



James Spruce,
District Superintendent

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Lay Retreat
September 5th - 7th, 2008
"BEYOND SURVIVAL"
Dr. Chuck Millhuff

Changing Times

Our thanks is extended to Joe and Janet Thomas for six years of faithful service as managers of Nazarene Acres! As nearly everyone knows by now, the Thomas's were offered a similar position on the West Texas District a few weeks ago and will move sometime after September 1st.

Joe and Janet did incredible work, putting in very long hours and offering a variety of skills and services that made our experience there all that it was. People are paid for their service, but they are loved and valued for their ministry. For the Thomas's, Nazarene Acres was a ministry.

Because their departure coincides with the district advisory board's evaluation of the future of our camp, the Board of Directors has determined to hire an interim camp manager on a temporary basis for the time being. All signed contracts will be honored.

The district advisory board is weighing its various options, and, with the Board of Directors, will assure continued management of the facility. At the present time we project that we will hold youth and children's camps, conventions, assembly and camp meeting at the Acres next summer (2009). If the land is sold prior to next summer the plan is that we would negotiate with the purchaser to rent the facility for the summer events. Camp directors and auxiliary chairmen are fully aware of the uncertainty of our longer future at the Acres and are considering options for 2010.

Once again, on behalf of everyone, I am grateful for the Christlike manner in which assembly delegates dealt with the issue of giving the advisory board permission to determine the future ownership of this important property.

--Jim Spruce





NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL

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"That the world may know"



We had a very good NMI Convention July 18th. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard in putting it together. Praise goes to our Lord and Savior for letting the right decisions be made and for working out all the impossible problems. We serve a great God!

Our Fall Deputation Tour will be held October 8, 2008 to October 21, 2008 with the Utter's. The schedule is being completed and is not available at the time of publication. We had a great time with them at our NMI Convention. Since the convention ended, there have been some exciting changes in their World assignment. You will want to hear what is going on so don't miss this opportunity and attend the deputation service in your area! It turned out that Jacob broke his arm while at Nazarene Acres. You will want to hear his story. All I will tell you is it was not on his bicycle.



BIRTHDAYS

September 15 is our own missionary Rovina Hatcher's birthday. She is serving in the Asia-Pacific region (Philippines) and is the daughter of Rev. Ed and Pat Retter who attend the Glenview Church where Pat serves as the NMI President.

Other September birthdays of Missionaries who have recently been on the Illinois District are Paul Martin serving the Africa Region (9/23) and Greg Taylor serving the Asia-Pacific Region (9/24).

Alabaster Offering



History of Alabaster Following World War II, the critical need for buildings and land in the world mission areas of the Church of the Nazarene was presented to the General NMI Council. The Council asked Rev. Elizabeth Roby Venum, a member of the group, to submit a plan that would generate giving for this need.

Rev. Venum knew if God wanted those buildings, He would provide the plan. On the return trip from Kansas City, God gave her His plan of giving "love" gifts. It was modeled after the sacrifice of the woman who anointed Jesus' head with expensive perfume poured from an alabaster jar (Matthew 26:6-13).

The General NMI Council unanimously adopted the plan, and the first offering was received in 1949. Now, more than 50 years later, more than 7,300 projects have been purchased or built with more than \$79 million.

What is Alabaster

The Alabaster Offering provides funds for property and buildings around the world. It gives a sense of permanence, the attitude that the Church of the Nazarene intends to "put down roots." Eighty percent of the money is used in world mission areas, and twenty percent goes to multicultural congregations in the United States and Canada. Alabaster funds help provide land for most Work & Witness projects. The entire offering goes toward the construction of churches, schools, medical facilities, and homes for missionaries and national workers.



Alabaster should be well-publicized. All ages are encouraged to participate with leaders educating local churches as to the need for centers of holiness evangelism around the world.

