
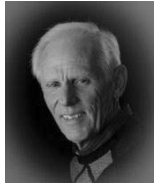


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**Illinois District**  
**CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
**New Passion... New People... A New Illinois**



James Spruce  
District Superintendent

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**LAY RETREAT WEEKEND**  
 September 10<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
 "A Life- Saving Event!"  
 Featuring: Rev. Mike Baker  
 Being held on the beautiful  
 Brush Creek Campground located in Zenith, Illinois

**Illinois District  
 Pastor & Spouse Retreat  
 October 17-19, 2010**



**Pere Marquette Lodge  
 & Conference Center  
 Grafton, IL**

**Guests  
 Dr. & Mrs. J.K. Warrick  
 Dr. & Mrs. Jim Spruce**

Instead of District Women's Retreat  
 this year it's  
**Come to the Fire  
 Conference**  
 for all women desiring a holy heart  
**September 30 - October 2, 2010**  
 Fort Wayne, IN  
 Wonderful Speakers, Wonderful Music  
**Conference is FREE**



Register at <http://www.cometothefire.org/page23/page26/page26.html>



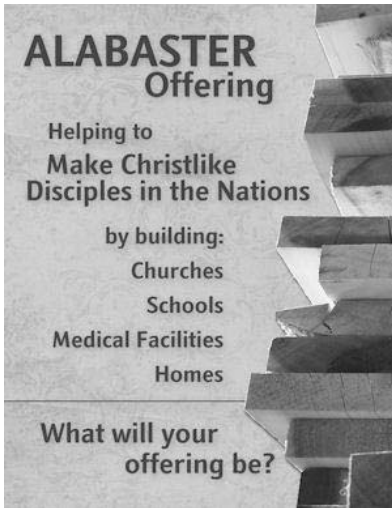


## NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL

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"That the world may know"



### 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.

How Are Alabaster Offerings Received? The Alabaster Offering gets to the mission field via several avenues. The most widely used is the Alabaster Box. Individuals are challenged to regularly contribute the cost of items they desire but do not need. The boxes also serve as reminders to pray for those people who will benefit from Alabaster buildings.

In September and February, the money is collected. Sometimes a "march offering" is received with individuals carrying their boxes to the front of the church and pouring the money into a large offering container. The way an offering is received is as varied as the world areas in which the Church of the Nazarene has a presence; however, it is always accompanied with a spirit of rejoicing.

Many churches receive regular offerings throughout the year that are designated as Alabaster funds. This is often a part of the Faith Promise plan for missions giving. However, the semi-annual offerings should still be received, allowing opportunity for giving by those not participating in other ways.

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.

### History of Alabaster

In 1948, Rev. Elizabeth Venum, Global Council member, was asked to think and pray about a challenging project for NMI. Rev. Venum knew if God wanted the project to take place, 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).

At the Global NMI Council meeting in 1949, Mrs. Venum told of the Alabaster plan God had given her. The Council unanimously adopted the plan, and the first offering was received in 1949.

The Board of General Superintendents approved the plan for Alabaster funds to be used exclusively for buildings and properties in cross-cultural ministries.

Now, more than 60 years later, Alabaster is still strong, having provided more than 8,300 projects since 1949. Faithful Nazarenes around the world have given more than \$92 million dollars for this much-needed ministry.

**So... You Want To Help Build A...**

**Church...  
School...  
Hospital...  
Home...**



**You Can!  
When You Give Your  
Alabaster Offering**



**NAZARENE YOUTH INTERNATIONAL**

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**NYC 2011**  
**Louisville, KY July 5-10, 2011**

Check out the website for more information: [www.nyc2011.org](http://www.nyc2011.org)  
Go to the NYI page of [www.illinoisnaz.org](http://www.illinoisnaz.org) for forms and  
directions for registration.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Red Carpet Days at Olivet Nazarene University for High School Sophomores and Juniors  
Oct. 1-2, 2010  
\$30 before September 20

**Radiate**  
November 5-6, 2010  
More details to come



**DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL &  
DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL**

**TIMOTHY CRUMP**, District Chairman  
315 Cale Ct., Forsyth, IL 62535  
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**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
*Make the Connection*

**SDMI CONVENTION**

**We will not be having a  
Fall SDMI Convention!**

I personally wish to thank the great Illinois District and local Sunday School team, pastors, laypersons and all involved with the inspiring work of Sunday School, for the tremendous love and support extended to me the past 23 years as I led the Illinois district Sunday School. Your cooperating, reporting, supporting through Sunday School budgets, attending Spirit Rallies, Conventions Team Day and conventions and children camps.

