

# North Arkansas News

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## CALENDAR

### February 2011

- 7 Pastors Prayer Breakfast  
(Conway)
- 15 Missions USA Board Mtg.
- 19 Bd. of Ministry Interviews  
(Fayetteville)
- 21-23 M 11 Conference  
(Louisville, KY)
- 26 Bd. of Ministry Interviews  
(Conway)

### March 2011

- 10 District Advisory Bd. Mtg.
- 11-13 NYI Ignite Retreat
- 19 Church Properties Bd. Mtg.  
(Greenbrier)
- 22 Maximizing Pastors Session  
(Conway)

### April 2011

- 7 Board of Ministry Mtg.
- 8 NMI Finance Committee Mtg.
- 9 NMI Nominations/  
Council Mtg
- 24 Easter Sunday
- 29-1 Lay Retreat (Branson)
- 30 Church Year Ends

## And Down the Stretch We Go!

Believe it or not, we're fast approaching the end of another church year (April 30<sup>th</sup>). I encourage each pastor and layperson to rally during these next three months in an effort to reach all your annual goals, including the payment of denominational budgets. That's no easy task, given the current economic realities.

As most of you know, denominational leaders recently overhauled the apportionment system in an effort to put more money on the missional frontlines of the local church. Budgets are now based upon income during the current year, rather than expenditures from last year. Giving toward others is determined by the following formula: World Evangelism Fund – 5.5%; Pensions and Benefits Fund – 2%; Southern Nazarene University Fund – 2.5%; District Unified Fund – 6%. The goal of each church is now 16% of its income for others. No one could accurately predict how these changes would impact the bottom line in our four major categories. At this point, it appears that we are lagging behind last year's levels of giving toward the World Evangelism Fund (-\$12,000), the Southern Nazarene University Fund (-\$20,000), and the District Fund (-\$16,000). However, giving to the Pensions and Benefits Fund is up by \$10,000. If past performance is a good indicator, North Arkansas Nazarenes will demonstrate their generous spirit and missional mind set by stepping up to meet these financial challenges.

District Assembly/Conventions are scheduled for June 15-17, 2011 at our Greenbrier Church. The *Manual* calls for an annual church meeting to be held within 90 days prior to the District Assembly. A nominating committee, consisting of not fewer than three nor more than seven members of the church (including the pastor), shall be used to nominate officers, boards, and district assembly delegates. The nominating committee is to be appointed by the pastor, and approved by the church board. All persons nominated by this committee shall affirm that they fulfill the following qualifications required of church officers:

*We direct our local churches to elect as church officers active members of the local church who profess the experience of entire sanctification and whose lives bear public witness to the grace of God that calls us to a holy life; who are in harmony with the doctrines, polity, and practices of the Church of the Nazarene; and who support the local church faithfully in attendance and with tithes and offerings. (Paragraph 39)*

May God grant us grace and guidance to fulfill our mission: "making Christlike disciples in the nations." It's a joyful privilege to serve alongside each of you. You are loved and appreciated.

— D. Randy Berkner

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL

## *Make the Connection*

*Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries International*

I've asked God to break my heart over Sunday School—over the discipling of people—in my church—on our district—across our denomination. And He is doing it. I didn't know this brokenness would manifest itself like it has, however. It seems I can't pray about it, talk about it, meet about it, think about it, get angry about it or happy about it without weeping. Honestly it's frustrating sometimes. As they say, "be careful what you ask for."

In this fresh brokenness from God, He has called me to pray over the Sunday School rolls of our church. I believe if God cares about anything, he cares about the discipling of people (Matthew 28:18-20). Therefore, I believe if there is any prayer that God hears, it is the cry of desperation over our people who need to be instructed in the knowledge of the Lord. I know the following question is not cutting edge or earth shattering. However, I am going to finish this article with it because I happen to believe it is heaven-shattering (2 Chronicles 7:14-15). ***Are you crying out in desperation and brokenness for the people who are listed on your church responsibility list?*** I don't just mean saying prayers. I mean praying. Mark 11:22-26. Be encouraged. God loves you and so do I.

- Tim Kellerman

## Mission Evangelism Conference 2011



**Date:**  
February 21-23, 2011

**Location:**  
Louisville, Kentucky

**Cost:**  
\$25 per person

- ❖ Anointed speakers, Spirit-led worship, and Word-centered music
- ❖ Workshop tracks geared to helping you live out the mission
- ❖ Special emphases for college and university students
- ❖ Exhibits, resources, and networking opportunities
- ❖ Service project partnering with One Heart Many Hands

[www.M11conference.org](http://www.M11conference.org)

## Prayer Conference

June 3-5, 2011

Conway First Church

Leaders: Corey Jones, Maria Durso

## 2 Important Questions

- ◆ Who is discipling you?
- ◆ Who are you discipling?

