

James Spruce,
District Superintendent

Welcome New Pastors



October is Clergy Appreciation Month it is a special time that congregations set aside each year to honor their pastors and pastoral families for the hard work, sacrificial dedication and multiple blessings provided by these special people. It is typically scheduled in October, but can be held at any time that is convenient for the church and the community. It is also important to remember that appreciation, affirmation and prayer support of our spiritual leaders is appropriate throughout the entire year.

The nature of the service provided by pastors and their families is unique. God has entrusted to them one of the most precious of assignments — the spiritual well-being of His flock. When a pastor becomes ineffective, the very souls of his or her parishioners are endangered. When eternity is in the balance, we should all be concerned.

Pastors and their families live under incredible pressures. Their lives are played out in a fishbowl, with the entire congregation and community watching their every move. They are expected to have ideal families, to be perfect people, to always be available, to never be down and to have all the answers we need to keep our own lives stable and moving forward. Those are unrealistic expectations to place on anyone, yet most of us are disappointed when a pastor becomes overwhelmed, seems depressed, lets us down or completely burns out.

That's why God has instructed us to recognize His servants.

"The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching" (1 Timothy 5:17).

The good news is that we can make a difference! Clergy Appreciation Month is one way we can counter the negative erosion in the lives of our spiritual leaders with the positive affirmation they need.

The Fall Zone Rally - dates are October 3 to October 14, 2007. Our Missionary will be Samuel Ovando.

Samuel and Evelyn Ovando have been global missionaries for the Church of the Nazarene since 1976. They presently serve in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

The Ovandos first missionary assignment was to Colombia, South America. In 1983 the Ovandos were reassigned to the Mexico/Central America Region to open a Field Office in Mexico.

The Ovandos transferred to the Dominican Republic in July 2000. Samuel currently serves as Theological Education Coordinator for the Dominican Republic and as teacher for the Spanish Field. Evelyn serves as Coordinator of Lay Ministries (NYI, NMI, SSM).

The Ovandos have three grown children: Samuel Jr., Cynthia, and Charles. The Ovandos spend their home assignment in Kingsburg, California.

Due to family commitments, Evelyn will not be with Samuel. Samuel and Evelyn are familiar to many of us that have been on District Work & Witness Teams to Mexico as they worked with Jim & Mary Johnson when Jim & Mary were coordinating W&W Trips.

SLR 2007

spiritual life retreat

Another weekend of blissful retreat is upon us!

This year Erik Willits will be bringing the message of 'spiritual rhythm'. We'll focus on spiritual disciplines; prayer, bible study, quiet/silence, journaling, service, etc...

Be sure to pack your game face as you are sure to get in the spirit of some serious **CABIN COMPETITION!!**

And it just wouldn't be SLR without amazing food and snack shack selection. So bring your appetites and a friend!

