

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

Advent begins the Christian calendar for the new year. January begins a new year on the Gregorian calendar. Whichever calendar you consider, the focus is on NEW! New comes around every year and we seem to embrace it. What about NEW in the church? It seems as if we are not quite as quick to embrace and accept something new.

But NEW is a way of life for Jesus. He is all about creating NEW life. Putting to death the old and making us a NEW creature in Christ. Jesus did something new, by calling 'Levi', a tax collector to follow Him. Levi was not the pick of the Pharisees and teachers of the Law. They did not believe he deserved to be a follower but Jesus saw and always sees the potential in every individual. Every person, regardless of their past, their lifestyles, their race, their nationality is one of God's creations. We must love everyone in the same way Jesus loved them. Let's be open to whatever NEW Jesus presents to us to reach ALL of his creations.



..... Grace & Peace  
Your District Servants  
Terry & Becky

## PULPIT SUPPLY POSSIBILITIES

- ◆ Rev. Jim Blue lives in Georgetown, IL 217-497-2461.
- ◆ Rev. Lutz Braunig lives in Mahomet, IL 217-369-0365.
- ◆ Dr. Bill Chenault lives in Marion, IL. 618-751-0213.
- ◆ Rev. Jon Garlock lives in Georgetown, IL 217-621-6199.
- ◆ Rev. Luisa Mendoza lives in Belleville, IL. 618-402-0686.
- ◆ Rev. Riley Powell lives in Springfield, IL. 740-360-6821.
- ◆ Rev. Kim Smith lives in Jackson, MO 931-561-0033.
- ◆ Rev. Ed Sprinkle lives in Mt. Vernon, IL. 618-237-1421.
- ◆ Rev. Dan Taylor lives in Decatur, IL. 217-454-1970.
- ◆ Rev. Bob Turner lives in Shelbyville, IL 217-825-4054.
- ◆ Jake Dotson lives in Marion, IL 618-694-5761.
- ◆ If you know others who are available, please contact the office



**NAZARENE**  
**MISSIONS**  
**INTERNATIONAL**

### WORK & WITNESS Opportunity

Join D1NAZ as they return to Waverly, Tennessee to assist the town in flood relief. The team has 2 available hotel rooms and would love to have you join us. The dates are March 13-18. If you have questions or want to commit to going, please contact Brenda McClure at 217-454-7456(call or text) or email her at [Kdzmom2@yahoo.com](mailto:Kdzmom2@yahoo.com)

The NMI council is actively working to gather, coordinate, and activate details on possible service projects across our district. Information, needs and volunteers are needed. A survey will soon be distributed to aid in this effort. Local leaders please help by responding as soon as possible.

Winter is a perfect time to be assembling Crisis Care Kits. Plans are being made to gather CCKs and SPPs during the Spring Missions Rallies.

### Coming Missions events

February 26 - March 4 Global Prayer week

March 15 - March 28 Spring Zone Mission Tour with Shahade Twal, Missionary to Eurasia Region. Details will be emailed and posted on Facebook and [Illinoisnaz.org](http://Illinoisnaz.org) as soon as they are available(about Feb. 1).

**DID YOU KNOW** that your Frequently Asked Questions are now on the district website AND there is a new NMI Facebook page to follow for the latest updates around the district and world...

NMI FAQ how to find it instructions. Use this link or the QR code below: <https://illinoisnaz.org/nmi-faq-instructions/>



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<https://www.facebook.com/ILLMissions>



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NAZARENE DISCIPLESHIP INTERNATIONAL

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**TEAM DAY SOUTH** - January 28 @ Salem Grace  
Keynote Speaker - Steve Greene  
**SEE POSTER on PAGE 4**

**WOMEN, SAVE THE DATE**

March 25, District Women's Day @ Pana First  
Cost: \$15, Registration by March 17 by calling Phyllis German @ 217-412-2908  
**SEE POSTER on PAGE 6**

Check out Facebook: [IL DIST NAZ WWLJ](#)

**DISTRICT KIDS QUIZ FINALS**

April 15 @ Springfield First

**MEN, SAVE THE DATE**

April 22, Spring Men's Day  
@ Salem Grace with Speaker Kevin Donoho  
**BE WATCHING FOR DETAILS**

- Randy Wright, NDI President

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**NYC 23** – July 3-9, 2023 in Tampa, Florida. Pray for the 98 attendees who are going from the Illinois District – that they will have a great time and an even greater experience with Jesus!

