



The Grapevine

An eNewsletter for Pastors



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District Superintendent

A Word from the District Superintendent

Changes?!? — “What is the GMC thinking?” I can hear some of you saying this. Our denomination has made statistical changes over the past year in an effort to establish globally-relevant reporting. Our church is growing in leaps and bounds around the world. With that, the general church sees the need to adapt our statistical reports to be more globally friendly and more standard; hence, the change in the Annual Pastors Report (APR). ♦ Pastors are required to not only report financial statistics, but the number of people their churches are ministering to each week. The word “number” is not palatable, because it requires diligent documentation, which can be tedious, but necessary. It’s called accountability. The two attendances that you will report on your APR at yearend are: **(1) Sunday School** (w/ a breakdown of actual SS attendance and discipleship/small group attendance happening throughout the week on any given day), and **(2) Weekly Corporate Worship** (all weekly worship services, avoiding double counting regardless of the day of the week.)* This will require diligence in counting and an efficient counter. ♦ **A basic formula to determine Corporate Worship would be:** Sunday AM worship attendance + anyone who attends another worship service in the same week (e.g., Sunday PM worship, Wednesday worship, Prison Ministry services, Revivals, nursing home worship services, etc.) that were not included in the Sunday AM worship attendance. ♦ To differentiate between “Worship Service” and “Sunday School” attendance; note that Discipleship, Bible study groups and small or cell groups are teaching/educational extensions of the Sunday School; but only people who attend such groups can be added to the Sunday School count, if they were not included in the weekly Sunday School attendance (this will avoid double counting).

* “The new APR instructions for counting worship services simply states: ‘All weekly worship attendance should be reported, attempting not to count any person twice.’ This represents a broadening of the understanding of who and when to count Worship Services. We are moving from a narrowly restricted count of Sunday AM worship only to a more relaxed acceptance of whatever the church reports as worship attendance whenever and wherever in the world they choose to meet.” - Dr. Woodie Stevens, SDMI Global Director



TEAM DAY

Sat., August 14 - 8:30 AM -2:30 PM
Millbrook Nazarene Church

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Roberto Hodgson Nazarene
Hispanic Ministries Director

Pre-register: \$10 pp (includes lunch) by Aug. 1

After August 1st - \$15 pp; At the Door - \$20 pp

Make checks payable to “Alabama South District SDMI”

Send to Millbrook Church (Attn: Carl Reed)

Workshops Include:

Beginning a Hispanic Ministries in Your Church
Back to the Basics (SDMI)

How to Start a Children’s Ministry (SDMI)
Training for Sunday School Ministries (SDMI)
A Prayer Initiative (NMI)

Making the Most of Mission Education (NMI)
Missions—Motivating the Local Church (NMI)
HELP! Q’s 4 the NYI District Council (NYI)
Y We Need CLT in NYI! (NYI)

Creating a Church Budget and Living Within It (Finance)
End-of-the-Month/Year Reporting (Finance)
From the Offering Plate Into the World (Finance)

Bring your church treasurers, NYI, NMI & SDMI leaders. Nursery available only by registering in advance.

All pastors, associates & ministerial students are encouraged to attend. Teens are very much welcome!

FOCUS ON MISSIONS




Just a reminder that **Sunday, July 25** is designated day to receive an offering for the **District Work & Witness Project**. The July emphasis is **Intern’l Ministries, Bible**

Schools & Seminaries. This is a prayer emphasis. School locations are available at the NMI website. “Books for Pastors” is an associated project. The August emphasis is **LINKS**, a ministry that brings the church and missionaries together. Learn more by visiting www.nazarenemissions.org under the “education” link.

Thanksgiving Offering Challenge. The General Superintendents are presenting a challenge to Nazarenes to give the largest Thanksgiving Offering in the history of our denomination to help keep our missionaries on the field and sustain ministries. PLEASE begin NOW by promoting the Thanksgiving Offering for World Evangelism. *Together, as a team, we can meet this urgent need!*

 <p>www.trevecca.edu</p> <p>Beside Still Waters Program Interested in a Sabbatical week at TNU? Call Heather Daugherty</p>	<p>MEN'S RETREAT Aug. 27-28 Rolling Hills Camp Spkr: Rev. Lamar Smith Register ASAP! (Brochure Attached)</p> <p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">Men's Retreat District</p>	<p>FALL CELEBRATION/TREVCCA SHOWCASE SENIOR ADULTS EVENT October 15, 2010 - COST: Only \$15 Music by The Speers/Allison Durham Speer (includes lunch & all events) www.trevecca.edu/fall-celebration</p>
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CLT Conference Call – Thurs., July 29

Topic: "Making Sense of the Gospel"
Speaker: Dr. Lyle Pointer

7:00 PM CST and 8:00 PM EST

Receive CEU credit by emailing Pastor David Kemp directly after the conference.

Clergy Prayer Requests


(1) **Mark Armstrong** - Recent hospitalization. Surgery scheduled for August 20. (2) **Gloria Flummer** - Prayer for health issues. (3) **Earl Hall** - Prayer during chemotherapy treatments. (4) **James Meadows** - Recovery from surgery.

