

A WORD FROM TERRY & BECKY

August is considered the 'Back to School' month. Students, teachers, administrators, custodians, support staff, bus drivers and others all begin a NEW YEAR. It was always exciting to start a NEW year for me. I loved experiencing things new - new room, new friends, new teachers, new clothes, new textbooks (many times the books were used but they had some underlines or notes that might be helpful.)



Not everyone enjoyed the new. Some students dreaded change, they were comfortable with what they knew, how it was and what to expect. Change was difficult for them! We had one of those students in our household. It always made the new year difficult. Sometimes there would be tears and upset stomachs. That part of the new year was not fun.

Jesus is all about the NEW. He makes us a new creation. His mercies are new each day!

Many times, we the church, get uncomfortable with NEW! We like what we know, what we are used to, what has worked before. That mindset will work for awhile! But somewhere along the way the OLD gets worn out! It is used up! And we need to find NEW ways to proclaim the SAME message. (We often say that it is the OLD message, but it is really not OLD, it is the SAME! It is the truth! God will continue to work in our lives, in our world but it will be with NEW methods to reach the NEW culture but the SAME message will create NEW life, changed lives that will bring a hope and a future. RESTORING, REBUILDING, REPAIRING brings NEW!

We are looking forward to this fall, with NEW EVENTS! Lay Retreat, SPARK, m&m Retreat, and Men of Purpose Conference are all events that are planned to help each of us experience NEW life. Hope you will join us!

- Terry & Becky

NEWS FROM ACROSS THE DISTRICT



Rev. Beth Moore has been appointed pastor at Jacksonville Grace Place. She has been serving on the pastoral staff at Resurrection Community in Kankakee, IL for the past 7 years. She began her new assignment on August 14, 2022.

The Centralia Church has added Rev. Amy Horsley to their pastoral staff starting, August 1, 2022.



Joining the pastoral staff at Mattoon Homestead is Rev. Andy Hensley to their pastoral staff starting, August 1, 2022.



NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL



Dan Reinhart was elected by the NDI Council to serve as the new NDI president. He and Janet are active members of the Belleville First Church of the Nazarene. Here is a brief bio introducing him as a part of our district leadership team. As a layman Dan worked in IT, including 4 years in the US Marine Corps, from the late 60s until his early retirement in 2003. With his best friend, co-worker and supportive wife, Janet, they call Columbia, Illinois home. Dan has served on local church boards for much of his adult life including board secretary at Springfield 1st in part of the 1980s.

Dan has been involved in the NYI Bible Quiz Ministry since the early 1970s serving as a local coach, and District BQ director on both Illinois and Missouri districts. He was the Olivet Regional BQ director in the early 1990s and has been serving as the Global NYI BQ ministry trainer since 2005. He and Janet have been Mission Corps volunteers since 2006, serving in most of the global regions offices and several fields. Since 2013 he has also been involved in the work of the Global Mission IT team supporting missionaries around the world. Recently, they have been asked to participate, as volunteers, in the training and ongoing support of some new missionary finance tools that are about to be introduced.

Today's Testimony - We have been blessed in God's retirement planning for us with a variety of rich experiences. He has revealed in us an appreciation for the cultural diversity in His work around the world. The result is a growing passion to help our local congregations recognize the truly global family we are a part of.

Our life verse in God's retirement... *God's Spirit beckons. There are things to do and places to go! This resurrection life you received from God is not a timid, grave-tending life. It's adventurously expectant, greeting God with a childlike "What's next, Papa?"*

- Romans 8:14-15 MSG

For NMI News and Resources, subscribe to NMI Central. A weekly newsletter containing news and stories regarding missionary work around the world.

Sign up at <https://nazarene.org/nmi-central>.



NAZARENE DISCIPLESHIP INTERNATIONAL

District NDI Council virtual meeting, Tuesday, August 16 @ 7:00 pm

LAY RETREAT

It is NOT TOO LATE to get signed up for the District Lay Retreat! The Retreat is held at Pinecrest Camp & Conference Center in Fredericktown, MO. The deadline for registration is September 8, 2022



This training session has been developed to encourage and resource your local children's workers. It is a great investment in your volunteers! Every church should be planning to send at least 2 of your workers to this event. It starts on a Thursday evening and ends Saturday.