**District Celebrate Life** – March 10-11, 2023 – information being prepared and going out soon!

**Bible Quizzing** continues through the book of Acts! The gospel is spreading, the church is growing, and leaders are rising up – all through the movement of the Holy Spirit accompanied by prayer. Remaining Quizzes: February 11 at Marion and District Finals March 17-18 at Champaign First. GET INTO GOD'S WORD! Contact Lizzy Hines, 217-714-7753 or [elizabeth111577@gmail.com](mailto:elizabeth111577@gmail.com).

**General Conventions and Assembly** – June 9-16 at Indianapolis, IN

**Summer Camp** – June 26-30 at Camp Table Rock. Speaker is Antonio "Tone" Marshall – ONU Chaplain.

**District Conventions and Assembly** – July 20-22 at Decatur First. NYI Convention will be Thursday night – July 20! Please pray for our leadership as we plan, and for our nominating committee as they work to keep advancing us.

See the **Illinois District NYI Facebook** page – for updates and information, as well as your email inbox.

Pastor Ben Alexander  
Illinois District NYI President

**NEWS ACROSS THE DISTRICT**

CONGRATULATIONS to Pastor Mike and Janet Taylor on the birth of a new grand-daughter. Sylvie Kay Coble was born 1/11/2023 at 2:59 pm weighing 8 lbs, 12 oz and measuring 20.5 inches long.



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Pittsfield Church of the Nazarene has a new pastor. On Sunday, January 8, the congregation elected pastor Tim Cole with a 98.6% yes vote. Pastor Cole's first Sunday will be February 26, 2023. Tim & Janette Cole are currently pastoring in Henryetta, OK. They have two children - Ellianna, still lives at home and is in the 8th grade; Chip is a young adult.

Churches looking for Pastors - Nuevos Comienzos, Effingham Hispanic, Beardstown Libertad, Decatur Oak Grove. Join with us as we continue to pray for God's leadership for these churches.

**RENEWAL of District Minister's License** will take place on February 4 at Roxana. The interviews will be by appointment and will take place at the Roxana Church of the Nazarene. District Secretary, Rodney Durr will be contacting every individual who turns in an application to give an appointment. Applications are due to [dist.sec@illinoisnaz.org](mailto:dist.sec@illinoisnaz.org) by January 20. This interview is a requirement. If you have questions, contact Pastor Rodney at the above email.

**LOCAL MINISTER'S LICENSE** - If your local church has given a local minister's license, they need to register with the Global Ministry Center. Check out this link: <http://illinoisnaz.org/ministerial-studies-program-student-enrollment/> and look at instruction #4 to start the process.

**ORDINATION & FIRST TIME DISTRICT LICENSE MINISTER INTERVIEWS.** The date for these interviews will be April 4. The location of these interviews will be at Mattoon East Side Church of the Nazarene. More information will be coming.

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Keep sharing the Good News!

