

**Joplin**  
Church of the Nazarene  
**District**  
**HIGHLIGHTS**



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Matthew chapters 5-7 are the familiar teachings of Jesus known as the Sermon on the Mount. The rich truth contained in these 111 verses is worth reading often and certainly is filled with significant life application. Read it! You will be glad you did, however when you read these words of Jesus, allow the Spirit to speak to your own heart and search your soul.

God has been bringing my attention to the “salt and light” portion of this valued message. Read the words of Jesus reminding us of our responsibility to influence our world for Christ and the Kingdom. *“Let me tell you why you are here. You’re here to be salt-seasoning that brings out the God-flavors of this earth. If you lose your saltiness, how will people taste Godliness? You’ve lost your usefulness and will end up in the garbage.”*

Here’s another way to put it: *“You’re here to be light, bringing out the God-colors in the world. God is not a secret to be kept. We’re going public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don’t think I’m going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I’m putting you on a light stand. Now that I’ve put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—shine! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you’ll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in heaven.”* Matthew 5:13-16 The Message

As I have read, prayed and thought about this message in recent months, I have asked myself the questions: Am I still salt and light in a world that needs to be seasoned with love and grace? We know as believers in Jesus Christ, that these verses remind us that we are to influence our world. My fear is we have allowed a reversal and rather than us having strong impact on our world, the attitude and process of the world’s way of doing things has come into the church.

In a recent writing, Chuck Swindoll, author of [The Church Awakening](#), in the introductory pages makes this revealing statement: “Ours is a whole new world, and nothing has been more adversely affected by postmodernism than the church and its relationship to God’s Word--the Holy Scriptures. When the Bible loses its central place in the church’s worship—even if good things replace it—the fallout is biblical ignorance. The more postmodernism thinking dominates the church, the weaker and less important the church becomes in the eyes of the world.”

***“If we lose our saltiness, how will people taste Godliness?”***

Your DS and friend,  
Jim Dillow

### *New Members*

**Buffalo:** Becky Sarar, Moses Rose; **Garnett:** Raymond Arnett, Tony Arnett, Wendy Belcher, Art Black, Virginia Black, Shawn Johnston, Linda Kirkpatrick, Mike Nurnberg; **Goodman Banner:** Sean Steele; **Monett:** Jeffery Austin, Megan Brauer, Dalton Dunn, Raúl Eapen, Asher George, John Graessle, Ronnie Hearn, Oscar Martinez, Jacquie McCord, Casey Morrison, Stephen Morrison, Jazmine Parra-Navarro, Alex Schmitt, Brian Smith, John Stubblefield; **Springfield Scenic:** Jennifer McDonald, Kevin McDonald

### *Baptisms*

**Baxter Springs:** Alisha Houser; **Forsyth Trinity:** Dakota Lee, Steven Moore; **Fort Scott First:** Coree Budd, Margo Davis, Becky Judson, Nicholas Judson, Josh Query, Gage Shelton, Trenton Willard; **Garnett:** Natalie Batthenfield, Amber Clark, Rachel Gilbert, Parker Howard, Kurston Hutchkraft, Kylee Jacobus, Ashley Kauffman, Linda Kirkpatrick, Laura Luedke, Josh McAuley, Jennifer Mersman, Danielle Mills, Tiffany Mills, Mike Nurnberg, Rachel Outler, David Posef, Stephen Posef, Jami Sutton, Bailey Whitcomb, Tim Winterringer; **Marshfield:** Blake Baker, Noel Baiver, Lacey Glidewell; **Monett:** Ashley Bible, Bobby Bible, Denver Crabb, Jeffery Crabb, Larry Crabb; **Warsaw:** Albert Petty, Michelle Petty; **Willard New Beginnings:** Jenna Hodges, Linda Vaini, Paul Vives

### District Calendar

#### October

- 1-2 District Pastor's Wives Retreat
- 2 NYI Quiz
- 3-24 Fall Missionary Tour - Potter's House - A.M. Independence & P.M. Carthage
- 4 DAB Meeting - District Ministry Team Center
- 7 Pastor's Encouragement Day - District Ministry Team Center
- 9 NYI Meeting - District Ministry Team Center
- 10 Fall Missionary Tour - P.M. Garnett
- 14-16 S.C.O.U.T. MNU
- 17 Fall Missionary Tour - A.M. Nevada
- 18-20 Primetime Retreat - Honeysuckle Inn
- 21-24 MNU Homecoming
- 24 Fall Missionary Tour - A.M. Nixa & P.M. Marshfield

#### November

- 6 NYI Quiz
- 6 District SDMI Board Meeting - District Ministry Team Center at 9:00 a.m.
- 14 International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church
- 19-20 NYI Empower
- 21 Thanksgiving Offering for World Evangelism Fund
- 25 Thanksgiving Day
- 29 1st Sunday of Advent

### *District Ministry Retreat* *March 7-10, 2011*



#### *Speaker: Dr. Jim Diehl*

For all Pastors, Associates,  
Retired Ministers and Spouses

Start planning now to attend!

