

from Terry & Becky. . .

In recent weeks, I have been reminded that most of the time there is more to the story than what is being presented. Sometimes when we tell the story we tell it in a way that makes us look better or it makes someone else look bad. James tells us that the tongue, though small, has immense power. It could also be said about social media. It seems to me that people believe what they read on social media without finding out the whole story. Be careful what you share, whether through verbal or written tongue, it might not be the whole story.



May the Lord bless you as you live out your faith in obedience to Jesus Christ!



ONU Falcon

June 3-5, 2026

Cost: \$209 if registered by April 30.

After April 30 it is \$229

Check out all the information at this link:

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

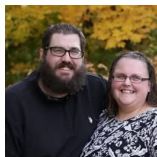
This will be helpful for every pastor who attends. Church Board members do your best to encourage your pastor to attend this conference.

NEW PASTORS



Glen Carbon Glenview Church of the Nazarene has elected Rev. Riley & Anna Peters to be co-pastors. They will begin their new adventure on the Illinois District on May 24. They are both recent graduates of Trevecca Nazarene University. Riley completed a Master's degree at TNU and Anna will be completing her MDiv from Duke Divinity school this May.

Rev. Andrew and Ashley Hensley have been appointed to serve as the new pastoral family at Arcola First Church of the Nazarene. They began their assignment on April 12. The congregation and the Hensley's are excited to begin this new journey together.



CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

NAZARENE DISCIPLESHIP INTERNATIONAL

DISTRICT NDI CONVENTION

May 2 @ Salem Grace



Speaker: Candice Brooks

Candice and her husband, Trey, are Child Discipleship Advocates for the Church of the Nazarene, Globally and for the USA/Canada Region. They also started Equip to Engage, a ministry to resource the local church.

COST: FREE (Lunch Included)

WHO: Pastors, Adult Teachers, Small Group leaders, Board members, Youth workers, Children's teachers, Children's Church workers, Board Secretary, Church Treasurer. Workshops for all of these leaders.

STARTS: Check-in starts at 9:00 am

HOMEWARD BOUND: By 3:00 pm

To provide for lunch, everyone needs to register by April 22. Scan the QR Code or copy and paste link into a browser: <https://forms.gle/iLFnWjBhYwD1LD718>



Check out the workshops offered on Page 5 of the eLetter.

DISTRICT NDI CHILDREN'S QUIZZING FINALS-

May 30, 2026

At Salem Grace

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

CHILDREN'S CAMP

July 13-17

Check out the information on the poster included in the eLetter.

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



2026 ZONE SPRING MISSION TOUR

- April 15 @ Flora, 7:00 pm
- April 16 @ Carbondale New Beginnings Community, 7:00 pm
- April 19 @ Quincy Emmanuel, 7:00 pm
- April 20 @ Collinsville New Community, 7:00 pm
- April 26 @ Olivet, 6:00 pm
- April 28 @ Mattoon East Side, 7:00 pm
- April 29 @ Sherman, 7:00 pm

Our Spring Tour missionaries are Monte & Bethanie Cyr. (pronounced 'Sear'). They are Global Missionaries for the Church of the Nazarene on the Mesoamerica Region (Mexico, Central America, and the Caribbean).

The sessions at Carbondale New Beginnings, Quincy Emmanuel, Olivet, Mattoon East Side and Sherman will be live-streamed on these Church's Facebook pages.

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 7 of this eLetter.

The district has also been asked to provide a team to Shepherd's Community in Indianapolis, June 7-11. Cost is \$140/person. See page 6 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



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

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. The convention will be held in Roxana starting at 6:00 pm. Registration will begin at 5:00 pm. There will be business, inspiration, praise & worship, and a sending service for our NYC delegation

DISTRICT NYI YOUTH CAMP IS JUNE 22-26

Check out the poster included in this packet. Cost is \$335 before 5/18 and \$360 before 6/2.

Registration is open at
<https://www.camtanglerock.com/illinois>

**NYC 2026
July 1—5**



There are five 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

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.

PRAYER NEEDS
Pray for our churches looking for Pastors:
Griggsville, Monticello, Arcola Spanish, Effingham Spanish, Roxana, Tuscola and Georgetown.