NAZARENE YOUTH INTERNATIONAL

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UpComing Events

- September 13, 2008 District Council Meeting
- October 25, 2008 District Council Meeting
- November 7-8, 2008 Spiritual Life Retreat (Done on Zones)
- December 25, 2008 CHRISTMAS
- February 6, 2009 District Council Meeting
- February 7-8, 2009 Mid-Winter Retreat
- April 3-4, 2009 District Celebrate Life
- April 12, 2009 EASTER
- April 18, 2009 District Council Meeting
- May 7-9, 2009 Regional Celebrate Life
- June 8-12, 2009 JH /SH Camp
- June 24-July 3, 2009 General Conventions and Assembly
- July 20-26 Family Camp
- July 22-23 District Assembly
- July 25 District NYI Convention

*ALL DATES SUBJECT TO CHANGE



CONGRATULATIONS Todd and Amy Holman!

CONGRATULATIONS
to everyone who was elected at our
NYI Convention:

- Jay Bush – President
- Todd Holman- Vice President
- Chris Shotts- Treasurer
- Denis Payne- Secretary
- Darren Breeden- Early Youth Rep
- Cati Lourash- Early Youth Rep
- Brad Deal- Sr. Youth Rep
- Alex Hay- Sr. Youth Rep
- Clara Stone- College Rep
- Michael Toolen- College Rep

2009 General NYI Convention
Delegates were elected at our
District Convention- They are as
follows:

- District President
Jay Bush
- Ministerial
Todd Holman
Tim Cox
Wayne Clevenger- alternate
Brian Hay-alternate
- Lay
Jamie Toolen
Tonya Deal
Nick Briggs- alternate
Jeff Hinkle- alternate
- Youth
Brad Deal
Clara Stone
Jared Bouton- alternate
Katie McFee- alternate



**DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL &
DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL**

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SUNDAY SCHOOL
Make the Connection

Elected to SDMI Board
(3 year term)
Phyllis German
Rev. Mike Meyer

SUNDAY SCHOOL GROWTH AWARDS 2008

HONOR SCHOOLS: 5-24% increase

Anna, Belleville Emmanuel, Belleville First, Du Quoin,
Godfrey, Mt. Carmel, Mt. Erie, Murphysboro, Ogden,
Olney, Omaha and Springfield First.

SUPERIOR SCHOOLS: 25-49% increase

Arcola Spanish, Auburn, Carlinville and Carmi

EXCEPTIONAL SCHOOLS: 50% and up

Beardstown Liberty and Urbana Lighthouse

2008 SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF THE YEAR:

Urbana Light House

+62 Responsibility List +44 Attendance

Beardstown Liberty

+ 145 % Responsibility List +150 % Attendance

2009 General SDMI Convention Delegates

**Jim Blue, Chairman; Jerome Williams, Adult
Ministries; Amy Holman, Children's Ministries;
Chris Blue, Judi Roarick and David Sorensen**

2008 ASSEMBLY YEAR

NUMERICAL INCREASE

Carmi	45
Urbana Lighthouse	44
Beardstown Liberty	21
Olivet	18
Salem	18
Belleville First	16
Auburn	15
Springfield First	14
Carlinville	13
Arcola Spanish	12

Thank you...

for your vote of confidence, the generous
love offering and the ILLINI Rocking Chair
presented to me at the conclusion of my
20th report as your District Chairman. Jim

...to the many volunteers who worked our first Combined Children's
Camp this year. Red Nose Ministry did a fantastic job ministering
to our children and staff. 141 children attended camp this year.

The date for next year's camp will be JULY 27 - 31.

PERCENTAGE INCREASE

Beardstown Liberty	150
Rush Memorial	120
Urbana Lighthouse	118
Carmi	107
Carlinville	54
Barry	50
Auburn	37
Olivet	33
Arcola Spanish	28
Decatur Oak Grove	21

Women's Retreat
"A Christmas Tea"

October 3 -4, 2008

Speaker:
Sue Ellen Rattin

Sue Ellen will give women practical biblical instruction for managing their
time, talent, treasures and tears. **REGISTRATION FORMS ARE ON
DISTRICT WEB SITE.** For more information call: 217-662-6924

