



eLETTER

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from Terry & Becky. . .

Earlier this week, I participated in a Zoom call with Pastor Joe Thomas, Jane Finney, and two others who are interested in helping our district be more intentional about reaching the mission field that has come to our neighborhoods. The call reminded me, the Church of the Nazarene has always been a missionary-sending church. Jesus' command to "Go and make disciples" remains true for us today. We must continue to send missionaries around the world by praying, learning, and giving so the Church can share the message of conversion, redemption, and new life.



Today, people from the far corners of the world are coming to our towns and neighborhoods. This gives all of us the opportunity to live out Jesus' command right where we are. Pastor Joe, Jane Finney, and the Nazarene churches in Beardstown are helping immigrants with language, the immigration process, and—most importantly—the redeeming and transforming love of Jesus Christ.

Their work is one example of how we can fulfill Jesus' directive. It also challenges each of us to ask: What am I doing to be obedient to His call to make disciples? His words are not a casual suggestion; they are a command for all who follow Him.

Eight of our churches reported at least one conversion in July, for a total of 29 conversions. I am thankful for these reports of new life and believe we will hear even more stories of transformation in the weeks and months ahead as we continue to "Go and Make" disciples.

"All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

-Jesus



FALL MISSION TOUR



Rusty and Diane Robbins will be our guest speakers for the Fall Mission Tour. Rusty and Diane love sharing how God is transforming lives around the world! As global missionaries, they have lived and served in Bangladesh and Germany, and are now based in the United States.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sat Oct 3	6:00 pm	Springfield First
Sun Oct 4	6:00 pm	Pittsfield
Mon Oct 5	6:00 pm	Royalton
Tues Oct 6	7:00 pm	Fairview Heights Parkview

You are welcome to attend the location and time that meets your schedule.

MEET YOUR NEW DISTRICT NMI PRESIDENT

We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Teresa Riegler as the newly elected District NMI president, following the retirement of Mr. Dan Reinhart. Teresa and her husband, Dan, are longtime members of Mattoon East Side Church of the Nazarene, where they have served faithfully for the past 30 years.



Teresa's Nazarene journey began through the care and discipleship of a couple from the Tuscola Church of the Nazarene, who welcomed her and Dan as a young couple in the community. Since then, she has served in numerous ministry roles, including Children's Church leader, young adult Sunday School teacher, choir member, pianist, local NMI president, District NMI Council member, NMI vice president, and East Central Zone NMI facilitator.

We are grateful for Teresa's faithful service and look forward to her leadership in this new role.

SPECIAL THANK YOU

Thank you to Mr. Dan Reinhart for his faithful and willing service to lead our District NMI these past few years. He has continually reminded us that God enables those He calls to serve.



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

- Teresa Riegler, District NMI President
nmi@illinoisnaz.org

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS



MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR FIRE 2026

The date is set for our annual one-day youth event for November 21 at Bond Christian Service Camp outside of Mulberry Grove, IL. Make plans to attend.

More information to follow.

TEEN BIBLE QUIZZING

Now is the time to start Bible Quizzing. The material to be studied this year will be the book of John. If you have questions about how to start a program or about the district program, connect with our District Director, Lizzy Hines, at elizabeth111577@gmail.com

The schedule for district quizzes:

September 12	Belleville Emmanuel
October 10	Decatur West Side
November 14	Pittsfield
December 4-5	St. Louis Top Ten Quiz
January 9	Shelbyville
February 6	TBD
March 13	Decatur First
May 13-15	ONU Celebrate Life

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



August 31, 2026 is the Deadline For Registrations.

Get your registration in soon.

Speaker: Rev. Jared Higginbotham

Music: Anna First Praise Team

Retreat Directors: Randy & Lori Munson.

Call 309-252-2004 to get your questions answered.

See attached poster and registration form for more details.

