

from Terry & Becky. . .

As summer winds down (although the heat does not know that yet) and fall activities begin, a variety of feelings emerge from excitement to fear. Whatever they may be I believe God has placed all of us here in this district family "for such a time as this". God is going before us, working to move mountains. His desire is for you, your family, your neighbors, and those you will meet to come to a personal relationship with him. I am excited to see what God is going to do in our lives and through us in southern Illinois.



Let's pray—seek Him and his direction.

Let's read his word—read the gospels.

Let's be prepared—take advantage of the opportunities God presents to us.

Let's be like Jesus.

Did You Know?

In July, Pastors from 46 of our churches reported:

- * 26 conversions.
- * 11 baptisms.
- * 11 new Nazarenes.
- * Our Hispanic churches bring together people from 14 nations: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Puerto Rico, Mexico, USA, Venezuela.
- * In addition to Spanish, Portuguese and English, 6 dialects are spoken: Chuj, Canjobal, Criollo frances, Tzotzil, Tzental and Zapoteco.
- * Arcola Hispanic purchased a new building with the help of Alabaster Funds (Your Alabaster offerings at work), local church sacrifice and offerings, our Hispanic funds, and the district. Congratulations to Pastor Waldemar and the congregation. They are excited and are already seeing God work to bring more new people into the community of faith. Their average attendance for July was 150.



NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL

FALL MISSIONARY TOUR



Our missionary speakers are Ermias and Mulu. They serve as global missionaries to Kenya. Please mark your calendar for your zone rally in September

- Illinois River Zone, Wed, Sept 4, 7:00 pm, Pittsfield
- Metro Zone, Thur, Sept 5, 7:00 pm, Fairview Heights Parkview
- East Central Zone, Sat, Sept 7, 6:00 pm, Shelbyville
- South Central Zone, Sun, Sept 8, 6:00 pm, Flora
- Southern Zone, Mon, Sept 9, 7:00 pm, Royalton
- North East Zone, Wed, Sept 11, 6:30 pm, Champaign Grace
- North Central, Thur, Sept 12, 7:00 pm, Decatur West Side

SPRING MISSIONARY TOUR

Our missionary speakers are Rod & Sarah Reed March 17—26, 2025.



They are serving in Nairobi, Kenya at the African Nazarene University. Rod is serving as the Deputy Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs. Sarah is the Nazarene Children's Ministries Coordinator for the Africa East Field.

- South Central Zone, Mon, March 17, 7:00 pm, Mt. Erie
- Southern Zone, Tues, March 18, 7:00 pm, Anna
- Metro Zone, Wed, March 19, 7:00 pm, Belleville Emmanuel
- Illinois River Zone, Thurs, March 20, 7:00 pm, Griggsville
- North Central, Sun, March 23, 6:30 pm, Springfield First
- North East Zone, Mon, March 24, 7:00 pm, Chrisman
- East Central Zone, Wed, March 26, 7:00 pm Mattoon East Side

"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/>

- Dan Reinhart, NMI President



SPARK

A Children’s Worker’s Workshop

September 12-14 @ Pinecrest Conference Center

Poster: <https://equiptoengage.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/SPARK-Central-2.pdf>

Registration: <https://equiptoengage.org/event/sparkcentral-3/>

Early Registration Ends August 19—Cost is \$155/participant.

This would be a great investment for your children’s workers.

ADULT ‘REIGNITE & RENEW’ RETREAT

September 20-22, 2024

Pinecrest Camp & Conference Center
Fredericktown, MO

See the poster for more information.

Registration ends August 31, 2024

TEAM DAY

Saturday, OCTOBER 12, 2024

@ SALEM GRACE

Rev. Kim Smith, Speaker

Reinvigorating the Local Church

This will be the only Team Day this year.

DISTRICT MEN’S DAY

November 2, 2024

Pana First Church of the Nazarene

Speaker: Dr. Jim Cooper

NDI Leadership Conference

@ Tulsa, OK

November 5 - 7, 2024

- Randy Wright, District NDI President

We want to say THANK YOU for the following Pastors who are completing years of ministry in their respective churches: Pastor Greg and Luann Wooten are completing 23 years of ministry at Lincoln Hope Chapel. Pastor Gary & Shiela Williamson are completing 12 years of ministry at Paris First Church. Both are finishing at the end of September.

Join us in prayer as we continue to pray for Benton First and Nuevos Comienzos as they continue their search for Pastors and now Lincoln Hope Chapel and Paris First will beginning the search in the near future.



November 16, 2024

Bond Christian Service Camp

1119 Missouri Blvd.

Mulberry Grove, IL

Reconnect with other students from across the district for a fun day of fellowship, devotion, worship, and activities including archery tag.

Nazarene Youth Conference ‘26

July 1-5, 2026

Salt Lake City, Utah



Because of the change in the General Assembly schedule, NYC will be in 2 years. It will be open to students who were in 6th through the 10th grade **this** school year (2023-24).

