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Upcoming Events:

- April 8 Easter
- April 14 Children's District Quiz
- April 14 Ladies Day ONU
- April 17-18 Pastor/Spouse Retreat
- April 21 SDMI Game Day ~ Indy 1st
- April 26 NCU @ Indy Westside
- April 28 District NMI Council Meeting
- May 3 ONU Bd of Trustee Mtg
- May 5 ONU Graduation
- May 5 Kid's State Quiz
- May 7 DAB Mtg
- May 13 Mother's Day
- May 17-19 Celebrate Life ONU
- May 20 Camp Mtg. Offering
- May 21-25 Camby Work week

April showers bring May flowers is the adage that we have heard all of our lives. There is nothing like the promise of spring. After the dark and cold days of winter, spring is a welcomed friend. Spring reminds us of the hope that in God's time things will get better. Easter is our constant reminder that God's resurrection power is greater than darkness and death. The early Christians were so convinced of the transforming power of Christ, that they changed their day of worship to Sunday. Every week when we gather at church we are reminded that on that first resurrection day something so wonderful happened that we honor and celebrate it every Lord's day. Before there is Easter, there is a Gethsemane and Calvary. No one understands like Jesus.

Matt 26:36-42

36 Then Jesus went with his disciples to a place called Gethsemane, and he said to them, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." 37 He took Peter and the two sons of Zebedee along with him, and he began to be sorrowful and troubled. 38 Then he said to them, "My soul is overwhelmed with sorrow to the point of death. Stay here and keep watch with me."

39 Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

40 Then he returned to his disciples and found them sleeping. "Could you men not keep watch with me for one hour?" he asked Peter. 41 "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak."

42 He went away a second time and prayed, "My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done."

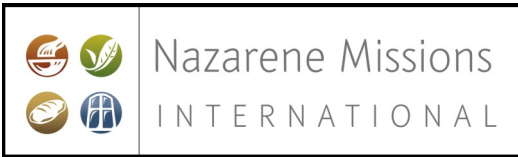
The place is known as the garden of shadows. We might as well go ahead and call it the garden of sadness. The picture painted by the Scripture is of a lonely garden spot. Above the garden a darkened sky broken up by the shiny stars illuminating one solitary figure. There He is on the ground, Jesus pouring out His soul in prayer to the Father.

He is on the ground, deeply grieved and sorrowful asking His Father, that if it is possible bring delivery. Not too far from this place of prayer, are tired exhausted men, they have eaten a meal together, they have no sense of the seriousness of the hour, and while the Savior cries out to God, it is punctuated from time to time by snoring disciples. Somewhere in the city the 12th disciple is hurriedly meeting the ones who gave him a pouch of coins. He is travelling on feet that have been washed by Jesus. In the shadows of the darkness, betrayal will be acted upon. The final encounter of this final battle has begun. What does Jesus do? Does he seek for more back up and better weaponry, does He run? He takes it to God in prayer! If you think that you are the only one who has needs and problems. . . if you think no one understands what you are going through, think again. Jesus knows what you are going through. Easter is the season we celebrate the Resurrection. Remember, before the resurrection there was a Gethsemane. The result of the Garden must always be. . ."not my will but, Your will be done." Make that a part of your Easter prayer. The most important thing is being committed to the will of God for your life. Commitment to God's will is the ground on which we must stand. Remember, because He lives, we too will live. God Bless you!

New District Secretary: Rev. Michael Morris has been appointed by the District Advisory board to replace **Rev. Darryl Bogatay** as District Secretary.

Reviews: Favorable pastoral reviews have been held by the following church boards and pastors: Avon Parkside and Dr. Darryl Bogatay, Connersville Gortner Memorial and Rev. Gene Million, Indy Shepherd Community and Rev. Jay Height, Morristown and Dr. H. L. Robbins. Congratulations to these congregations and pastors.

Rev. Ray McCrary has accepted the pastorate of the Indianapolis Southside Church. His first Sunday will be April 15. May God bless the ministry of this church and pastor.