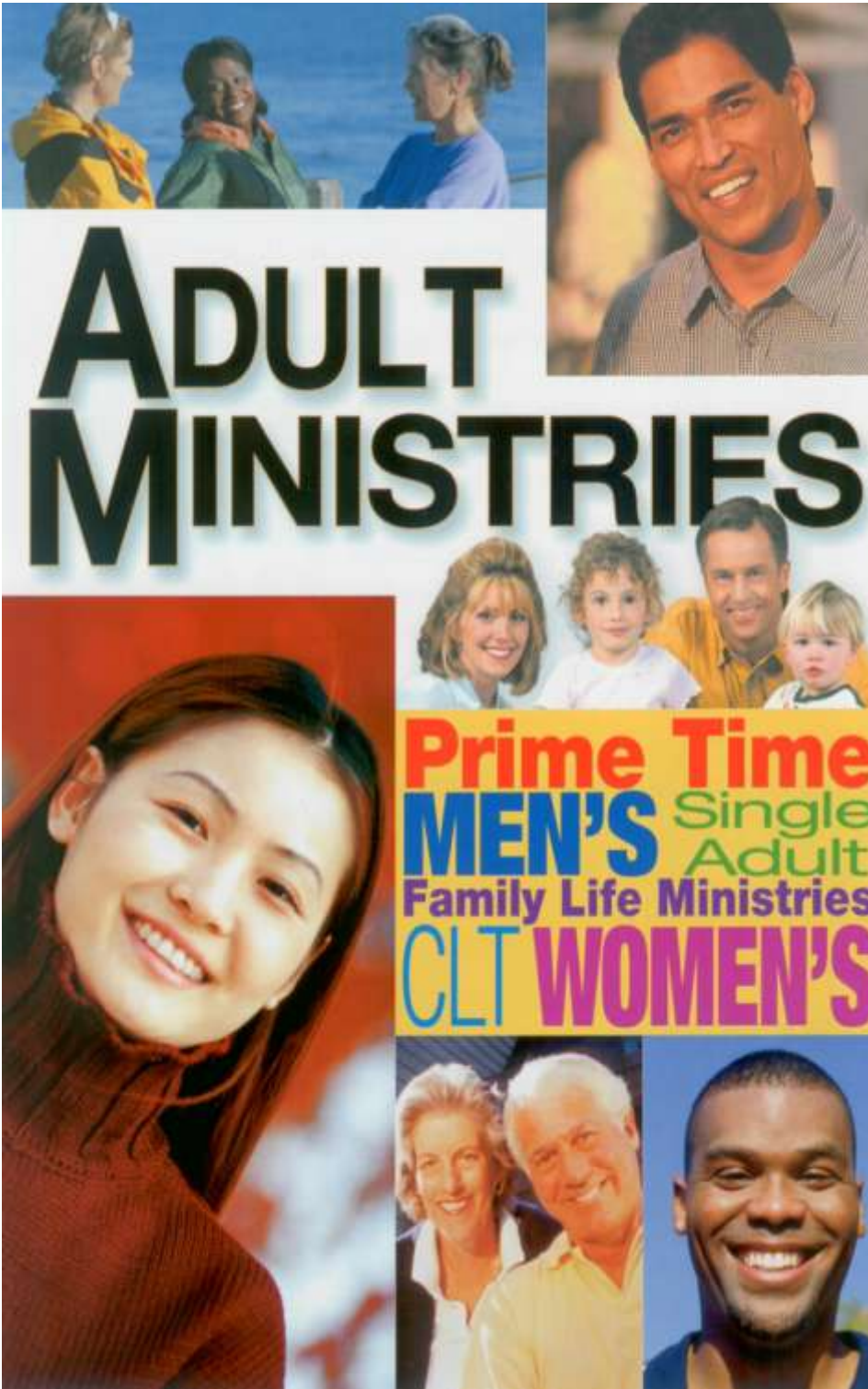
..... silent
Stay **hungry**
..... hopeful
..... pure
close to the Father
and then...

go deep
nazarene acres
October 26 - 28

Cost: \$50 per person
(all inclusive (besides snack shack))