Illinois District Calendar of Events

2026

- 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, 9:00 am**
- May 14-16** - Celebrate Life @ ONU
- May 30** - District Children's Quiz, Dig Sites 1-20 @ Salem Grace
- June 3-5** - 2026 PALCON @ ONU
- June 12 & 13** - Regional Children's Quiz @ ONU
- June 22-26** - Youth Camp
- June 28** - **District NYI Convention @ Roxana, 6:00 pm**
- July 1-5** - NYC @ Salt Lake City
- July 10** - **District NMI Convention @ Decatur First**
- July 10-11** - **District Assembly @ Decatur First**
- July 11** - District Advisory Board Organizational Meeting
- July 11-17** - District Mission Team to Appalachia Reach Out
- July 13-17** - Children's Camp @ Passion Community Church, Decatur, IL
- 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
- November 7** - District Men's Day
- November 21** - District NYI Fire
- December 5** - District Leader's Family Gathering @ Effingham

2027

- 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



NDI CONVENTION 2026

May 2

Salem Grace Church of the Nazarene



PLENARY SPEAKER: CANDICE BROOKS

Candice and her husband, Trey have recently been appointed as the Global Child Discipleship Advocate for the Church of the Nazarene, and they serve as the USA/ Canada Region as the Regional Child Discipleship Advocate. In addition they serve as Co-Directors of Equip to Engage, a ministry that equips, encourages, and connects children’s leaders.

SCHEDULE

9:00 am Check-in
9:30 am Opening Session
Workshops
Lunch Is Provided At No Charge
Workshops
Closing Session
3:30 pm Headed Home

All children’s workers, youth workers, adult teachers, small group leaders, church board members, board secretary, church treasurer’s will all benefit from attending.

WORKSHOPS

- Leveraging You-Version
 - Church Board Leadership
 - Help! I’m A Church Board Secretary
 - Discipleship for All Ages
 - Youth Workers
 - Children’s Workers
- See separate sheet for description!

REGISTRATION INFORMATION



Use the QR Code or paste the link into your browser:
<https://forms.gle/iLFnWjBhYwD1LD718>
Must Register by April 22, 2026

WORKSHOPS FOR NDI CONVENTION

Child Discipleship: It's a Journey – Candice Brooks

Leading children to Christ is much more than a prayer involving the ABCs or Roman Road. While these are important pieces at appropriate times, leading children to Christ is a journey and involves those in the home and at church. In this session, we will look at ways of helping children engage in the journey of coming to know Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Tell THE Story – Candice Brooks

People of all ages love stories. That's one reason Jesus told stories! Come and experience a simple yet amazing relational, discipleship tool to share God's Word called Tell THE Story. You will engage in it first hand and receive practical tools and tips that can be used to implement this model with children, teens and adults.

Leveraging YouVersion for Your Church – Christen Piatt

Learn how to use YouVersion to engage your congregation during services and throughout the week. This hands-on session will cover creating sermon notes with Events, using Bible Reading Plans, and exploring free resources for sermons, leadership, and beyond—all designed to help people connect more deeply with the Bible. Basic computer familiarity is required; participants are encouraged (not required) to bring a laptop to follow along.

Finances in the Church for All Church Treasurers –

There is so much responsibility of the work of the Church Treasurers. This session will take a look at the role of treasurer, funding the mission, understanding pastoral compensation, reporting and more.

Church Board Leadership – Terry Armstrong & Marc Abla

This workshop will review the Manual expectations and role of the Church Board.

Help! I'm a Church Board Secretary – Rodney Durr

Come learn the ins and outs of being a church board secretary including maintaining corporate status with Secretary of State, tax-exempt status, proper minutes of meetings and your crucial role during pastoral transitions.

Influenced to Influencer (Basic of Modern Day Discipleship) – Jim Chapman

We live in a world where everyone tries to influence others – from politics to fashion. But God has called us to something greater: not just to influence, but to make disciples.

NYI Q&A – Michael Flowers & David Hater

This session is designed to be a Q&A regarding all things NYI for the local church and our Illinois District Ministry

AI and What it Offers to the Church and Ministry – Marc Abla

Discover how AI can help your church do more, cut administrative workload, improve consistency, and free up time for relationships, outreach, and making disciples, all without adding staff or budget. This course focuses on practical, real-world applications that keep people and sound teaching at the center, ensuring AI supports your work without changing His message.

