

North Arkansas News

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2011 Assembly/Conventions Reflections

Several distinguished guests honored us by coming to the 59th Annual Assembly of the NARK District – Dr. David and Sharon Graves, Dr. Bob and Carol Broadbooks, Dr. Harold Graves (NBC), Dr. Loren Gresham and Dr. Terry Toler (SNU), Dr. Harold Henderson (Nazarene Foundation), and Rev. Brian Helstrom (Jesus Film Ministry). Approximately 500 folks represented 59 congregations. Most importantly, God showed up! Those of us who had been praying earnestly for this “family gathering” were not surprised because the Lord had promised His manifest presence.

Host pastor Steve Thrasher, his staff, and countless volunteers from the Greenbrier Church opened their facilities and their hearts to all of us. Once again, Dr. Graves presided with efficiency and preached with effectiveness. New district secretary Ken Stallings performed like a seasoned veteran. Pastors, in 500 words or less, testified to God’s work in and through our churches. During Thursday evening’s service, we recognized individuals at various stages of the ministerial journey – newly licensed ministers, ordinands, and retirees.

Our 2011 District Assembly and departmental conventions (NYI, NMI, SDMI) provided high moments of inspiration that should propel us into another year of fruitful, missional ministry. If you were not among those who attended, it’s our hope that this special issue of the *North Arkansas News* will give you a sense of what took place and a desire to join us at next year’s gathering scheduled for June 13-15 in Rogers, AR.

- D. Randy Berkner



Dr. David and Sharon Graves



Pastor Kevin Rector (Liberty) received Church of the Year Eagle award



Dr. Loren Gresham shared a positive report on SNU



Ordinands Class (left to right): Jason/Leah Knight, Gretchen/Keith Rooney, Michael/Marlena Morris, James/Lauren Betts, Fabian/Teresa Correa, Travis/Calitia Lee. Back row: Dr. David Graves, Dr. Randy Berkner, Rev. Ken Stallings. Retirees: Cecil/Kathryn Nichols, Jim/Sandra Sanders.



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One doesn't have to live very long to discover that change is inevitable. Things happen. Situations change. People retire. New people come on board. Well, the district NMI is now experiencing change. After four years of leadership under the capable hands of Nona Floyd, a new district president comes on board. And it just so happens that it's a man! It is with some fear and trepidation that I do so. This district has had so many capable people in this position. I am humbled by your choice, and ask for your prayers as I begin my tenure.

To make things easier, you have wisely chosen a capable team of NMI council members. Warren Foxworthy, Charlotte Hall, Steve Hall, Donna Taylor and Zina Weihe, along with secretary Denise Lake and treasurer Phyllis Petry, have proven themselves in service over the years. The experience they bring and the passion for missions they display will make this transition so much easier.

Our purpose is to support the NMI program in your local church. We are available to help in any way possible. Throughout the year we will be in communication with you about the needs and concerns, as well as the triumphs and victories of your global mission program.

This year's emphasis is To Make Christ-like Disciples in our Samaria (cross-culturally, in our state, and across our nation). At this year's convention you were challenged to "Pay it Forward." Many of you accepted the challenge by receiving a wristband proclaiming that message. Jesus said, "Freely you have received, freely give" (Matt. 10:8b). This year you will be given many opportunities to do just that through giving, time, and talents. Every time you give to missions you will be "paying it forward." Every time you pray for the needs of missions and our missionaries you will be "paying it forward." Every time you reach out to touch and help the needy and disadvantaged, or to give your sweat and tears to help those devastated by natural disasters as many of you did in Joplin, Missouri, you will be "paying it forward." But, as we learned through the inspirational and challenging messages of Brian Helstrom, there is so much to do. The fields are truly ripe for harvest. The church is literally exploding in membership around the world, and the task of keeping up with the needs is daunting. That is why we keep "paying it forward" in giving, in prayer, in education, and in discipleship. "Freely you have received, freely give."

We invite you to join us on this faith journey. Stand with us and pray for us. Together let's make this the greatest year we have ever seen on the North Arkansas District.

Your Servant for the Great Missionary,

Jim Lynch



Nona Floyd's
final report



Brian Helstrom inspired us with
Jesus Film stories



DS presents Nona with
Distinguished Service Award



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SUNDAY SCHOOL
Make the Connection

Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries International

SDMI Convention: A Memorable Event



I wanted to thank everyone who made SDMI Convention a success. Your presence, prayers, and participation made all the difference. Thank you to those who gave testimonies about what God is doing in your churches. How refreshing to hear these discipleship stories of God's glory.

