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from Terry & Becky. . . .

These last few days, I have had opportunity to have phone conversations with several of our pastors. What a joy it is to work alongside our pastors, to hear of their heart for God and their love for their congregations they serve.



I want to express gratitude to our local churches who look after their pastors—loving on them, providing for them the best you can. If you have not taken a few minutes to express your appreciation for their love and faithfulness.

And we have a great group of lay persons across the Illinois district. You are the best!

PASTOR'S TAKE NOTE

IL/MO Pastor's Advance

PASTOR AS PREACHER

March 10-12, 2026

Pinecrest Camp

Fredericktown, MO

Speaker: Rev. Julie O'Hair

Cost: \$65/person (Check)

\$60/person (On-line)

Register by March 2

ONU Palcon

June 3-5, 2026

Cost: \$209 if registered by April 30.

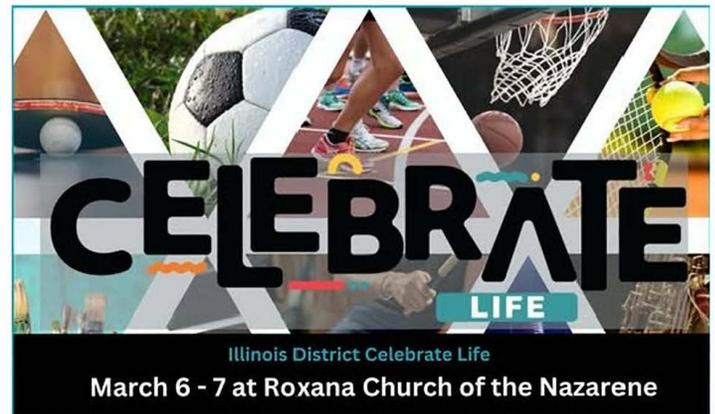


<https://palcon.org/onu/registration/>



TEEN BIBLE QUIZ FINALS

March 14 - Shelbyville



March 6 - 7 at Roxana Church of the Nazarene

Field Celebrate Life is May 14-16 at Olivet Nazarene University.

***** SPECIAL NOTE *****

DISTRICT NYI CONVENTION IS GOING TO BE SUNDAY EVENING, JUNE 28

This is a change from year's past. A special time of bringing our students from across the district together to celebrate what God has done and is doing in the lives of our NYI.

NYC 2026

July 1—5

There are two open spots for students. Contact Michael Flowers for more information. For those registered, make sure your payments are being made.



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



2026 ZONE SPRING MISSION TOUR

- April 15 @ Flora
- April 16 @ Carbondale New Beginnings Community
- April 19 @ Quincy Emmanuel
- April 20 @ Collinsville New Community
- April 26 @ Olivet
- April 28 @ Mattoon East Side
- April 29 @ Sherman

Our Spring Tour missionary is Monte Cyr. Here is a bio for the Cyr family: Monte & Bethany Cyr (pronounced 'Sear') are Global Missionaries for the Church of the Nazarene on the Mesoamerica Region (Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean).



FEBRUARY is one of the 2 months that are often considered as Alabaster month.

NMI GLOBAL WEEK OF PRAYER MARCH 1-7, 2026
Check out this link: [2026 Global Week of Prayer - Church of the Nazarene](#) to find out more about this prayer emphasis.

MISSION TEAM OPPORTUNITY

Mission Team Coordinator, Daniel Mattison has scheduled a trip back to Appalachia for July 11—17. Cost is \$421.25/person. See page 5 of this eLetter.

This QR code will take you to the District NMI FAQ page for all that you need to know about NMI.



- Dan Reinhart, District NMI President
nmi@illinoisnaz.org

Our district treasurer 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.

DISTRICT KID'S FUN DAY



February 21, 2026
Pana First Church of the Nazarene

DISTRICT WOMEN'S DAY

April 11, 2026
Roxana Church of the Nazarene
Speaker: Kayln Vogelmann
Poster is page 6 of this eLetter.

DISTRICT NDI CONVENTION
Is Changing

It will be held Saturday, May 2, 2026
It will be held at Salem Grace
Keynote Speaker is Candice Brooks



Candice and her husband, Trey started Equip to Engage. This ministry is called with the specific purpose of equipping, encouraging and connecting children's leaders. EVERYONE will be encouraged and challenged by her message focused on discipleship.

DISTRICT NDI CHILDREN'S QUIZZING FINALS

May 30, 2026
Contact Pastor Ryan Crawley for more details, 217-870-0232.

Randy Wright, District NDI President
ndi@illinoisnaz.org

PRAYER NEEDS

Pray for our churches still looking for Pastors:
Griggsville, Monticello, Arcola First, Arcola Spanish, Glen Carbon Glenview, and Georgetown.

