

Joplin
Church of the Nazarene
District
HIGHLIGHTS



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Number 1

Christmas...The Story of Jesus...

His holy birth...

His holy name...

His holy way...

All expressed to a world of darkness, given to bring us light to lead the way to the Father.



A story expressed in intricate detail and also in simple truth.

I do not know the author but think on this comforting truth for The Season of Praise...

***“There was no room within the inn
When they came to Bethlehem.
In a stable a baby came
Little Jesus was His name.***

***Jesus came to save the world
Man and woman, boy and girl.
Bow before Him, give Him praise
For His goodness, count the ways.***

***1, 2, 3, 4, 5 little fingers on His hand
Son of God, Mary's little man.
Born in a manger, gentle as a lamb
My heart's in the five little fingers of his hand.”***

Have a blessed Christmas and a Spirit-filled New Year.

Our hearts are in His hand!

Jim & Susan Dillow, Chris & Connie Carver,
Sheila Pollard & Lauren Liggett

New Members

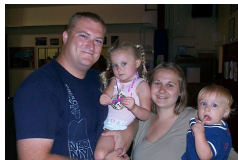
Independence: Jamie Burskins, Morgan Burskins, Dan Ellis, Charlie Holsinger, Sydney Knight, Cindy McFarland, Darren McFarland, Kayli Randels, Joana Simwinda, Stan Taylor; **Iola:** Klair Vogel, Laura Vogel, Shannon Vogel, Wade Vogel; **Nevada:** Debra Thomas; **Ozark:** Fred Agee, Mildred Agee, Adrian Carlson, JoAnn Carlson, Amanda Heun, Evie Heun, John Heun, Matthew Heun, Nicholas Heun; **Republic First:** Alex Decker, Charles Young, Sheri Young; **Springfield Scenic:** Charlene Phillips, Charlie Phillips; **Wheatland:** Myrtle Parker, Iva Sweeny, John Sweeny, Anna Wanhala, Cliff Wanhala, Kyle Wanhala

Baptisms

Branson: Luke Allison, Matthew Allison, Michael Allison, Ashley Daly, Johnny Smith, Melody Smith, Gary Valentine; **Deepwater Crossroads:** Hunter Belis, Dalton Crowder; **Forsyth Trinity:** John Farris; **Iola:** Klair Vogel, Laura Vogel, Shannon Vogel, Wade Vogel; **Independence:** Julia Arnet, Evan Knight, Jerod Knight, Neil Scaper, Emma Slimmer, Megan Wolf; **Mountain Grove:** Chad Dunbar, Stetson Dunbar, Eli Emmitt, Pam Garrett, Destiny Jonson, Josh Jonson, Bill Perkins, Grayson Skeen, Dylan Tool; **Springfield Community:** Brock Gant, Genevieve Lancaster, Lea Percy; **Springfield Grace:** Daniel Heeron, Ashley Roush.

Welcome to Our District Ministry Team!

Joplin Calvary would like to welcome their new pastor Rev. Jade Rogers with his wife Michelle along with their daughter Bryona (3) and Levi (15 months). Their first Sunday will be December 5th.



Lamar Living Hope would like to welcome their new pastor Rev. Jack Hopkins along with his wife Ruby. Their first Sunday was October 31st.



Mount Vernon would like to welcome their new pastor Rev. Chester Kneir along with his wife Shirley. Their first Sunday was September 19th



School of Ministry



Session Three
Begins March 5th
Systematic Theology II
&
Hebrew Prophets
Contact Rev. Jim Cariker
417-334-6645

District Ministry Retreat March 7-10, 2011



Speaker: Dr. Jim Diehl

For all Pastors, Associates,
Retired Ministers and Spouses
Start planning now to attend!