With the help of your capable SDMI Board, we will be working hard to provide relevant resourcing for Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries across the district during the next 12 months. In

fact, we have scheduled four discipleship training sessions in the Fall for every age level. These training events for workers in children, youth, and adult ministries will occur in four locations. Each are Sunday evening events. Please make plans now to attend with your entire church. Gifts will be given to appreciate every Sunday School Superintendent.

- Tim Kellerman



SDMI Training Dates & Locations

(all locations will be at 6:00 p.m.)

September 11	-	Ft. Smith First
September 18	-	Greenbrier
October 2	-	Jonesboro Forest Home
October 16	-	Bentonville



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NAZARENE YOUTH INTERNATIONAL

NYI Convention Reflections



Kent Britton’s “swan song” (12th and final DP report) highlighted this year’s NYI events, thanked his co-laborers, and reminded us that almost all the spiritual awakenings throughout history have been sparked by young people. Thanks for your outstanding leadership, Kent! We love and appreciate you! Enjoy your gift cruise!

Steve Thrasher received the Timothy Award—the highest honor for those who serve our students through NYI. Across the years Steve’s role varied from NYI vice-president to treasurer to NYC coordinator, but one thing never changed—his loving interest in teens. By the way, there’s no truth to the rumor that Kent has opted to take Steve on the cruise instead of his wife, Debbie!



Josh Hall’s band led worship for the 2011 NYI Convention and we reveled in God’s glory. Kelcey Snyder, youth pastor at Liberty Church, shared a powerful testimony/message that really resonated!



Dear North Arkansas family,

Recently I was honored to be elected as the North Arkansas District NYI President. There are so many emotions and thoughts that have been going through my mind.

Humbled—Jesus lived His life here as a servant, an example to all of us on how we are to live our lives. I look forward to serving Him the best I can by following His example!

Honored—what a great honor to be elected by colleagues and peers to such an important position. Although I consider myself to be ordinary, I know that He uses the willing to do extraordinary things.

Overwhelmed—that goes without saying but I know that He will guide and direct each step and we have an amazing NYI Council, youth pastors, NYI Presidents, youth leaders, etc. that I know will be there to help make sure we constantly follow His Plan.

Thanks—for the past several years Kent Britton has provided extraordinary leadership to the North Arkansas District NYI Council. Although he has stepped down from the position of president, I know that God will continue to use him to reach the great students of North Arkansas...which brings me to the end.

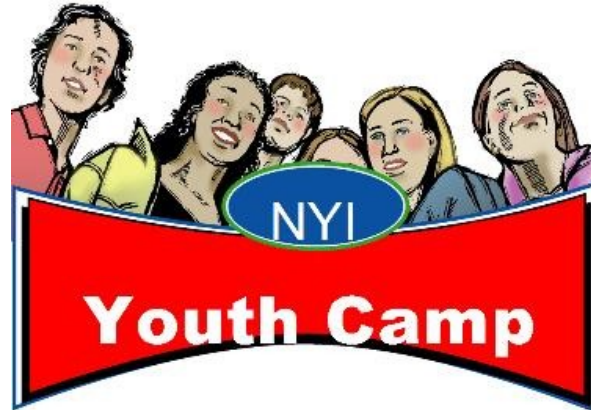
Future—it is completely in His Hands. I look forward to continuing to search for how he wants to reach our students in new and exciting ways.

Serving Him IN Everything I THINK, SAY, and DO

- Peter Kline

For more info related to NARK District NYI, visit www.northarkansasnyi.com

North Arkansas District



July 18 - 22

Speaker/Worship Leader - Chad Bohi

**\$190 includes Big Surf &
one hour of lakefront activities**

(after July 7th cost is \$215 - Counselor cost is \$190)

Registration begins Monday, July 18th at 3:30 p.m.

Concludes Friday, July 22nd at 11:00 a.m.

Mail registration form, medical release form, Code of Conduct and Edge form with payment with ONE CHURCH CHECK made out to North Arkansas NYI to: Kevin Atkinson, Harvest Church of the Nazarene, 194 Old Military Road, Conway, AR 72034. Questions? Contact Kevin by phone (501-327-7148) or e-mail (katkinson@conwayharvest.org).

Items of Interest

- ◆ The following received their first district minister's license at the 2011 District Assembly: Kristina Armstrong, Daniel Hillian, Robert Holloway, Kelcey Snyder, Andrea Stringer.