Thank you to the District SDMI Board and Dr. James Spruce for the 2nd Mile Award and check presented to me at opening night of District Assembly in July. It truly has been a joyful and exciting journey promoting and leading the work of Sunday School.

I am confident that the newly elected District SDMI Chairman, Rev Tim Crump, will provide outstanding leadership and new direction for the work of Sunday School across this great district. I believe..."EVERYBODY OUGHT TO GO TO SUNDAY SCHOOL".

Rev. James Blue

**LAY RETREAT WEEKEND**  
September 10<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
Brush Creek Campground, Zenith, Illinois  
With Rev. Mike Baker

**Cost for EACH ADULT: \$85.00 (includes lodging at campground and meals)**

**Cabins and dorms available on a first come, first serve basis.**

**Camper trailers & RV's welcome. All cabins & dorms are air conditioned.**

**If you are only able to attend one service the cost will be \$10.00 per service and \$10.00 per meal.**

Registration begins at 4:00 p.m. in the Dining Hall on **Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**. The evening meal will begin at 6:00 p.m. and our Friday evening chapel will start at 7:30 p.m. Retreat will end after the noon meal on Sunday.

**Please complete this registration form with a deposit of \$20.00 PER PERSON. No registration forms will be accepted without this deposit. All registrations must be MAILED to Dave and Jody Askins, 116 North Long, Shelbyville, IL 62565. For inquiries, please call 217-774-2326 or 618-662-9452.**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CHURCH: \_\_\_\_\_

**1<sup>st</sup> Choice - (Circle one) Cabin - Dorm - Camperville**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Choice - (Circle one) Cabin - Dorm - Camperville**

Need Handicap accessibility? Yes or No

Please make checks payable to: Illinois District Sunday School Ministries

## SDMI REPORT FOR JULY 2010

Church	Enroll	SS	MW	NN	Church	Enroll	SS	MW	NN
Champaign Team - Carlos Lonberger, Chairman					Mount Vernon Team - Tim Mondy, Chairman				
Champaign 1st	132	65	111	0	Benton	66	37	56	0
Champaign New Day	120	0	45	0	Centralia	126	64	62	0
Mahomet	91	24	44	0	Du Quoin	43	19	22	0
Mansfield Community	129	18	27	0	Mount Vernon	160	30	39	0
Monticello	89	24	35	0	Salem Grace	540	173	287	0
Ogden	62	54	62	0	Sparta	32	8	16	0
Rantoul	88	43	59	0		967	331	482	0
Urbana Lighthouse	108	33	49	0	Murphysboro Team - Bobby Parker, Chairman				
	819	261	432	0	Anna First	185	88	112	0
Decatur Team - Greg Wooten, Chairman					Carbondale New Beginnings	118	32	33	0
Clinton	162	62	75	0	Marion	74	26	43	1
Decatur 1st	675	285	682	0	Murphysboro	112	39	76	0
Decatur Oak Grove	208	32	62	0	Omaha	94	10	15	0
Decatur Parkway	185	68	83	0	Royalton	188	88	89	0
Decatur Trinity	110	35	42	0		771	283	368	1
Decatur West Side	155	58	81	0	Olivet Team - William Connell, Chairman				
Lincoln	72	26	45	0	Chrisman	124	45	77	3
Shelbyville	283	101	187	0	Georgetown	86	36	47	0
	1850	667	1257	0	Home Gardens	23	8	15	0
Illinois River Team - Leslie Moore, Chairman					Oakwood	80	22	6	0
Barry	22	15	14	0	Olivet	155	38	58	4
Beardstown	142	79	91	0	Paris	79	31	50	0
Beardstown Liberty	0	0	63	0	Tuscola	98	14	36	0
Bethel Community	139	35	64	0		645	194	289	7
Griggsville	76	21	30	0	Olney Team - Bob Taylor, Chairman				
Mount Sterling	70	12	29	0	Carmi	78	70	52	0
Nebo	129	27	48	0	Fairfield	48	11	17	0
Pittsfield	439	164	271	0	Flora	243	112	160	0
Quincy Emmanuel	125	35	39	0	Laclede	53	14	24	2
	1142	388	649	0	Mount Carmel	54	17	31	0
Mattoon Team - Penny Brown, Chairman					Mount Erie	36	20	28	0
Arcola 1st	117	24	46	0	Olney	133	56	80	0
Arcola Spanish	62	22	41	0		645	300	392	2
Casey	589	94	143	0	Springfield Team - Donald Harrison, Chairman				
Marshall	105	51	48	0	Auburn	310	66	56	0
Mattoon East Side	180	98	99	0	Carlinville	76	52	52	0
Mattoon Real Life Comm.	75	30	46	0	Pana	352	140	260	0
West Union	65	15	21	0	Sherman	146	62	65	0
	1193	334	444	0	Springfield 1st	300	153	218	0
Metro East Team - Russell W. Brewer, Chairman					Springfield Trinity	100	40	56	0
Belleville Emmanuel	128	54	51	3	Taylorville	100	50	86	0
Belleville 1st	240	133	195	0	Vandalia 1st	75	15	19	0
Belleville Korean	48	25	47	0	Virden	65	28	39	0
Bluffview	186	27	48	0		1524	606	851	0
Collinsville Good Samaritan	133	77	126	0	Grand Totals				
E. St. Louis Rush Mem.	7	5	5	0	Enroll	11241	4027	6040	NN
Edgemont Grace	65	16	37	0					13
Fairview Hgts Parkview	100	56	51	0	Mississippi Valley Team - Richard Unger Chairman				
	907	393	560	3	Glenview	191	56	98	0
Mississippi Valley Team - Richard Unger Chairman					Godfrey	198	41	48	0
Glenview	191	56	98	0	Granite City Crossroads				
Godfrey	198	41	48	0	Jerseyville	96	34	36	0
Granite City Crossroads					Roxana	293	139	134	0
Jerseyville	96	34	36	0		778	270	316	0
Roxana	293	139	134	0					
	778	270	316	0					