District Calendar

December

- 4 NYI Quizzing
- 6 DAB Meeting - Leadership Gathering
- 9 Retired Pastor's Fellowship
- 24 Christmas Eve
- 25 Christmas Day

January 2011

- 1 New Year's Day
- 6 Pastor's Continuing Education Day
- 8 NYI Quiz
- 8 W&W Meeting - District Ministry Team 1:00 p.m.
- 11 Classes Begin at MNU
- 14-16 PK Retreat - Maranatha Bible Camp
- 22 NYI Council Meeting
- 29 NMI Exec. Council Meeting - District Ministry Team Center



CHECK OUT OUR DISTRICT WEBSITE!

www.joplinedistrictnazarene.org



Joplin District Statistical Report

2010-2011 Unified Ministry Fund Report as of 11-30-2010 November Sunday School Report

<u>Church</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>MNU</u>	<u>P & B</u>	<u>S.S. Avg</u>	<u>Inc/Dec</u>	<u>R.L.</u>	<u>Worship</u>
Aurora	156.93	71.33	57.07	29	0	52	29
Ava Highway	7,086.20	3,221.00	2,576.80	171	+19	403	214
Baxter Springs	525.51	238.87	191.10	21	-3	75	26
Bolivar First	0.00	0.00	0.00	60	-8	76	90
Bradleyville	0.00	0.00	0.00	20	-7	61	40
Branson	2,301.34	1,046.08	836.85	58	+8	120	88
Buffalo	250.83	114.01	91.20	16	+2	75	18
Burlington	55.00	25.00	20.00	12	+5	24	13
Butler	1,893.96	860.90	688.72	73	-6	171	61
Camdenton New Life	3,333.46	1,515.22	1,212.18	72	-17	170	105
Caney	370.83	168.57	134.85	19	-1	70	28
Carl Junction	167.75	76.25	61.00	4	-5	18	6
Carthage First	17,852.48	8,114.77	6,491.83	328	-26	599	518
Cassville	0.00	0.00	0.00	9	-6	29	10
Chanute	3,575.00	1,625.00	1,300.00	115	-10	235	193
Cherryvale	1,109.07	504.13	403.31	25	+8	91	28
Clinton	355.30	161.50	129.20	27	+7	60	33
Coffeyville Central	0.00	0.00	0.00	23	-9	116	35
Coffeyville First	1,291.66	587.12	469.69	100	-6	282	159
Columbus	494.74	224.87	179.91	34	+1	42	42
Deepwater Crossroads	0.00	0.00	0.00	22	-9	98	30
Dogwood	1,031.89	469.04	375.23	69	+29	78	55
El Dorado Springs	1,802.12	819.14	655.31	44	+3	106	52
Elk City	0.00	0.00	0.00	30	+7	100	41
Forsyth Trinity	1,055.07	479.56	383.66	14	+1	30	29
Fort Scott First	3,737.28	1,698.76	1,359.01	119	+12	200	219
Fort Scott West Park	110.00	50.00	40.00	43	-2	198	59
Galena Parkhill	1,047.01	475.92	380.74	30	-11	103	38
Garnett	10,015.79	4,552.63	3,642.11	145	+13	331	195
Goodhope	1,108.02	503.66	402.92	No	Report		
Goodman Banner	2,118.74	963.07	770.45	165	+12	280	185
Granby	66.72	30.33	24.26	16	-5	27	17
Independence	7,414.03	3,370.01	2,696.02	121	-32	243	191
Iola	0.00	0.00	0.00	18	+2	136	28
Joplin Calvary	2,866.37	1,302.90	1,042.31	53	-50	250	74
Joplin First	117.82	53.55	42.84	33	+1	59	33
Lamar Living Hope	512.57	232.99	186.39	9	-5	20	11
Lebanon	3,184.06	1,447.30	1,157.84	63	-78	310	86
Living Faith (Girard)	2,101.00	955.00	764.00	51	-13	216	128
Mansfield	1,668.24	758.30	606.64	No	Report		
Marionville	570.35	259.25	207.40	29	+1	61	42
Marshfield	6,338.47	2,881.13	2,304.90	217	+1	354	286
McCune	844.72	383.97	307.17	12	-3	40	17
Monett	4,156.19	1,889.19	1,511.34	85	+5	265	164
Monett Hispanic	0.00	0.00	0.00	31	-1	60	38
Mount Vernon	1,204.58	547.53	438.03	28	+3	68	40
Mountain Grove	1,231.71	559.87	447.89	57	+12	108	83
Neodesha	1,578.39	717.45	573.95	44	-22	92	71
Neosho	4,762.47	2,164.76	1,731.82	132	+11	226	143
Nevada	2,233.00	1,015.00	812.00	39	+1	184	62
Nixa	4,219.62	1,917.99	1,534.39	73	-10	148	90
Noel	916.66	416.66	333.31	36	0	85	47
Norwood Countryside	779.03	354.10	283.29	47	+10	62	53
Osceola	679.96	309.07	247.26	12	+3	56	18
Ozark	1,765.07	802.30	641.83	29	-11	99	52
Parsons	6,347.48	2,885.24	2,308.18	94	-14	550	298
Pittsburg	10,466.36	4,757.43	3,805.94	208	+5	704	314
Pleasanton	827.40	376.10	300.87	67	-6	105	72
Powell Twin Springs	221.76	100.80	80.64	17	-5	65	30
Reeds Spring New Hope	0.00	0.00	0.00	34	-5	51	45
Republic First	1,451.54	659.78	527.84	36	-11	80	59
Rogersville Hrvst. Comm.	1,617.62	735.28	588.24	54	-5	120	99
Sarcoie New Beginnings	2,170.85	986.75	789.40	50	+10	135	54
Seymour	9,313.34	4,233.33	3,386.68	225	+5	575	335
Springfield Community	1,221.00	2,121.55	1,696.85	126	-20	315	144
Springfield Dayspring	0.00	0.00	0.00	51	-2	132	73
Springfield First	3,494.20	1,588.26	1,270.62	113	+22	213	187
Springfield Grace	0.00	0.00	0.00	40	+1	163	66
Springfield Scenic	1,198.86	544.94	435.95	56	+14	105	66
Warsaw	0.00	0.00	0.00	10	-3	48	40
Webb City	1,476.41	671.11	536.88	34	-20	176	47
Wheatland	940.91	427.69	342.15	22	-4	43	40
Willard	0.00	0.00	0.00	33	+10	42	13
TOTALS	\$152,804.74	\$71,023.31	\$56,818.26	4,402	-207	11,084	6,391