Illinois District Church of the Nazarene Discipleship International

Men of Purpose Conference
Challenging Men to be better husbands, fathers, leaders and followers of Christ.

Saturday, October 15 @ Decatur First

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

TEAM DAY NORTH - January 7 @ Decatur First
TEAM DAY SOUTH - January 28 @ Salem Grace

Minister's m&m Retreat

Churches, invest in your Pastor by sending them to the m&m retreat, September 30 - October 1, 2022. The event will be held at Embassy Suites Conference Center in St. Charles, MO. Dr. David Busic, general superintendent will be our guest speaker.

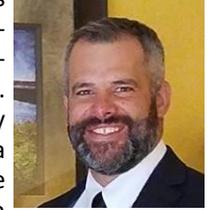


If will be very helpful if your register by August 25 for planning with the conference center. Changes can be made until September 23, 2022.



Meet the New NYI President

Rev. Ben Alexander was elected to serve as the NYI President at the District NYI Convention on June 15, 2022. Ben is currently serving as the Senior Pastor at Springfield First. He has been in this assignment since January 2021. His first ministry experience was a youth pastor in a part time position at the Tulare Wayside Church of the Nazarene on the Central California district. He then began a full-time assignment for 7 years as the Youth Pastor at West Chester, Ohio. In 2016, he and his family moved to Decatur, IL to serve as the Youth Pastor at Decatur First. In 2019, he transitioned to the Executive Pastor at D1 and then began his tenure at Springfield First in 2021. Ben is married to Michelle and they have 2 children, Jackson and Natalie.



We look forward to Pastor Ben's leadership and continued strong leadership across the Illinois District.

District NYI Council virtual meeting, August 25 @ 7:00 pm

NYC '23 July 3 - 9

Tampa Bay, Florida



The Informational Packet has been emailed to your Pastor. The packet contains the information needed to start the registration process. The registration deadline is December 1, 2022 but you are encouraged to start the signup process immediately with the deposit due on September 1 to spread out your payments. Email Jared Bouton at jared.bouton@gmail.com for or nyi@illinoisnaz.org for questions

PRAY FOR CHURCHES SEARCHING FOR PASTORS

The following churches are in search or will soon be in search for their next pastor: Casey, Pittsfield, Beardstown Libertadad Iglesia del Nazareno, Carbondale Nuevos Comienzos, Fairfield Fountain of Life & Royalton.

Please note: Our new district treasurer is Laura Mondy. Her email address is dist.tres@illinoisnaz.org. If you mail your check, send to:

Laura Mondy
1206 W. 4th St.
Centralia, IL 62801.

Illinois District Calendar of Events

2022

September 10 - District Teen Quiz, Decatur West Side

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

October 8 - District Teen Quiz, Belleville Emmanuel

October 15 - District Men's Day - North @ Decatur First

November 5 - District Teen Quiz @ TBD

November 11 - 13 NYI Spiritual Life Retreat, Eagle Crest Camp

December 2 - 3 - St. Louis Teen Quiz

December 3 - District Pastor's & Family's Christmas Gathering, Effingham

2023

January 7 - Team Day North @ Decatur First

January 14 - District Teen Quiz @ Decatur First

January 28 - Team Day South @ Salem Grace

February 4 - BOM Interviews @ Roxana First

February 11 - District Teen Quiz @ Marion First

March 10-11 - District NYI Celebrate Life

March 17-18 - District Teen Quiz Finals @ Champaign First

March 25 - District Women's Day

April 15 - District Children's Quiz @ Springfield First

April 22 - District Men's Day - South @ Salem Grace

April 29 - BOM Interviews @ Mattoon East Side

May 11-13 - Regional Celebrate Life

June 9 - 16 - Dates for General Conventions & General Assembly in Indianapolis

June 26-30 - Teen Camp @ Camp Table Rock

July 3 - 9 - Nazarene Youth Conference in Tampa Bay, Florida

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

July 17-21 - Kid's Camp @ Passion Church Campus

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

September 29-October 1 - m&m Retreat, St. Charles

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

December 2 - District Pastor's & Family's Christmas Gathering, Effingham

LAY RETREAT

September 16-18, 2022

Pinecrest Camp & Conference Center

1252 HWY C.

Fredericktown, MO

www.pinecrestcamp.org



FOR ALL ADULTS - SINGLE OR MARRIED, 18 YEARS OR OLDER. NO CHILDREN OR TEENS EXCEPT FOR BABIES THAT ARE NURSING.