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

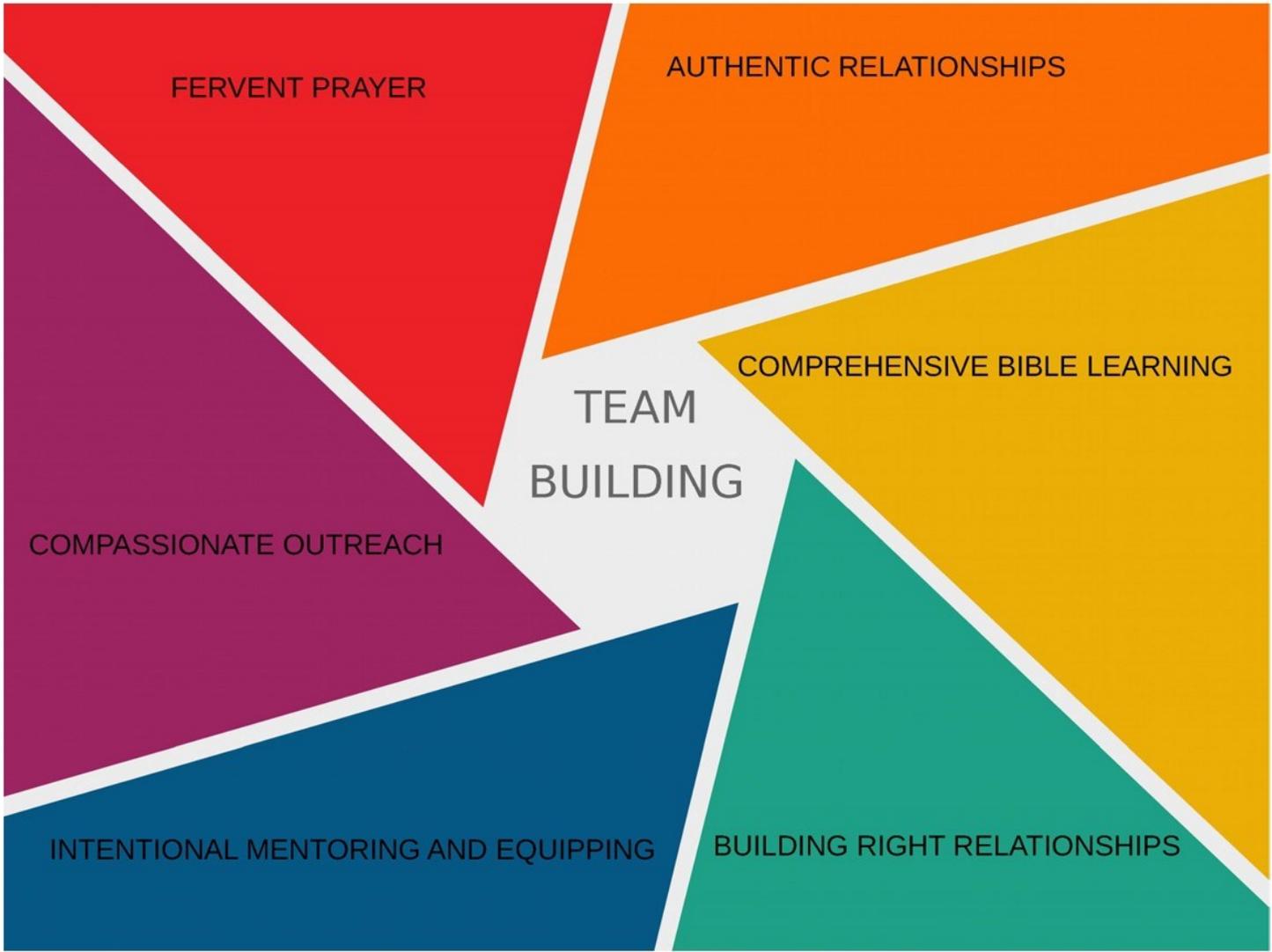
## Illinois District Calendar of Events

### 2023

- January 20 - Deadline for Applications for District Minister's License  
January 28 - Team Day South @ Salem Grace  
February 4 - BOM Interviews @ Roxana First  
February 11 - District Teen Quiz @ Marion First  
February 21-23 - Young Clergy Conference @ Melbourne, FL  
March 6-9 - Exponential Evangelism Conference @ Orlando, FL  
March 9 - District Assembly Prep Session @ Champaign First, 6 pm  
March 10-11 - District NYI Celebrate Life  
March 11 - District Assembly Prep Session @ Roxana, 10 am  
March 14-16 - Pastor's Spring Training @ Pinecrest, Fredericktown, MO with Jay Height  
March 15 - District Assembly Prep Session @ Pinecrest Camp  
March 17-18 - True North Retreat @ Salem Grace  
March 17-18 - District Teen Quiz Finals @ Champaign First  
March 16 - April 1 - Spring Zone Mission Tour with Shahade Twal, Missionary to Eurasia Region  
March 21 - District Assembly Prep Session - OnLine  
March 25 - District Women's Day @ Pana First  
April 14 - Deadline for first-time applications for District Minister's Licenses  
April 15 - District Children's Quiz @ Springfield First  
April 22 - District Men of Purpose Conference - South @ Salem Grace, with Kevin Donoho  
April 29 - BOM Interviews @ Mattoon East Side  
May 11-13 - Field Celebrate Life  
**May 16 - ANNUAL PASTOR'S REPORTS DUE**  
June 9-16 - General Conventions & General Assembly in Indianapolis  
June 26-30 - Teen Camp @ Camp Table Rock - Speaker: Atonio "Tone" Marshall, ONU Chaplain  
July 3-9 - Nazarene Youth Conference in Tampa Bay, Florida  
July 10-14 - Kid's Camp @ Passion Church Campus (Please note the change of date)  
July 20-22 - District Gathering Celebration, Conventions & Assembly  
Thursday, 7:00 pm - NYI Convention  
Friday, 8:30 am - NDI Convention  
Friday, 1:00 pm - NMI Convention  
Friday, 7:00 pm - District Assembly & Ordination Service  
Saturday, 8:30 am District Assembly  
September 15 - 17 - Lay Retreat @ Pinecrest Camp & Conference Center, Fredericktown, MO  
September 22 - 24 - m&m Retreat, St. Charles (Please note the change of date), Dr. Jim Cooper, Speaker  
December 2 - District Pastor's & Family's Christmas Gathering, Effingham

### 2024

- February 3, Interview for renewal of District Minister's License  
April 20, Interview of Ordination Candidates  
  