Evangelism - Mike Benson

Evangelist and Chaplain for a Christian Motorcycle group shares tools to help everyone become a more effective evangelists in the workplace and neighborhoods.

IL District NMI Teams and Shepherd Community Center (Indianapolis, IN) Partnership



Our Illinois District NMI Teams Coordinator, Daniel Mattison, will be leading a trip to Shepherd Community Center in Indianapolis, Indiana. It will be a 5-day missions trip. The dates will be June 7th through the 11th, returning that Thursday the 11th.

We will be doing service projects from 8am to noon in the community. Those will range from lawn care, painting, picking up trash, etc. We will also be sitting in guest lectures about urban ministries around the Indianapolis metro area. In the afternoon we will be interacting with neighborhood youth. Tuesday will be men's/boy's pool day. Thursday will be Women/Girl's pool day. Our site coordinator at Shepherd stressed that it is very important to them that every volunteer participates in the pool on swim days. We will be doing some cooking and handing out juice and snacks for youth programming.

Accommodation will be at the church on campus at the community center. The site coordinator asks that participants bring air mattress/or cot and bedding.

I plan on taking a van on the trip. If you do not wish to ride in the van, you can go on your own at your own expense. Meals and snacks during the travel time to and from will be at your own expense. We will discuss meeting up and travel arrangements closer to leaving for the trip.

The cost of the trip will be \$140 which covers travel and fuel costs, housing, breakfast and lunch each day of our stay at Shepherd Community Center.

Contact - Pastor Daniel Mattison

nmi.missions.teams@illinoisnaz.org

573-840-0100



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...

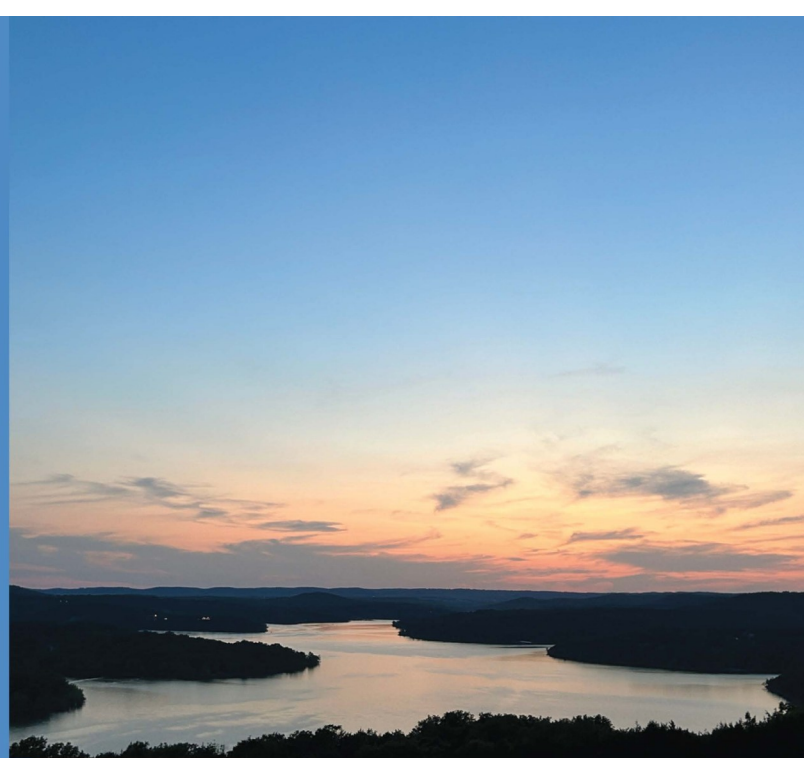
They should be able to do the tasks assigned for their team at their worksite including construction if our team leans construction oriented.

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)

Camp Table Rock



Illinois District NYI



When: June 22-26, 2026

- Check in: 3-5pm on the 22nd
- Camp ends: 10:30am on the 26th

Evening Speaker



Jim Chapman is this year's camp speaker. He is Life Change Pastor at Salem Grace. He loves Jesus and desires to see students fall in love with Jesus.

Camp Cost:

Students:

- \$335 Before 5/18
- \$360 Before 6/2

Leaders: \$305

Registration:

1. Please refer to the Registration Information document
2. The registration must be completed on line.



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:

May 18, 2026

June 8, 2026

For more information:



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