NARK District Lay Retreat — North Arkansas Nazarenes will gather April 29-May 1 for the annual Lay Retreat at the Stone Castle Hotel and Conference Center in Branson, MO. Led by Leo and Karen Boozman, the retreat committee is planning a memorable weekend of relaxation and renewal around the theme: "Loving God, Others, and Self." You'll enjoy Marcus Whitworth's ministry of music and the Word, fellowship with old and new friends, and Branson's various attractions. If you've attended in the past, come again and invite someone else to join you. If you've never been to Lay Retreat, we're offering a "first timer discount" in hopes that you will give it a try. Look for details soon. Questions? Contact the Boozmans at lbjandk@cox.net.

## "The Hope Project" Update

Nazarenes gave \$331,565 toward helping street kids in various global regions during the 2009-10 church year. North Arkansas was among the 29 districts who received a 5K Award for contributing more than \$5,000 toward this vital project. Two of our churches—Bentonville (\$1,839) and Heber Springs (\$1,565) - made the Top 100 Churches list for their exceptional generosity! Thanks to all who participated.



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**NAZARENE YOUTH INTERNATIONAL**

### Teen Commandments

1. Don't let your parents down; they brought you up.
2. Choose your companions with care; you become what they are.
3. Be master of your habits or they will master you.
4. Treasure your time; don't spend it, invest it.
5. Stand for something or you'll fall for anything.
6. Select only a date who would make a good mate.
7. See what you can do for others; not what they can do for you.
8. Guard your thoughts; what you think, you are.
9. Don't fill up on this world's crumbs; feed your soul on the Living Bread.
10. Give your all to Christ; He gave His all for you.



**\*\*\*\* Ignite Retreat \*\*\*\***  
**February 25-27, 2011**  
 Sky Ranch Camp ♦ Quapaw, OK  
 Cost: \$85;  
 Speaker: Blair Spindle;  
 Music: Robert Click  
 For more information, contact Peter Kline at  
 Forest Home Church



Nazarene Youth Conference (NYC), an exciting and life-changing event for high school students, will take place July 4-11, 2011 in Louisville, KY. As participants prepare to attend, you are encouraged to pray and support their fund-raising efforts. Total costs: \$1050 (worth every penny of it!) Please send all NOTARIZED registration forms and payments to: Steve Thrasher, P.O. Box 188, Greenbrier, AR 72058.

**EXTRAVAGANZA!**  
**MAY 27-30, 2011**  
**At Southern Nazarene University**  
 Speaking of SNU...it's an awesome place for a college education. Think about it!

For more info related to NARK District NYI, visit [www.northarkansasnyi.com](http://www.northarkansasnyi.com)

## Items of Interest



- ◆ Rev. Mark Snodgrass was installed as lead pastor of our Bentonville Church on Sunday, January 23rd. We're pleased to welcome Mark and his wife Lauren to the NARK District team. They have two boys: Paul (4) and Luke (1).
- ◆ Having provided outstanding leadership at our Bethel Church since 2009, Revs. Heath and Susan Kelly announced their resignation effective March 20th. Please pray for the Kellys and the Bethel Church during this transition.



- ◆ Rev. Greg Armstrong began his pastoral ministry at Cabot Russell Chapel on December 12th.
- ◆ Congratulations to the following for positive church/pastoral reviews within recent weeks: Anthony Baker, Bella Vista Family; Warren Foxworthy, Siloam Springs.
- ◆ The *Grace Card*, a new feature film produced by Memphis Calvary Church of the Nazarene will be released in theaters nationwide February 25-27. The Board of General Superintendents has endorsed this movie and encourages all Nazarene pastors to use this powerful outreach tool.

## Prayer List

- Rev. Elton Hughes, recovering from surgery
- Rev. Steve Thrasher, recovering from back surgery
- Rev. Bill Rohlmeier, recovering from stroke
- Rev. Paul Mosblech, recovering from knee replacement surgery
- Kaci Riddle Thomson, recovering from blood clots in her lungs
- Brent Thomason, Diana Kirkdoffer's brother with major heart issues
- Jeanene Weihe, Pastor Larry Weihe's mother
- Carol and Bob Riddle, recovering from burns caused by kitchen fire.