Sunday School & Discipleship Ministries Int'l

SUNDAY SCHOOL
Make the Connection

Chairman, Ford Hall
2300 W. First, Coffeyville, KS 67337



District Single's Winter Spiritual Get-A-Way Weekend

February 25-27, 2011

The Stone Castle Resort
3050 Green Mountain Drive
Branson, MO

Timothy Mark, Speaker
Dr. Dan & Diane Holmes, Workshop Leaders

\$109 per person for 2 in room
Includes 2 nights lodging and meals plus a week-
end of worshipping God with Christian friends

Send \$50 deposit by February 8, 2011 to
Monika Easterly, 7051 E. Farm Road 48
Strafford, MO 65757

Potter's House

Christmas Wish List



- Propane Heater for front and back porch - \$190 each at Lowe's
- Small Group Materials for next semester - around \$500
- Start-Up money to design and print new PoHo T-shirts
- RA Support - \$50 each per semester

Have a student come share their
life-changing Potter's House experience with
your church!

Come visit us and enjoy a cup 'o' joe!
Tues. -Thurs. 3pm -Midnight, Fri. & Sat. 7pm - Midnight
Closed Sun. & Mon.

Women's Retreat 2011

Saturday, April 2nd, 2011

8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Fairview Christian Church
Carthage, Missouri

Selena Freeman

will talk of our
Inner Beauty in Christ

Lynette Cherry

will bring musical
worship

Drama Queens

will provide lively
hilarity

\$25 Registration fee includes breakfast & lunch

For more information, contact: Ragan Schubert, Women's
Ministries Director 620-421-3800 or 620-423-0405
or raganschubert@yahoo.com



Big Eight In Sunday School

Carthage	328
Seymour	225
Marshfield	217
Pittsburg	208
Ava Highway	171
Goodman Banner	165
Garnett	145
Neosho	132

Big Eight In Worship

Carthage	518
Seymour	335
Pittsburg	314
Parsons	298
Marshfield	286
Fort Scott First	219
Ava Highway	214
Garnett	195



