

## from Terry & Becky. . . .

The M25 Conference is over but I believe the impact will continue for days, months and even years. The keynote speakers—Stan Reeder, Carla Sunberg, LaMorris Crawford, Kevin Jack and John Maxwell were dynamic and soul-searching. In the weeks ahead the USA/Canada office will be releasing a video of the services giving everyone an opportunity to hear these inspired and challenging messages. As soon as we receive the information, we will be sending out a link to each pastor. I have heard more than once, “Best conference I have ever attended!”



The USA/Canada KidMinistry has released good curriculum to match the emphasis on Half-Million Mobilization of Prayer. Check out their web site: [www.usacanadaregion.org/kids](http://www.usacanadaregion.org/kids). Click on Child Discipleship for free curriculum. Also be sure to check out their other links.

## NEWS FROM ACROSS THE DISTRICT



We want to express our appreciation to Pastor Roger & Laura Meridith for work at Sherman Church of the Nazarene. They have resigned effective the end of March. They will continue living in the Springfield area and be available for pulpit supply in the months ahead until God leads them to their next assignment.

Our heart breaks as we share the news of the passing of Rev. Waldamer Perez-Lopez. Pastor Waldo had pastored the Arcola Spanish Church for the past 25.8 years. He did an excellent job of helping this church reach out to their Hispanic brothers and sisters in the Arcola and surrounding area. Their average attendance for the past 5 months has been 90 which is a 100% gain over last year’s attendance. Please be in prayer for Pastor Waldo’s wife, Damaris and daughters, Annie & Eunice and their families and the congregation that is grieving the loss of their Shepherd and Leader. The Celebration of Life service for Pastor Waldo will be Sunday, February 16 at 10:00 am.



Continue to pray for our churches in transition: Paris First, Carbondale Nuevos Comienzos, Fairview Heights Parkview, Glen Carbon Glenview, Shelbyville, Collinsville New Community, Sherman. A couple of these churches are preparing for a congregational vote or in the process of interviewing. Hoping to introduce you to some new pastors in next month’s eLetter.



## CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

### NAZARENE DISCIPLESHIP INTERNATIONAL

## DISTRICT WOMEN’S DAY

April 5, 2025 at Roxana

Cost is \$25/person

Sue Duffield is the speaker

Registration is open

Here is the link:

[Illinois District Toolbox > Forms > Registration](#)

or use the QR code below



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## Children’s Bible Quizzing

Quiz Director, Ryan Crawley, has put together quizzes for the month of February to help prepare for the District Quiz.

February 15 is for the South Area at Centralia.

February 22 is for the North Area at Decatur West Side.

Both sites will begin at 10:00 am. The material for the quiz will be Dig Sites 11-15.

The Children’s District Quiz is APRIL 12 @ Salem Grace. The material will be over all Dig Sites.

If you have questions, please contact Pastor Ryan Crawley at 217-870-0232.

- Randy Wright, District NDI President

Please note: Our district treasurer is Laura Mondy.

Her email address is [dist.tres@illinoisnaz.org](mailto:dist.tres@illinoisnaz.org).

If you mail your check, send to:

Laura Mondy, District Treasurer  
1206 W. 4th St.  
Centralia, IL 62801.



**NAZARENE  
MISSIONS  
INTERNATIONAL**

**SPRING 2025 MISSION RALLIES**

Make plans now to be part of this special opportunity. The Reeds have been our 2024 Links missionaries and will be in the midst of their retirement deputation tour. Come meet these special folks who have served so well in Eastern Africa.



DATE	TIME	ZONE	HOST CHURCH
Mon, 3/17/25	7:00 PM	South Central	Mt. Erie
Tues, 3/18/25	7:00 PM	Southern	Anna
Wed, 3/19/25	7:00 PM	Metro	Belleville Emmanuel
Thurs, 3/20/25	7:00 PM	Illinois River	Griggsville
Sun, 3/23/25	6:30 PM	North Central	Springfield 1st
Mon, 3/24/25	6:30 PM	North East	Chrisman
Wed, 3/26/25	7:00 PM	East Central	Mattoon East Side

**MISSION TEAMS**

June 7—13, 2025, Appalachia Reach Out, Cost: \$325/person. Includes: transportation, lodging and meals for the trip. We will be working with Appalachia Reach Out at their new location in Portsmouth/Wheelersburg, OH June 7th -13th. Lodging, meals and snacks will be provided by ARO. Projects will be geared more towards compassionate ministries (i.e. church, bible studies, arts and crafts, Celebrate Recovery). In fact, ARO purposefully wanted us to come during this time period so that we could be there during Celebrate Recovery's graduation service. Registration information will be coming out in the next few weeks. See the attached page for more information.

**GLOBAL WEEK OF PRAYER**

The 29<sup>th</sup> annual Global Week of Prayer is 2-8 March 2025. Resources are available for children and adults in over 20 languages and may be accessed at <http://www.nazarene.org/nmigwp>. You may also download the Save the Date video, available in English and Spanish to share in churches by clicking [here](#): These resources may NOT be edited or altered. You may create a supplement to accompany these resources with additional prayer requests and praises.

Dan Reinhart, NMI President  
nmi@illinoisnaz.org



**DISTRICT**

March 7 - 8, 2025  
Roxana, IL

Cost is \$25/person. You must register using this link: <https://cl.olivet.edu/register.php?dpwd=ERCUF3GN>  
You will pay at the event. Bring one church check for all registrants. You can call Michael Flowers, District CL director for more information: 447-244-1080. Hotel information is available in the flyer. Reservations need to be made by February 19.

