

from Terry & Becky. . . .  
New Across the District....



This grouping hangs on a wall in our home. It is a great reminder, but do I really grasp it? Do I understand what is available to me through prayer? Do I believe in the power of prayer? **James 5:16b says The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.**

Prayer opens us to the presence of God, keeps us close to Him, strengthens our relationship with Him, helps us focus on Him more than our problems, and brings about change. As you have your honest conversations with God, prayer, we remember the power of prayer in the One who hears it. He loves deepening that relationship with us and has said in scripture ask, call on my name, I am available always and listening.

If we believe in the power of prayer, let us spend focused time with God and anticipate the changes to come. Let's be ready to do what he asks and look for His outpouring in us personally, our families, our churches, our communities. Pray with anticipation.

Just an added note, one of the changes I recently read is as little as 12 minutes of **focused** prayer a day for 8 weeks can physically change your brain—the neural pathway associated with positive emotions, empathy, and reducing negative thought patterns, effectively reshaping the brain over time. (neuroplasticity). Max Lucado. Twelve minutes may be a good place to begin and build from.

**Precious Heavenly Father, God Almighty, help us pray with anticipation. Help us be open to hearing from You and be obedient. God, we are anticipating exciting things on the Illinois District. We praise and thank You!**

**Ephesians 3:20 Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.**

**DISTRICT NEWS**

Congratulations to Ryan & Sharon Roberts on the birth of Oakley Rey Roberts, born November 5, 2024 at 11:42 pm weighing 7 lbs. 12 oz. and 22" tall. Ryan serves at Decatur First as the Youth and Young Adult Director and the Worship Director. How exciting to have this precious, little girl joining our Illinois District family.



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

**MISSION TEAMS**

**Illinois District NMI Mission Team Domestic Trip**

**June 7—13, 2025**

**Appalachia Reach Out**

**Cost: \$325/person**

Includes: transportation, lodging and meals for the trip. Sign-ups should be live soon. If you are interested or have questions about the trip, contact Pastor Daniel Mattison at 573-840-0100 or email at [nmi.missions.teams@illinoisnaz.org](mailto:nmi.missions.teams@illinoisnaz.org)

**Global Day of Prayer**

**December 6-7**



A 24-hour Global Missions prayer initiative.

It will take place on-line. Your pastor and NMI president have the link. The USA/Canada has 2 specific hours, 5:00 pm on Dec. 6 and 11:00 am on Dec. 7.

Be sure to look at page 3, The Calendar of Events, to look at the specific dates and places of the Spring Mission Tour with Rod and Sarah Reed.

You may give financially to aid hurricane relief at <https://give.ncm.org/donate/140055>

⇒ Dan Reinhart, NMI President

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We are thanking God for each of you! That we get to serve God alongside of you! For your love and support! For your commitment to God and willingness to serve Him.



May you have a  
blessed  
Thanksgiving!



NAZARENE DISCIPLESHIP INTERNATIONAL

DISTRICT WOMEN'S DAY

April 5, 2025 at Roxana

Cost is \$25/person

Sue Duffield is the speaker

Registration will open online in January

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The NDI Leadership Conference took place in Tulsa, OK the first week in November. David Busic, Sam Barber and Stan Reeder brought dynamic and challenging messages. The workshops offered during the conference were helpful and informative. Thank you for the opportunity to represent the Illinois District at this conference.

- Randy Wright, District NDI President

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M25 EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

February 10—12, 2025

Kansas City, MO

Check out the website: M25conference.com for registration information

Early Bird Registration: \$79/person.

The district has a group trip planned that will provide transportation, lodging, hotel to conference door to door transportation and a meal at Jack Stack BBQ available for an additional \$279/person. Check out the poster attached to the newsletter for registration information for the group trip.

If you would be interested in staying in the room block at SpringHill Suites on the Plaza for a room rate of \$139/night and not using the District transportation contact, Pastor Rodney.

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.



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. Registration opens at 10:30 am. Activities begin at 11:00 am. Will wrap up at 5:00 pm. Gage Krebs, Youth Pastor at Roxana, is the speaker and a group from ONU will lead the music worship. Bring your supplies for S'mores.

