

## from Terry & Becky. . . .

Easter is a wonderful time to be reminded that we have HOPE in the truth of Christ's resurrection and defeat of death and hell. We must pass this faith along to each and every generation. The Center of Family and Faith is an incredible resource to help parents and grandparents pass along their faith. I would encourage each of you to look at their web site and take advantage of the resources they are creating. It is not only designed for individual families but also has great resources to be used in small groups. Their curriculum for 'SCREEN TIME SAFETY' could be used to reach out to your community, using a small group method. This curriculum is FREE. They have other curriculum available as well. Everything on the web site is FREE. Use the web site at [www.centerff.com](http://www.centerff.com).



Also, the Regional USA/Canada office of the Church of the Nazarene is challenging us to participate in the prayer mobilization emphasis from EASTER to PENTECOST. You can go to <https://www.usacanadaregion.org/cycle-of-resurgence/bringing-people-to-jesus>, for a pdf journal in either English or Spanish to guide you in your prayer emphasis.

One other resource for you to check out is the BLESS app. You can find more information at <https://www.theblessapp.com/>. A great tool to begin to reach your neighborhood.

## NEWS FROM ACROSS THE DISTRICT



Rev. Robert & Linda Taylor have announced their retirement from the Mount Erie Church of the Nazarene. Pastor Bob began his ministry at Mt. Erie on 3/1/2015. Answering the call to preach came as he was finishing his career in education. He and Linda will continue to live on their farm in Xenia, IL.

Rev. Ivan & Cindy Jess are retiring after serving as pastor of the Arcola First Church of the Nazarene since 2/1/1999. For over 26 years Pastor Ivan has loved on the people of Arcola. They will be moving to Arizona to a 69 acre spread and will minister to the Native Americans on one of the reservations.



Rev. Tessa Stine was elected and accepted the pastorate at Paris First. She began her ministry March 30, 2025 and will be marrying Tanner Jaeger in June. They are very excited about their first pastorate assignment in Paris.



## CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE NAZARENE DISCIPLESHIP INTERNATIONAL

### DISTRICT NDI CONVENTION

District NDI Convention is Friday, July 11. The convention starts at 8:30 am. The special speaker is Kalyn Vogelmann. Kalyn is the Director of Women's Discipleship Ministries for the South West Ohio District Church of the Nazarene and the Coordinator for the USA and Canada region.

I am truly blessed to be part of a dedicated THRiVE team of women from across South West Ohio, united in our mission to love the Lord and serve in His Kingdom.

"My fervent desire is for all women to experience a transformative journey with God, discovering the 'secret' to THRiVING. This 'secret' is revealed in Colossians 1:27: it's "Christ in you, the hope of glory."

"...so where the river flows, everything will thrive."  
Ezekiel 47:9

### CHILDREN'S CAMP

July 14 - 18, 2025

Passion Community Church Facility  
Ken Dove, Speaker

Cost: Early Bird Registration before May 31 - \$250/camper  
Registration Deadline June 23 - \$280/camper  
Counselor Cost - \$115/sponsor

**Must also have Pastor's recommendation.**

Check out this link for more information:  
<https://illinoisnaz.org/nyi-sdmi-nmi-forms-2/>

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

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  
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### MISSION TEAMS

Need to sign up soon. The team will be going to Ohio, June 7—13, 2025, to work with the Appalachia Reach Out. Cost: \$325/person. The cost 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 -13. 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.

### DISTRICT NMI CONVENTION

District NMI Convention will be Friday, July 11, starting at 1:30 pm. Special speaker is John Haines. John has served in many roles in the Church of the Nazarene over a period of 43 years, most recently in the Global NMI Office, as Executive Assistant to the Global NMI Director since 2016. Prior to this, he served as a global missionary with the Church of the Nazarene serving on the Eurasia Region for 38 years, 35 of which he served as Regional Education Coordinator, and Regional Leadership Development Coordinator.

He is currently working as an international education consultant on the Africa and Eurasia Regions, endeavoring to help colleges in crisis or in need of institutional development, and in creating new models of learning for those who minister in difficult religious contexts. As an interdisciplinary educator, John has specialized in the disciplines of Old Testament, Practical Theology, Theology of Worship, and Spiritual Formation. John is passionate about professional development for educators, pastors, and leaders, conducting seminars, workshops, and retreats that bring focused insights into "covenantal living and learning" informed by rabbinic principles and cultural exegesis. John is available to districts, fields, and regions across the denomination.