### *October is Pastor's Appreciation Month!*

*Remember your pastors!*

*"Give a bonus to leaders who do  
a good job, especially the ones  
who work hard at preaching  
and teaching."*

*1 Timothy 5:17 (The Message)*

Visit

[www.clergyappreciation.org](http://www.clergyappreciation.org)  
for ideas on how to show your  
appreciate to your leaders.



**CHECK OUT OUR DISTRICT WEBSITE!**  
[www.joplandistrictnazarene.org](http://www.joplandistrictnazarene.org)



## Joplin District Statistical Report

2010-2011 Unified Ministry Fund Report as of 9-30-2010 September Sunday School Report

<u>Church</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>MNU</u>	<u>P &amp; 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	26	-5	52	31
Ava Highway	3,290.10	1,495.50	1,196.40	171	+21	403	211
Baxter Springs	525.51	238.87	191.10	21	-9	77	30
Bolivar First	0.00	0.00	0.00	59	-8	76	79
Bradleyville	0.00	0.00	0.00	29	+3	61	53
Branson	1,747.04	794.12	635.29	34	+1	120	63
Buffalo	191.82	87.19	69.74	28	+15	75	39
Burlington	33.00	15.00	12.00	11	+1	24	12
Butler	1,067.39	485.18	388.14	61	+7	165	59
Camdenton New Life	2,018.69	917.59	734.07	70	-16	170	108
Caney	190.88	86.76	69.40	19	+1	70	29
Carl Junction	167.75	76.25	61.00	4	-2	19	8
Carthage First	9,990.09	4,540.96	3,632.77	316	-42	599	468
Cassville	0.00	0.00	0.00	12	-2	29	13
Chanute	2,007.50	912.50	730.00	105	+5	235	176
Cherryvale	670.71	304.87	243.90	21	+2	75	36
Clinton	135.30	61.50	49.20	25	0	60	30
Coffeyville Central	0.00	0.00	0.00	30	-2	113	42
Coffeyville First	628.36	285.62	228.49	95	-13	282	142
Columbus	262.53	119.32	95.47	35	+2	42	46
Deepwater Crossroads	0.00	0.00	0.00	17	-21	98	39
Dogwood	595.92	270.87	216.69	34	-11	78	51
El Dorado Springs	977.41	444.28	355.42	38	-6	103	51
Elk City	0.00	0.00	0.00	31	+13	100	36
Forsyth Trinity	589.29	267.85	214.29	13	0	30	38
Fort Scott First	2,100.95	954.98	763.98	122	+49	200	217
Fort Scott West Park	110.00	50.00	40.00	35	-6	198	61
Galena Parkhill	627.59	285.27	228.22	34	0	107	43
Garnett	4,386.84	1,994.02	1,595.22	138	+4	331	194
Goodhope	703.99	320.01	256.00	43	-8	108	60
Goodman Banner	1,420.72	645.79	516.62	182	+7	280	170
Granby	3.85	1.75	1.40	16	-1	27	17
Independence	4,487.16	2,039.62	1,631.70	110	-25	243	193
Iola	0.00	0.00	0.00	14	-1	134	27
Joplin Calvary	1,739.25	790.57	632.45	51	-35	250	72
Joplin First	0.00	0.00	0.00	30	+3	59	32
Lamar Living Hope	112.61	51.19	40.95	10	-6	30	14
Lebanon	1,907.32	866.97	693.57	63	-62	310	100
Living Faith (Girard)	1,166.00	530.00	424.00	50	-11	216	133
Mansfield	909.89	413.60	330.88	37	-9	66	47
Marionville	330.00	150.00	120.00	30	+1	61	39
Marshfield	3,122.54	1,419.34	1,135.47	187	-29	354	257
McCune	642.27	291.96	233.56	12	-3	40	19
Monett	2,335.61	1,061.65	849.31	91	+17	265	156
Monett Hispanic	0.00	0.00	0.00	30	-8	60	47
Mount Vernon	682.65	310.30	248.24	19	-9	48	42
Mountain Grove	739.67	336.21	268.97	59	+9	108	84
Neodesha	454.89	206.77	165.41	58	-8	169	90
Neosho	3,094.65	1,406.66	1,125.34	122	-10	226	136
Nevada	1,280.40	582.00	465.60	44	+7	184	70
Nixa	2,547.62	1,158.00	926.40	75	-17	148	93
Noel	576.68	262.12	209.69	37	+11	87	54
Norwood Countryside	475.25	216.03	172.82	51	+12	62	53
Osceola	373.06	169.57	135.66	9	-4	57	17
Ozark	991.22	450.56	360.44	24	-4	99	38
Parsons	3,270.44	1,486.57	1,189.25	166	+64	550	292
Pittsburg	5,874.07	2,670.03	2,136.02	214	+3	704	324
Pleasanton	482.79	219.45	175.55	67	+5	105	68
Powell Twin Springs	115.10	52.32	41.85	20	-8	65	26
Reeds Spring New Hope	0.00	0.00	0.00	26	-10	44	34
Republic First	1,202.04	546.37	437.11	39	-3	80	56
Rogersville Hrvst. Comm.	980.69	445.77	356.62	46	-21	120	99
Sarcoie New Beginnings	1,304.05	592.75	474.20	47	+10	135	52
Seymour	5,723.40	2,601.54	2,081.24	222	-3	575	334
Springfield Community	1,221.00	1,683.60	1,346.50	120	-22	320	143
Springfield Dayspring	0.00	0.00	0.00	50	-7	137	65
Springfield First	2,694.44	1,224.74	979.80	109	+14	253	173
Springfield Grace	0.00	0.00	0.00	37	+1	154	70
Springfield Scenic	733.40	333.37	266.69	58	+24	103	66
Warsaw	0.00	0.00	0.00	13	+1	48	41
Webb City	881.12	400.52	320.41	43	-11	176	51
Wheatland	521.62	237.10	189.68	22	-2	43	39
Willard	0.00	0.00	0.00	38	+16	41	17
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$87,573.06</b>	<b>\$40,934.63</b>	<b>\$32,747.26</b>	<b>4,425</b>	<b>-151</b>	<b>11,336</b>	<b>6,415</b>