**BUDGET REPORT AUGUST 24, 2010**

Church Name	Unified	Paid	NMI	Paid	SDMI	Paid	NYI	Paid	WEF	Paid	P & B	Paid
Anna First	\$2,464.75	\$3,301.79	\$159.63	\$213.84	\$107.66	\$144.22	\$138.96	\$186.15	\$2,825.72	\$3,310.00	\$1,027.54	\$885.00
Arcola First	\$332.35	\$917.72	\$21.52	\$59.44	\$14.52	\$40.09	\$18.74	\$51.75	\$0.00	\$2,885.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Arcola Spanish	\$158.47	\$158.81	\$10.26	\$10.29	\$6.92	\$6.95	\$8.93	\$8.95	\$0.00	\$281.00	\$0.00	\$102.00
Auburn	\$312.72	\$312.73	\$20.25	\$20.25	\$13.66	\$13.66	\$17.63	\$17.63	\$868.46	\$395.62	\$325.26	\$143.87
Barry	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Beardstown	\$1,605.67	\$1,594.80	\$103.99	\$103.29	\$70.14	\$69.66	\$90.52	\$89.91	\$2,051.85	\$2,664.50	\$746.13	\$757.90
Beardstown Liberty Hispanic	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Belleville Emmanuel	\$436.55	\$574.71	\$28.27	\$37.22	\$19.07	\$25.10	\$24.61	\$32.40	\$817.72	\$619.96	\$301.31	\$233.20
Belleville First	\$0.00	\$1,707.55	\$0.00	\$110.59	\$0.00	\$74.59	\$0.00	\$96.27	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,070.00
Belleville Korean	\$1,679.96	\$1,382.18	\$108.80	\$89.51	\$73.38	\$60.39	\$94.71	\$77.92	\$0.00	\$772.00	\$0.00	\$262.00
Benton	\$301.01	\$1,186.88	\$19.49	\$76.86	\$13.15	\$51.84	\$16.97	\$66.90	\$1,286.67	\$1,291.62	\$467.88	\$495.51
Bethel	\$504.44	\$504.45	\$32.67	\$32.67	\$22.03	\$22.03	\$28.44	\$28.44	\$0.00	\$612.87	\$0.00	\$210.60
Bluff View Christian Center	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Carbondale New Beginnings	\$0.00	\$200.03	\$0.00	\$12.95	\$0.00	\$8.74	\$0.00	\$11.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Carlinville First	\$313.98	\$0.00	\$20.33	\$0.00	\$13.72	\$0.00	\$17.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$365.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Carmi	\$0.00	\$1,548.73	\$0.00	\$100.31	\$0.00	\$67.65	\$0.00	\$87.31	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Casey	\$3,038.85	\$4,089.76	\$196.81	\$264.86	\$132.74	\$178.63	\$171.32	\$230.58	\$4,540.76	\$7,814.00	\$1,651.19	\$1,653.99
Centralia	\$951.85	\$967.52	\$61.65	\$62.66	\$41.58	\$42.27	\$53.66	\$54.55	\$0.00	\$1,093.00	\$0.00	\$404.50
Champaign First	\$1,978.97	\$1,974.69	\$128.17	\$127.89	\$86.44	\$86.25	\$111.57	\$111.32	\$525.56	\$2,267.18	\$191.12	\$824.43
Champaign New Day	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Chrisman	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Clinton First	\$1,682.89	\$2,111.91	\$108.99	\$136.77	\$73.51	\$92.25	\$94.88	\$119.07	\$1,872.63	\$1,740.00	\$683.61	\$640.00
Collinsville Good Samaritan	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Crossroads Community	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Decatur First	\$9,218.48	\$8,324.85	\$597.03	\$539.15	\$402.67	\$363.64	\$519.71	\$469.33	\$8,553.56	\$13,893.00	\$3,110.39	\$3,158.79
Decatur Oak Grove	\$391.22	\$573.47	\$25.34	\$37.13	\$17.09	\$25.06	\$22.06	\$32.34	\$761.85	\$763.00	\$277.04	\$281.00
