

eLETTER

April 2024 Terry L. Armstrong, District Superintendent Volume 5 Edition 4

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from Terry & Becky....

Give thanks to the LORD, call on his Name; make known among the nations what he has done. Sing to him, sing praise to him;



Tell of all his wonderful acts. Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice. Look to the LORD and his strength; seek his face always. Remember the wonders he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he pronounced. 1 Chronicles 16: 8-12



A psalm of thanks and reminder to continually praise God for what He has done, a challenge to seek His face always. Just seeing all the bright green popping up from the fields and little

green buds on brown bushes, hearing the birds sing, listening to the rain, makes me aware I can see and hear these things and I praise You, LORD! Hearing of the people rededicating their lives to Christ, accepting Him for the first time, and the baptisms, I say thank You, GOD!. I thank You for the changed lives, the healings that have taken place, the privilege of serving You along side these amazing people in Illinois.

And I am reminded *Nothing is impossible with God!*

- Luke 1:37



NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL

SPRING ZONE MISSION TOUR

There has be a strong turnout for the first four rallies. Hope to see you at one of the final three. Our Missionaries are Fernando and Liliana Al-

meida from EUNC and the Western Mediterranean Field. Services begin at 7:00 pm

<u>DAY</u> <u>DATE</u> <u>ZONE</u>

Monday April 15 Metro-Collinsville New Community

Tuesday April 16 Southern-Murphysboro
Thursday April 18 South Central-Salem Grace

"Are you getting your weekly mission's update/lesson material? Sign up at https://nazarene.org/nmi-central/

Learn more about your NMI - https://illinoisnaz.org/nmi-faqs/

PRAY FOR OUR TEAM TRAVELING IN JUNE TO BE INVOLVED IN NAZARENE MISSION TEAMS

COSTA RICA w/ Encuentro

June 29, 2024 - July 6, 2024

You can be a part of this team by praying for them as they travel and minister to those in Costa Rica. Their project will be to work at a Children's Center. They are hoping to take with them the following items to provide for the children and young people of these centers.

If you can help, contact Danaka Bulthuis.

- Dan Reinhart, NMI President

NEWS ACROSS THE DISTRICT

Pastors reporting their statistics from March shared that during the month their were 48 conversions, 27 baptisms and 30 new Nazarenes. Good things are happening across the district.

On Easter, with 74 of our 77 churches reporting, there were 5431 in attendance. That is 1,466 more than last year's average attendance or a 34% gain over that average. Keep up the great work of making Christ-like disciples.

Ron & Diane Waltrip will be completing over 18 years of ministry to the folks of Springfield Trinity. Their final Sunday will be April 28. Ron is focusing his work on evangelism. He is available for revivals, special services, and pulpit supply.

Wayne & Karen Clevenger have announced their resignation at Mattoon Homestead Church of the Nazarene. Wayne will be available for pulpit supply. They will continue to live in Farmer City.

Champaign Grace and Pastor David Hater are excited to announce that they will have a mortgage burning ceremony on Sunday, May 5.

Georgetown is having Spiritual Renewal Services with Rev. Rob McCorkle on April 28-30. The services on Sunday are at 10:30 am and 6:00 pm and 6:30 on Monday and Tuesday evening.

Be Intentional With Purpose Listening Attentively



NAZARENE DISCIPLESHIP INTERNATIONAL

DISTRICT CHILDREN'S QUIZ RESULTS

Congratulations to all children who studied the book of Matthew this year. YOU are all WINNERS! God's Word will provide wisdom and God's direction for you. Congratulations to **Hannah Dennis** from Mt. Erie who made a perfect score in the Red Level Quiz.

The quizzers who are representing the Illinois District at the Field Quiz at Olivet Nazarene University on June 7 - 8, 2024 are:

Red Level: Hannah Dennis, Jason Strow, Isaac Wakefield, Trey Peterson and Max Shelby. Alternates - Gideon Lewis, Rosie Dennis, Sylar Kiesecoms & Chloe Wilkerson.

Blue Level: Mystie Bergman, Gavin Dotson, Jackson Shelby. There is a 4 way tie for the fifth spot that will be broken - Aubrynn Banfield, Kolt Brannan, Oliver Smith, Patrick Anderson.

