

A WORD FROM TERRY & BECKY

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. John 10:27. In the book, The Shepherd's Christmas Story, the author says "Our sheep know our voices. They follow us. We do not drive them, but lead them to quiet streams and green pastures, as David sang in the Psalms." Cattle and horses are driven, not sheep, they are led. We are compared to sheep in scripture. We are led, not driven. God does not force Himself or His ways on us (although sometimes I sure wish He would). We get a choice to follow or not to follow.



He leads us to quiet streams and green pastures to be nourished and encouraged and rest and restore us. What great promises if we follow The Shepherd.

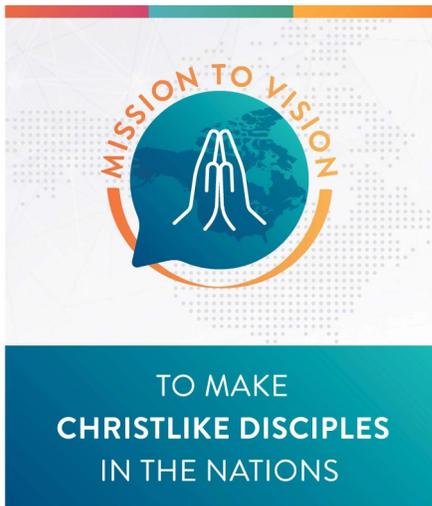
Questions to consider:

What are you doing to know the Shepherd's voice? To discern His voice from all others?

Are you following His voice?

May the promises of The Shepherd encourage and guide you as you serve Him.

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



NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL



Our missionary for the Spring Mission Tour will be Shahade Twal.

The Twal family serves in German and Eurasia. As a family, they strive to be Christ-like by living a life that reflects the inclusive love and grace of God in a practical way.

Shahade and Annabelle have three children: Yara, Miah and Lina. Shahade is originally from Jordan, and Annabelle is from Switzerland. We met in Germany while Shahade was studying at the EUNC. In 2009 we got married, and we served at the local Nazarene Church and EUNC while working at a local company.

After the birth of our second daughter, we felt God's call on our lives to serve as missionaries in Jerusalem. We served there for eight years. Shahade pastored the Local Church and was involved in outreach ministry, compassionate ministry, district, and leadership development. Annabelle served as the Worship Director, Children's ministry director, and we both helped coordinate the district finances. Together we started a ministry to the local Arab community teaching English and German as a second language while we renovated the church building and the pastor's apartment. Working with the global church and Work and Witness teams was a blessing over the years.

Currently, we serve as Global Missionaries at the Eurasia Regional Office in Germany. Shahade serves as project manager for different building projects in the region. Coming from different cultural backgrounds and our time as missionaries in Israel helps us with our work, giving us insights as we support the church's mission in the Eurasia Region.

- ◆ March 15 - Champaign Zone - Champaign First, 7:00 pm
- ◆ March 16 - Olivet Zone - Olivet, 7:00 pm
- ◆ March 19 - Mattoon Zone - Mattoon East Side, 6:00 pm
- ◆ March 20 - Decatur Zone - Lincoln Hope Chapel, 7:00 pm
- ◆ March 21 - Springfield Zone - Sherman, 6:30 pm
- ◆ March 22 - Illinois River Zone - Quincy Emmanuel, 7:00 pm
- ◆ March 26 - Metro Zone - Glenview, 6:00 pm
- ◆ March 27 - M&M Zone - Oasis Community, 7:00 pm
- ◆ March 28 - Olney Zone - Mount Erie, 7:00 pm

- Dan Reinhart, District NMI President



NAZARENE DISCIPLESHIP INTERNATIONAL

DISTRICT WOMEN'S DAY @ Pana First

March 25
Cost: \$15
Registration by March 17
by calling Phyllis German @ 217-412-2908
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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

CHILDREN'S CAMP

July 10 - 14, 2023

Early Bird Registration must be postmarked by May 31, cost is \$225/camper. Regular Registration deadline is June 30 and the cost is \$250/camper. Registration includes a camp t-shirt and snack shack. Every church must send a counselor for up to 8 students. There is a charge for counselors that the church is expected to pay. Poster is on page 13

- Pastor Randy Wright, District NDI President



There are 3 significant events coming up for the District NYI.