Decatur Parkway	\$2,377.34	\$2,580.25	\$153.97	\$167.10	\$103.84	\$112.71	\$134.03	\$145.48	\$2,794.27	\$2,805.27	\$1,016.10	\$1,020.10
Decatur Trinity	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Decatur West Side	\$1,322.60	\$1,535.19	\$85.66	\$99.42	\$57.77	\$67.06	\$74.56	\$86.54	\$0.00	\$2,103.78	\$0.00	\$765.01
Du Quoin	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
East St. Louis Rush Mem.	\$95.47	\$136.50	\$6.18	\$8.84	\$4.17	\$5.96	\$5.38	\$7.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Edgemont Grace	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fairfield Fountain of Life	\$197.50	\$267.00	\$12.79	\$17.29	\$8.63	\$11.66	\$11.13	\$15.05	\$0.00	\$1,675.00	\$0.00	\$60.40
Fairview Heights Parkview	\$205.76	\$1,036.93	\$13.33	\$67.15	\$8.99	\$45.31	\$11.60	\$58.48	\$1,742.39	\$1,901.00	\$633.60	\$635.20
Flora	\$932.36	\$2,099.57	\$60.38	\$135.98	\$40.73	\$91.71	\$52.56	\$118.38	\$2,176.89	\$2,979.74	\$791.60	\$821.91
Georgetown	\$0.00	\$449.86	\$0.00	\$29.13	\$0.00	\$19.65	\$0.00	\$25.36	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
Glenview	\$1,545.29	\$1,545.29	\$100.08	\$100.08	\$67.50	\$67.50	\$87.12	\$87.12	\$2,090.21	\$2,614.00	\$760.08	\$727.36
Godfrey	\$1,424.27	\$1,227.44	\$92.24	\$79.51	\$62.21	\$53.62	\$80.30	\$69.20	\$1,910.15	\$1,659.90	\$699.61	\$604.99
Griggsville	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Highland	\$82.87	\$82.88	\$5.37	\$5.36	\$3.62	\$3.62	\$4.67	\$4.67	\$0.00	\$323.00	\$0.00	\$40.00
Jerseyville	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Laclede	\$171.94	\$171.95	\$11.14	\$11.14	\$7.51	\$7.51	\$9.69	\$9.69	\$309.88	\$94.73	\$116.99	\$34.45
Lincoln	\$975.37	\$975.40	\$63.17	\$63.17	\$42.61	\$42.59	\$54.99	\$54.98	\$1,148.84	\$1,103.86	\$418.66	\$407.22
Mahomet	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Mansfield Community	\$702.78	\$739.17	\$45.51	\$47.87	\$30.70	\$32.29	\$39.62	\$41.67	\$803.92	\$750.00	\$293.42	\$309.00
Marion First	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Marshall	\$0.00	\$858.50	\$0.00	\$55.60	\$0.00	\$37.50	\$0.00	\$48.40	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Mattoon East Side	\$508.52	\$508.54	\$32.93	\$32.93	\$22.21	\$22.21	\$28.67	\$28.67	\$1,120.48	\$2,654.54	\$407.45	\$464.04
Mattoon Real Life Community	\$726.99	\$751.07	\$47.08	\$48.64	\$31.76	\$32.81	\$40.99	\$42.34	\$1,896.55	\$1,446.18	\$698.66	\$525.88
Monticello	\$153.87	\$632.71	\$9.97	\$40.98	\$6.72	\$27.64	\$8.67	\$35.67	\$0.00	\$752.00	\$0.00	\$281.00
Mount Carmel	\$432.86	\$437.83	\$28.03	\$28.36	\$18.91	\$19.13	\$24.40	\$24.68	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Mount Erie	\$453.78	\$453.79	\$29.39	\$29.39	\$19.82	\$19.83	\$25.58	\$25.59	\$645.22	\$502.25	\$237.49	\$185.68
Mount Sterling	\$389.59	\$375.60	\$25.23	\$24.35	\$17.02	\$16.41	\$21.96	\$21.18	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$92.82
Mount Vernon	\$453.81	\$453.82	\$29.39	\$29.39	\$19.82	\$19.82	\$25.58	\$25.58	\$735.96	\$519.00	\$271.96	\$192.00