Other Quizzers included Maci Grissom, Emery Peterson, Sophia Cline, Cameron Williams, Aleeyah Smith, Aubri Rosenberger, Remi Rosenberger, Maelin Williams, Cailyn Smith, Aubree Flannagan, Jaxton Kiesecoms, Hannah Wilkerson, Nora Boivin, Anna Boivin, Thomas DeVries, Asher Boivin, Ainsley Smith, Lincoln Haan, Cameron Mull.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

July 12, 2024 - District NDI Convention Dr. Jeff Stark, Speaker

July 15 - 19, 2024 - District Children's Camp

Camp Applications are on the Illinois District web site or at https://illinoisnaz.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/ Camp-Application.pdf

We need tall empty pill bottles with labels removed for a kids' camp project. Bring to District Assembly!

November 5 - 7, 2024 - NDI Leadership Conference in Tulsa. OK

More details to come. This conference is for those who lead in discipleship - teachers and officers and those who believe God is calling them to be a disciple maker.

Randy Wright, District NDI President





DISTRICT QUIZ FINALS RESULTS

On March 16, students gathered at Shelbyville Church of the Nazarene for the final quiz tournament of the 23-24 tournament

1st Place Team - Belleville Emmanuel 2nd Place Team - Pittsfield Phillippians 3rd Place Team - Pittsfield Ephesians Top Individuals

1st - Ellianna Cole, Pittsfield

2nd - Westin Brannon - Pittsfield

3rd - Jimmy Brunner - Belleville Emmanuel

4th - John Brunner - Belleville Emmanuel

5th Grayson Harris - Marion First

6th - Henry Weber - Belleville Emmanuel

7th - Isaac Bovin - Pittsfield

8th - Noah Bovin - Pittsfield

9th - Jonathon Parrish - Murphysboro

10th - Kirkland Bergman - Pittsfield

Representing the Illinois District at Celebrate Life at ONU
Team A - Ellianna Cole, Jimmy Brunner, Westin Brannon, John
Brunner, Kirkland Bergman

Team B - Alex Weber, Grayson Harris, Isaac Bovin, Noah Bovin, Pan Abla

Regional Celebrate Life @ ONU

May 16 - 18, 2024

2024 Youth Camp @ CTR

June 24 - 28, 2024

Registration forms are available at https://illinoisnaz.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/2024-ILLINOIS-REGISTRATION.pdf
Speaker: Rob Click

District NYI Convention

Thursday night, July 11, 2024 Decatur First Speaker: Scott Sherwood

Nazarene Youth Conference '26

July 1-5, 2026 Salt Lake City, Utah

- David Hater, District NYI President

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

2024

April 16 - Southern Zone Mission Rally

@ Murphysboro

April 18 - South Central Zone Mission Rally

@ Salem Grace

April 20 - District Advisory Board Meeting & Finance Committee Meeting @ District Office

April 27 - Board of Ministry Interview for Ordination & First Time License @ Mattoon East Side

May 16 - Deadline for Annual Pastor's Report

May 16 - 18 - Field Celebrate Life @ ONU

May 19 - Pentecost Sunday HMM Prayer Emphasis begins

May 20 - Early Bird Registration Ends for Youth Camp at CTR

May 31 - Early Bird Registration Ends for Children's Camp

June 3 - Registration Deadline for CTR

June 6 -7 - Field Children's Quiz @ ONU

June 24 - 28 - Youth Camp at Camp Table Rock

June 29 - July 6 - Mission Team to Costa Rica

July 1 - Registration Deadline for Children's Camp

July 11 - 13 - District Gathering Celebration, Conventions & Assembly

July 13 - District Advisory Board Meeting at the conclusion of District Assembly

July 15 - 19 - Children's Camp at Passion Church Campus

August 31 - Deadline for Registration for R&R Adult Retreat

August 31 - District Advisory Board Meeting

September 1 - 12 - Zone Mission Rallies

September 12 - 14 - IL/MO SPARK, @ Pinecrest Camp & Conference Center

September 14 - District Teen Quiz

September 20-22 - Adult "Reignite & Renew" Retreat @ Pinecrest Camp & Conference Center

September 27-29 - m&m Retreat, New Harmony Retreat & Conference Center, New Harmony, Indiana, Dr. Carla & Chuck Sunberg, Speaker