DISTRICT CELEBRATE LIFE is March 10-11 at Roxana Church of the Nazarene. The early bird registration is due by FEBRUARY 21. Cost is \$75/student. The registration deadline is MARCH 1 and it is \$85 after 2/21. Forms are included with the eLetter

REGIONAL CELEBRATE LIFE is May 11 - 13 on the campus of Olivet Nazarene University. Here is a link for more information: Celebrate Life (olivet.edu)

YOUTH CAMP is June 26 - 30 at Camp Table Rock. The cost for students is \$365 before 5/21 and \$425 until June 4. District provided transportation will be an additional \$60/person. The registration information is included in later pages of the eLetter or available on Facebook or district web site under https://illinoisnaz.org/nyi-sdmi-nmi-forms-2/. Under the tab NYI Camp Table Rock.

Pastor Ben Alexander, District NYI President

NEWS ACROSS THE DISTRICT



Rev. Mike & Janet Taylor have another new grandchild. This time it is a girl! Wrenna Yorke was born on January 26 at 2:03 am, weighing 7 lbs. 1 oz and 19 inches. She is the daughter of Jacob and Bethanie.

Rev. Mark Copley have announced their resignation from the Associate Pastor Role at Salem Grace Church of the Nazarene to become a full-time chaplain at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Mount Vernon, IL. Mark and Candy have been part of the Illinois District family since November 2002. They will continue to be members of the District and will be looking to find new ways to reach lost people in the Mount Vernon area.



Glenview Church of the Nazarene is hosting a Three C Weekend - Christ, Coaching His Chosen Followers. Friday - Sunday, February 24-26. Brian Arner is doing the music, Pastor Board will be doing the teaching, Michael Flowers is doing Children's Ministry and Amy Horsley is leading the Youth.

Annual Meetings need to be held between April 16 - May 1. Get them scheduled and plan your nominating committee meetings.

On Saturday, February 4, the District Board of Ministry (BOM) met to interview district licensed ministers. The Board of Ministry is composed of the Credentials Committee and the Studies Committee. There were 25 interviewed for the renewal of district license. The BOM will be recommending the renewal of these license to the District Assembly. This is an important process of the Church evaluation and affirming the call of God in the lives of these individuals.



Please note: Our district treasurer is Laura Mondy. Her email address is 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

- 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 - 28 - 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, 1:30 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

District Celebrate Life 2023

Phase 2: March 10-11, 2023
Roxana Church of the Nazarene

Participant Registration Form

Please print and complete all information below

NAME _____ AGE _____ GRADE _____

COMPLETE ADDRESS _____

HOME PHONE _____ YOUR CELL PHONE _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN CELL PHONE(S) _____

MAY WE TEXT YOU DURING DCL? Y / N GENDER: MALE / FEMALE

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

LOCAL CHURCH _____ YOUTH LEADER _____

T-SHIRT SIZE: _____ (ADULT SIZES - S / M / L / XL / 2X / 3X)

Important Information

Phase 2 District Cost is \$75 per student (individual churches may add additional expenses)

Registration forms and fees are due **February 21, 2023** without penalty. We will continue to accept forms and fees until March 1st, 2023, but a late fee of \$10 / student will apply. Registrations postmarked after March 1st will be returned to you and no participation will be allowed. Students who have not paid all applicable late fees will not be allowed to participate.

Checks should be made payable to: **"Illinois District NYI"**

Please send forms and fees to:

Jamie Toolen

Roxana Church of the Nazarene

500 N. Central Ave. Roxana, IL 62084

All fees are non-refundable

Waiver and participation Agreement

* This form must be completed prior to participation at celebrate Life *

Parental Permission and Waiver of Liability

I hereby give authority to the NYI President, the Celebrate Life Director and Illinois District sponsors attending Celebrate Life, to obtain minor medical attention or authorize medical treatment at any hospital in the event of a medical emergency. I also recognize the authority of all Illinois District NYI Sponsors, the Celebrate Life staff, and the facility staff as those who will supervise this event and uphold proper conduct. I further understand that my son/daughter could be sent home and that I could be responsible for their transportation home and any destruction of property. I agree not to hold the Illinois District Church of the Nazarene or any of its officers, workers, or volunteers responsible for any accident, injury, or theft. I also give my permission to photograph and/or video my child/children and use for promotional purposes including online and other forms of publishing.

My son / daughter, _____ has my permission to attend and
Please print student's name clearly
participate in District Celebrate Life.