## December 2010 Attendance Stats

Zone/Church	SS	MW	+/- SS
<b>Beebe Zone</b>			
Beebe	91	134	1
Cabot Family Life	49	59	-12
Cabot Russell Chapel	62	49	24
<b>Hickory Plains</b>			
Jacksonville	NR	NR	
Sherwood	89	138	-46
	94	103	15
<b>Conway Zone</b>			
Clinton	38	33	19
Conway First	107	242	-39
Greenbrier	155	288	5
Harvest	69	87	-23
Liberty	54	73	7
Morrilton	81	51	30
Pleasant Hill	37	32	4
Russellville	15	19	-15
Vilonia	26	38	2
<b>Ft Smith Zone</b>			
<b>Aitua</b>			
Clarksville	NR	NR	
Ft. Smith 1st	47	38	1
	138	163	29
<b>FS Southside</b>			
Ft. Smith Trinity	NR	NR	
Maple Shade	36	35	11
	15	23	2
<b>Ozark</b>			
Van Buren	NR	NR	
	72	95	7
<b>Jonesboro Zone</b>			
Beech Grove	26	26	5
<b>Blytheville</b>			
Corning	NR	NR	
	8	11	-4
Jonesboro 1st	40	48	-39
Jonesboro Forest Home	174	201	-12
Jonesboro Living Water	13	31	
Marion Cypress Creek	31	27	
<b>Osceola</b>			
Paragould First	NR	NR	
	25	38	-9
<b>Paragould Woodland Hills</b>			
<b>Mountain Home Zone</b>			
Harrison	49	67	1
<b>Marshall</b>			
Mountain Home Twin Lakes	NR	NR	
	55	64	-17
Berryville	18	23	-31
<b>White River</b>			
<b>Ozark Zone</b>			
<b>Bella Vista Family</b>			
Bentonville	NR	NR	
	165	210	-87
Bentonville Spanish	13	32	-20
<b>Bethel</b>			
Farmington	NR	NR	
Fayetteville 1st	NR	NR	
Goshen Bridgeway Community	8	34	-4
Hiwasse	13	25	-1
<b>Pea Ridge</b>			
Rogers 1st	NR	NR	
	211	311	-52
Rogers New Hope	27	38	-17
<b>Rogers Primera</b>			
Siloam Springs	NR	NR	
	62	69	-22
Springdale	31	35	-55
<b>Springdale Primera</b>			
<b>Searcy Zone</b>			
Batesville	NR	NR	
	41	60	-18
<b>Heber Springs</b>			
McCrary	NR	NR	
Newport	NR	NR	
Pickens Chapel	NR	NR	
Searcy	81	90	3

## Investments for Others

Church	WEF Fund	P&B Fund	SNU Fund	District Fund
Altus	1,577	559	617	1,677
Batesville	5,174	2,482	3,103	7,447
Beebe First	4,659	940	1,175	2,819
Beech Grove	174	67	84	200
Bella Vista Family	1,113	387	483	976
Bentonville	20,284	2,081	5,300	9,600
Bentonville Primera	0	0	0	0
Berryville	280	0	0	0
Bethel	2,637	476	595	1,427
Blytheville	450	200	350	500
Bridgeway Community	2,762	966	1,221	2,902
Cabot Family Life	1,665	807	404	1,211
Cabot Russell Chapel	3,130	695	977	2,337
Clarksville New Hope	460	412	508	1,240
Clinton	1,325	397	496	1,184
Conway First	16,642	6,105	7,631	18,314
Corning	0	0	0	0
Farmington First	4,003	1,532	915	2,696
Fayetteville First	8,398	3,623	4,325	10,379
Fort Smith First	11,509	4,217	5,271	12,650
Fort Smith Southside	973	572	608	1,460
Fort Smith Trinity	3,661	911	937	2,710
Greenbrier	15,160	5,560	8,189	16,680
Harrison	2,115	724	905	2,465
Harvest (Conway)	2,642	973	932	2,951
Heber Springs	5,600	2,050	2,550	6,100
Hickory Plains	464	211	144	398
Hiwasse	3,188	788	0	0
Jacksonville First	3,200	2,915	0	8,315
Jonesboro First	906	329	419	987
Jonesboro Forest Home	16,892	7,657	5,800	22,972
Jonesboro Living Water	400	0	0	0
Liberty	6,229	2,018	2,252	6,893
Maple Shade	1,043	267	203	486
Marion Cypress Creek	498	0	0	0
Marshall	0	0	0	0
McCrary	5,938	1,544	2,174	5,219
Morrilton	2,110	652	790	2,287
Mountain Home Twin Lakes	4,410	1,321	1,692	4,768
Newport	289	69	87	197
Osceola	0	0	0	0
Ozark	0	0	0	0
Paragould First	1,160	534	668	1,603
Paragould Woodland Hills	10,040	0	0	0
Pea Ridge	1,959	597	320	1,757
Pickens Chapel	1,921	501	930	1,132
Pleasant Hill	1,002	364	455	1,094
Rogers First	22,245	8,122	10,153	24,367
Rogers New Hope	2,959	1,077	1,346	3,229
Rogers Primera	0	0	0	0
Russellville	1,826	556	697	1,672
Searcy	2,056	1,425	1,894	4,445
Sherwood First	7,233	2,644	3,305	7,931
Siloam Springs	4,265	1,042	1,404	3,129
Springdale First	3,146	1,154	1,443	3,463
Springdale Primera	800	307	383	920
Van Buren First	5,697	1,497	1,751	3,988
Vilonia	2,795	1,023	1,078	2,606
White River	2,382	867	1,009	1,574
<b>Total</b>	<b>233,446</b>	<b>76,216</b>	<b>87,970</b>	<b>225,359</b>