October 5 - District Teen Quiz

October 12 - TEAM DAY

November 2 - District Men's Day @ Pana First

November 5-7 - NDI Leadership Conference

@ Tulsa, OK

November 9 - District Teen Quiz

December 7 - District Leaders, Pastor & Family's

Christmas Gathering @ Effingham

2025

January 11 - District Teen Quiz

February 1 - District Board of Ministry Interviews to Renew District License

February 8 - District Teen Quiz

February 10-12 - M25 (Nazarene Conference on Evangelism) - Kansas City, MO

April 5 - District Ladies Day

April 26 - District Board of Ministry Interviews for Ordination and First Time District License Applications

June 4 - 6 - PALCON at ONU

June 23-27 - Youth Camp @ Camp Table Rock

July 10-12 - District Conventions & Assembly

July 14-18 - District Children's Camp at Passion Church Campus

September 19-21 - R&R Adult Retreat @ Pinecrest Camp & Conference Center

September 26-28 - m&m Retreat @ Embassy Suites, St. Charles, MO

December 6 - District Leaders, Pastor & Family's Christmas Gathering, Effingham

Illinois District Church of the Nazarene 2024 Children's Camp

July 15 - 19 (Monday 10:00 AM - Friday, 12:30 PM)

(Recommended for children entering 3rd - 7th grade in fall)

** Those entering 2nd grade may attend if accompanied by a counselor**

PASSION CHURCH CAMPUS

4225 Camp Warren Ln, Decatur IL 62521

CAMP DIRECTORS: DEBBIE BREWER and LORI WORKMAN

CAMP SPEAKER: ANITA SHOTTS

CAMP ACTIVITIES MAY INCLUDE: Canoeing, Paddle boating, Fishing, Zipline, Swimming, Bon-fire

Registration begins at 10:00 AM on Monday, July 15, 2024 (Lunch is served that day)

Camp concludes at 12:30 PM on Friday, July 19, 2024

(Lunch is served that day)

CAMP COST

Early Registration materials postmarked by May 31, 2024 - \$230/camper
Postmarked June 1 - June 24, 2024 - \$260/camper.

Counselor/Workers must be approved by pastor and camp director.

Counselor/Worker cost is \$100/person.

Registration DEADLINE must be postmarked by June 24, 2024

Registration includes money for t-shirt and Snack Shack.

LICE/NIT POLICY

Churches will be responsible for initiating a lice check no earlier than 24 hours prior to camp. Forms are available online. Our policy is NO Lice/Nits at Camp.

HOW TO REGISTER

- Fill out the attached forms after reading all the information.
- Turn in your completed and signed registration forms to your local church. Local church will mail.
- Parents, please make all checks payable to the local church.
- Churches, please make one check payable to IL District Church of the Nazarene.
- The local Nazarene church then mails all camp registration forms and payment to:

Debbie Brewer 8201 Old St. Louis Road Belleville, IL 62223



HOW TO REGISTER

A NOTE FOR THE YOUTH PASTOR/LEADER: In the past, Camp Table Rock had an online group registration form in addition to the paper registration. However, to help eliminate any confusion in 2024 we are only doing the paper registration, and that process is staying the same. If you are new to this process or need a refresher we have a step-by-step process listed below.

- 1. Go to camptablerock.com/illinois click through the information slides until you see the Registration slide
- 2. Select "Registration Forms"
- 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

Cost:

STUDENTS:

- \$365 BEFORE 5/20
- \$425 BEFORE 6/3

LEADERS: \$295

TRANSPORTATION: \$75

Deadline:

JUNE 3, 2024

Where:

CAMP TABLE ROCK 2079 PENINSULA DRIVE SHELL KNOB, MO 65747

Check In:

JUNE 24TH 3-5PM CAMP ENDS: JUNE 28TH AT 10:30AM

PAYMENT INFORMATION

FOR THE YOUTH PASTOR/LEADER

- 1. Collect all \$50 deposits from each student and adult leader who is attending camp by May 27,2024 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 3, 2024)
- 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 Jamie Toolen

CONTACT INFORMATION

FOR THE YOUTH PASTOR/LEADER

Camp: 417.858.9222 <u>camptablerock@gmail.com</u>

District Teen Camp Director: Pastor Michael Flowers 907.521.8390 revmichaelflowers@gmail.com

PAYMENT METHODS:

WE ACCEPT CHECKS, CASH, AND MONEY ORDERS.

FAQ'S, DRESS CODE, & PACKING LIST:

CAMPTABLEROCK.COM /FAQ-PAGE