July 18-20, District Gathering Celebration, Conventions & Assembly  
September 13-15, Lay Retreat @ Pinecrest Camp & Conference Center  
September 27-29, m&m Retreat, New Harmony Retreat & Conference Center,  
New Harmony, Indiana, Dr. Carla Sunberg, Speaker



## January 28 - Salem Grace

Opening Session Starts at 9:00 am

- Praise & Worship
- Table Discussions
- Lunch - \$10/person  
RSVP on registration form
- Q & A
- Key Note Speaker



**Steve  
Greene**  
Salem  
Grace

To Register: Scan the QR code or copy and paste the link and the bottom of the page into your browser:

Or go to Facebook to the Illinois District Church of the Nazarene and follow the link on the TEAM BUILDING DAY post.



<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe7JIn6f9TUo9cBSOzYmAuPtA4bvDyVYu7B3GTU2J6XwFW5CA/viewform>

TRAINING & INSPIRATION FOR OUR PASTORS! ENCOURAGE THEM TO ATTEND!

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## MO/IL District Pastors' Advance



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**Where:** Pinecrest Camp & Conference  
Center

1252 State Hwy. C  
Fredericktown, MO 63052

**When:** March 14-16, 2023  
Tuesday 5:30pm - Thursday 12:00pm

**Cost:** \$50 - (if you send check by 3/7)

\$55 - (if you register on-line by 3/10)

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Includes 2 nights lodging  
and 5 meals

Housing Link: <https://forms.gle/1EU7WZ1h14FxsQ116>



**Guest Speaker:** Rev. Jay Height

Executive Director of Shepherd Community,  
Indianapolis, IN

An ordained minister with a journalism and philanthropy background, Jay has served at Shepherd since 1998. His longstanding connections with the community and vision for





## **Illinois District Ladies' Day**

**Saturday, March 25, 2023**

**Church of the Nazarene**

**1200 E. 6<sup>th</sup> St.**

**Pana, IL 62557**

**10:00 AM – 2:30 PM**



### **A Day of Joy**

Enjoy our dynamic, energetic,  
and humorous speaker,

**Mary Margaret Reed.**

There will be music led by

**Jennifer Wilkerson.**

The day includes skits, lunch,  
prizes, and more! You don't  
want to miss it. Join with  
other sisters in Christ and be  
encouraged!



**To register, contact Phyllis German at 217-412-2908**  
with your church's total number attending and sandwich  
preference:

\_\_\_\_\_turkey      \_\_\_\_\_ham      \_\_\_\_\_veggie

Money collected on the day of the event

\$15.00 per person (includes lunch)

No childcare provided

Please register by March 17.