Murphysboro	\$1,656.65	\$1,639.90	\$107.29	\$106.21	\$72.36	\$71.63	\$93.40	\$92.45	\$1,869.44	\$0.00	\$717.19	\$660.85
Nebo	\$1,052.11	\$733.29	\$68.14	\$47.49	\$45.96	\$32.03	\$59.32	\$41.34	\$1,303.82	\$841.91	\$483.36	\$312.11
Oakwood	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Oasis Community	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ogden	\$504.72	\$925.92	\$32.69	\$59.97	\$22.05	\$40.44	\$28.45	\$52.21	\$1,412.01	\$1,216.24	\$517.38	\$449.75
Olivet	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$188.00
Olney	\$1,200.32	\$1,230.72	\$77.74	\$79.70	\$52.43	\$53.76	\$67.67	\$69.38	\$1,417.33	\$775.58	\$528.23	\$441.66
Omaha	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$63.00	\$0.00	\$24.17	\$0.00
Pana First	\$1,357.85	\$1,357.84	\$87.94	\$87.94	\$59.31	\$59.32	\$76.55	\$76.55	\$1,512.85	\$1,381.91	\$552.75	\$743.97
Paris First	\$679.69	\$679.69	\$44.02	\$44.02	\$29.69	\$29.69	\$38.32	\$38.32	\$0.00	\$829.96	\$0.00	\$283.78
Pittsfield	\$4,368.61	\$4,421.11	\$282.93	\$286.32	\$190.82	\$193.12	\$246.29	\$249.25	\$5,048.73	\$7,314.50	\$1,835.90	\$1,823.89
Quincy Emmanuel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$63.21	\$0.00	\$24.25	\$0.00
Rantoul	\$705.04	\$741.94	\$45.66	\$48.05	\$30.80	\$32.41	\$39.75	\$41.83	\$729.01	\$1,186.84	\$265.10	\$309.76
Roxana	\$2,288.08	\$4,265.02	\$148.19	\$276.22	\$99.95	\$186.30	\$129.00	\$240.45	\$6,498.83	\$4,588.97	\$2,401.41	\$1,680.88
Royalton First	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Salem Grace	\$3,455.62	\$5,804.97	\$223.80	\$375.95	\$150.94	\$253.58	\$194.82	\$327.27	\$6,667.58	\$6,667.58	\$2,424.58	\$2,428.96
Shelbyville	\$0.00	\$3,935.33	\$0.00	\$254.87	\$0.00	\$171.91	\$0.00	\$221.86	\$5,017.49	\$4,398.53	\$1,836.92	\$1,620.69
Sherman	\$1,520.00	\$1,666.79	\$98.44	\$107.95	\$66.39	\$72.81	\$85.69	\$93.97	\$0.00	\$356.05	\$0.00	\$161.23
Sparta	\$59.42	\$59.41	\$3.85	\$3.85	\$2.60	\$2.60	\$3.35	\$3.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Springfield First	\$0.00	\$2,575.50	\$0.00	\$166.80	\$0.00	\$112.50	\$0.00	\$145.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Springfield Trinity	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Taylorville First	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Tuscola	\$0.00	\$858.50	\$0.00	\$55.60	\$0.00	\$37.50	\$0.00	\$48.40	\$0.00	\$2,760.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Urbana Lighthouse	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Vandalia	\$57.96	\$76.02	\$3.75	\$4.92	\$2.53	\$3.32	\$3.27	\$4.28	\$0.00	\$87.28	\$0.00	\$31.73
Virden	\$726.38	\$776.63	\$47.04	\$50.31	\$31.73	\$33.93	\$40.95	\$43.78	\$0.00	\$1,170.42	\$0.00	\$249.96
West Union	\$0.00	\$474.75	\$0.00	\$30.74	\$0.00	\$20.74	\$0.00	\$26.77	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$58,157.58	\$80,975.20	\$3,766.52	\$5,244.27	\$2,540.38	\$3,537.15	\$3,278.74	\$4,565.19	\$73,082.84	\$99,627.77	\$26,738.33	\$38,177.07