Parent / guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent / Medical Information

Parent(s) Name: _____ Home _____ Cell: _____

Emergency contact: _____ Phone: _____
(In case parents can not be reached)

Relationship to student _____

Insurance Company: _____

Policy Number: _____

Known allergies / conditions: _____

Student Cooperation agreement

I am willing to cooperate with all Celebrate Life Staff, sponsors and workers. I agree to submit to their authority in all areas and at all times. I will follow the guidelines set up by the Illinois District NYI Council and the Celebrate Life committee. I am aware that failure to do so will result in disciplinary action.

Student signature: _____

Printed name: _____

Date: _____

ATHLETICS REGISTRATION

Team Sports: (Maximum of 2 entries for Phase 2: District Level)

(circle those that apply)

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Basketball	Men's / Women's	F/B/E – or – Church Name: _____*
Volleyball	Men's / Women's	F/B/E – or – Church Name: _____*
Dodgeball	Co-ed	Church Name – or – RD: _____*
Table Tennis Co-ed Doubles		Partner: _____

* Basketball and Volleyball Random Draw Players – indicate Front-court/front row (F) – back-court/back row (B) – or either (E), Dodgeball Players – indicate RD for Random Draw Team

Individual Sports:

Table Tennis Singles	Men's / Women's	High School / Middle School
Hot Shot	Men's / Women's	High School / Middle School
Free Throw	Men's / Women's	High School / Middle School
Chess	Men's / Women's	High School / Middle School

Try-out Only Sports:

Co-Ed Soccer		Tryouts will be held at 10:00 am at _____
Tennis	M / W	Tryouts will be held at Regional Celebrate Life in May
Bowling	M / W	You MUST bowl 3 games prior to DCL, then turn in score at DCL registration. There will be NO bowling at DCL. Score sheet must be signed by adult verifying score.
Golf	M / W	You MUST golf prior to DCL, then turn in scorecard at DCL registration. There will be NO golfing at DCL. Scorecard must be signed by adult verifying score.

5K, Tennis, Bowling, Golf, and HR Derby competition will happen at RCL only

TALENT REGISTRATION

Music Entries: (Maximum of 2 entries)

(circle those that apply)

(circle those that apply)

Vocal Music SOLO / DUET / TRIO / ENSEMBLE / CHOIR / RAP CD / TAPE / LIVE ACCOMPANIMENT

PARTNER(S) _____

SOLO / DUET / TRIO / ENSEMBLE / CHOIR / RAP CD / TAPE / LIVE ACCOMPANIMENT

PARTNER(S) _____

Instrumental SOLO / DUET / TRIO / ENSEMBLE / BAND

INSTRUMENT _____

PARTNER(S) _____

SOLO / DUET / TRIO / ENSEMBLE / BAND

INSTRUMENT _____

PARTNER(S) _____

Art Entries: (Maximum of 2 entries)

(circle those that apply)

ENTRY 1: PAINTING / DRAWING / SCULPTURE / CRAFT / STILL PHOTOGRAPHY / RCL T-SHIRT DESIGN

ENTRY 2: PAINTING / DRAWING / SCULPTURE / CRAFT / STILL PHOTOGRAPHY / RCL T-SHIRT DESIGN

Communication Entries: (Maximum of 2 entries)

(circle those that apply)

ENTRY 1: DRAMA / MIME / DANCE / PUPPETRY / CREATIVE WRITING / SPEECH / BIBLE EXPOSITION /

VIDEO EDITING **GROUP NAME / TITLE:** _____

ENTRY 2: DRAMA / MIME / PUPPETRY / CREATIVE WRITING / SPEECH / BIBLE EXPOSITION /

VIDEO EDITING **GROUP NAME / TITLE:** _____

OTHER: SCIENCE QUIZZING (CIRCLE IF PARTICIPATING)

* PLEASE BE AWARE THAT ALL COMMERCIALY PRODUCED ACCOMPANIMENT TAPES/CD'S MUST BE ORIGINAL – NO COPIES WILL BE PERMITTED. RECORDED ACCOMPANIMENT MUST NOT HAVE VOICES SINGING IN UNISON WITH THE SINGER(S). THE SINGER(S) WILL BE JUDGED BY THE WRITTEN MUSIC GIVEN TO THE JUDGES.

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. 6th 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.