SUNDAY SCHOOL
Make the Connection



Budget Report as of August 31, 2007

Church Name	Unified	% Paid	Olivet	% Paid	NMI	% Paid	SSM	% Paid	NYI	% Paid	WEF	% Paid	P & B	% Paid
Anna First	\$10,417.00	69.12%	\$6,046.00	0.00%	\$466.00	0.00%	\$467.00	20.00%	\$486.00	10.00%	\$12,956.00	0.00%	\$3,455.00	0.00%
Arcola First	\$4,100.00	0.00%	\$2,380.00	0.00%	\$184.00	0.00%	\$184.00	0.00%	\$191.00	0.00%	\$5,099.00	0.00%	\$1,360.00	0.00%
Arcola Spanish	\$574.00	34.84%	\$333.00	30.03%	\$26.00	0.00%	\$26.00	0.00%	\$27.00	0.00%	\$714.00	0.00%	\$191.00	0.00%
Auburn	\$5,565.00	0.00%	\$3,230.00	0.00%	\$249.00	0.00%	\$250.00	0.00%	\$260.00	0.00%	\$6,922.00	0.00%	\$1,846.00	0.00%
Barry	\$766.00	0.00%	\$445.00	0.00%	\$34.00	0.00%	\$34.00	0.00%	\$36.00	0.00%	\$953.00	0.00%	\$254.00	0.00%
Beardstown	\$7,679.00	0.00%	\$4,457.00	0.00%	\$343.00	0.00%	\$345.00	0.00%	\$359.00	0.00%	\$9,550.00	0.00%	\$2,546.00	0.00%
Beardstown Liberty Hispanic	\$2,231.00	0.00%	\$1,295.00	0.00%	\$100.00	0.00%	\$100.00	0.00%	\$104.00	0.00%	\$2,774.00	0.00%	\$740.00	0.00%
Belleville Emmanuel	\$4,275.00	0.00%	\$2,481.00	0.00%	\$191.00	0.00%	\$192.00	0.00%	\$199.00	0.00%	\$5,316.00	0.00%	\$1,418.00	0.00%
Belleville First	\$17,376.00	0.00%	\$10,086.00	9.91%	\$777.00	0.00%	\$779.00	100.00%	\$811.00	100.00%	\$21,612.00	0.00%	\$5,763.00	0.00%
Belleville Korean	\$9,822.00	16.90%	\$5,701.00	9.65%	\$439.00	0.00%	\$440.00	0.00%	\$458.00	0.00%	\$12,217.00	0.00%	\$3,258.00	0.00%
Benton First	\$5,276.00	30.00%	\$3,063.00	30.00%	\$236.00	30.00%	\$237.00	30.00%	\$246.00	30.00%	\$6,563.00	0.00%	\$1,750.00	0.00%
Bethel	\$3,202.00	0.00%	\$1,859.00	0.00%	\$143.00	100.00%	\$144.00	100.00%	\$149.00	100.00%	\$3,983.00	0.00%	\$1,062.00	0.00%
Carbondale New Beginnings Comm. Church	\$1,830.00	0.00%	\$1,062.00	0.00%	\$82.00	0.00%	\$82.00	0.00%	\$85.00	0.00%	\$2,277.00	0.00%	\$607.00	0.00%
Carlinville First	\$2,032.00	19.69%	\$1,179.00	29.69%	\$90.00	0.00%	\$91.00	0.00%	\$95.00	0.00%	\$2,527.00	0.00%	\$674.00	0.00%
Carmi	\$1,301.00	5.30%	\$755.00	0.00%	\$58.00	0.00%	\$58.00	100.00%	\$61.00	0.00%	\$1,618.00	0.00%	\$431.00	0.00%
Casey	\$28,498.00	15.09%	\$16,541.00	18.14%	\$1,274.00	0.00%	\$1,278.00	0.00%	\$1,330.00	0.00%	\$35,445.00	0.00%	\$9,452.00	0.00%
Centralia	\$5,229.00	0.00%	\$3,035.00	0.00%	\$234.00	0.00%	\$235.00	0.00%	\$244.00	0.00%	\$6,504.00	0.00%	\$1,735.00	0.00%
Champaign First	\$10,873.00	89.28%	\$6,311.00	71.51%	\$486.00	0.00%	\$488.00	0.00%	\$508.00	0.00%	\$13,524.00	0.00%	\$3,607.00	0.00%

