

*from Terry & Becky. . . .*

It has begun. Do you see those hints of fall? Neighbors closing their pools, a tease of cooler temperatures, a band of yellow in the grove of trees, mums blooming here and there, pumpkins showing up in stores and on doorsteps, the fields in their dusty tan colors with ripened beans and corn ready for harvest and the smell of fires as people gather around their fire pits. I look forward to the many beautiful colors we are about to see as those trees continue to change and the land prepares for a time of rest.



I see God’s creative hand at work, his provision, his power, and I am thankful. When you think this God is our God! Your God! My God! It is personal. He made each of us—each of us! Why? He loves us! He desires a personal relationship with each of us.

May we see the world and each other through His eyes. May we draw closer to him, seek Him with our whole heart!

*I love you, LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. Psalm 18:1-2.*

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**NEWS FROM ACROSS THE DISTRICT**



Rev. Michael and Mindy Flowers have accepted the pastorate at Shelbyville. They will begin their ministry on October 5, 2025. Pastor Michael has been serving in ministry for 15 years in Illinois and Alaska. He is a graduate of Olivet Nazarene University with a Master of Arts Degree. You are encouraged to pray for them during their transition.

Continue to pray for our churches going through pastoral changes: Arcola Spanish, Arcola First, Monticello, Glen Carbon Glenview, Griggsville, Georgetown and Mount Sterling.



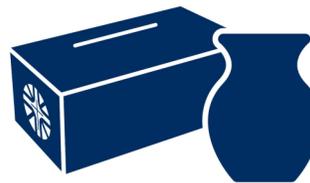

**Meet our Fall Mission Rally Speakers  
Diego & Palmira Lopez**

Diego is the Field Strategy Coordinator for the Western Mediterranean Field. They live in Lisbon, Portugal. Check out his bio at [give.nazarene.org/pledge/dplopez](http://give.nazarene.org/pledge/dplopez)

**2025 Zone Mission Tour—September 14-24 with Diego Lopez** from the Eurasia Region. Currently, Diego and his wife, Palmira, are global missionaries serving as the West Mediterranean Field Strategy Coordinator, living in Spain.

Monday, Sept 15	7:00 pm	Illinois River-Nebo
Wednesday, Sept 17	7:00 pm	Southern-Benton
Thursday, Sept 18	7:00 pm	South Central-Carmi
Monday, Sept 22	7:00 pm	East Central-Arcola Spanish
Tuesday, Sept 23	6:30 pm	North East-Rantoul
Wednesday, Sept 24	7:00 pm	North Central-Decatur West Side

**ALABASTER OFFERING**



September & February are the traditional months to receive Alabaster offering but you may receive your Alabaster anytime during the year. Here are some resources to help you promote your offering:

For English: <https://brnw.ch/21wV4dL>,  
For Spanish: <https://brnw.ch/21wV4dM>

Follow Nazarene Missions International Facebook page to find resources and information.

- Dan Reinhart, NMI President  
nmi@illinoisnaz.org



## NAZARENE YOUTH CONFERENCE

July 1-5, 2026  
Salt Lake City, Utah



Preliminary Cost is set at \$2200/student. Transportation is still pending and keeps us from finalizing the cost. Parents must contact Michael Flowers at revmichaelflowers@gmail.com or at 447-244-1080 to receive a link to register your student. Students and those interested in serving as a sponsor should fill out the google doc at <https://forms.gle/eohcaipsWxpTSukS9> Your first payment of \$500 is due when you register by October 1. Check out the web site: <https://nazareneyouthconference.com/> for a list of speakers and additional information.

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### Saturday, November 22 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. Check-in at 10:30 am; Wraps up at 5:00 pm Cost will be \$20 through November 11. Late registration is \$25.

Scan the QR code on included poster to register.

### TEEN BIBLE QUIZ SCHEDULE

October 11	Belleville Emmanuel	1 Corinthians 1-9
November 8	Pittsfield	1 Corinthians 1-13
December 5-6	St. Louis Top Ten	
January 10	TBA	1 Corinthians 1-16 2 Corinthians 1-4
February 7	TBA	1 Corinthians 1-16 2 Corinthians 1-8
March 14	TBA	1 Corinthians 1-16 2 Corinthians 1-13

<https://illinois.nazquizzing.org/events>

- David Hater, District NYI President  
nyi@illinoisnaz.org

## CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

NAZARENE DISCIPLESHIP INTERNATIONAL

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

#### DISTRICT MEN'S DAY

November 15, 2025  
Pana First Church of the Nazarene  
Speaker: John Paulas  
Cost: \$25  
Check-in: 9:45 am  
Bags Tournament: 10:00 am  
Lunch: 12:00 pm (Fried Chicken Dinner)  
Worship/Message: 1:00 pm  
Leave for home Changed: 3:00 pm  
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#### DISTRICT WOMEN'S DAY

April 11, 2026  
Roxana Church of the Nazarene  
Speaker: Kayln Vogelmann

- Randy Wright, District NDI President  
ndi@illinoisnaz.org

### Chic Shaver Personal Evangelism Conference

November 6-7, 2025  
Olivet Nazarene University  
The focus will be on evangelism to children and youth.