Future NDI Dates to Note

Children's Invitational Quiz - October 17, 2026

District Men's Day - November 7, 2026

Children's Invitational Quiz - November 21, 2026

Children's Invitational Quiz - February 13, 2027

Children's Invitational Quiz - March 20, 2027

District Ladies' Day - April 3, 2027

Children's District Quiz Finals - April 24, 2027

District NDI Convention - June 5, 2027

General Assembly Kid's Quiz - June 26, 2027

Randy Wright, District NDI President
ndi@illinoisnaz.org

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- 1) Pray we find a new location to host our District Children's camp next summer.
- 2) Pray for a fresh outpouring to reignite and renew our adults at Reignite & Renew Retreat.
- 3) Pray for our district minister & mates retreat for a time of strengthening and encouragement for our pastors
- 4) Pray for churches searching for Pastors: Arcola Hispanic, Georgetown and Monticello.

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.

Illinois District Calendar of Events

2026

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 - Zone Mission Rally @ Casey, 1:00 pm
October 3 - Zone Mission Rally @ Springfield First, 6:00 pm
October 4 - Zone Mission Rally @ Pittsfield, 6:00 pm
October 5 - Zone Mission Rally @ Royalton, 6:00 pm
October 6 - Zone Mission Rally @ Fairview Heights Parkview, 7:00 pm
October 17 - Children's District Invitational Quiz
October 31 - District Advisory Board Quarterly Zoom Meeting
November 7 - District Men's Day
November 21 - Children's District Invitational Quiz
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
February 13 - Children's District Invitational Quiz
March 3-5 - Church Planter Assessment-Valpariso, IN
March 3 - Zone Mission Tour, Metro Zone, Glenview, 7:00 pm
March 5-7 - Tentative District Celebrate Life
March 4 - Zone Mission Tour, Illinois River Zone, Beardstown, 6:00 pm
March 7 - Zone Mission Tour, East Central Zone, Shelbyville, 6:00 pm
March 9 - Zone Mission Tour, North East Zone, Paris First, 6:30 pm
March 9-11 - District Pastor's Advance @ Pinecrest - Emotional Health of Pastors
March 10 - Zone Mission Tour, Southern Zone, Harrisburg Oasis Community, 6:00 pm
March 11 - Zone Mission Tour, South Central Zone, Mt. Erie, 7:00 pm
March 13 - District Teen Quizzing Finals, Decatur 1st
March 14 - Zone Mission Tour, North Central Zone, Decatur Oak Grove, 6:00 pm
March 20 - Children's District invitational Quiz
March 21 - Palm Sunday
March 28 - Easter
April 3 - District Ladies Day
April 10 - District Board of Ministry @ Mattoon East Side
April 17 - District Advisory Board @ Bethalto
April 24 - Children's District Finals Quiz
May 13-15 - Celebrate Life @ ONU
June 5 - District NDI Convention
June 25 - July 2 - General Conventions & Assembly, Kansas City, MO
June 26 - General Assembly Kid's Quiz
June 28 - July 2 - District Youth Camp
July 16-17 - Illinois District Assembly
July 19-23 - Tentative Date for Children's Camp



Evangelism Training

Creating a Disciple-Making System
Saturday September 5th 10-3PM

Sherman Church of the Nazarene
7085 Village Center Rd, Sherman IL

Lunch Provided



*Scan the QR
Code to Register
Sign Up By Sept. 3rd*



With Special Guest: Rev. Mark Bane
Director of Evangelism, USA/Canada Region



A time to
**REFRESH,
RENEW,
REST & RELAX**



NEW
Saturday Night
Talent Show

SEPTEMBER 18-20, 2026



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✝ WORSHIP



**BONFIRE
S'MORES & RELAX**



**GOLF
OPTIONAL**



**✂ CRAFTS
PROJECTS**



**🚣 CANOEING
& SWIMMING**



🏠 CORNHOLE



**🔨 AUCTION
LIVE AUCTION**



BRING YOUR OWN BEDDING & TOWELS

PRIVATE HOUSING IS LIMITED. IT WILL BE PROVIDED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE BASIS.