Champaign New Day	\$4,444.00	0.00%	\$2,580.00	0.00%	\$198.00	0.00%	\$199.00	0.00%	\$207.00	0.00%	\$5,528.00	0.00%	\$1,474.00	0.00%
Chrisman	\$6,456.00	0.00%	\$3,747.00	0.00%	\$288.00	0.00%	\$290.00	0.00%	\$302.00	0.00%	\$8,030.00	0.00%	\$2,142.00	0.00%
Clinton First	\$11,440.00	31.47%	\$6,640.00	36.14%	\$511.00	0.00%	\$513.00	0.00%	\$535.00	0.00%	\$14,229.00	0.00%	\$3,795.00	0.00%
Collinsville Good Samaritan	\$18,293.00	0.00%	\$10,619.00	0.00%	\$817.00	0.00%	\$820.00	0.00%	\$854.00	0.00%	\$22,754.00	0.00%	\$6,068.00	0.00%
Decatur First	\$32,434.00	18.18%	\$18,826.00	24.94%	\$1,450.00	41.40%	\$1,455.00	0.00%	\$1,514.00	0.00%	\$40,341.00	0.00%	\$10,758.00	0.00%
Decatur Oak Grove	\$2,694.00	0.00%	\$1,564.00	0.00%	\$120.00	0.00%	\$121.00	0.00%	\$126.00	0.00%	\$3,351.00	0.00%	\$893.00	0.00%
Decatur Parkway	\$13,901.00	0.00%	\$8,068.00	0.00%	\$621.00	0.00%	\$624.00	0.00%	\$649.00	0.00%	\$17,289.00	0.00%	\$4,611.00	0.00%
Decatur Trinity	\$8,001.00	0.00%	\$4,644.00	0.00%	\$357.00	0.00%	\$359.00	0.00%	\$374.00	0.00%	\$9,952.00	0.00%	\$2,653.00	0.00%
Decatur West Side	\$13,455.00	29.99%	\$7,809.00	4.99%	\$602.00	33.22%	\$604.00	33.11%	\$628.00	33.44%	\$16,735.00	0.00%	\$4,463.00	0.00%
Du Quoin	\$1,533.00	31.72%	\$890.00	35.09%	\$69.00	0.00%	\$69.00	0.00%	\$72.00	0.00%	\$1,907.00	0.00%	\$508.00	0.00%
Dupo Bluff View Christian Center	\$4,680.00	0.00%	\$2,717.00	0.00%	\$210.00	0.00%	\$210.00	0.00%	\$218.00	0.00%	\$5,822.00	0.00%	\$1,552.00	0.00%
East St. Louis Rush Memorial	\$289.00	0.00%	\$168.00	0.00%	\$13.00	0.00%	\$13.00	0.00%	\$14.00	0.00%	\$360.00	0.00%	\$96.00	0.00%
Edgemont Grace	\$1,688.00	0.00%	\$980.00	0.00%	\$76.00	0.00%	\$76.00	0.00%	\$78.00	0.00%	\$2,099.00	0.00%	\$560.00	0.00%
Laclede	\$360.00	10.00%	\$209.00	10.00%	\$16.00	100.00%	\$16.00	100.00%	\$17.00	100.00%	\$448.00	0.00%	\$119.00	0.00%
Effingham	\$2,221.00	0.00%	\$1,289.00	0.00%	\$99.00	0.00%	\$99.00	0.00%	\$104.00	0.00%	\$2,762.00	0.00%	\$736.00	0.00%
Fairfield	\$1,701.00	20.11%	\$988.00	20.04%	\$76.00	100.00%	\$76.00	100.00%	\$79.00	100.00%	\$2,117.00	0.00%	\$565.00	0.00%
Fairview Heights Parkway	\$6,938.00	0.00%	\$4,027.00	0.00%	\$310.00	0.00%	\$311.00	0.00%	\$324.00	0.00%	\$8,629.00	0.00%	\$2,301.00	0.00%
Flora	\$11,396.00	10.00%	\$6,614.00	10.00%	\$509.00	10.00%	\$511.00	10.00%	\$532.00	22.95%	\$14,174.00	0.00%	\$3,780.00	0.00%
Georgetown	\$4,063.00	7.38%	\$2,358.00	0.00%	\$182.00	100.00%	\$182.00	0.00%	\$190.00	100.00%	\$5,053.00	0.00%	\$1,347.00	0.00%
Glenview	\$9,020.00	22.97%	\$5,236.00	25.92%	\$403.00	0.00%	\$404.00	0.00%	\$421.00	0.00%	\$11,219.00	0.00%	\$2,992.00	0.00%
Godfrey	\$6,520.00	31.98%	\$3,784.00	8.83%	\$291.00	0.00%	\$292.00	0.00%	\$304.00	0.00%	\$8,109.00	0.00%	\$2,162.00	0.00%
Good Samaritan Ministry	\$121.00	0.00%	\$70.00	0.00%	\$5.00	0.00%	\$5.00	0.00%	\$6.00	0.00%	\$150.00	0.00%	\$40.00	0.00%
Granite City Crossroads Community	\$7,479.00	0.00%	\$4,341.00	0.00%	\$334.00	0.00%	\$336.00	0.00%	\$349.00	0.00%	\$9,302.00	0.00%	\$2,480.00	0.00%
Griggsville	\$2,010.00	0.00%	\$1,167.00	0.00%	\$90.00	0.00%	\$90.00	0.00%	\$94.00	0.00%	\$2,500.00	0.00%	\$667.00	0.00%
