



eLETTER

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from Terry & Becky

As we begin our eighth year of serving alongside you, I am deeply grateful for the opportunity to witness God at work throughout the 72 churches in our district. It is inspiring to hear pastors and laypeople share how God is moving in the lives of their congregations. Continue to BECOME Christ-like Disciples.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE QUIZ SCHEDULE

October 17—Dig Sites 1-5

November 21—Dig Sites 6-10

February 13—Dig Sites 11-15

March 20—Dig Sites 16-20

April 24—District Finals, Salem Grace

If you have questions about the schedule, contact District Director, Ryan Crawley, ryancrawley98@gmail.com



TEEN BIBLE QUIZZING SCHEDULE

October 10

November 14

December 4-5

January 9

February 6

March 13

May 13-15

Decatur West Side

Pittsfield

St. Louis Top Ten Quiz

Shelbyville

TBD

Decatur First

ONU Celebrate Life

NDI CONVENTION

JUNE 5, 2027

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Church revitalization, missional alignment, leadership coaching.

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Church multiplication, disciple-making, leadership development.

DESMOND BARRETT
Church revitalization, missional strategies, sustainable renewal.

If you have questions about the schedule connect with our District Director, Lizzy Hines, at elizabeth111577@ymail.com.

Illinois District

MEN'S DAY

NOVEMBER 7TH, 2026

COST: \$25 PER PERSON
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: NOVEMBER 1ST

SPEAKER: REV. WADE STINE **10AM-3PM**
TOPIC: "UNCOMMON BROTHERHOOD"

Corn Hole Bag Tournament, Darts Tournament, Fried Chicken Dinner
at Pana First Church of the Nazarene - 1200 E. 6th Street - Pana, IL

BECOMING CHRISTLIKE DISCIPLES—Ask and Learn



NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL

FALL DEPUTATION TOUR COMBINED ZONE RALLIES OCTOBER 3—6 RUSTY and DIANE ROBBINS



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. They are now based in the United States.

Rusty serves as Executive Director of JESUS Film Harvest Partners (JFHP), an evangelism ministry of the Church of the Nazarene. JFHP uses technology and media to introduce people to Christ. Rusty and the JFHP team partner with more than 900 national teams in 142 countries, working alongside regional leaders to support outreach, church planting, and helping people find lasting hope in Jesus.

Diane serves with the Global Missions team, where she helps connect churches and missionaries-encouraging and equipping others to recognize how God uses each person to make an eternal Kingdom impact. Rusty and Diane met at Southern Nazarene University, where they both earned degrees in accounting and business. After college, Rusty worked in health services and telecommunications, while Diane served in the non-profit sector.

They love being part of the Church of the Nazarene and count it a privilege to serve in ways that impact eternity. Their heart's desire is to come alongside others in building God's Kingdom. They are deeply grateful for the prayers and support of the church as they follow God's call.

DATE	TIME		ONLINE
Sat. Oct. 3	6:00 pm	Springfield First	YES
Sun. Oct. 4	10:00 am	Casey	YES
Sun. Oct. 4	6:00 pm	Pittsfield	YES
Mon. Oct. 5	6:00 pm	Royalton	NO
Tues. Oct. 6	7:00 pm	Fairview Heights Parkview	YES

Deputation giving options

When viewing a missionary speaker remotely, you can contribute to their deputation through your local church where the funds are sent to the Nazarene General Treasurer by check or online using 'Funding the Mission'..

Note - FTM (Funding the Mission), it is under Gifts - GTS Contribution - Fund - Missionary Deputation. This way both the individual and local church receive credit for the donations.

Remote Viewing Opportunities

Due to the limited dates for these special guests, they have agreed to allow video recording and viewing of these meetings where it is available.

This enables our district to significantly increase our connection and support of these missionaries. Use the URL address show here to view any of these meetings live or a delayed time that fits your schedule.

Springfield First

<http://www.youtube.com/@SpringfieldFirstNaz/streams>

Casey

<https://www.youtube.com/@KZNAZCHURCHcaseynazarene/streams>

Pittsfield

<https://www.youtube.com/@PCN1993/streams>

Fairview Heights Parkview

https://www.facebook.com/pcotn/live_videos

Illinois District Calendar of Events

2026

September 18-20 - Adult 'Reignite & Renew' Retreat @ Pinecrest
September 25-27- m&m Retreat at New Harmony, IN
October 3 - Mission Rally @ Springfield First, 6:00 pm
October 4 - Mission Rally @ Casey, 10:00 am
October 4 - Mission Rally @ Pittsfield, 6:00 pm
October 5 - Mission Rally @ Royalton, 6:00 pm
October 6 - 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 - 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—still looking for a location

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**ALL YOUTH
WELCOME!**

NYI Fire

Saturday, November 21



Check-in:

10:30 AM



Headed Home:

5:00 PM



CAMP BOND SERVICE CAMP

1119 Missouri Blvd.

Mulberry Grove, IL 62262

COST:

\$20/person
by Nov. 11

**Late Registration
is \$25.00**

INCLUDES:



Lunch



S'mores



Archery Tag



Fellowship



Inspiration



Challenge



REGISTER USING THE QR CODE

or copy the link into your browser:

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