

Joplin Church of the Nazarene District

HIGHLIGHTS

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Greeting Church Family:

Two thoughts I want to share with you in this moment...

Thank You! Thank You! Thank You for your response to the Joplin Disaster Relief effort. The work is far from over, but God has and is using His people to touch lives in this devastation moment. This thank you from a lady in Joplin gives you a bit of the blessing you have been...

"A special thank you to all Nazarene Church Volunteers. I truly appreciated this wonderful help I received for the work they did for me during the tornado disaster effort in Joplin. These five men [and women] are great examples of Christian love and are to be commended for their service. I will never forget the help they gave to in my time of need. Best regard and thanks." – JK

We must continue to PRAY, for all effected by the tornado.

Family Gathering is just around the corner...July 11-16. What a blessed time of coming together. You need not be a delegate to attend...ALL are invited. I look forward to seeing you at Conventions and Assembly.

God is doing great things in the hearts of His obedient people. Thanks for being a blessing and together let's enjoy the blessing.

Your District Superintendent and Friend,
Jim Dillow



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Joplin District Family Conventions & Assembly

July 11 ~ 16, 2011
Carthage, MO

SDMI Convention

Fairview Christian Church
Monday, July 11

6:00 p.m. - Registration for Banquet
6:30 p.m. - Banquet

Tuesday, July 12

8:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. - Registration
8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - SDMI Convention

NMI Convention

Fairview Christian Church
Tuesday, July 12

7:00 p.m. - NMI Service with missionaries Rod & Sarah Reed. Reception to follow for NMI Presidents & Pastors

Wednesday, July 13

8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. - NMI Convention
9:00 a.m. - Children's Missionary Fun Day

District Assembly

Fairview Christian Church
Wednesday, July 13

7:00 p.m. - Ordination Service & Reception to follow

Thursday, July 14

8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. - Assembly Business
8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Children's Fun Day

NYI Convention

Carthage First Church of the Nazarene
Friday, July 15

6:00 p.m. - Delegate Registration
7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. - Service
10:00 p.m. - Late Night Activity

Saturday July 16

8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - NYI Convention

*Nursery will be available for all conventions & services except the NYI Convention



Dr. David Graves
General Superintendent



Dr. Jim Dillow
District Superintendent



Rod & Sarah Reed
Missionary Speakers



Rev. Mark Hollingsworth
SDMI Speaker

New Members

Carthage: Kathy Anderson, Robert Anderson, Susan Block, Rachel Boudreau, Rob Boudreau, Kathy Dennis, David Wallace, Polly Wallace; **Independence:** Amy Coleman, David Coleman, Clarence Hosier, Shirley Hosier, Connie Richardson, Marge Wilson; **Joplin First:** Debbie Jackson, Marvin Jackson; **Monett:** Sherry Dudick, Russell Dunn, Fred Grimm, Jennifer Lambert, Alexis Meredith, Lia Meredith, Melinda Meredith, Ralph Meredith; Rick Pearson, Ronda Pearson, Kelly Shipps, Robert Shipps, Cindy Stephens, Randy Stephens, Becky Sutton, David Sutton, Danny Vaughn, Josie Vaughn; **Nixa:** Tyler Buechler, Greg Hollingsworth, Vicki Hollingsworth, Iris Kemp, John Rogers; **Norwood:** Dwayne Allsman; **Sarcoxie:** Brandon Hall, Jenna Riddle, Louie Riddle; **Springfield First:** Ramona Clemens, Sarah Clemens, Hayley Clinton, Austin Dicer, Christian Dicer, Justin Dicer, Christyn Fenton, Lauryn Fenton, Dakota Green, Derringer Green, Abbey Hammons, Mikayla Kilgore, Landon Melton, Anna Meyers, Aidyn Sikes, Anna Marie Smith, Terry Smith, Heather West, Elijah White; **Springfield Grace:** Davette Armstrong, Dawn Cripe, Daniel Herron, Jennifer Herron, Kimmie Glannon, Brittany Keeton, Brooke Keeton, Amy Kiser, Crystal Kiser, Parker Kiser, Susanna Kiser, Rev. Mark Kiser, Heather Trogdon, Jennifer Trogdon, Cody Watts, Connie Wheeler, Dr. Dale Wheeler; **Springfield Scenic:** Nathan Wheeler;

Baptisms

Carthage: Jonathan Ensor, Brandon Reeves, Adrienne Whitehead; **Sarcoxie:** Brandon Hall

WELCOME TO THE DISTRICT!

The Neosho Church welcomes their new pastor, Rev. James Keezer and his wife



Kelly, along with their children Elijah, Isaiah, Josiah. Their first Sunday was January 2nd.



The Iola Church welcomes their new pastor Rev. Daren Baldwin and his wife, Sarah. Their first Sunday was June 12th.



The Columbus Church welcomes their new pastor Rev. Rick Prideaux and his wife Diane. Their first Sunday was June 7th.



