

A WORD FROM TERRY & BECKY

Webster defines 'whirlwind' as a column of air moving rapidly around and around in a cylindrical or funnel shape. We often refer to life as a 'whirlwind' when life is so crazy and everything goes unexpectedly. There is no other way to describe our life these last 15 days for us. We all know that physical life on earth will end but we are thrilled to know that our soul lives on forever. Our hope and joy for us as we laid to rest, Becky's Dad, was of his faith and Jesus' promise that He has prepared a place for us that will be our home forever.



Our mission as a follower is to 'seek and save' the lost. As I listen and watch the church across the USA and even across our district, I get the sense that we have developed the idea that our mission is to preserve the church. We want people to think, act, talk and dress like us. That should not be the mission of the church. But it seems to have become the priority of many congregations. We want the music we like, and the kind of sermons that meet our needs, but instead we must be following the leadership of our pastors to find ways to reach the lost. We must be authentic followers of Christ and invite others to join us in the journey.



Thank you so very much for your prayers and many words of encouragement to us these past 2 weeks. The floral arrangement that was sent for the service was beautiful and much appreciated.

- Terry & Becky

EASTER CELEBRATION

61 of our 82 Churches have reported their Easter attendance. 22 reached or exceeded their goal. The report of the 61 churches tells us that 4,628 were in house on Easter morning to celebrate Resurrection.

YEAR END REPORTS

The church year ended April 30, 2022.

The DEADLINE for all REPORTS is TOMORROW, MAY 16.

Pastors, please send new and updated pictures of you and your church facility to dist.sec@illinoisnaz.org.

HALF-MILLION MOBILIZATION OF PRAYER



HALF-MILLION MOBILIZATION

Continue to pray and seek God's direction for the Church of the Nazarene as we join with a half-million Nazarenes in USA/Canada. You can still join on the daily journal by clicking on this [LINK](#).



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. Here is the link to make your registration: [CLICK HERE](#) or paste this address into your browser: <https://www.egsnetwork.com/events/?eventid=86C646E2A3D2482>

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

- John 13:35 (NIV)



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.

**KID'S CAMP
July 18 - 22, 2022**

Camp Speaker: Brian Leach



[CLICK HERE](#) to go to the camp information or go to the district web site at www.illinoisnaz.org/nyi-sdmi-nmi-forms-2/

Questions? Contact Camp Director, Beau Cotton at 501-288-3032

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.

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

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



**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

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.



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

NMI President's Report is available online at <https://illinoisnaz.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/2022-Local-NMI-President-Report-Eng-Fillable.pdf>

Print and then email to President Sandy Stickler at hummingbird661@gmail.com.

**PRAY FOR CHURCHES SEARCHING
FOR PASTORS**

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

Illinois District Calendar of Events

2022

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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