- Dan Reinhart, NMI President  
nmi@illinoisnaz.org

### **CHURCHES IN TRANSITION**

Carbondale Nuevos Comienzos, Glen Carbon Glenview, Fairview Heights Parkview, Monticello, Sherman, Shelbyville, Arcola Hispanic, Arcola First, Mt. Erie, Mt. Sterling, and Griggsville.

Thank you for taking time to pray for the churches in pastoral transition.



We have 67 students and 19 adults registered to attend Celebrate Life at Olivet next month. That is right at twice as many as we had last year. It is going to be a great event. Excited to watch our students participate.

May 8 - 10, 2025

Olivet Nazarene University  
Bourbonnais, IL

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### **YOUTH CAMP**

June 23 - 27, 2025

Camp Table Rock  
Shell Knob, MO

Cost Before 5/19—\$365

Cost Before 6/2—\$425

District Transportation from Roxana—\$125

For Registration Application go to  
<https://illinoisnaz.org/nyi-sdmi-nmi-forms-2>

Speaker: Gabby Rodriquez



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### **NAZARENE YOUTH CONFERENCE**

July 1-5, 2026

Salt Lake City, Utah



Plans are being finalized by our District NYI NYC committee. Details will be presented at Youth Camp.

Check out the web site:  
<https://nazareneyouthconference.com/>

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### **NYI CONVENTION**

District NYI Convention is Thursday, July 10. The activities begin at 7:00 pm at Decatur First. Speaker is Fred Toomey, South Central Regional NYI Representative.

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

## Illinois District Calendar of Events

### 2025

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

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

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

**May 15** - **Deadline** to turn in Pastor's APR

**May 19** - Early Bird Registration for Youth Camp **Ends**

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

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

**June 2** - All Registration for Youth Camp **Must** be Turned In

**June 23** - All Registration for Children's Camp **Must** be Turned In

**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

### 2026

**July 10-11** - District Assembly

**September 25 - 27**, m&m Retreat at New Harmony, IN

### 2027

**June 25 - July 2**, General Assembly, Kansas City, MO



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# Camp Table Rock



## Illinois District NYI

When: June 23-27, 2025

- Check in: 3-5pm on the 23rd
- Camp ends: 10:30am on the 27th

## Camp Cost:

Students:

- \$365 Before 5/19
- \$425 Before 6/2

Leaders: \$300

Transportation \$125

## Registration:

1. Please refer to the Registration Information document before signing up for camp
2. Complete the form posted at [camptablerock.com/illinois](http://camptablerock.com/illinois)



## Media Challenge:



Two weeks before camp, we challenge students and leaders to fast from all secular TV shows, movies, video games, music, social media, and websites. Verified students win 200 Blitz points and will be entered in daily \$25 drawings!!

## Deadline:

June 2, 2025

For more information:



(417)858-9222



[camptablerock@gmail.com](mailto:camptablerock@gmail.com)

# 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 expected to let Pastor Daniel ([dsmattison@gmail.com](mailto:dsmattison@gmail.com)) know of 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 chaperones, 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.

To signup or for more information contact Pastor Daniel Mattison, [dsmattison@gmail.com](mailto:dsmattison@gmail.com) or 618-818-8718.

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

Signups and payments will be done via the district app. That link will be sent out when it is available to interested participants.

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**82nd Illinois District**

**Assembly & Conventions**

**July 10 - 12, 2025**

**Decatur First Church of the Nazarene**

**Decatur, IL**

## SCHEDULE

- Thursday, July 10, 7:00 pm - District NYI Convention, Fred Toomey
- Friday, July 11, 8:30 am - District NDI Convention, Kaylyn Vogelmann
- Friday, July 11, 1:30 pm - District NMI Convention, John Haines
- Friday, July 11, 6:45 pm - Celebration of Ministry Service
- Saturday, July 12, 8:30 am - District Assembly—Session 1
- Saturday, July 12, 1:30 pm - District Assembly—Session 2



Carla Sunberg

General Superintendent



Ryan & Ashley Gage

Praise & Worship Leader



Kalyln Vogelmann

NDI Convention



Fred Toomey

NYI Convention