Harrisburg First	\$2,330.00	0.00%	\$1,352.00	0.00%	\$104.00	0.00%	\$104.00	0.00%	\$109.00	0.00%	\$2,898.00	0.00%	\$773.00	0.00%
Highland	\$121.00	0.00%	\$70.00	0.00%	\$5.00	0.00%	\$5.00	0.00%	\$6.00	0.00%	\$150.00	0.00%	\$40.00	0.00%
Home Gardens	\$649.00	0.00%	\$377.00	0.00%	\$29.00	0.00%	\$29.00	0.00%	\$30.00	0.00%	\$807.00	0.00%	\$215.00	0.00%
Jerseyville	\$2,819.00	0.00%	\$1,637.00	0.00%	\$126.00	0.00%	\$126.00	0.00%	\$132.00	0.00%	\$3,507.00	0.00%	\$935.00	0.00%
Lawrenceville Faith	\$1,184.00	0.00%	\$688.00	0.00%	\$53.00	0.00%	\$53.00	0.00%	\$56.00	0.00%	\$1,473.00	0.00%	\$393.00	0.00%
Lincoln First	\$3,209.00	12.46%	\$1,863.00	10.74%	\$143.00	0.00%	\$144.00	102.78%	\$150.00	102.67%	\$3,992.00	0.00%	\$1,064.00	0.00%
Mahomet	\$4,962.00	0.00%	\$2,880.00	0.00%	\$222.00	0.00%	\$223.00	0.00%	\$231.00	0.00%	\$6,171.00	0.00%	\$1,646.00	0.00%
Mansfield	\$4,268.00	30.00%	\$2,477.00	30.00%	\$191.00	0.00%	\$191.00	0.00%	\$199.00	30.00%	\$5,308.00	0.00%	\$1,416.00	0.00%
Marion	\$4,078.00	10.00%	\$2,367.00	10.01%	\$182.00	0.00%	\$183.00	14.75%	\$190.00	0.00%	\$5,072.00	0.00%	\$1,352.00	0.00%
Marion Oasis Community	\$1,221.00	0.00%	\$70.00	0.00%	\$5.00	0.00%	\$5.00	0.00%	\$6.00	0.00%	\$150.00	0.00%	\$40.00	0.00%
Marshall	\$5,061.00	0.00%	\$2,937.00	34.05%	\$226.00	0.00%	\$227.00	0.00%	\$236.00	0.00%	\$6,294.00	0.00%	\$1,678.00	0.00%
Mattoon East Side	\$7,898.00	12.66%	\$4,584.00	0.00%	\$353.00	0.00%	\$354.00	0.00%	\$368.00	0.00%	\$9,824.00	0.00%	\$2,620.00	0.00%
Mattoon Real Life Community	\$8,583.00	5.83%	\$4,982.00	0.00%	\$383.00	0.00%	\$385.00	0.00%	\$401.00	0.00%	\$10,675.00	0.00%	\$2,847.00	0.00%
Metropolis	\$1,883.00	0.00%	\$1,093.00	0.00%	\$84.00	0.00%	\$84.00	0.00%	\$88.00	0.00%	\$2,343.00	0.00%	\$625.00	0.00%
Monticello	\$5,688.00	20.04%	\$3,302.00	19.99%	\$255.00	0.00%	\$256.00	100.00%	\$266.00	100.00%	\$7,076.00	0.00%	\$1,887.00	0.00%
Mt. Carmel	\$2,026.00	0.00%	\$1,176.00	0.00%	\$91.00	0.00%	\$91.00	0.00%	\$95.00	0.00%	\$2,520.00	0.00%	\$672.00	0.00%
Mt. Erie	\$2,950.00	28.81%	\$1,713.00	49.62%	\$132.00	0.00%	\$133.00	0.00%	\$137.00	0.00%	\$3,669.00	0.00%	\$978.00	0.00%
Mt. Sterling	\$2,475.00	22.95%	\$1,437.00	0.00%	\$111.00	100.00%	\$111.00	100.00%	\$116.00	100.00%	\$3,078.00	0.00%	\$821.00	0.00%
Mt. Vernon Faith	\$3,657.00	30.96%	\$2,123.00	33.34%	\$163.00	0.00%	\$164.00	30.20%	\$171.00	35.84%	\$4,549.00	0.00%	\$1,213.00	0.00%
Murphysboro	\$6,313.00	0.00%	\$3,665.00	0.00%	\$282.00	100.00%	\$283.00	0.00%	\$295.00	100.00%	\$7,852.00	0.00%	\$2,094.00	0.00%
Nebo	\$3,334.00	15.00%	\$1,936.00	25.83%	\$149.00	0.00%	\$150.00	100.00%	\$156.00	0.00%	\$4,147.00	0.00%	\$1,106.00	0.00%
Oakwood	\$896.00	0.00%	\$520.00	0.00%	\$40.00	0.00%	\$40.00	0.00%	\$42.00	0.00%	\$1,115.00	0.00%	\$297.00	0.00%
Ogden	\$7,246.00	20.70%	\$4,206.00	52.45%	\$324.00	0.00%	\$325.00	0.00%	\$339.00	0.00%	\$9,013.00	0.00%	\$2,403.00	0.00%
Olivet	\$3,659.00	31.05%	\$2,124.00	30.86%	\$164.00	100.00%	\$164.00	100.00%	\$171.00	100.00%	\$4,551.00	0.00%	\$1,214.00	0.00%
