

A WORD FROM TERRY & BECKY

Wind is a powerful force of nature. We cannot see it but we see it's results. Our hearts are saddened as we have viewed the destruction and loss of life by recent tornados and wind damage. Let's take a moment to pray for those who have suffered loss.



We do not see God but we see the results of Christ's presence in us. The way we love and care for one another will bring healing and encouragement into the lives of those around us. "They will know we are Christians by our love!"

Consider what others might say about our God by what they see in us.

Thank you to the District Advisory Board for their expression of love to Becky and I this Christmas.

We wish all of you a very, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! May 2022 be an awesome year of God's peace and presence in your life and world.

- Terry & Becky

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.



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 the next few days 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

Registration material will be sent out in the next few days!

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

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

- John 13:35 (NIV)



Just a note to keep you advised of the hard work many of your churches have done in the past is now paying off. IL District is sending approximately 600 crisis care kits to Kentucky (Mayfield and possibly Bowling Green.) Thank you for making this possible as we are the hands and feet of Jesus. As you think about ministry in the future, we need more Crisis Care Kits. Be watching for more details.

- Sandy Stickler, NMI President

CHURCHES SEARCHING FOR PASTORS

Flora, Mansfield Community, Griggsville, Shelbyville, Mattoon Homestead Church

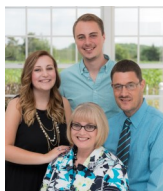
NEW GRANDDAUGHTER

Congratulations to Pastor Paul and Kyung Shin on the birth of their first grandbaby. Victoria was born November 10, 2021 in California.



WELCOME to Pastor Bud & Sandy Hance

Pastor Bud & Sandy have accepted the pastorate at Mattoon Eastside Church of the Nazarene. After pastoring in Kentucky since 2018, they will be returning to the district the end of the month.



SAYING GOODBYE

Rev. Michael & April Perkins have announced their resignation from Mattoon Homestead Church. They will be returning to Kentucky and Michael will be entering into full-time evangelism. Their final Sunday is January 23, 2022.

TEEN QUIZZING SCHEDULE



January 15 - District Quiz at Belleville Emmanuel

Congratulations to the Illinois District Quiz Team. They finished first in their division at the St. Louis Top Ten Quiz. The team was composed of Henry Weber, James Weber, John Brunner, and Jimmy Brunner.

NYI IS WORKING TO FINALIZE DISTRICT CLEBRATE LIFE

Jared is working with Pastor Rodney Durr and Pastor Jeremy Martin of Roxana to finalize details and facilities to schedule DCL '22.

RESPONSE TO KENTUCKY TORNADO

Pastors Brian Trambley and Randy Wright have already delivered a load of supplies to Mayfield, Kentucky from Anna First and New Beginnings. Several other churches are collecting and making arrangements to participate in plans to assist in the tornado recovery effort. If you would like to donate cash, here is a [LINK!](#)

REPORT OF CONVERSIONS, BAPTISMS, & NEW MEMBERS ACROSS THE DISTRICT

46 of 82 churches reporting, we have 4 conversions, 4 baptisms and 4 new Nazarenes in the month of November. We celebrate with churches reporting new life!

Pastors, make sure you have someone making your monthly report. You can access the reporting page by clicking on this [LINK](#).

A WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

“The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Immanuel which means “God with us”.

- Matthew 1:23 (NIV)

Illinois District Calendar of Events

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 23 - District Children's Quiz @ Salem Grace, 10:00 am

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

June 3-4 - Regional Children's Quiz @ Olivet

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

July 14-16 - District Gathering Celebration
Conventions & Assembly

July 18 - 22 - Kid's Camp @ Passion Church Campus (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, Eagle Crest Camp

December 3 - District Pastors & Families Christmas Gathering, Effingham

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 @ Passion Church Campus

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

November 10-12 (tentative) NYI Spiritual Life Retreat, Eagle Crest Camp

December 2 - District Pastors & Families Christmas Gathering, Effingham