SUNDAY SCHOOL  
Make the Connection

# Sunday School & Discipleship Ministries Int'l

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  
weekend of worshipping God with Christian  
friends

Send \$450 deposit by February 8, 2011 to  
Monika Easterly, 7051 E. Farm Road 48  
Strafford, MO 65757

## District Prime Time Retreat

October 18-20, 2010

Honeysuckle Inn  
Branson, MO

Brian Letsinger, Speaker  
Donna Mikhail & Kara Ledford, Musicians

Price same as last year!

(Includes room, 4 meals including hot  
breakfasts, plus tickets to Presley's Country  
Music and Ride the Ducks)

\$200 per person - 1 per room

\$150 per person - 2 per room

For more information, contact: Brian Letsinger, Prime  
Time Director at 417-859-2314 or  
pastorbrian@marshfieldnazarne.org



## 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



	Big Eight In Sunday School	Big Eight In Worship
	Carthage 316	Carthage 468
	Seymour 222	Seymour 334
	Pittsburg 214	Pittsburg 324
	Marshfield 187	Parsons 292
	Goodman Banner 182	Marshfield 257
	Ava Highway 171	Fort Scott First 217
	Parsons 166	Ava Highway 211
	Garnett 138	Garnett 194
	Big Eight In Responsibility List	Big Eight In Sunday School Gain
	Pittsburg 704	Parsons 64
	Carthage 599	Ft. Scott First 49
	Seymour 575	Springfield Scenic 24
	Parsons 550	Ava Highway 21
	Ava Highway 403	Monett 17
	Marshfield 354	Willard 16
Garnett 331	Buffalo 15	
Springfield Community 320	Springfield First 14	



# Nazarene Missions International

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



Fall is here and the holidays will soon be upon us. I trust that our Faithful Lord is giving you many opportunities to "Cast your Crowns at His Feet". Look for His blessing in your daily life and then cast your "testimony crown" at His feet and watch what God will do!

God Bless You all, Rhonda Rhoades



## 2010 Joplin District Zone Missionary Tour



Sunday, October 3rd  
A.M. Independence, KS  
P.M. Carthage, MO

Sunday October 10th  
P.M. Garnett, KS

Sunday, October 17th  
A.M. Nevada, Missouri

Sunday, October 24th  
A.M. Nixa, MO  
P.M. Marshfield, MO

*Our Goal: Every church supporting  
The Potter's House  
in prayer and giving.*

*Resource book:  
pages 14-15*



## OCTOBER EMPHASIS

### **MISSION PRIORITY ONE**

Each church can meet the Mission Priority One requirements by:

- Praying for missions
- Participating in the 5 global awareness categories
- Involving your children and youth in missions
- Paying World Evangelism Fund goal in full

*Resource book: pages 41-45*

## **CHALLENGE 2010 WEF PLUS OFFERING**

**CHALLENGE:** Worldwide giving above and beyond the regular World Evangelism Fund (WEF) offerings to meet the increased needs due to tremendous growth of the Church of the Nazarene.

**HOW:** If every Nazarene attendee gave \$10 above their regular giving to Faith Promise or Thanksgiving Offering, the goal of \$6 million could be reached.

### **RESOURCES:**

[www.nazarene.org/challenge2010](http://www.nazarene.org/challenge2010)

## November Emphasis

### **Thanksgiving Offering**

For

**World Evangelism Fund**

[www.nazarene.org](http://www.nazarene.org)



International Day  
of Prayer  
for the  
Persecuted Church  
November 14, 2010

# Nazarene Youth International

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



## Fall (Fine Arts)

November 19-20

Carthage First Church of the Nazarene

Late night activity @ the YMCA

Saturday Dodgeball Tournament

For more information please contact Selena Freeman  
417-818-2602 or 417-468-2164

With special guest band

# SAME STATE



### 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



This year's book is John!

Dates	Locations	Chap
11/6	Coffeyville, KS	John 1-12
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.**