Olney	\$8,273.00	0.00%	\$4,802.00	0.00%	\$369.00	0.00%	\$371.00	0.00%	\$386.00	0.00%	\$10,291.00	0.00%	\$2,744.00	0.00%
Omaha	\$1,016.00	18.06%	\$591.00	0.00%	\$46.00	100.00%	\$46.00	100.00%	\$48.00	100.00%	\$1,264.00	0.00%	\$337.00	0.00%
Pana First	\$9,230.00	0.00%	\$5,357.00	0.00%	\$413.00	0.00%	\$414.00	0.00%	\$431.00	0.00%	\$11,480.00	0.00%	\$3,061.00	0.00%
Paris First	\$3,044.00	7.50%	\$1,767.00	8.45%	\$136.00	0.00%	\$137.00	0.00%	\$142.00	0.00%	\$3,786.00	0.00%	\$1,010.00	0.00%
Pittsfield	\$25,908.00	54.04%	\$15,038.00	79.80%	\$1,158.00	100.00%	\$1,162.00	100.00%	\$1,209.00	100.00%	\$32,223.00	0.00%	\$8,593.00	0.00%
Quincy Emmanuel	\$5,193.00	0.00%	\$3,014.00	0.00%	\$232.00	0.00%	\$233.00	0.00%	\$242.00	0.00%	\$6,458.00	0.00%	\$1,722.00	0.00%
Rantoul	\$7,032.00	34.02%	\$4,082.00	44.01%	\$314.00	0.00%	\$315.00	0.00%	\$329.00	6.08%	\$8,746.00	0.00%	\$2,332.00	0.00%
Ridge Farm	\$2,719.00	0.00%	\$1,578.00	0.00%	\$122.00	0.00%	\$122.00	0.00%	\$127.00	0.00%	\$3,382.00	0.00%	\$902.00	0.00%
Roxana	\$20,222.00	22.47%	\$11,737.00	15.94%	\$904.00	0.00%	\$907.00	0.00%	\$944.00	100.00%	\$25,152.00	0.00%	\$6,707.00	0.00%
Royalton First	\$5,458.00	0.00%	\$3,168.00	0.00%	\$244.00	0.00%	\$245.00	0.00%	\$255.00	0.00%	\$6,789.00	0.00%	\$1,810.00	0.00%
Salem Grace	\$17,760.00	66.22%	\$10,308.00	100.00%	\$793.00	0.00%	\$796.00	100.00%	\$829.00	100.00%	\$22,088.00	0.00%	\$5,890.00	0.00%
Shelbyville	\$13,861.00	30.92%	\$8,045.00	0.00%	\$619.00	0.00%	\$622.00	100.00%	\$647.00	100.00%	\$17,240.00	0.00%	\$4,597.00	0.00%
Sherman	\$9,962.00	30.01%	\$5,782.00	30.02%	\$445.00	100.00%	\$447.00	100.00%	\$465.00	100.00%	\$12,391.00	0.00%	\$3,304.00	0.00%
Sparta	\$1,100.00	0.00%	\$639.00	0.00%	\$49.00	0.00%	\$49.00	0.00%	\$51.00	0.00%	\$1,369.00	0.00%	\$365.00	0.00%
Springfield First	\$24,505.00	0.00%	\$14,223.00	0.00%	\$1,095.00	0.00%	\$1,099.00	0.00%	\$1,144.00	21.85%	\$30,479.00	0.00%	\$8,128.00	0.00%
Springfield Trinity	\$4,663.00	0.00%	\$2,706.00	0.00%	\$208.00	100.00%	\$209.00	100.00%	\$218.00	0.00%	\$5,799.00	0.00%	\$1,546.00	0.00%
Taylorville First	\$4,143.00	0.00%	\$2,404.00	0.00%	\$185.00	0.00%	\$186.00	0.00%	\$194.00	0.00%	\$5,153.00	0.00%	\$1,374.00	0.00%
Tilden	\$1,489.00	0.00%	\$864.00	0.00%	\$67.00	0.00%	\$67.00	0.00%	\$69.00	0.00%	\$1,853.00	0.00%	\$494.00	0.00%
Tuscola	\$3,243.00	30.84%	\$1,883.00	0.00%	\$145.00	0.00%	\$146.00	0.00%	\$151.00	0.00%	\$4,034.00	0.00%	\$1,076.00	0.00%
Urbana South Side	\$121.00	37.19%	\$70.00	0.00%	\$5.00	0.00%	\$5.00	0.00%	\$6.00	0.00%	\$150.00	0.00%	\$40.00	0.00%
Virden	\$3,212.00	0.00%	\$1,864.00	0.00%	\$144.00	100.00%	\$144.00	100.00%	\$150.00	0.00%	\$3,994.00	0.00%	\$1,065.00	0.00%
Vandalia	\$121.00	0.00%	\$70.00	0.00%	\$5.00	0.00%	\$5.00	0.00%	\$6.00	0.00%	\$150.00	0.00%	\$40.00	0.00%
West Union	\$1,253.00	15.96%	\$727.00	0.00%	\$56.00	100.00%	\$56.00	100.00%	\$59.00	100.00%	\$1,559.00	0.00%	\$416.00	0.00%
Totals	\$551,121.00	17.63%	\$319,892.00	17.84%	\$24,630.00	16.05%	\$24,718.00	24.92%	\$25,732.00	28.35%	\$685,478.00	0.00%	\$182,793.00	0.00%