Everybody ought to go to Sunday School

SDMI REPORT APRIL 2008

Assembly Year '08					Assembly Year '08				
CHURCH	Enroll	SS	MW	NN	CHURCH	Enroll	SS	MW	NN
CHAMPAIGN TEAM: Carlos Lonberger, Chairman					Mount Vernon Team: Tim Mondy, Chairman				
Champaign First	197	93	112	3	Benton	88	44	58	
Champaign New Day	128	38	55		Centralia	135	59	62	
Mahomet	111	24	57	6	Du Quoin	42	20	24	
Mansfield Community	116	21	27		Mount Vernon	140	29	39	
Monticello	61	24	35	2	Salem Grace	365	176	316	29
Ogden	67	50	68	8	Sparta	34	17	17	
Rantoul	81	47	87	3	Tilden	20	11	25	
Urbana Lighthouse	152	81	36		MURPHYSBORO TEAM: Bobby Parker, Chairman				
DECATUR TEAM: Greg Wooten, Chairman					Anna First	193	94	106	16
Clinton	176	80	108	4	Carbondale New Beginnings	97	46	59	6
Decatur First	581	309	529	36	Harrisburg	60	16	21	
Decatur Oak Grove	198	26	46	2	Marion	48	29	36	3
Decatur Parkway	200	90	103		Metropolis	20	15	20	
Decatur Trinity	113	38	47		Murphysboro	106	48	74	
Decatur West Side	181	90	108	3	Omaha	74	21	25	6
Lincoln	112	23	45		Royalton	173	77	58	
Shelbyville	239	95	147		OLIVET TEAM: Bill Connell, Chairman				
ILLINOIS RIVER TEAM: Leslie Moore, Chairman					Chrisman	98	52	80	9
Barry	15	11	19		Georgetown	96	37	38	2
Beardstown	151	86	101	1	Home Gardens	23	12	18	
Beardstown Liberty	71	35	40		Oakwood	48	28	9	
Bethel Community	100	53	75	5	Olivet	130	56	77	2
Griggsville	76	26	37		Paris	25	15	45	
Mount Sterling	57	26	41		Ridge Farm	70	28	30	
Nebo	50	24	39		Tuscola	24	19	38	
Pittsfield	374	172	261		OLNEY TEAM: Bob Taylor, Chairman				
Quincy Emmanuel	66	34	60		Carmi	59	48	48	1
MATTOON TEAM: Penny Brown, Chairman					Fairfield	24	14	19	
Arcola First	99	45	46		Flora	219	143	174	
Arcola Spanish	76	40	58		Laclede	52	10	12	
Casey	717	102	210	3	Lawrenceville Faith	31	15	23	
Marshall	182	59	53	1	Mount Carmel	42	21	31	
Mattoon East Side	199	95	112	7	Mount Erie	70	25	28	3
Mattoon Real Life Community	82	38	60		Olney	189	75	101	
West Union	65	29	37		SPRINGFIELD TEAM: Donald Harrison, Chairman				
METRO EAST TEAM: Russell Brewer, Chairman					Auburn	305	56	57	17
Belleville Emmanuel	95	41	37	3	Carlinville	56	37	37	5
Belleville First	282	162	206	1	Pana	352	153	301	23
Belleville Korean	41	16	40	3	Sherman	147	72	88	3
Bluffview Christian Center	161	28	51	1	Springfield First	293	195	260	12
Collinsville Good Samaritan	252	77	182	2	Springfield Trinity	137	41	71	2
East St. Louis Rush Memorial	6	5	5	1	Taylorville	95	45	55	1
Edgemont Grace	66	23	33	1	Virden	60	28	28	1
Fairview Heights Parkview	94	56	55						
Mississippi Valley Team: Richard Unger, Chairman									
Glenview	181	66	62	3					
Godfrey	196	58	88		GRAND TOTALS				
Granite City Crossroads	75	29	57		11355	4707	6608	258	
Jerseyville	117	39	48	2	RESP	SS	AM	NN	
Roxana	362	167	150	8					