Aaron Lynn was installed as pastor of the Heber Springs Church on Sunday, June 19th. He and his wife Stephanie have two sons—Micah and Noah. We're pleased to have them on the NARK District ministry team!

- ◆ Congratulations to Pastor James and Lauren Betts, the proud parents of a baby boy Daniel who safely arrived July 1st. "And the Lord added to the church".
- ◆ Please pray for the following churches as they seek God's will for new pastoral leadership: Ft. Smith Trinity, Mountain Home Twin Lakes, Morrilton, Berryville.
- ◆ Vilonia Church Update: Pastor James Smith and the Vilonia Church continue to negotiate with their insurance company with an eye toward rebuilding the sanctuary that was severely damaged by a tornado. Keep praying and offering assistance.
- ◆ Jason Knight has joined Rogers First Church staff as the Associate Discipleship Pastor. He and his wife Leah previously served as pastoral leaders in a sister holiness denomination. Welcome, Knights!
- ◆ Dr. C. Frank Beckett (97), retired elder and member of Ft. Smith First, went home to his eternal reward on May 18, 2011. "Well done, good and faithful servant."

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June 2011 Attendance Stats

Zone/Church	SS	MW	+/- SS
Beebe Zone			
Beebe	85	124	-11
Cabot Family Life	NR	NR	
Cabot Russell Chapel	67	67	-1
Hickory Plains	NR	NR	
Jacksonville	NR	NR	
Sherwood	77	92	-7
Conway Zone			
Clinton	24	29	-11
Conway First	138	240	-80
Greenbrier	141	276	-9
Harvest	60	89	-24
Liberty	60	71	7
Morrilton	NR	NR	
Pleasant Hill	33	33	-3
Russellville	6	13	-44
Vilonia	29	36	2
Ft Smith Zone			
Aitus	NR	NR	
Clarksville	32	42	-2
Ft. Smith 1st	141	150	1
FS Southside	NR	NR	
Ft. Smith Trinity	25	65	-8
Maple Shade	NR	NR	
Ozark	NR	NR	
Van Buren	NR	NR	
Jonesboro Zone			
Beech Grove	27	27	-23
Blytheville	5	6	-1
Corning	NR	NR	
Jonesboro 1st	35	44	-22
Jonesboro Forest Home	92	162	-60
Jonesboro Living Water	18	27	
Marion Cypress Creek	NR	NR	
Osceola	24	30	5
Paragould First	26	32	-6
Paragould Woodland Hills	NR	NR	
Mountain Home Zone			
Harrison	40	43	-7
Marshall	NR	NR	
Mountain Home Twin Lakes	30	36	-20
Berryville	NR	NR	
White River	NR	NR	
Ozark Zone			
Bella Vista Family	13	35	-6
Bentonville	170	246	-55
Bentonville Spanish	17	23	-17
Bethel	23	26	-16
Farmington	NR	NR	
Fayetteville 1st	77	120	-1
Goshen Bridgeway Community	8	17	-10
Hiwasse	12	22	2
Pea Ridge	NR	NR	
Rogers 1st	302	235	22
Rogers New Hope	24	44	-3
Rogers Primera	NR	NR	
Siloam Springs	70	82	-9
Springdale	92	42	15
Springdale Primera	75	80	11
Searcy Zone			
Batesville	47	77	-5
Heber Springs	42	66	-10
McCrary	40	50	-8
Newport	5	9	1
Pickens Chapel	18	33	-1
Searcy	74	90	-13

2011-12 District Officers

Advisory Board

Tim Bullington	Charley Appleby
Tim Kellerman	Curtis Clements
Steve Thrasher	Bill Milburn
Larry Woodward	Scott Woodward

Board of Ministry

Sam Boyd	Kevin Rector
Kent Britton	Jim Sanders
Tim Brown	James Smith
Tim Bullington	Mark Snodgrass
Don Cowan	Ken Stallings
Warren Foxworthy	Jeff Taylor
Galen Mason	Steve Thrasher

SNU Trustees

D. Randy Berkner	Joy Lewis
Ken Stallings	Dale Webster

Court of Appeals

Kent Britton	Tim Kellerman
Alan Johnson	Ken Stallings

NYI Council

President—Peter Kline
 Vice President—Kevin Atkinson
 Secretary—Carla Hillian
 Treasurer—TBS