CHURCH NEWS

Griggsville Nazarene VBS - August 6 to 10 saw temperatures soaring in the 100's but it didn't keep the kids at Griggsville Nazarene VBS from enjoying the Western theme as they took a Wild Ride through God's Word. Every evening they participated in Music, Games, Drama, Chadder Theater, Crafts, and Snacks as they discovered the reality of God's Word. Attendance ranged from 55 to 62 every night with at least 30 adult helpers. Pastor Steve Boze posed with most of the crew on the last night at Avalanche Ranch.

Turning Conversion into Commitment

4 questions to strengthen our evangelism efforts.

Hebrews 10:19-25; Luke 14:26-27

Many evangelistic methods may work temporarily: a person makes a decision for Christ and comes to church, then church leaders rejoice in effectiveness of outreach. But too often, after a short time, that "convert" slips away from church.

Why does this happen?

Ask these questions about the evangelism method:

1. Are we emphasizing sales or connection? In some approaches the relationship between the evangelizer and the evangelized becomes like that of salesperson and customer. The bottom line in this view is "How many people said yes?" More effective is a process that sees evangelism as a dialogue, a connection between friends who share concern for each other.

2. Are we emphasizing decisions or disciples? The biblical goal is not simply an oral confession, but a life transformed. Nowhere in Scripture is the word decision found, yet the word disciple appears again and again. A "decision" is only one element of many in the process of helping people become disciples and responsible church members.

3. Are we giving people enough exposure to the gospel? There are stories of people who heard the Good News once and were gloriously changed. These miraculous events are not the norm. More often, when someone comes to faith, that person has heard the message again and again and again—in a Bible study, by a friend, on radio or television, at a

church social event. An effective evangelistic strategy exposes potential disciples to many and varied presentations of the gospel.

4. Are we connecting non-Christians with other Christians? The evangelistic message must emphasize not only "accepting Christ," but also "uniting with Christ's church." The more a non-Christian comes in contact with the person of Christ through his people, the more complete this person's understanding of Christ and his love.

—WIN ARN AND CHARLES ARN

To Discuss

1. What are the different approaches our church uses to communicate the gospel with others?
2. Which of these strategies have been most effective for us? Why?
3. How do we support a new believer and help the person connect into the church?

Highland NewStart Church of the Nazarene met for their first church picnic on June 24th. Potluck, games and fellowship were the agenda for the day. NewStarts across the Illinois District are reaching people for Christ and the Church of the Nazarene. If you are interested in being involved in a NewStart or if you have idea for location to do a NewStart contact our District Missionary Tim Young at timyoung1960@charter.net.