Register using this link:  
<https://olivet.formstack.com/forms/evang>  
Hotel Information: Holiday Inn Express, 815-304-5768 and tell them you are with the Olivet Evangelism Conference. The room rate is \$119 + tax.

### Exponential 2025—Chicago

November 18 - 20, 2025  
Community Christian Church  
1635 Emerson Lane  
Naperville, IL

Please note: We have made a change in our District Treasurer. Our new treasure is: DANIELLE FIELDS The email address is dist.tres@illinoisnaz.org. If you mail your check, send to:

District Treasurer  
P.O. Box 185  
Bethalto, IL 62010

The portal on Funding the Mission has not changed, you can still pay all allocations through the portals found on the web site.

## Illinois District Calendar of Events

### 2025

**September 14-24** - Zonne Missionary Rallies  
**September 19-21** - R&R Adult Retreat @ Pinecrest Camp & Conference Center  
**September 26-28** - m&m Retreat @ Embassy Suites, St. Charles, MO  
**October 11** - Teen Bible Quiz @ Belleville Emmanuel  
**October 18** - Children's Quiz Invitational, Dig Sites 1-5  
**October 28** - Pastor's Professional Development on Zoom  
**November 6-7** - Personal Evangelism Conference @ ONU  
**November 8** - District Advisory Board on Zoom  
**November 8** - Teen Bible Quiz @ Pittsfield  
**November 15** - District Men's Day @ Pana First  
**November 18 - 20** - EXPONENTIAL—Central, Naperville, IL  
**November 22** - District NYI Fire @ Bond Christian Service Camp, Mulberry Grove, IL  
**November 25** - Pastor's Professional Development on Zoom  
**December 6** - District Leaders, Pastor & Family's Christmas Gathering, Effingham

### 2026

**January 10** - Teen Bible Quiz  
**January 17** - Children's Invitational Bible Quiz, Dig Sites 6-10  
**January 24** - District Advisory Board on Zoom  
**January 31** - Board of Ministry Interviews @ Roxana  
**February 7** - Teen Bible Quiz  
**March 1** - Children's Invitation Bible Quiz, Dig Sites 11-15  
**March 6-7** - District Celebrate Life (?)  
**March 14** - Teen Bible Quiz  
**March 28** - District Advisory Board @ Bethalto  
**April 11** - District Ladies Day @ Roxana  
**April 18** - District Advisory Board @ Bethalto  
**April 18** - Children's Invitational Quiz, Dig Sites 16-20  
**April 19-29** - Spring Zone Mission Rallies  
**April 25** - Board of Ministry @ Mattoon East Side  
**May 2** - District Children's Quiz, Dig Sites 1-20  
**May 14-16** - Celebrate Life @ ONU  
**June 3-5** - 2026 PALCON @ ONU  
**June 12 & 13** - Regional Children's Quiz @ ONU  
**June 22-26** - Youth Camp  
**July 1-5** - NYC @ Salt Lake City  
**July 10-11** - District Assembly  
**July 13-17** - Children's Camp  
**September 18-20** - Adult 'Reignite & Renew' Retreat @ Pinecrest  
**September 25-27** - m&m Retreat at New Harmony, IN  
**December 5** - District Leader's Family Gathering @ Effingham

### 2027

**June 25 - July 2** - General Assembly, Kansas City, MO  
**July 16-17** - Illinois District Assembly



Saturday, November 22

Check-in: 10:30 am

Headed Home: 5:00 pm

## **CAMP BOND SERVICE CAMP**

1119 Missouri Blvd.

Mulberry Grove, IL 62262



**SPEAKER: ZACH TAMEZ**

**COST: \$20/person by Nov. 11**

**Late Registration is \$25.00**



**INCLUDES: Lunch, S'mores, Archery Tag,  
Fellowship, Inspiration, & Challenge**

REGISTER USING THE QR CODE or copy the Link into your browser:

<https://app.illinoisnaz.org/Registration?ID=39>



# “BE LIKE JESUS, FOR REAL”

JOIN US FOR A GREAT DAY OF BAGS, FELLOWSHIP, FOOD, AND SPIRITUAL RENEWAL. THE PRESENTATION WILL HELP US AS MEN CUT THROUGH CHURCHY CLICHES AND CHALLENGES. WE WILL LEARN HOW TO AUTHENTICALLY LIVE OUT THE WAY OF CHRIST—IN OUR HOMES, WORKPLACES, FRIENDSHIPS, AND COMMUNITIES, NOT JUST TALKING THE TALK.

**LOCATION: PANA FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**

**NOVEMBER 15, 2025**

**START TIME: 9:45 AM**

**COST: \$25**

**SCHEDULE:**

9:45AM- CHECK-IN  
10AM- BAGS TOURNAMENT BEGINS  
12PM- LUNCH (FRIED CHICKEN DINNER)  
1PM- WORSHIP/MESSAGE  
3PM- GO HOME CHANGED



**SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER: REV. JOHN PAULUS**

**ILLINOIS  
DISTRICT MEN'S  
DAY**