Early Youth Representatives

Emily Bullington	Nate Kline
Emily Foxworthy	

Senior Youth Representatives

Drew Kline	Hayden Thrasher
Moriah Mason	

Young Adult Representatives

Kristy Black	Daniel Hillian
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Ministry Directors

- Camp—Kevin & Cheryl Atkinson
- Winter Retreat Directors—Peter & Danielle Kline
- Central Area Representative—Todd Richardson
- Northwest Area Representative—Travis Lee
- Northeast Area Representative—TBS
- IMPACT Director—Carla Hillian
- Extravaganza Director—TBS
- NYI Missions Director—TBS

Missions USA Board

Randall Beaty	Ron Albritton
Warren Foxworthy	Debbie Berkner
Steve Hall	Teresa Correa
Jim Lynch	Carla Hillian
Jeff Taylor	

Church Properties Board

Sam Boyd	John Coleman
Alan Johnson	Ken Guinn
Ron Riddle	Bill Milburn
Larry Weihe	Kathy Moore

Finance Committee

Tim Kellerman	Rob Elliott
Ron Riddle	Larry Gibson
Ken Stallings	Keith Holifield
Larry Woodward	Phyllis Scott

Department Heads & District Treasurer

SDMI Council

Chairperson—Tim Kellerman
 Sec/Treas.—Debbie Martin

Teresa Correa	Tim Brown
Chad Pettigrew	Galen Mason

Adult Ministries—Ron Riddle
 Youth Ministries—Peter Kline
 Children's Ministries—Kelly Bullington/Jessica Springer
 Camp Administrator—Sam Boyd

NMI Council

President—Jim Lynch
 Vice President—Charlotte Hall
 Secretary—Denise Lake
 Treasurer—Phyllis Petry
 Praying Coordinator—Warren Foxworthy
 Discipling Coordinator—Steve Hall
 Giving Coordinator—Zina Weihe
 Education Coordinator—Donna Taylor

Investments for Others

Church	WEF Fund	P&B Fund	SNU Fund	District Fund
Altus	97	35	44	106
Batesville	1,082	303	378	1876
Beebe First	741	270	337	0
Beech Grove	0	0	0	0
Bella Vista Family	626	68	104	209
Bentonville	0	0	0	0
Bentonville Primera	0	0	0	0
Berryville	0	0	0	0
Bethel	223	250	0	0
Blytheville	0	0	0	0
Bridgeway Community	348	122	152	366
Cabot Family Life	0	0	0	0
Cabot Russell Chapel	1,908	271	182	438
Clarksville New Hope	0	0	0	0
Clinton	0	0	0	0
Conway First	2556	981	0	2,925
Corning	0	0	0	0
Farmington First	2,000	800	800	1,445
Fayetteville First	2,987	1,086	755	1,812
Fort Smith First	1,346	517	646	1,485
Fort Smith Southside	0	0	0	0
Fort Smith Trinity	463	147	183	704
Greenbrier	1,950	748	938	2,250
Harrison	0	0	0	297
Harvest (Conway)	0	0	0	0
Heber Springs	620	240	300	1,585
Hickory Plains	133	48	0	0
Hiwasse	420	134	0	0
Jacksonville First	0	0	0	0
Jonesboro First	235	86	107	257
Jonesboro Forest Home	0	857	0	2,571
Jonesboro Living Water	0	0	0	0
Liberty	0	0	0	0
Maple Shade	0	0	0	0
Marion Cypress Creek	0	0	0	150
Marshall	0	0	0	0
McCrary	569	218	273	654
Morrilton	615	295	157	376
Mountain Home Twin Lakes	474	182	227	545
Newport	71	25	13	253
Osceola	656	400	0	0
Ozark	0	0	0	0
Paragould First	0	0	0	0
Paragould Woodland Hills	0	0	0	0
Pea Ridge	286	116	58	440
Pickens Chapel	0	122	152	0
Pleasant Hill	0	0	0	0
Rogers First	5,666	2,105	1,477	3,359
Rogers New Hope	358	130	163	390
Rogers Primera	0	0	0	0
Russellville	178	59	74	334
Searcy	320	109	0	326
Sherwood First	1,235	658	0	973
Siloam Springs	935	325	0	935
Springdale First	871	327	176	400
Springdale Primera	0	0	0	0
Van Buren First	0	0	0	0
Vilonia	650	246	308	739
White River	276	101	127	0
Total	30,895	12,381	8,131	28,000