The Mansfield Church welcomes their new pastor Rev. Landon Letsinger and his wife, Robin. Their first Sunday was June 5th.

PRAISE REPORT

Norwood Countryside - Pastor Don Engie

I met a man a few weeks ago because he started coming to our food pantry ministry. He came looking for food for his wife and 6 children. As we began to talk about Christ and where he was with Christ, he became more open with me. Over the next few months I saw him on occasion and he shared with me about his struggles which included a serious drug addiction. He came with his wife and 6 kids to our Sunrise Service on Easter morning and I was able to spend almost 6 hours talking to him after the service. Later that week, he came to my office in tears and told me he had written a prayer to God and wanted to share it with me. He asked God for repentance, thanked Him for sending Christ to take his place on a cross, and for God to help him follow Christ. He then told me how his desires had changed. No longer did he desire drugs and dealing them, but now he desired Christ and telling other about Christ! This man has come face to face with Christ - and he has been changed, but please continue to pray for this family. Their whole focus is changing and with this has come some fear and uncertainty. Also pray that God would give me the strength and wisdom to be the pastor they need.



JOPLIN DISTRICT

NYI Convention

July 15th-16th

Carthage First Church of the Nazarene

Speaker: Mike Davis

Worship Band: Girard Worship Band

Late Night Activity: Hang Time at Carthage First

-NO NYI Mission Day during District Assembly

*Delegates to Convention forms are due to Sarah Hunt by June 10, 2011.

Every church needs to provide a form even if you are not attending.

* Senior of the Year forms are available on the district website.

District Calendar

July

4	Independence Day
5-11	NYC - Louisville, Kentucky
11-12	District SDMI Convention
12	SDMI Meeting at FCC
12-13	District NMI Convention
14	District Assembly
15-16	District NYI Convention
18-23	Children's Camps

District Assembly Hotels

Precious Moments

417-359-5900

Super 8 Motel

417-359-9000

Econo Lodge

417-358-3900

Call now to reserve!



SUNDAY SCHOOL
Make the Connection

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

Sunday School & Discipleship Ministries Int'l



Laymen's Retreat September 16-18, 2011

Windermere Conference Center
Near Camdenton, MO

Dustin Ledford, Speaker

For more information, contact the Laymen's Retreat
Co-Directors: Bill & Linda Boots (620-223-5119)

Or Rick & Cheryle Moore (620-231-4453)

Pastor's Encouragement Day

September 29, 2011

District Ministry Team Center

Registration - 8:30 a.m.

Kick - Off 9:00 a.m.

Dr. Richard Swenson, Speaker

BIBLE BOOT CAMP

Kid's Camp 2011

"Be strong in the Lord, and in His might power." Ephesians 6:10

Primary Camp

July 18-20

Cost: \$90

Monday at 3pm through Wednesday at 11am at Camp Cyokamo
For those children that have completed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade



Junior Camp

July 20-23

Cost: \$100

Wednesday at 3pm through Saturday at 11am at Camp Cyokamo.
For those children that have completed 4th, 5th, and 6th grade.

For more information, contact: Rev. Brad Hunt Camp Co-Director
417-358-4265pastorbrad@earthage.com



Nazarene Missions International

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



Mission Fun Day for Kids

(Held During NMI Convention)

Bring your children K—6th grade to a fun day of
learning about missions!

STORIES-SERVICE PROJECT-CRAFTS-GAMES-PUPPETS-
MUSIC-LUNCH-FUN CONTEST WITH PRIZES!

Cost: \$5.00 per child (includes T-shirt)

More information coming to your local church soon.

Questions?

Contact Cindy Letsinger
417-859-2314 or E-mail at

DON'T MISS IT!

**JOPLIN DISTRICT NMI CONVENTION:
TUESDAY EVENING, JULY 12TH AND
WEDNESDAY, JULY 13TH**

A Reception in Your Honor

All Pastors, NMI

*Presidents and spouses are invited to a recep-
tion in your honor, Tuesday, July 12th, following
the NMI evening service in the Community
Room at Fairview Christian Church. Please join
the District Council in celebrating what God is
doing through NMI. Refreshments will be
served.*

JoplinNaz Disaster Response Team



Over 700 volunteers at Carthage First Church for Orientation Meetings for Joplin Disaster Relief

To View Before and After photos of Joplin click [HERE](#).



Julie and Josh Cook, members of the Joplin Calvary Church of the Nazarene, share their experience of surviving the EF5 tornado that struck Joplin on May 22, 2011. They express their gratitude to the Church of the Nazarene for the outpouring of love for Joplin, and also express their desire to help their neighbors and friends who suffered far worse tragedies. Click [HERE](#) to view video.



Do you want to help? Check out our website www.joplindistrictnazarene.org for information on donations and ways you can volunteer!



Click Ctrl then click photo to see video link!