# CHURCH NEWS



**Parkview Nazarene** recently had a celebration service (June 27th) where LaVerne Vivian was given the 2nd Mile Award for her 50+ years of service to the church. Pictured above are Pastor Jay Shoff and Mrs. Vivian.

On Sunday, July 25th **Fairfield Fountain of Life** was blessed with 24 in attendance. Glory! No special event just regular services. Pastor Middleton preached with a live rabbit. The six kids were right up front and listening. The Lesson was on Life in the Blood. Three went to the altar. God is on the scene at the fountain of life.... thank you, Jesus. We also had an anniversary celebration for Ronnie and Carolyn Pollard after church in the evening service. They celebrate 44 years of marriage.  
 -- Rev. Dennis Middleton, pastor



**Joshua Mondy** was recently honored as the Superior Cadet of his MS2 ROTC class for the 2009-2010 academic year. Mondy is a member of the Roaring Tiger ROTC Battalion on the Olivet Nazarene University campus in Bourbonnais, Illinois. The Superior Cadet Decoration Award is awarded by the Department of the Army. Criteria for the award include being a regularly enrolled ROTC cadet, being in the top 25% in ROTC and academic standing, and demonstrating officer potential. Mondy is the son of Rev. Tim and Laura Mondy of Centralia.

--- Pastor Tim Mondy

## COMING EVENTS:

- Sept. 26, **Decatur Parkway**, 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary with Dr. Stan Toler preaching at the 10:00 a.m. service & Dr. Jim Spruce in the 1:30 p.m. service.
- Oct. 9 & 10, **Mansfield**, 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary with Dr. Warrick preaching Saturday evening and in the Sunday morning service.
- Oct. 24, **Laclede**, service to celebrate naming the "Paul Black Fellowship Hall" in honor of their former pastor with Dr. Jim Spruce preaching in the 10:00 a.m. service

## CARLINVILLE



Our **Annual Kid Day** (Promotion Sunday) event was held on June 6th with puppet shows, games, and a kid-food potluck. This year's Kid Day also served as a kick-off for Vacation Bible School. We also had a "Draw Your Sunday School Teacher" coloring contest. To add to the day, we took in six new members all of which were between the 3rd- 6th grades.



July 26-30 Kids from the **Carlinville and Auburn COTN's** went to Pine Ridge Christian Center for KIDZ CAMP 2010. Fourteen kids attended. Tracy Hay served as Kid evangelist and held chapel services twice daily. Kids participated in crafts, sports and Bible memory in addition to the chapel services. Every time an altar call was given the altars were full. God is good and we are grateful to Him for all that He accomplished during this great week.



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### Passing the Baton

***“So since we stand surrounded by all those who have gone before...let us run with endurance the long race set before us.” – Hebrews 12:1-2***

When I was in high school, I ran track, mostly sprints. I was always one of those runners who brought home the prize, only it was usually the ribbon for 6<sup>th</sup> place. I was valuable to the team in that a 6<sup>th</sup> place showing still earned points for the team, but I saw the back of a lot of jerseys and the bottom of a lot of spikes flashing in front of me, and I never felt what it was like to be the first to cross the finish line myself.