Check out the web site:

<https://nazareneyouthconference.com/>

More information will be made available in the near future.

Teen Bible Quizzing begins September 14 and Decatur West Side. Contact Lizzy Hines for details. Her email is elizabeth111577@gmail.com

- 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

August 19—Early Bird Registration for SPARK ends

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

August 31 - District Advisory Board Meeting

September 1 - 12 - Zone Mission Rallies
w/ missionaries Ermias and Mulu

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

September 14 - District Teen Quiz @ Decatur West
Side

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 @ Pittsfield

October 12 - TEAM DAY @ Salem Grace

October 16-18 Chic Shaver Personal Evangelism
Conference at ONU

November 2 - District Men's Day @ Pana First

November 5-7 - NDI Leadership Conference
@ Tulsa, OK

November 9 - District Teen Quiz @ Decatur First

November 16 - District NYI FIRE Event

December 7 - District Leaders, Pastor & Family's
Christmas Gathering @ Effingham

2025

January 11- District Teen Quiz@Belleville Emmanuel

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

February 8 - District Teen Quiz @ Mt. Erie

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

March 17—24 - Spring Mission Tour

March 17 - 20 - Exponential Conference, Orlando

April 5 - District Ladies Day

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

May 8 - 10 - ONU Field Celebrate Life

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

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2024 Reignite & Renew

Adult RETREAT



Pinecrest Camp & Conference Center



1252 HWY C.

Fredericktown, MO

www.pinecrestcamp.org

SEPTEMBER 20 - 22



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: HAL PERKINS

Private Housing & 6 meals: \$205/person
(Early Bird - \$175/person)

Mail a check and take \$5 off the above prices.

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION MUST BE PURCHASED

BY August 1, 2024 (SAVES \$30/person)

Registration Deadline is August 31, 2024

Additional \$10/person discount for FIRST-TIME ATTENDERS!

BRING YOUR OWN BEDDING & TOWELS!

PRIVATE HOUSING IS LIMITED. IT WILL BE PROVIDED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS.

PAYMENTS MAY BE MADE ON-LINE.

PASTE THIS INTO YOUR BROWSER: <https://app.illinoisnaz.org/Registration?!D=20>

OR USE THE QR CODE.

YOU MAY ALSO MAIL A CHECK IN BY August 31, 2024.

Mail to Kathy Williams, 8653 Knox Road, West Frankfort, IL 62896.

Pay in Full to be registered, if you cancel by September 13, all but \$25 is refundable.



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

REGISTRATION FOR RENEW & REIGNITE ADULT RETREAT

SEPTEMBER 20-22, 2024

Name: _____ Spouse Name (if applicable): _____

E-mail: _____ Phone #: _____

Local Church: _____

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Special Needs: (i.e. cannot navigate stairs; will need help moving from cafeteria to chapel, etc.) _____

Registration: (Write in the number of attenders at each line that applies.)

_____ First time attender: A \$10 discount off prices below!

_____ Early Bird Registration (Postmarked by August 1, 2024) \$170/person If mailed

_____ Early Bird Registration (Ends August 1, 2024) \$175/person if online

_____ Standard Registration (Postmarked August 2 – August 31 13, 2024) \$200/person if mailed

_____ Standard Registration (August 2 – August 31, 2024) \$205/person if online

_____ T-Shirt \$15.00/shirt Size: S _____ M _____ L _____ XL _____

_____ T-Shirt \$16.00/shirt Size: XXL _____ XXXL _____

_____ TOTAL AMOUNT Enclosed

Pay in Full to be registered, if you cancel by September 13, all but \$25 is refundable.

OR USE THIS LINK: <https://app.illinoisnaz.org/Registration?ID=20>

OR THE QR CODE:



Name of Roommate preference if not a couple: _____

You can mail to Kathy Williams

8653 Knox Road

West Frankfort, IL 62896

Make check payable to Illinois District Church of the Nazarene



SPARK

A 3 day/2 night retreat for children's teachers.
A time of learning, resourcing, and equipping
as well as connecting with children's leaders.

SPARK::Central

Who: Children's Directors, Children's Pastors, Children's Teachers,
Children's Team Members, and Pastors

When: Thursday, September 12 – Saturday, September 14, 2024

Where: Pinecrest Camp and Conference Center in Fredericktown, MO

Early Bird Registration: By August 19, 2024 - PRICE BELOW

Regular Registration: By August 26, 2024 - ADDITIONAL \$30

Late Registration: After August 26, 2024 - ADDITIONAL \$60

Lodging:

Option 1: Two-Nights Lodging (Thursday & Friday) - \$155 per person

Option 2: One-Night Lodging (Friday ONLY) - \$120 per person

Option 3: No Lodging - \$90 per person

Includes: meals and lodging

To Register or For More Information:

equiptoengage.org/spark

**We Are One Team From Different Cities and On Different Districts,
But All Called to Serve God, Children and Their Families.**