Nazarene Youth Conference '26

July 1-5, 2026

Salt Lake City, Utah



Check out the web site:

https://nazareneyouthconference.com/

More information will be made available in the near future.

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Take note and mark your calendar. Youth Camp 2025 is June 23 - 27.

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District NYI Results—November Quiz
Top 12 Individuals

- 1. John - Belleville Emanuel
2. Westin - Pittsfield & Kolt - Pittsfield
4. Ellianna - Pittsfield
5. Logan - Pittsfield
6. Grayson - Marion & Emma - Shelbyville
8. Noah - Pittsfield
9. Issac - Pittsfield
10. Allie - Ogden
11. Alice - Mt. Erie
12. Madison - Ogden

Top Team—Pittsfield Amminadad with a record of 8 - 1

Other Teams participating were from Belleville Emmanuel, Centralia, Ogden, Marion, Decatur First, Shelbyville, Ogden, Mt. Erie, Georgetown and Olivet.

## Illinois District Calendar of Events

### 2024

November 16 - District NYI FIRE Event

December 6-7 - St. Louis Top 10 Quiz

December 7 - District Leaders, Pastor & Family's  
Christmas Gathering @ Effingham Thelma Keller Convention Center

### 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 (USA/Canada Region Nazarene Conference on Evangelism) - Kansas City, MO

March 7 - 8 - District NYI Celebrate Life

March 14 - 15 - District NYI Quiz Finals

March 17 - District Missionary Tour, South Central Zone @ Mt. Erie

March 18 - District Missionary Tour, Southern Zone @ Anna

March 19 - District Missionary Tour, Metro Zone @ Belleville Emmanuel

March 20 - District Missionary Tour, Illinois River Zone @ Griggsville

March 23 - District Missionary Tour, North Central Zone @ Springfield First

March 24 - District Missionary Tour, North East Zone @ Chrisman

March 26 - District Missionary Tour, East Central Zone @ Mattoon East Side

March 17 - 20 - Exponential Conference, Orlando

April 5 - District Ladies Day @ Roxana

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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JESUS**





**ILLINOIS**  
D I S T R I C T  
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE



**\$279\***  
Per Person  
Double Occupancy

Scan QR Code for Single,  
Triple or Quad Rates

T W E N T Y - F I V E

Evangelism Conference  
February 10-12, 2025  
Kansas City



*"Bringing People to Jesus"*

Departs From Roxana Feb. 10, 10:00 a.m., Arrives Back in Roxana Feb. 12, 9:30 p.m.

Includes transportation on a late model deluxe motorcoach, two nights lodging at SpringHill Suites at the Country Club Plaza, shuttling to hotel and an off-site restaurant for lunches, driver's tip, two breakfasts, and a supper buffet at Jack Stack BBQ including three meats, three sides, coffee, tea and gratuity.

\$100 deposit; balance due December 6, 2024. Use the QR Code to Register and pay deposit.

Questions? Email [dist.sec@illinoisnaz.org](mailto:dist.sec@illinoisnaz.org)

\*Does not include the \$79 registration fee for the M25 Conference. Individuals must register and pay for it separately.

Late model 56 passenger motorcoach is equipped with

- Restroom
- Electrical Outlets
- Reclining seats
- Wi-Fi
- Video Monitors
- Overhead luggage compartment
- Personal A/C control and lighting



Compare to Driving Solo from Roxana	
Miles	514
X Standard Mileage Rate	\$ <u>.67</u>
Cost of Mileage	344.48
Parking	48.00
Same hotel w/ taxes & fees	<u>325.60</u>
<b>Total (excluding Jack Stack BBQ)</b>	<b>\$718.08</b>

# **Ladies' Day**

## **April 5, 2025**



**Sue Duffield, speaker**

**Roxana Church of the Nazarene**  
**\$25 per person**

**On-line registration available January, 2025.**  
**Mark your calendars now!**

**Inspiration, fellowship, fun, prizes, lunch,**  
**praise and worship, laughter, and more!**

Can your church donate a gift basket?

Have questions or suggestion?

Call Phyllis at 217-412-2908 or Debbie at 618-604-5552