Missional Strategy

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Time to Pray

Jesus told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. – Luke 10:2

The mission of the Illinois District is challenging to say the least. In a postmodern culture where morality is up for grabs, pastors are discouraged, and many churches are in decline -- we have been called to "develop healthy, holiness pastors and churches that multiply." To do so, we will have to overcome not only the gravity of our past ways of doing things, but also about a quarter century of "consumer Christianity" -- which has produced sanctuaries full of religious clients, but hardly a handful of disciples. There is then not only a culture outside our churches that must be redeemed, but a culture among our churches that must be transformed. I believe Christ wants to accomplish his mission among us with "Pentecostal effectiveness" -- a spiritual movement which will result in the revival of congregations and the multiplication of new churches across our District. A generation will be changed by this movement. Children, families, and communities wait to be transformed by the power of Christ. Isn't that the vision of Jesus? He always sees a harvest field that is plentiful.

I'm not sure I know the path to get there, but I know where the journey begins. It begins with prayer. When Jesus was getting ready to send his disciples into the villages of his home district, he called them to take the first step on their knees. *"Ask the Lord of the harvest," he says, "to send out workers into his harvest field."*

This has become my daily prayer as I consider the mission of our District -- your mission and mine. That God -- who rules over the harvest -- will raise up, and send forth workers to accomplish this mission, and fulfill his vision. I pray this prayer several times daily, but I consistently pray it at 10:02am, which reminds me of Jesus words in Luke 10:02. I do this by setting my cellphone alarm to ring at 10:02am.

Now there are mighty prayers that once prayed are instantly answered with obvious results. I'm sure you've witnessed some of those. But there are also small prayers, that are mighty nonetheless. I call them "snowflake prayers." Nothing seems as small and fragile as a snowflake -- catch one on your finger or tongue, and it will disappear immediately. But let them pile up and they will stop the school busses for the day. Let them pile up some more and you may get an avalanche that can bury a village.

What if hundreds of us across the Illinois District all bowed our heads daily at 10:02am to ask the Lord of the harvest to send workers into our District's harvest field? I believe such a small act of prayer, multiplied many times, might cover our District with the glory of God, and prepare the way for the workers that Christ is already preparing to send.

Would you join me in this ministry of prayer? Set your alarm clock, your watch, or cellphone for 10:02am, and when it sounds, hear it as a call to prayer. These prayers will unite us in our mission, open the doors for new workers, and prepare each of us to do our part in the harvest as well.

Tomorrow morning and each day following, I hope you hear the Spirit's voice whisper, *"It's 10:02am. Do you know where the workers are?"*

- Mark Copley
District Missionary

CHURCH NEWS

OLIVET 7-30-08

Rev. Haynes,

Just dropping you a note to let you know that the Olivet church board met on Sunday afternoon and we had a very good board meeting. The church board approved a raise of \$20 per week which represents a 5.4% cost of living raise. The board also voted on where we think our new ramp should be placed so that we could get a drawing and then an estimate on what the cost would be.

These are exciting times for the Olivet Church. We are seeing more new faces coming to church and the Spirit of the Lord can be felt in every service. We at the Olivet Church love and appreciate everything Pastor Blue and Chris do in the church as well as in the surrounding community.

Just thought you would like to know.

JaNell Stark
Church Board Secretary

CHRISMAN 6-24-08

These are good days at Chrisman Church of the Nazarene. Sunday evening June 22nd Marge Lewsader, Wyatt Humrichous, and Anna Humrichous shared their testimonies before being baptized. And then Monday morning we loaded up 18 teens and sent them to camp. We are praising the Lord for His goodness and His presence. - Pastor Chris Hughes

7-1-08

Junior High and High School camp was a great time for our Church. Eighteen teens made their way to Nazarene Acres and the Sunday they returned it was obvious God had worked in a special way. All of them were impacted in some way several saved for the first time. We praise the Lord for what he is doing in the lives of our teens.

Pastor Chris Hughes
Chrisman Church of the Nazarene

Dr. & Mrs. Allen Dace

celebrated their 55th
wedding anniversary
on Aug. 29th.

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Pastors check out the following website for a seminar on conflict management in Chicago on Oct. 28 at the Parkview Community Church: www.nccba-gc2.com.

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