SDMI REPORT AUGUST 2007										
CHURCH	Enroll	SS	MW	NN	CHURCH	Enroll	SS	MW	NN	
CHAMPAIGN TEAM: Carlos Lonberger, Chairman					Mount Vernon Team: Tim Mondy, Chairman					
Champaign First	196	96	113	2	Benton	82	42	59		
Champaign New Day	135	37	67		Centralia	141	64	67	3	
Mahomet	119	41	72	3	Du Quoin	34	18	23		
Mansfield Community	111	21	34		Mount Vernon	140	29	39	2	
Monticello	60	30	35	1	Salem Grace	364	122	252	40	
Ogden	111	48	64	5	Sparta	36	15	14	1	
Rantoul	91	51	87		Tilden	13	11	24		
Urbana South Side	90	37	15		MURPHYSBORO TEAM: Bobby Parker, Chairman					
DECATUR TEAM: Greg Wooten, Chairman					Anna First					
Clinton	253	93	115	1	Carbondale New Beginnings	177	88	112	9	
Decatur First	646	347	567	51	Harrisburg	99	46	56	21	
Decatur Oak Grove	193	24	42	2	Marion	64	21	23	3	
Decatur Parkway	233	98	110	9	Metropolis	42	32	31		
Decatur Trinity	233	98	110	9	Metropolis	76	32	20		
Decatur West Side	113	50	62		Murphysboro	100	43	64	2	
Decatur West Side	208	98	104	4	Omaha	60	24	25	8	
Lincoln	102	32	48	12	Royalton	168	68	59		
Shelbyville	288	91	143	6	OLIVET TEAM: Cade Clarke, Chairman					
ILLINOIS RIVER TEAM: Leslie Moore, Chairman					Chrisman					
Barry	27	16	19		Georgetown	351	55	81		
Beardstown	258	84	100	6	Home Gardens	96	37	42		
Beardstown Liberty	29	14	44		Oakwood	30	24	30		
Bethel Community	29	14	44		Oakwood	55	25	12		
Bethel Community	96	44	61	2	Olivet	124	53	73	9	
Griggsville	41	32	32		Paris	86	47	55		
Mount Sterling	61	20	45		Ridge Farm	60	30	40	3	
Nebo	90	22	35	2	Tuscola	51	30	50	7	
Pittsfield	381	174	260		OLNEY TEAM: Bob Taylor, Chairman					
Quincy Emmanuel	119	58	66		Carmi	42	42	46	10	
MATTOON TEAM: Penny Brown, Chairman					Fairfield					
Arcola First	70	57	65	4	Flora	45	23	23		
Arcola Spanish	59	33	40		Flora	220	153	176	6	
Casey	59	33	40		Laclede	56	9	15		
Casey	774	160	263	6	Lawrenceville Faith	32	20	25		
Effingham	45	14	22		Mount Carmel	38	19	33	2	
Marshall	182	56	55	3	Mount Erie	60	22	34	8	
Mattoon East Side	190	97	99	1	Olney	106	71	100	4	
Mattoon Real Life Community	89	40	65	6	SPRINGFIELD TEAM: Glen Hunter, Chairman					

West Union	65	28	39	4	Auburn	184	41	62	10	
METRO EAST TEAM: Russell Brewer, Chairman					Carlinville	43	22	26		
Belleville Emmanuel	84	35	42		Pana	342	176	281	29	
Belleville First	267	146	206	6	Sherman	147	80	97	6	
Belleville Korean	48	25	47		Springfield First	273	181	266	25	
Bluffview Christian Center	78	37	55	2	Springfield Trinity	118	43	79	15	
Collinsville Good Samaritan	233	87	197		Taylorville	141	48	56	3	
East St. Louis Rush Memorial	6	5	5	1	Vandalia					
Edgemont Grace	51	27	32		Virden	62	30	51		
Fairview Heights Parkview	70	56	56	1						
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY TEAM: Richard Unger, Chairman										
Glenview	174	58	71	3	GRAND TOTALS	11600	4951	6690	380	0
Godfrey	160	54	83	3		RESP	SS	AM	NN	NR
Granite City Crossroads	120	53	65	6						
Jerseyville	118	43	49	2						
Roxana	331	161	158	4						