Illinois District Calendar of Events

2026

February 21 - Children's Mission Fun Day @ Pana 1st
February 23-25 - Wesleyan Holiness Women Clergy Conference @ Minneapolis, MN
March 1 - Children's Invitation Bible Quiz, Dig Sites 11-15
March 6-7 - District Celebrate Life @ Roxana
March 10-12 - IL/MO Pastor's Advance @ Pinecrest, Theme: Pastor as Preacher
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 15-29 - Spring Zone Mission Rallies
April 25 - Board of Ministry @ Mattoon East Side
May 2 - **District NDI Convention @ Salem Grace**
May 14-16 - Celebrate Life @ ONU
May 30 - District Children's Quiz, Dig Sites 1-20
June 3-5 - 2026 PALCON @ ONU
June 12 & 13 - Regional Children's Quiz @ ONU
June 22-26 - Youth Camp
June 28 - **District NYI Convention**
July 1-5 - NYC @ Salt Lake City
July 10 - District NMI Convention
July 10-11 - District Assembly
July 11 - District Advisory Board Organizational Meeting
July 13-17 - Children's Camp
August 22 - District Advisory Board Quarterly Zoom Meeting
September 18-20 - Adult 'Reignite & Renew' Retreat @ Pinecrest
September 25-27 - m&m Retreat at New Harmony, IN
October 3-6 - District Mission Rallies
October 31 - District Advisory Board Quarterly Zoom Meeting
December 5 - District Leader's Family Gathering @ Effingham

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January 23 - District Advisory Board Quarterly Zoom Meeting
January 30 - District Board of Ministry Meeting @ Roxana
March 21 - Palm Sunday
March 28 - Easter
April 10 - District Board of Ministry @ Mattoon East Side
April 17 - District Advisory Board @ Bethalto
June 25 - July 2 - General Conventions & Assembly, Kansas City, MO
June 28—July 2—District Youth Camp
July 16-17 - Illinois District Assembly
July 19-23 - Tentative Date for Children's Camp



Illinois District NMI Teams Introduces:

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

July 11th through July 17th, 2026

Cost of the trip will be \$421.25 per person paid to the Illinois District Church of the Nazarene.

Come join us as we partner with Appalachia Reach Out in Wheelersburg, Ohio July 11th through the 17th. 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.

One thing to consider about the date of this trip, we leave the day of District Assembly. Any participants will want to make sure they are not a delegate or obligated to attend District Assembly. The NMI Convention and Ordination Service is scheduled the day before so it is fine to be involved in those. If you do attend the NMI Convention, there will be a brief time of presentation for the trip and prayer over those that are at the convention who will be leaving on the trip. You are more than welcome to stay the night at the convention site and leave the next morning with me as I will be at the convention as well. We will also have a redevous site TBD but most likely Effingham CoTN.

Following below are some details about the trip:

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 especially if you have electrical, carpentry and plumbing experience.

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.

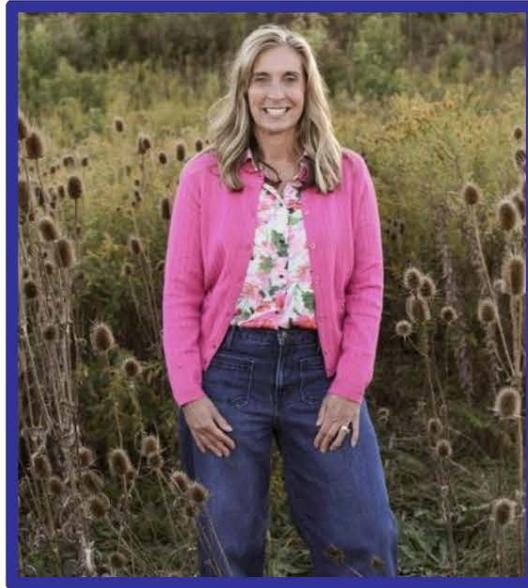
For more information contact Pastor Daniel Mattison, nmi.missions.teams@illinoisnaz.org or 618-818-8718.

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)

Ladies' Day

April 11, 2026, 10 AM – 3 PM



Kalyn Vogelmann, Speaker
Director of Women's Discipleship for USA/Canada,
Church of the Nazarene

Roxana Church of the Nazarene

\$25 per person

On-line registration available.

Mark your calendars now!