I did, however, win a few first place ribbons in my time – in the relays. I often ran the 880 yard relay. In that race, four runners ran 220 yards sequentially, each passing the baton to the next runner in a quest to win as a team. No single runner ran the entire race. Only the baton covered the distance. Each runner would pass the baton to the next runner. The exchange was crucial; the baton could not be dropped. If passed successfully, however, and carried victoriously, each of the runners could rejoice in the victory as a team. It didn't matter so much who ran the first leg or the last leg, only that the baton was passed and the victory won. I think our district churches and pastors ought to run our race more like that, and it is happening.

In October of 2006, our District Mission Strategy Team, led by Dr. Spruce and District Missionary Tim Young, challenged our pastors to lead “churches that plant churches.” Not many answered the call to the starting line. But Pana, led by Pastor Allen Ebber, stepped up to the starting line. Jerry Gravatt, who served at Pana, heard the call of Christ to help begin a NewStart church in nearby Vandalia. The vision took hold in the Pana congregation, who volunteered to launch the church with several service projects in the community. Soon, four families and several teens, numbering about 15-20, started meeting at the Old Lincoln Schoolhouse in Vandalia. Jerry and Dara Gravatt led this new congregation that soon began to celebrate with new faces and victories. Pana continued to support the work by helping financially.

Pastor Ebber explains, “The more people we sent, the more people we had show up in Pana, and God provided financially as well.” The District also approved grants for equipment, and when a new building was found across the street from the high school, helped with the rental fees. Supporting the new congregation and the Gravatts became a team effort as well when the Shelbyville church began to provide financial support for nearly a year. Tables, kitchen and nursery equipment were donated from the Effingham facility, and the sound system was provided from the Abundant Life (Springfield) church.

Lessons of patience and trust were learned along the way. Allen and Jerry learned to work together to allow God to direct the new congregation as He chose—letting them find their own style of worship, and shape their community in their own way.

Over the last four years, Pana got to rejoice together with the Vandalia congregation by celebrating a combined baptismal service where six new Christians from Vandalia were baptized along with ten from the Pana church. The “Heaven's Gates / Hell's Flames” presentation, held at Pana, included several participants from the Vandalia congregation.

New ministries were beginning to reach out at Vandalia as well. When I visited the congregation last year, the worship service was suddenly invaded by nearly twenty Greenville College students, full of youth and enthusiasm for new opportunities to minister. Several folks from the congregation began going across the road to the high school to serve coffee and donuts to the parents and teens arriving for school in the morning. Pana had answered the call and began the race faithfully and God was blessing.

Last winter, however, God began to lead the Gravatts to make a change in their hectic lifestyle of living between two communities. Jerry felt released from his ministry at Vandalia and would resign early in the new year. Lila Chaplin, ordained elder from Pana, would serve during the interim. Pastor Ebber, freshly returned from a sabbatical rest, began with his leaders to reevaluate Pana's continued work at Vandalia.

Nick Briggs, a locally licensed minister at Casey, was approached about assuming the role of pastor in Vandalia. The Casey congregation “commissioned” them and sent them off with their blessings. Though 70 miles away, Nick and wife Melissa, began to make the weekly drive to Vandalia to preach and serve the young congregation. He was welcomed with open arms.

Last month, the Pana church made the difficult decision to release the Vandalia church from their sponsorship. But as they did, the Casey church began to consider how they could support the Briggs' new ministry at Vandalia. With the unanimous support of the Casey church board, Casey has begun to provide financial support. Last Sunday, Nick and Melissa returned to share reports of their new work in Vandalia, and the Casey congregation responded with great joy and promises of prayer and volunteer support as well.

Pastor Ebber and I see this as a “passing of the baton” from Pana to Casey. Pana will continue praying and supporting in various ways, while “sharing the blessings with Casey,” says Allen. “We feel like we've moved from being a parent church to being a sister church.” The relationship between Casey and Pana congregations will be strengthened as well.

Please join the District Mission Strategy Team in praying and supporting the Briggs and the congregation at Vandalia. The baton has been passed, the race continues, and all who have prayed and given will rejoice together at Christ's victory there.

In Jesus,  
Mark Copley  
District Missionary