

## A WORD FROM TERRY & BECKY .....

*Spring has sprung! With spring we find storms. The weatherman says be prepared. In Oklahoma, a severe storm can monopolizes your mine, your time and even your TV. Oklahoma weathermen are consumed with spring storms. When the experts determine that everything is just right for a spring tornado, it is all you hear to the point that you are consumed and might miss the opportunities of the day. This caused me to think about the Second Coming of Christ. Some folks become so consumed with the second coming that I fear they might miss the opportunities that Jesus has for them. Now don't think that I am discrediting Christ's return. His return will happen and our task is to be obedient to all that God asks of us. But He also says that I have come that you might have life and have it more abundantly. I challenge each of us to live every day with the promise and hope that He will return and while we are waiting and getting prepared, live out our faith abundantly on the journey of grace.*



- Terry & Becky

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July 14 - 16, 2022

Decatur First Church of the Nazarene

Thursday, Celebration Worship Service - 7:00 pm  
 Friday, NDI Convention - 8:30 am  
 Friday, NMI Convention - 11:00 am  
 Friday, NYI Convention - 1:45 pm  
 Friday, Ordination - 7:00 pm  
 Saturday, Assembly - 8:30 am

Lunch will be available at the church on July 15-16 for \$11/individual/day. Reservations will need to be made. Directions will be provided in the May edition of the eLetter.

## YEAR END REPORTS

The church year ends April 30, 2022.

Your Annual Meetings should be held between April 17 - May 1.

Reports are due May 9! **DEADLINE is MAY 16.**

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**Pastors, please send new and updated pictures of you and your church facility.**

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## PRAY FOR CHURCHES SEARCHING FOR PASTORS

The following churches are in search of their next pastor: Casey, Mattoon Homestead, Decatur First, Pittsfield.

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## HALF-MILLION MOBILIZATION OF PRAYER

May 1 - June 5



HALF-MILLION MOBILIZATION

Here is a [LINK](#) to watch to give you more information. If the link does not work, you can always copy this address into your browser: [https://](https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1821745854684842)

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The mobile app is now available for iPhone and Android devices. The first entry will be posted on May 1. Below are ways for you to use the *Praying Our Way to Pentecost Prayer Journal* on your phone or tablet.

1. Download the mobile app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store.
  - a. Search for "Half-Million Mobilization" on Apple App Store or Google Play Store.
  - b. Set notifications in the app so you get a daily notification for each devotional.
2. Create a login so you can save notes from your time in prayer

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

- John 13:35 (NIV)



**SDMI is CHANGING!**

The General Board of the Church of the Nazarene has approved and implemented the change immediately. It is now called Nazarene Discipleship International and will use the acronym NDI. You will elect an NDI President to lead and chair the discipleship council.

Another important change is on the name and focus of what used to be called the Responsibility List. It is now called the Accountability Care List, ACL. It calls us to ask the question, how are we providing CARE for those to whom we are held accountable?

Check out the changes at the new NDI website: <https://nazarene.org/ndi>

The District NDI Convention is Friday, July 15, 8:30 - 10:45 am. Rev. Joe Hall, is the guest speaker. Joe has served on staff at a compassionate ministry center, a counselor, and most recently answering God's call to serve as a missionary. There will also be the election of 7 delegates to General NDI Convention in June 2023.

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Pastors make sure you have someone making your monthly report. You can access the reporting page by clicking on this <https://illinoisnaz.org/statistical-reporting/> or copying the address into your browser.

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If you know of a minister that is available for pulpit supply, please contact the district office to let us know.

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Please note: Our new district treasurer is Laura Mondy. Her email address is [dist.treas@illinoisnaz.org](mailto:dist.treas@illinoisnaz.org). If you mail your check, beginning May 1, send to Laura Mondy, 1206th W. 4th St., Centralia, IL 62801.



**REGIONAL CELEBRATE LIFE  
MAY 12 - 14, 2022**

**Olivet Nazarene University**

The deadline is April 15, but we can still possibly get you added if you did not get your form in. Call NYI President Jared Bouton at 217-918-0891.

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**YOUTH CAMP**

**June 27 - July 1, 2022**

Camp Speaker: Brett Armstrong

Cost:

Early Bird Reg. is \$365 - deadline is 5/20

Standard Reg. is \$425 - deadline is 6/6

Adult Sponsors cost \$275

Transportation if used is \$60/person

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**NYI CONVENTION**

July 15, 2022

1:45 - 4:00 pm

Speaker: Rev. Dylan Robinson

We will be electing a new District NYI President, District NYI Council and 3 delegates to General NYI Convention.



**NAZARENE  
MISSIONS  
INTERNATIONAL**

General NMI Convention - June 9-12, 2023. We will be electing 6 Illinois delegates at District NMI Convention on July 15, 2022. Our speakers are Joe & Amy Hall, Directors of Missionary Care for the Church of the Nazarene.

Remember to pray for The Western Mediterranean Field. The Illinois District is partnering with Field Strategy Coordinator, Missionary Bruce McKellips to work together with the Western Mediterranean Field. Because of your faithfulness to the Illinois District Budget, we are able to give \$2,500 a year for them to help develop ministry in Italy, Portugal, France, Spain and the Azores.

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We want to express our GRATITUDE and APPRECIATION for Carolyn Peters who has served as our District Treasurer these past several years. She has been an INCREDIBLE BLESSING!



## Illinois District Calendar of Events

### 2022

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

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

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

June 16-18 - National Hispanic Conference @Southern Nazarene University

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

July 7-10 - National Black Nazarene Conference @ Hilton Tampa Downtown Hotel

July 14-16 - District Gathering Celebration, Conventions & Assembly @ Decatur First

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

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

September 29 - October 1 - SPARK Children's Workers' Retreat @ Pinecrest Camp & Conference Center

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 Pastor's & 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

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