**Inspiration, fellowship, small group time, lunch, praise & worship,
laughter, and more!**

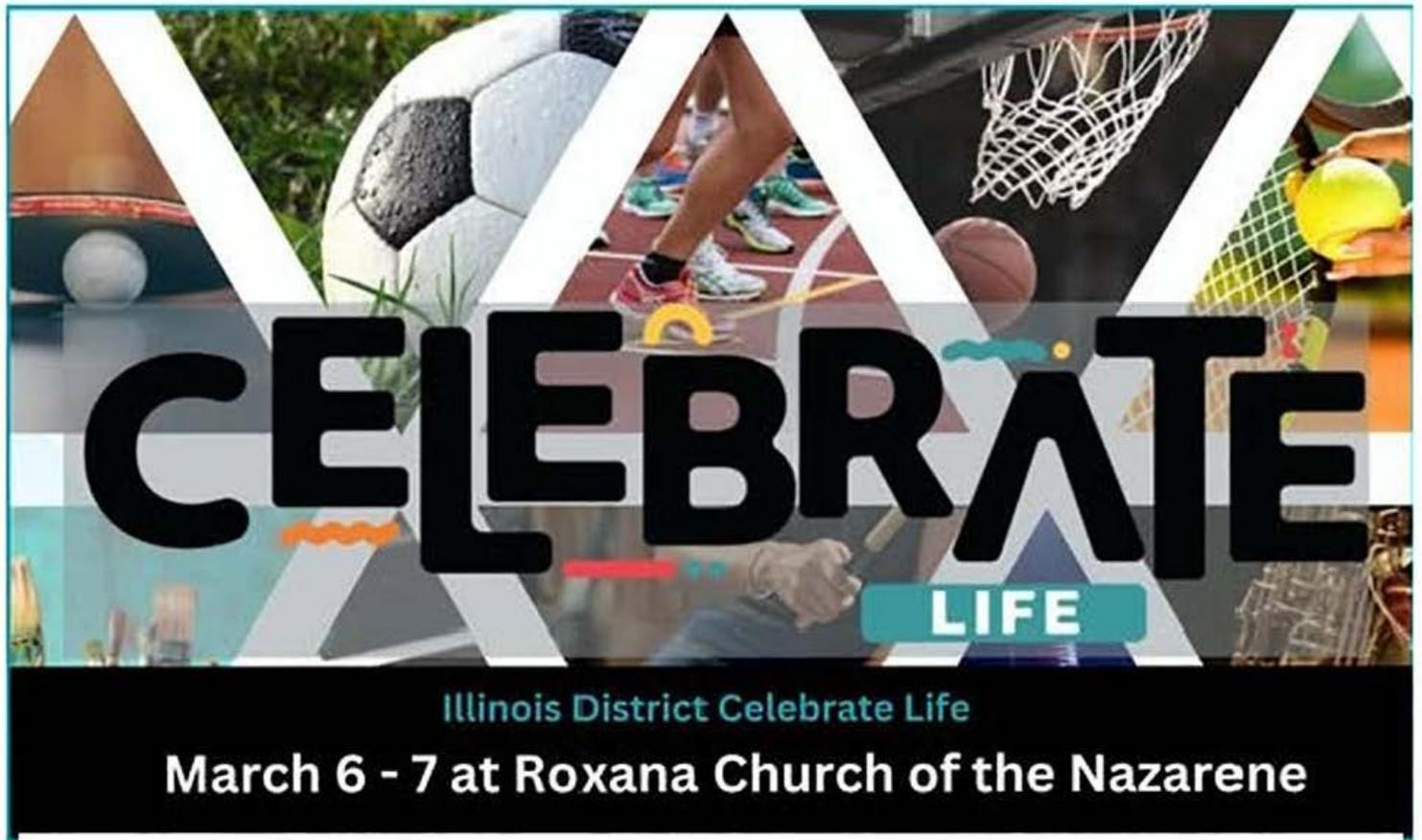
Can your church donate a gift basket?

Have questions or suggestion?

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

Register on-line at <https://app.illinoisnaz.org/Registration?ID=41> (Copy and paste in a browser or use this QR code:





Illinois District Celebrate Life

March 6 - 7 at Roxana Church of the Nazarene

DISTRICT EVENT

March 6-7, 2026
Roxana Church of the Nazarene
Roxana, IL
Cost: \$25/student

Register by March 1, 2026



For a list of all the
activities visit:

celebratelife.olivet.edu

FIELD EVENT

MAY 14-16, 2026
Olivet Nazarene University
Bourbonnais, IL
Cost: \$145/students
\$135 sponsors
Confirm by April 1, 2026

Register Online: (copy link or scan QR code)
<https://cl.olivet.edu/register.php?dpwd=KS6YLEDB>

Students who plan to attend the Field Event
should indicate this when they register. This will
help with qualifying students and teams.

Questions? Contact Pastor Michael Flowers at
447-244-1080 or pastor@shelbynaz.com