MISSION AREA LEADERSHIP TRAINING

"How to Have an Effective Ministry Amidst a Struggling Economy"
"How to Have a Ministry of Impact Through Stewardship of Time"

- Tuscaloosa Area - Aug. 23 @ Tusc. 1st - 6 p.m.
- N. Central Area - Aug. 24 @ Columbiana - 6 p.m.
- Capital Area - Aug. 26 @ Millbrook - 6 p.m.
- Dothan Area - Aug. 30 @ Dothan 1st - Noon
- Chatt. Valley Area - Aug. 31 @ Shawmut - 6 p.m.
- S. Central Area - Sept. 13 @ E. Brewton - 6 p.m.
- Mobile Area - Sept. 14 @ Mobile 1st - 6 p.m.

Missional leaders will contact pastors w/ dinner arrangements. CEU credit will be given. Spouses are welcome.

District NYI Lock-In at Landmark Church on **July 30** from 7 PM - 7 AM. \$25 per teen. REFUGE from TNU will provide music. Contact person: Amy Mills

*It doesn't matter what you face.
God is more than adequate.
— Ron Mehl*

Praise Reports from Our Churches — (gleaned from the monthly pastors' reports)

- + **EAGLE POINTE** (Jeff Skinner) – Had 26 total at VBS and raised \$114 for the Children's Offering project.
- + **HUGULEY** (Bob Biberstine) – A special welcome to Bob and Kathy Biberstine, new parsonage family at Huguley.
- + **LANDMARK** (Andy Rutherford) – 10 people were recently baptized.
- + **LANETT** (Ken Wyatt) – Raised \$2,720 to help offset the Children's Camp deficit; and a matching gift was given!
- + **MILLRY** (Ken Bowen) – We had 15 last Sunday and 20 today. God is working in the lives of our members.
- + **MOBILE RIVERSIDE** (Terry Daugherty) – Good VBS and teens are ministering in the community.
- + **MONTGOMERY CAPITAL CITY** (Matt Hinson) – We are experiencing a mini revival; 4 saved and 4 sanctified.
- + **MOUNDEVILLE** (Carlton Tibbs) – The church recently welcomed Carlton and Rita Tibbs as the new pastorage family.
- + **ROBERTSDALE** (Todd Wilkes) – Had 22 children at VBS. Attendance was 50+ for two weeks, averaging high 40s.
- + **TUSCALOOSA FIRST** (James Walker) – Faith Promise goal was \$17,000. Commitments totalled \$22,237!
- + **TUSCALOOSA HOLTEN HEIGHTS** (Bill Holley) – The church sent a Work & Witness team to Mexico in July.
- + **WALLACE CHAPEL** (Henry Joiner) - 11 people baptized. 8 seekers. 7 new Nazarenes.



Children's Ministry Leadership Summit
October 4-7, 2010
Grove City, OH
Register at www.ignitenaz.org

Register by
Aug. 1 and
SAVE!



Do you need a speaker for a retreat, Mother's Day, etc.?

Shelley Meadows
Nazarene retreat speaker & Bible study teacher
334.794.8321 (resides in Dothan, AL)
www.preciouspromisesministries.org



Vision *with a Purpose*

...to bring **HOPE** to the Alabama South District Mission Areas

Help for the Hurting through the message of Holiness

- **Help** for the Alabama South District is about transforming a community through the message of **Holiness** (Loving God with all our heart and our neighbor as ourselves). Our vision is to bring individuals together to offer hope in our communities and the entire South of Alabama. We will assist families in need through Compassionate Ministries acts such as feeding the hungry and clothing the needy. This is offered through events like Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to those without food and family during the holidays and offering programs that deal with real life issues such as drug abuse and addictions that can be changed through the power of the Holy Spirit.

“If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth” 1 John 3:17, 18 (NIV)

Outreach in our Communities

- **Outreach** for the Alabama South District is about small acts of kindness done with great love, which will transform our communities. Our vision is that each church will actively serve their community through servant evangelism. Reaching our neighbors by acts such as giving away free water during the summer months, and serving the fire departments, police stations, area businesses, and government agencies in our communities through random acts of kindness transforming our mission areas.

“Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms.” 1 Peter 4:10 (NIV)

Planting New Churches and Praying for the Moving of God in our Churches

- **Planting** churches is what will keep our district alive and growing. The church should be the most irresistible place in the community. Through God’s provision, we will be able to create relevant, irresistible environments in South Alabama. Our goal is to create churches where the Holy Spirit is free to work in the hearts and lives of adults and children, and to which they, in turn, will be compelled to invite their friends and family members. The Alabama South District is involved in the development and resourcing of two kinds of church plants: *Daughter Churches* and *Partner Churches*
- **Praying** for the moving of God across the South Alabama District.

“When I pray, coincidences happen, and when I don’t pray, they don’t.” –William Temple
“Whether we think of or speak to God; whether we act or suffer for him; all is prayer when we have no other object than his love, and the desire of pleasing him.” –John Wesley
“Prayer does not fit us for the greater work, prayer is the greater work.” –Oswald Chambers

Evangelizing in our World

- **Evangelizing** our world means that we are intentional about evangelizing our world and sharing the life-changing message of Jesus Christ. This can be accomplished through short-term mission trips, evangelistic efforts in our communities, and personal evangelism. We must be proactive in reaching the lost, which will keep our district alive and growing. Not only do people need Jesus Christ but they need His transforming power through the fullness of the Holy Spirit found in the experience of heart holiness. Before such experience can be obtained, it is vitally necessary to lead people to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” Matthew 28:19, 20 (NIV)