PAYMENTS MAY BE MADE ON-LINE.

PASTE THIS INTO YOUR BROWSER:

<https://app.illinoisnaz.org/registration?ID=45>
OR USE QR CODE.

FEATURED SPEAKER



**JARED
HIGGINBOTHAM**

YOUTH PASTOR • ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Jared is a passionate follower of Jesus, devoted family man, and dynamic leader with a heart for people of all generations.

Serving as both a Youth Pastor and Associate Pastor, Jared is known for his ability to communicate God's truth in a relatable, impactful, and encouraging way to both young and older audiences.

With a genuine love for people and a passion for helping others grow in their faith, he inspires individuals and families to pursue a deeper relationship with Jesus and live out their purpose with authenticity and hope.

REGISTER TODAY!

SCAN TO
REGISTER



OR VISIT:

app.illinoisnaz.org/registration?ID=45

**📅 EARLY BIRD
DEADLINE**

JULY 31, 2026

SAVE \$30!

**📅 REGISTRATION
DEADLINE**

AUGUST 31, 2026

REGISTRATION

6 MEALS & PRIVATE
HOUSING INCLUDED

EARLY BIRD **\$195**/person
(by July 31, 2026)

REGULAR **\$225**/person
(after July 31, 2026)

**ONLINE REGISTRATION
FEE** **+\$5**/person

Payments may be made
online. Pay in full to be
registered.

If you cancel by Sept. 1st,
all but \$25 is refundable.

RETREAT INFORMATION



Retreat is for **ADULTS**:
Single or married.
18 years or older.
No children or teens
except for nursing babies.



We will have access to
the shooting range.
Bring your own firearm.



Annual Live Auction.
Raise money for
pastoral needs across
our district.



Craft project
will have a fee.



Golf for those
Interested on Friday
morning. Contact if
interested (see below).



Private housing is
limited. First come,
first serve.

QUESTIONS?

Reach out to

Randy & Lori Munson

✉ E-Mail: rkmretired@gmail.com

☎ Text: 309-252-2004

Come for the renewal. Stay for the community. Leave changed.



**ILLINOIS
DISTRICT**
CHURCH of the NAZARENE



**PINECREST
CAMP**

**REKINDLE
THE FLAME**

RELAX. PLAY. CONNECT.

REIGNITE & RENEW

ADULT RETREAT

SEPTEMBER 18-20, 2026

SCAN TO
REGISTER ONLINE!



OR USE THIS LINK:

<https://app.illinoisnaz.org/Registration?ID=45>



1 ATTENDEE INFORMATION

Name: _____ Spouse Name: _____

E-Mail: _____ Phone: _____

Local Church: _____



2 SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Special Dietary Needs: _____

Special Needs: (i.e. cannot navigate stairs; will need help moving from cafeteria to chapel, etc)



3 REGISTRATION

(Write in the number of attendees at each line that applies)

☐	Early Bird Registration (Postmarked by July 31, 2026)	\$195/person if mailed	_____
☐	Early Bird Registration (Postmarked by July 31, 2026)	\$200/person online	_____
☐	Standard Registration (Postmarked by August 31, 2026)	\$225/person if mailed	_____
☐	Standard Registration (Postmarked by August 31, 2026)	\$230/person online	_____
☐	T-Shirts \$15/shirt S_____ M_____ L_____ XL_____ XXL_____ XXXL_____		_____
	TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED	\$	_____



Pay in full to be registered, if you cancel by Sept. 1st, all but \$25 is refundable.



4 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Name of Roommate preference if not a couple



Pets are NOT allowed to stay in any of Pinecrest's facilities;
Service animals are allowed but Pinecrest must be notified
about the service animal(s) prior to your arrival.

*If you have a service animal, and will be bringing it,
please print your name and sign.*

Name: _____

Signature: _____

MAIL TO:

Randy Munson
201 W. Florida Ave.
Casey, IL 62420

Make check payable to:

Illinois District Church of the Nazarene