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through the cross

Church of the Nazarene | World Evangelism Fund Easter Offering
April 8, 2012

The words of an almost-forgotten hymn challenge me:

"What shall I give Thee, Master? Thou who didst die for me. Shall I give less of what I possess, or shall I give all to Thee? Jesus, my Lord and Savior; Thou hast giv'n all for me; not just a part, or half of my heart; I will give all to Thee." (Homer W. Grimes)

K.P. Yohannan asks: "When we look at the unfinished Great Commission and compare it to our personal lifestyles – or to the activity calendars of our churches and organizations – how can we explain our disobedience?"

Ask God what He would have you do.

Through the Cross,
He *gives*
Because of the Cross,
we *share*

INDY DISTRICT G.A.M.E. DAY

All NMI presidents and council members are urged to participate in G.A.M.E. Day at Indianapolis First on Saturday, April 21. Don't miss it! Registration begins at 8:30 AM.

NMI workshop topics are:

Mission Money Matters

(Dr. Randy James)

Children & Missions

(Rev. Beth Bidle)

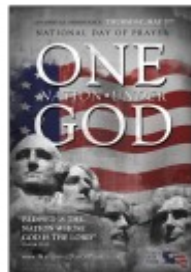
Mission Education

(Reta Steely)

Prayer

(Jeanine Allen+Debra Miller)

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER MAY 3, 2012



<http://nationaldayofprayer.org>



Verne Ward III, Asia-Pacific Regional Director, was recently elected Global Mission Director by the General Board. He began

his duties April 1. Dr. Ward and his wife, Natalie, served as missionaries in Papua New Guinea prior to becoming regional director.

Announcing . . .

3 new world areas:
South Sudan
Turks & Caico
Creative Access #10
Total: 159



REMEMBER...

to order Memorial Rolls and Distinguished Service

Awards in April for presentation in May. Order online using a credit card at <http://nmi.nazarene.org> or order by mail using appropriate order form.

DISTRICT CELEBRATE LIFE

Congratulations to the 123 students who advanced to Regional Celebrate Life! If you were not able to make your RCL payment at District Celebrate Life, please be sure to get that in to David Morris ASAP.

Regional Celebrate Life May 17 –19, 2012



QUIZZING

Our 2011-2012 Quizzing season is over. Congratulations to Matt Galloway, Keila Galloway, Abbie Allen, Brennan Carter, Megan Connett, Jenna Tolley, Tabitha Espiritu, Melissa Connett, Greg Law and Bethany Moore for making our two district quiz teams for RCL!

TEEN CAMP

June 10-13, 2012 at Camp Camby. Our speaker this year will be Nick Jones. Registration forms will be made available at District Celebrate Life on March 3rd.

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP

Are you a high school senior that will be attending Olivet Nazarene University this coming fall? If so, you should apply for the Indianapolis District NYI scholarship! It is a \$500 scholarship that will be applied to your first year at Olivet. Applications are available on the district website.

REFRESH2012

We are just a few months away from our District Missions Trip to Toronto. Please be sure you are getting your monthly payments made!





DR. KEITH E. GROVE, SDMI Chairman
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SUNDAY SCHOOL
Make the Connection

From the "Chair"

Children's Ministries
Youth Ministries
Adult Ministries

Indianapolis District
GAME DAY

Church Technology
Strategic Planning
Worship Ministries
and much more...