Big Eight In Responsibility List

Pittsburg	704
Carthage	599
Seymour	575
Parsons	550
Ava Highway	403
Marshfield	354
Garnett	331
Springfield Community	315

Big Eight In Sunday School Gain

Dogwood	29
Springfield First	22
Ava Highway	19
Springfield Scenic	14
Garnett	13
Ft. Scott First	12
Goodman Banner	12
Mountain Grove	12





Nazarene Missions International



President, Rhonda Rhoades
258 Park Rd., Garnett, KS 66032



May our celebration of Christ's birth remind us all of the true joy He brings daily in our hearts and lives.

*Rhonda Rhoades, District NMI President
and the Joplin District NMI Council*



NMI December Emphasis

NAZARENE COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES

Get involved! Help other Nazarene congregations around the world clothe, shelter, feed, heal, educate and live in solidarity with those who suffer under oppression, injustice, violence, poverty, hunger, and disease! How?

- Crisis Care Kits
- Child Sponsorship
- NCM Resources
- The 30 Hour Famine
- Ministry Projects
- NCM Magazine (also on line)

Read more about NCM: www.ncm.org
NMI Resource Book-page 44

NMI Goals

Working together accomplishes much for missions.

Review your NMI Goals on page 9 and the back cover of your NMI Resource Book.

Remember our District Missionaries, Scott and Gail Dooley and girls, as well as our LINKS missionaries this Christmas Season.

Interested in our Joplin District NMI Work and Witness trip to Haiti?

Contact: Don Daniel
[dnrdaniel@suddenlink.net](mailto:dnraniel@suddenlink.net)



There is a way for you to get involved!

Look through the Steps to Serve to find out what you need to do, or look through the other "links" to get valuable information.

Visit www.missioncorps.org to see the many available opportunities to volunteer for young and old!

NMI Resource Book: page 25

Nazarene Youth International

President, Fred Toomey
574 S. Canterbury Lane, Nixa, MO 65714



SPRING EMPOWER

(Sports)

March 11-12, 2011

Jonathan Quinn, Speaker
The New Divide, Worship

Check -In & Friday Night Service: First United Methodist Church, NOT Monett Nazarene Church. **Hotel Reservations:** Super 8 Motel, Days Inn & The Heartland Inn - Rooms are limited reservations need to be made early.

**REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE POSTMARKED
FEBRUARY 21, 2011**

Mail to: Stephen Morrison, 820 Lakewood Dr., Monett, MO 65708
For more info see website, or contact
Stephen Morrison at bam_bam91085@hotmail.com or 712-204-2580

Compelling Love

(30 Hour Famine & State Rallies)



February 12-13, 2011
Neosho Church of the Nazarene

Speaker: Brian Utter - World
Mission Broadcast

Worship: Neosho Worship
Band

Registration: Feb. 12, 9:30 a.m.

For more information contact Brian
Murrison 620-325-2565 or
murrison@sbcglobal.net

District NYI Meeting

January 22, 2011

9:00 a.m.

District Ministry Team Center



January 14-16, 2011

Come and join us for an
incredible weekend of fun,
food and fellowship
with other PK's!!!

*Check out the District NYI
website for more
Information!*

Contact:

Jonathan Hall
620-870-8960
jhall@usd447.org

QUIZZING

This year's book is John!

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Locations</u>	<u>Chap</u>
12/4	Monett, MO	John 1-16
1/8	Reeds Spring, MO	John 1-21
2/5	Butler, MO	John 1-21
2/25-26	District - Carthage, MO	John 1-21
4/14-16	MAX - Olathe, KS	John 1-21

For more information about quizzing contact
Quizzing Director Ken Hopkins at
kdhopkins@suddenlink.net or 417-235-5708



Louisville, Kentucky

July 5th-11th

Total Cost: \$1,100

First Deposit: \$450 due December 3rd

All applications are on the website

Questions? Contact Sarah Hunt 417-388-2449

**Important Note: For all events with the Joplin NYI,
the Church Registration form must accompany the individual registration forms.**