



INDIANAPOLIS DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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Upcoming Events:

- April 2-9 Nikolaj/Lydia Sawatzky Deputation
- April 6 Day of Prayer & Fasting
- April 16 Easter
- April 16 Easter Offering
- April 16-23 Meier Deputation
- April 21 NYI Convention
- April 22 NMI Convention
- April 29 SDMI Convention
- May 6 Kid's State Quiz
- May 7-8 District Assembly
- May 14 Mother's Day
- June 21-30 General Conventions/Assembly
- June 28 Blake's Anniversary

Spring is here! We are in the wonderful Lenten season, that will culminate with us celebrating the resurrection of Christ. Our Lord has written the promise of resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime (Martin Luther)

There are a lot of things happening here on the district: the conventions, district assembly, general assembly, camp meeting, children and teen camps. It promises to be a busy spring and summer on the Indy District.

Please remember all of these events in your prayers. I don't want us to get busy attending events that we rush through them without seeking the will of God. Too many times we are running several directions at the same time it seems. How can we stay true?

We need **Spiritual Stamina**. We need to make spiritual workouts a part of our regular routine, not just periodically, but regular and often. One of the reasons we exercise our physical bodies to give us stamina, if we do nothing, we lose strength and our energy dissipates. The same is true in the spiritual realm as well.

We need **Spiritual Resilience**. Life has its hard places. We all face tough times of testing. Disappointment will make house calls and often. _Whatever you are facing today turn it over to the Lord!! Get into His Word, and give Him everything including your heart-break and disappointment. Allow Him to use these things to make you stronger, better not bitter!

We need **Focused Faith**. What you focus on is what you will become! If you focus on your hurts, you will become a miserable and bitter person. Focus on God, His love for you, His grace at work in your life. We need to hear what Paul says regarding this subject: Phil 3:13-14

Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.



Dr. Gustavo Crocker
General Superintendent

District Assembly 2017 May 7-8

Indianapolis Westside
8610 W. 10th St.
Indianapolis, IN 46234

Ordination Service ~ May 7 ~ 5:00 p.m.

Assembly Registration ~ May 8 ~ 7:45 a.m.

Assembly Convenes ~ May 8 ~ 8:30 a.m.



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At last year's convention, I challenged you to do whatever you could do to accomplish the Great Commission. As our assembly year comes to a close, it's time to evaluate how we did to make that happen in our local churches. Thank you for all you have done to make missions important to your local church and for helping to provide the necessary tools to spread the gospel around the world and here at home.

Missionary Deputation

We have several dates still open for spring and fall deputation services. Contact Joni Trees for more information.
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The year for NYI is about to really take off. There are many events coming up to put on your calendar.

NYI Convention

Friday April 21
 Greenfield 1st

Celebrate Life

May 11-13
 Olivet Nazarene University

Teen Camp

July 2-6
 Shiloh Park

We hope that your students will be part of what is happening on Indy NYI. If you have any questions feel free to contact Pastor Adam Indy NYI President adam@indygracepointe.org

2017 District NMI Convention

Saturday, April 22, 2017

Indianapolis First

Registration 8:30
 Begins 9:00

Speaker: Dr. John R. Nells
 District Superintendent
 Southwest Native American District

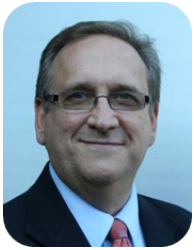
Workshops of various topics

Missionary Dr. Erin Meier
 Papa New Guinea



Also a great way to stay informed is through our new District NYI website
www.indynyi.com





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SUNDAY SCHOOL
Make the Connection

Challenge from the Chair. . .

When I grew up in Atlanta First Church in the fifties and sixties, we were in Sunday School every Sunday. As a matter of fact, we collected Sunday School attendance pins that we received each year for perfect attendance. To my family and others, it was a big deal to be in Sunday School each and every Sunday. Today is a different day for building a Sunday School and growing a church.

In his book, *The Future That Has Come*, Kennon Callahan describes church attenders as either solid marathon runners or excellent sprinters: “Solid marathon runners come to worship **every** Sunday. Excellent sprinters come to worship **each** Sunday. Both of them are there forty to fifty Sundays a year. The emphasis on ‘be sure to be in church every Sunday’ appeals to the solid marathon runner. The emphasis on ‘look forward to worship this **coming** Sunday’ appeals to the excellent sprinter.” In other words, it’s difficult these days to get a commitment out of our people. All we can do is pray, promote, and rely on the Spirit.

Hopefully, some of the workshops at our upcoming SDMI Convention will help. We’ve increased the number of workshops this year and are going by topics, such as, “How to Do NYI Without a Youth Pastor,” and “How to Start a Block Party Ministry.” Plan now to be there on April 29. No business, just opportunities for personal learning and growth!

Indianapolis District Church of the Nazarene presents Annual SDMI Convention

Saturday, April 29
9 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.