ANNUAL LIVE AUCTION - TO RAISE FUNDS TO ASSIST WITH PASTORAL NEEDS ON THE DISTRICT. BRING HOME-MADE GOODIES, FUN ITEMS, HOME-GROWN PRODUCE AND OTHER DESIRED ITEMS IN GOOD CONDITION.

SPEAKER: DR. KIM SMITH

The campground has both private and group settings for housing. There is a difference in cost!

Private Housing & 6 meals: \$170/person

Group Housing & 6 meals: \$157/person

BRING YOUR OWN BEDDING!

PAYMENTS WILL BE MADE ON-LINE

\$10 for a special edition Lay Retreat t-shirt add \$2 for sizes XXL-3XL)

Additional \$15/person discount for FIRST-TIME ATTENDERS!

Use Code FIRST2022

REGISTRATION LINK IS [HERE](#) or scan the QR code

For questions reach out to Kathy Williams@kdhallwilliams6@gmail.com

or Steven Kramer @ kramer_construction@yahoo.com



SPARK

**A RETREAT FOR LOCAL
CHILDRENS LEADERS**

September 28 - October 1, 2022

**Pinecrest Camp
Fredericktown, MO**



Equip to Engage is called to serve children's leaders through quality, affordable, local leadership development. This is accomplished with retreats, week-end events and specialized programs.

What makes Equip to Engage unique? We concentrate on equipping, encouraging and connecting local children's leaders and local churches. We understand many children's leaders are lay people and are unable to attend national conferences. Equip to Engage collaborates with local and district leaders as it seeks to make gatherings and resources as cost effective as possible for children's leaders.

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Trey and Candice Brooks are co-founders of Equip to Engage. They travel the US and Canada with the purpose of equipping, encouraging and connecting children's leaders. Their desire is to connect local churches with one another to be more effective in reaching children and their families.



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TO

REGISTER

COST:

Dorm Lodging (shared bathroom) \$125/person
Double Occupancy (private bathroom) \$140/person
Single Occupancy (private bathroom) \$160/person

6 meals, 2 nights lodging





Ministry Leaders m&m Retreat Embassy Suites St. Charles, MO

Our annual Ministry Team Leaders m&m Retreat is scheduled for September 30 - October 2, 2022. Registration is scheduled to begin at 3:00 p.m. and supper will be served at 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$410/couple; \$355/individual. Includes: 2 nights lodging and breakfast (Sat. & Sun.) and supper on Friday and Lunch on Saturday. Saturday evening meal will be on your own.

Register online by **AUGUST 25, 2022**. You can use this [LINK](#) or the QR Code

Do not allow the cost to keep you from attending.

There are scholarships available.

Contact Terry Armstrong to talk about scholarships.





**Illinois District Church of the Nazarene
Discipleship International**

Men of Purpose Conference

*Challenging Men to be better husbands,
fathers, leaders and followers of Christ.*

Saturday, October 15, 2022

First Church of the Nazarene

1177 W. Hickory Point Rd.

Decatur, IL



Rev. Tim Crump will be our special guest speaker for the day. Tim is no stranger to many of us, having pastored for several years at D1NAZ.

Since July of 2016, Tim has been serving as the District Superintendent of the Southwest Indiana District Church of the Nazarene. Tim and his wife Cindy live in Bedford, IN.

We will be strengthened and encouraged in our walk with Christ, through Tim's ministry to us..

- Pastor Russ Burch, from Taylorville, will be our worship leader for the day!**

Schedule of Events:

9:15 am – Check in and Networking (coffee and donuts)

9:45am - Session One

11:45am - Lunch (included with registration)

12:35pm - Session Two

2:00 pm - Closing

Cost \$16:00 Per person!

**Registration can be found on the Illinois District Web-site
Deadline to register is Sunday, October 9th**

**For additional information call or text
Russell Brewer -618-604-0634**