canada Regional Director is to mobilize 500,000 Nazarenes to be in prayer, seeking God to discover what He wants to say to us about the ministry of the Church of the Nazarene and a movement of God in the USA/Canada.



This is not a program in the Church of the Nazarene. It is a refocusing of our understanding of who we are as Nazarenes. This theology of God working in the journey of our life - His prevenient GRACE, His saving GRACE, His sanctifying GRACE. This is how we understand discipleship.

TEAM DAY NORTH January 8 @ Decatur First TEAM DAY SOUTH January 22 @ Salem Grace

Team Day is a district event designed to encourage, support and resource the local church to be your very best and be inspired to make Christ-like disciples in your communities. We will have break-out sessions to address SDMI, NMI, NYI, discipleship, finances and other relevant topics to the local church.

To make it more accessible to the churches across the district, we are putting the event together on TWO separate days in January. January 8, we will be meeting at Decatur First. Two weeks later, we will meet at Salem Grace. The events have the same schedule with the same speakers and workshops.

The descriptions of the workshops will be sent out in December and registration information will be available then as well.

- 8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Registration
- 9:00 – 9:20 a.m. Opening Session
- 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. Breakout Session #1 – Multiple Workshops
- 10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Break
- 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. Breakout Session #2 – Multiple Workshops
- 11:45 – 12:00 p.m. Transition
- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Closing Session
- 1:00 p.m. ADJOURNMENT

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

"By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

- John 13:35 (NIV)



As you are busy with your Christmas shopping do not forget to include your Links missionary family. This is a great time to let them know how special you feel they are. You can send cards, gifts, or emails. It is easier to send gift cards or money if they are in the States. If not, you can send money to their deputation account with a note indicating who and what it is for.

I pray each of you have a blessed Thanksgiving! God is so good to each of us.

Sandy Stickler
IL District NMI President

CHURCHES SEARCHING FOR PASTORS

Flora, Mansfield Community, Griggsville, Shelbyville & Decatur First

NEWS ACROSS THE DISTRICT



Dr. Adam Lewis and family have accepted the pastorate of the Church on the Hill in McMinnville, Oregon. His last Sunday was November 14 Adam and Cindy have been awesome

leaders on our district these past 6 years. We wish them the best as they start a new chapter on their journey.

CONVERSIONS, BAPTISMS, NEW MEMBERS

These three experiences are the reporting of 'making Christ-like disciples. Pastors are now giving reports monthly, keeping us updated as to how God is using the church to build his kingdom. Here are the #'s for Oct.

- Conversions: 22
- Baptisms: 23
- New Members: 9
- 44 of 82 churches reporting

TEEN QUIZZING SCHEDULE



December 4 - St. Louis Top Ten Quiz
January 15 - District Quiz at Belleville Emmanuel

Any questions, contact Lizzy Hines, District Quiz Director, elizabeth111577@ymail.com, 217-714-7753



HIGHLIGHTS OF November 6 QUIZ

Top 3 Teams: 1st Place - Belleville Emmanuel B;
2nd - Belleville Emmanuel A; 3rd - Pittsfield.

Top 5 Individuals: James Weber, Jimmy Brunner, John Brunner, Mary McClain, & Henry Weber.

Those who qualified for the Top Ten Quiz in St. Louis. James Weber, Jimmy Brunner, Henry Weber, Mary McClain, John Brunner, Kolby McDonald, Lexie McClain, Kelsey McDonald, Alanna Bensyl, Pan Abla

PICTURE HIGHLIGHTS of 2021 NYI SPIRITUAL LIFE RETREAT



A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

"Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did."

- 1 John 2:6 (NIV)

Illinois District Calendar of Events

2021

December 4 - District Pastors' & Families' Christmas Gathering @ Effingham
Thelma Keller Convention Center

2022

January 8 - TEAM DAY NORTH @ Decatur First

January 22 - TEAM DAY SOUTH @ Salem Grace

February 5 - District Credentials & Ministerial Studies Board - Renewal of District License @ Roxana

February 19 - District Advisory Board Virtual Meeting

March 4-5 - District NYI Quiz Finals

April 30 - District Credentials & Ministerial Studies Board - Candidates for Ordination, First Time License

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

July 14-16 - District Gathering Celebration
Conventions & Assembly

July 18 - 22 - Kid's Camp at Passion Church (formerly Camp Warren)

September 16 - 18 - Lay Retreat @ Pinecrest Camp & Conference Center, Fredericktown, MO

September 30-October 2 - m&m Retreat @ Embassy Suite Conference Center, St. Charles, MO

November 11 - 13 (tentative) NYI Spiritual Life Retreat

2023

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

June 26-30 (tentative) Teen Camp @ Camp Table Rock

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

July 13 - 15 - District Gathering Celebration
Conventions & Assembly

July 17-21 (tentative) - Kid's Camp at Passion Church

September 15 - 17 - Lay Retreat @ Pinecrest Camp & Conference Center, Fredericktown, MO

November 10-12 (tentative) NYI Spiritual Life Retreat