**FIELD**

May 8 - 10, 2025  
Olivet Nazarene University  
Bourbonnais, IL

Use the above link to register for this event.

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**YOUTH CAMP**

June 23 - 27, 2025  
Camp Table Rock  
Shell Knob, MO



**NAZARENE YOUTH  
CONFERENCE '26**

July 1-5, 2026  
Salt Lake City, Utah

Check out the web site:  
<https://nazareneyouthconference.com/>  
There is a NYI Leadership Conference next month that will provide information to district presidents and NYC coordinators about registration.

## Illinois District Calendar of Events

**2025**

**February 22** - Invitational Quiz 2 (Dig Sites 11-15); North Area @ 10:00 am @ Decatur West Side

**February 25** - Pastor's Professional Development on Zoom with Dr. Charles Perabeau

**March 7-8** - District NYI Celebrate Life, Roxana

**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 25** - Pastor's Professional Development on Zoom

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

**March 17-20** - Exponential Conference, Orlando

**April 5** - District Ladies Day @ Roxana

**April 12** - District Children's Quiz Finals @ Salem Grace

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

**April 28** - Pastor's Professional Development on Zoom

**May 8-10** - ONU Field Celebrate Life

**May 27** - Pastor's Professional Development on Zoom

**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

**July 22** - Pastor's Professional Development on Zoom

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

**August 26** - Pastor's Professional Development on Zoom

**September 23** - Pastor's Professional Development on Zoom

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

**October 28** - Pastor's Professional Development on Zoom

**November 18 - 20**, EXPONENTIAL—Central, Naperville, IL

**November 25** - Pastor's Professional Development on Zoom

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



**BE LIKE  
JESUS**



# Ladies' Day

## April 5, 2025



**Sue Duffield, speaker**

**Cost: \$25/person**

Registration begins at 9:30 am

Schedule:

10:00 am - Opening

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

3:00 pm - Headed Home

**Roxana Church of the Nazarene**  
**500 N. Central**  
**Roxana, IL**

**On-line registration is available**  
**or you can call Phyllis or Debbie**

Can your church donate a gift basket?

Have questions or suggestion?

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

Use the QR code or paste this link into your browser for registration:

<https://app.illinoisnaz.org/Registration?ID=33>





## **DISTRICT EVENT**

**March 7-8, 2025**

**Roxana Church of the Nazarene**

**500 N. Central Ave.**

**Roxana, IL**

**Registration Cost: \$25/student**

*Housing options and cost are still being worked out*

*and will be announced as soon as possible.*

## **FIELD EVENT MAY 8-10, 2025**

**Olivet Nazarene University**

**One University Ave.,**

**Bourbonnais, IL**

**Registration Cost: \$145/student**

*Register Online:*

*<https://cl.olivet.edu/register.php?dpwd=ERCUF3GN>*





# Illinois District Church of the Nazarene

## 2025 Children's Camp

July 14—18 (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: Ken Dove**

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

Registration begins at 10:00 AM on Monday, July 14, 2025 (Lunch is served that day)

Camp concludes at 12:30 PM on Friday, July 18, 2025

(Lunch is served that day)

### **CAMP COST**

Early Registration materials postmarked by May 31, 2025 - \$250/camper

Postmarked June 1 - June 23, 2025 - \$280/camper.

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

Counselor/Worker cost is \$115/person.

Registration DEADLINE must be postmarked by June 20, 2025

**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



Illinois District NMI Teams Introduces:

Work and Witness Partnership with Appalachia Reach Out  
In Scioto County, Ohio

June 7th through June 13th

Cost of the trip will be \$385 per person paid to the Illinois District Church of the Nazarene.

Come join us as we partner with Appalachia Reach Out in Wheelersburg, Ohio June 7th through the 13th. All ages are welcome. Any children under 18 attending the trip must have a form filled out for each child and accompanied by a parent or guardian. The skill involvement of this trip will depend on the skills of the participants. If the majority of our participants are ministry oriented, then our trip will be ministry oriented. This would include working with the substance abuse center, offering tutorial services to children in the community, possibly conducting VBS (if we do VBS we are responsible for the entire program), arts and crafts, etc. If the majority are construction or contractor oriented individuals, then the projects will be geared as such. There is also the opportunity for ministry and contractors to split and work on separate projects as long as there are enough people to complete those projects.

Following below are some details about the trip:

June 7th: Depart from Decatur Church at 10:30AM, Arrive at Cornerstone Church at 6:00PM

June 8th-12th: Work Days

June 13th: Return to Decatur.

Individuals are requested to list your gifts and talents with your completed paperwork so we can best match the gifts and talents with the projects your team will be doing.

Teams who have children/youth are to be accompanied by all full complement of chaperons, leaders, parents, etc...

They should be able to do the tasks assigned for their team at their worksite including construction if our team leans construction oriented.

For more information contact Pastor Daniel Mattison, [nmi.missions.teams@illinoisnaz.org](mailto:nmi.missions.teams@illinoisnaz.org) or 618-818-8718.

ARO requires that we cap our project at 25 participants. So don't delay in signing up!

Sign-ups and payments will be done via this link [HTTP://app.illinoisnaz.org/Registration?ID=35](http://app.illinoisnaz.org/Registration?ID=35) on the district app.