Indianapolis First Church
Saturday, April 21
8:30 – 3:00



Dr. Bryce Fox, Keynote Speaker



Jason Burke & The Point Worship Band

Sponsored by the Indianapolis District SDMI, NMI, & NYI



GATHERING TO **A**DVANCE OUR **M**ISSIONAL **E**NDEAVORS

INDIANAPOLIS DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRIES MONTHLY REPORT FOR MARCH 2012

		SDMI		%	Morning	Respos.			SDMI		%	Morning	Respos.																				
		2012	2011				x ♂	+ / --	Worship	List				2012	2011	x ♂	+ / --	Worship	List														
Richmond Zone, Rev. Paul Mingus																																	
Cambridge City	19	25	-6	-24%	27	114																											
Centerville	NR				NR	NR																											
College Corner	28	28	0	0%	40	90																											
Connersville First	41	37	4	10%	51	263																											
Connersville Gortner	NR				NR	NR																											
Hagerstown	46	56	-10	-18%	52	125																											
Liberty	22	25	-3	-12%	34	45																											
Richmond First	61	76	-15	-20%	90	131																											
Richmond New Life	NR				NR	NR																											
Richmond Southview	29	38	-9	-24%	49	144																											
Williamsburg	43	56	-13	-23%	87	222																											
ZONE TOTALS	289	341	-52	-15%	430	1,134																											
Indpls. Northeast Zone, Rev. Phil Edwards																																	
Fishers Point (CTM)	22	9	13	59%	59	95																											
Fortville	229	232	-3	-1%	211	374																											
Greenfield First	NR				NR	NR																											
Indpls. Castleton	71	84	-13	-15%	113	302																											
Indpls. First	291	346	-55	-16%	814	1,077																											
Indpls. First Hispanic	22	12	10	45%	31	28																											
Indpls. Jester Mem.	48	54	-6	-11%	56	98																											
Morristown	39	22	17	44%	39	119																											
Second Chance (CTM)	38	0	38	N/A	51	75																											
Victorious Life	77	94	-17	-18%	51	175																											
Village Church (CTM)	16	0	16	N/A	0	0																											
Velocity Church (CTM)	0	0	0	0%	61	250																											
Whole Person Min. (CTM)	NR				NR	NR																											
ZONE TOTALS	853	853	0	0%	1486	2593																											
Indpls. Northwest Zone, Rev. Wayne Childs																																	
Avon Parkside	74	70	4	5%	120	253																											
Brownsburg	65	59	7	11%	77	149																											
Clermont	12	17	-5	-29%	19	103																											
Danville Calvary	23	27	-4	-15%	30	60																											
Indpls. Grace Pointe	333	351	-18	-5%	352	500																											
Indpls. Speedway	21	32	-9	-28%	39	39																											
Indpls. Westside	397	485	-87	-18%	539	1,196																											
United Community	89	48	41	46%	85	153																											
ZONE TOTALS	1014	1089	-75	-7%	1,261	2,453																											
Indpls. Southeast Zone, Rev. Mike Else																																	
Edinburgh	62	72	-10	-14%	54	176																											
Franklin	66	62	4	2%	86	127																											
Indpls. Cornerstone	51	42	9	18%	76	123																											
Indpls. Shepherd Comm.	78	90	-12	-13%	200	121																											
Indpls. So. Irvington	17	23	-6	-26%	32	80																											
Indpls. Southside	117	121	-4	-3%	209	274																											
Shelbyville First	129	111	18	14%	184	392																											
Southport	104	82	22	21%	143	269																											
ZONE TOTALS	624	603	21	3%	984	1,562																											
Indpls. Southwest Zone, Rev. Allen Southerland, Chairman																																	
Brooklyn	8	8	0	0%	10	34																											
The Point	68	82	-14	-17%	89	118																											
Indpls. Friendly	13	15	-2	-13%	13	52																											
Indpls. Southwest	168	150	18	11%	190	375																											
Life Pointe	126	143	-17	-12%	166	191																											
Martinsville First	113	121	-8	-7%	156	220																											
Martinsville Trinity	38	42	-4	-10%	38	100																											
Monrovia	20	13	7	35%	31	85																											
Willow Grove	22	19	3	14%	20	92																											
ZONE TOTALS	576	593	-17	-3%	713	1,267																											
New Castle Zone, Rev. Michael Dees, Chairman																																	
Greensboro	77	73	4	5%	79	169																											
New Castle First	175	227	-52	-23%	295	531																											
New Castle South Side	89	80	9	10%	63	120																											
New Castle Westview	33	46	-13	-28%	52	303																											
Rushville	27	31	-4	-13%	37	130																											
Shirley	47	41	6	13%	35	59																											
Spiceland	71	59	12	17%	99	374																											
Stringtown	40	32	12	30%	55	88																											
Warrington	NR				NR	NR																											
ZONE TOTALS	559	589	-30	-5%	715	1774																											
North Vernon Zone, Rev. Perry Cook																																	
Greensburg	55	97	-42	-43%	85	300																											
Ludlow Hill	NR				NR	NR																											
Madison	10	20	-10	-50%	27	70																											
North Vernon	100	84	16	16%	167	197																											
Osgood	NR				NR	NR																											
Rising Sun	11	12	-1	-8%	28	108																											
ZONE TOTALS	176	213	-37	-17%	307	675																											
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NR - Churches Not Reporting / Previous Year used for headquarters																																	
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District Treasurer's Report