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, April 22, 2023

SALEM GRACE CHURCH of the NAZARENE



Rev. Kevin Donoho is our Guest Speaker. Kevin is currently the Lead Pastor at College Church of the Nazarene in Olathe, Kansas. He pastored Salem Grace from 2006 to 2012. During his ministry here on this district, the church grew in Worship attendance from 212 to 438. Under his leadership, the church reported 94 conversions, 88 New Nazarenes. His love for God and people has energized his leadership to make Christ-like disciples.

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!

Deadline to register is Sunday, April 16

Registration information coming soon.

**For additional information call or text
Bob Turner at 217-774-4777 or Randy Wright at 618-534-7103**

ILLINOIS DISTRICT CAMP REGISTRATION INFORMATION 2023

DATES: JUNE 26-30, 2023



Camp Speaker
Antonio "Tone" Marshall
ONU Chaplain

HOW TO REGISTER YOUR GROUP

FOR THE YOUTH PASTOR/LEADER

1. Get a count of all the students and leaders that are coming to camp
2. Make a list that includes their first & last name, and the grade they just completed
3. Please include yourself in the registration if you're planning to attend
4. Once you have your list ready, go to camptablerock.com/illinois click through the information slides until you see the Registration slide
5. Select "group registration" and complete that form
6. If you missed a student or leader, have late additions, or have a substitute, feel free to contact Ashlynn Miller with all your changes at ashlynn.ctr@gmail.com or call (417)858-9222
7. Once you've submitted the form you will soon receive an automatic email notification confirming your submission
8. Now you and/or your group are ready to individually register!

Cost:

STUDENTS: \$365
BEFORE 5/21
\$425 BEFORE 6/4
LEADERS: \$285
TRANSPORTATION: \$60

Deadline:

JUNE 4, 2023

Where:

CAMP TABLE ROCK
2079 PENINSULA DRIVE
SHELL KNOB, MO 65747

Check In:

JUNE 26TH 3PM-5PM
CAMP ENDS JUNE 30TH
AT 10:30AM



HOW TO INDIVIDUALLY REGISTER

FOR THE YOUTH LEADERS & PARENTS/GUARDIANS

1. Go to camptablerock.com/illinois click through the information slides until you see the Registration slide
2. Select "Individual Registration"
3. Print off the entire form
4. If you are a parent/guardian please complete the registration form for each teen you are sending to camp
5. If you are an adult leader attending camp please complete the form for yourself
6. Once you've completed the paper form please return your form to the youth pastor/leader in charge of your group
7. Youth leaders: please send your students/leaders forms to Roxana Church of the Nazarene, Attn: Jamie Toolen/Teen Camp, with your payment (information below) to this mailing address: 500 N Central Ave, Roxana, IL 62084

PAYMENT INFORMATION

FOR THE YOUTH PASTOR/LEADER

1. Collect all \$50 deposits from each student and adult leader who is attending camp by May 28, 2023 - make sure all deposits are made payable to your local church
2. Send one church check made payable to "Illinois District Church of the Nazarene" to Jamie Toolen's mailing address mentioned previously
3. Deposit payments are non-refundable
4. Your church groups remaining balance is due on the deadline (June 4, 2023)
5. Last minute drops ("no shows") without any communication to the camp Office Manager and Jamie Toolen at least 7 days before camp, will result in no refund of any amount.
6. If you have a last minute drop you can substitute a new person to use their funds; however, communication about the substitution must be made with the camp office and the Jamie Toolen

PAYMENT METHODS:

WE ACCEPT CHECKS, CASH, AND MONEY ORDERS.

FAQ'S, DRESS CODE, & PACKING LIST:

CAMPTABLEROCK.COM/FAQ-PAGE



SAVE THE DATE!

**Illinois District Church of the Nazarene
Children's Camp**

July 10 - 14, 2023

Monday 10:00 AM - Friday, 12:30 PM



Early Registration - Application Postmarked by May 31, 2023

Cost: \$225/Camper

(Includes a camp t-shirt and snack shack)

Registration - Application Postmarked by June 30, 2023

(No registrations accepted after June 30)

Cost: \$250/Camper

(Includes a camp t-shirt and snack shack)

Application will be available on line at <https://illinoisnaz.org/nyi-sdmi-nmi-forms-2/>

Mail Application to:

Debbie Brewer

8201 Old St. Louis Road

Belleville, IL 62223