Fortville Church of the Nazarene

Rev. Don Diehl
Executive and Discipleship Pastor
Nashville First Church of the Nazarene

Workshops! Messages from our Keynote Speaker! Worship!
District SDMI Chair Report
Awards for our Sunday Schools! Second Mile Award!

This is for pastors, teachers, SDMI workers!
It’s for everyone who loves Sunday School!

No delegates this year!

March 22, 2017				
	WEF	P&B	ONU	UMF
Avon Parkside	17,023	6,963	6,963	18,569
Brownsburg	3,891	1,599	1,602	4,238
Centerville	4,394	1,584	1,678	4,475
Church of the Neighborhood (CTM)			0	0
Clermont	5,812	1,175	1,128	3,005
College Corner	3,200	1,295	1,295	3,453
Connersville First	1,250		0	0
Connersville Gortner Memorial	3,966	1,492	1,492	3,980
Crossway Community (CTM)	1,503	615	799	2,131
Danville Calvary	2,683	904	914	2,440
Edinburgh	4,000	1,485	1,347	3,586
Fishers Point	4,299	1,777	1,777	4,738
Fortville	32,439	10,082	10,082	26,885
Franklin	6,373	2,472	2,472	6,593
Gateway Cowboy (CTM)	720	307	398	1,062
Greenfield First	6,404	1,975	1,964	5,244
Greenfield New Hope	5,525	2,057	2,056	5,485
Greensboro	3,935	1,577	1,449	3,219
Greensburg Community	3,652	1,505	1,505	4,012
Hagerstown	6,498	1,865	1,835	4,892
Indpls. Besserat Evangelical	1,117	597	597	1,591
Indpls. Castleton	16,732	6,845	6,845	18,253
Indpls. Cornerstone	5,457	1,963	1,963	5,206
Indpls. First	72,633	29,493	29,492	78,646
Indpls. First Hispanic	114	46	46	124
Indpls. Friendly	1,465	371	371	989
Indpls. Grace Pointe	29,840	11,844	11,844	31,584
Indpls. Shepherd Community	4,339	1,778	1,775	4,733
Indpls. South Side	13,708	5,360	5,416	13,933
Indpls. Southwest	20,479	6,819	6,819	18,090
Indpls. Speedway	700	271	294	784
Indpls. Westside	57,754	23,627	21,127	63,005
Liberty	2,566	1,051	1,051	2,796
Life Pointe Community	10,909	3,659	3,659	9,746
Living Mission (CTM)	977	403	403	1,073
Madison First	2,292	775	397	1,147
Martinsville First	11,955	4,828	5,077	12,763
Martinsville Trinity	0	0	0	0
Monrovia	2,994	1,211	1,211	3,228
Morristown	1,633	483	717	1,684
New Castle First	31,785	12,055	12,055	32,148
New Castle South Side	7,588	3,104	3,104	8,277
New Castle Westview	2,636	1,138	1,078	2,876
North Vernon	14,027	4,874	4,874	12,999
Osgood	1,254	470	470	1,252
Richmond First	6,062	2,394	2,393	6,372
Richmond New Life	1,719	664	618	1,660
Richmond Southview	2,221	856	856	2,124
Rising Sun	413	148	148	386
Rushville	6,689	2,074	2,074	5,531
Second Chance	8,155	3,336	3,336	8,896
Shelbyville First	12,195	4,956	4,590	12,186
Shirley	2,988	1,227	1,282	3,198
Southport	16,268	6,686	6,651	17,737
Spiceland	6,846	2,228	2,228	5,823
The Point	8,218	3,284	3,524	9,397
United Community	8,286	3,390	3,390	9,039
Velocity	1,894	175	1,575	4,825
Victorious Life	525	205	205	546
Warrington	150	0	0	0
Williamsburg	7,320	3,052	2,420	6,382
Willow Grove	2,840	842	842	2,633
DISTRICT TOTAL	525,310	199,310	197,572	531,670

Church Board/Pastor Review

The following churches and pastors experienced very favorable reviews in the recent months: Brownsburg, Kevin Shonkwiler; New Castle South Side, Michael Dees; Rushville, Aaron Chester; Spiceland, Steve Hamilton. We praise God for these pastors and congregations.

Welcome New Pastor



The Point - We welcome John Spohn as the new pastor at The Point Church of the Nazarene in Greenwood. John and his wife, Kimberly have two sons, Aydan and Jared. The Spohns began their journey with The Point congregation on March 1, 2017. There will be an installation service for the Spohns on Sunday, April 9, 3:00 pm, reception to follow. All are invited to attend.



We are excited to be the host district for the General Assembly & Conventions coming to Indianapolis June 21-30, 2017. Volunteers will be needed! Sign-up information for volunteers has been sent to pastors. Sign up today!!

Help is needed in the following areas:

Registration

Volunteers needed to man registration stations.

Information:

Volunteers needed to man "Information Booths"

Airport Greeter

Volunteers will meet International Delegates/Visitors At the airport and assist in guiding them to their hotel transportation.

Communion Prep

Volunteers will help prepare elements for Communion