March 2012	WEF	UMF
	Received	Received
Avon Parkside	10,270.03	19,032.07
Brooklyn	647.30	0.00
Brownsburg	4,017.80	9,134.77
Cambridge City	1,534.94	2,838.14
Centerville	4,423.62	8,514.47
Clermont	1,959.10	3,862.43
College Corner	1,874.75	1,119.28
Connersville First	2,488.21	2,514.70
Connersville Gortner Memorial	5,957.63	8,074.18
Danville Calvary	2,449.51	4,756.55
Edinburgh	2,697.00	5,227.00
Fortville	23,600.30	46,421.13
Franklin	1,669.00	8,478.84
Gateway Crossing (Grace Harbor)	4,994.00	5,455.00
Greenfield First	4,441.67	2,114.78
Greensboro	4,351.23	8,543.72
Greensburg Community	1,990.51	3,793.18
Hagerstown	3,769.59	6,641.28
Harvest Point	4,967.13	9,814.59
Indpls. Castleton	17,851.80	35,010.65
Indpls. Cornerstone	3,515.10	6,945.92
Indpls. First	59,113.95	115,641.54
Indpls. First Hispanic	305.00	445.00
Indpls. Friendly	1,317.50	2,568.87
Indpls. Grace Pointe	23,674.06	45,040.92
Indpls. Jester Mem.	1,560.88	3,084.18
Indpls. Shepherd Community	6,500.00	9,000.00
Indpls. South. Irvington	1,604.00	3,136.00
Indpls. Southside	22,967.45	40,619.63
Indpls. Southwest	14,126.00	27,903.00
Indpls. Speedway	2,053.50	3,376.27
Indpls. Westside	59,872.83	62,300.00
Indpls. Whole Person Ministries	134.02	264.82
Liberty	1,594.00	3,134.00
Life Pointe - Mooresville	8,440.18	10,443.59
Ludlow Hill	0.00	0.00
Madison First	0.00	1,446.30
Martinsville First	11,502.21	22,126.44
Martinsville Trinity	930.51	2,889.03
Monrovia	942.12	3,939.71
Morristown	2,800.62	4,743.24
New Castle First	22,891.79	39,005.29
New Castle Southside	4,491.00	6,380.18
New Castle Westview	3,765.29	7,381.01
North Vernon	8,897.00	14,694.00
Osgood	789.41	1,559.87
Richmond First	5,794.00	9,766.86
Richmond New Life	326.83	651.87
Richmond Southview	3,081.63	5,071.68
Rising Sun	970.00	1,112.00
Rushville	1,641.99	3,088.78
Shelbyville First	9,638.70	18,113.55
Shirley	1,707.17	3,288.82
Southport	10,563.00	20,516.00
Spiceland	3,413.63	6,151.05
Stringtown	4,195.30	7,939.92
United Community	5,525.96	8,412.61
Victorious Life	3,052.88	5,029.57
Warrington	9.92	49.61
Williamsburg	2,584.61	5,745.63
Willow Grove	1,457.00	2,445.00
DISTRICT TOTAL	423,706.16	726,798.52

Around the district . . .

AN UPDATE FROM REV. MICHAEL MORRIS
DISTRICT SECRETARY

- ~ **May 31** Church Year Ends
- ~ **June 1** The Board of Ministry will meet. (Combined Studies & Ministerial Credentials). Application for first time license and renewals are to be made on-line this year. Information and instructions have been sent to each pastor. Contact Rev. Chris Galloway with any questions you might have:
chris@indygracepointe.com
317.839.4673
- ~ **June 12** Pastors' annual on-line reports are to be finished. Please contact Rev. Morris with any questions you might have:
revnon@yahoo.com
317.897.7700

Southport Church of the Nazarene will be having revival services April 29-May 6. Rev. James Walker will be the evangelist. Call the church office for more information: 317-784-4610

New Church University
April 26-28
Indianapolis Westside

You won't want to miss this event if you are interested in church planting. Call Landon DeCraos for more information. 317-577-8890

Camp Camby Now Hiring ~ Kitchen help needed
317-431-6569 or 317-223-3504

Indianapolis District Family Camp
June 18~24, 2012
7:30 p.m. each evening
5:30 p.m. on Sunday

Dr. Ron Blake
Evangelist



Mark Dubbeld Family
Musicians

