



# INDIANAPOLIS DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

January/February 2018



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We are quickly finishing one church year and starting another. We will hear reports for NMI, SDMI, and NYI and district assembly before long. Looking back on the past year there will be victories as well as a few setbacks. As we start another church year, we must not forget the reason we do all that we do: To make known the Gospel of Jesus Christ that offers full and free salvation. Every direction we turn are people who do not know Christ. In addition to knowing Christ they must become fully committed disciples. Thank you, for the difference you are making for Christ. Let us pray for an outpouring of His Presence on each of our congregations. We must plan, and we must depend on the power of the Holy Spirit. I am praying that God will have His way and meet with us in our services and meetings. We need His presence to guide us in all areas of our lives.

Regardless of whether this past year has been one of growth or not, right now we can commit ourselves to be His obedient servants. I am desiring and expecting God to be with us when we meet for District Assembly on Sunday night, April 29<sup>th</sup> and Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup> culminating with our ordination service on Monday evening. You will want to be a part of these services.

I love this quote from Andrew Murray, "God is willing to assume full responsibility for a life totally committed to him." Murray is reminding us that the safest way to live is not to trust in ourselves, or any other substance or person. Safety is only found in God. God is our source and our solace. I want God to have full responsibility for me. Therefore, I must give Him complete control of my life. I was in a second hand Christian bookstore a few years ago when I notice a little sign/plaque for sale. The colors were rather unusual, the frame itself was pink! It wasn't the frame or the color scheme which captured my attention it was the words--"God, Your will, nothing more, nothing less, nothing else." When we settle the issue of trust and follow the Lord, we will find that His will is all we desire and all that we need.

I hope this day you are following God's will for your life. Following His will does not mean that everything always goes our way. It certainly will not exclude all heartbreak and no tears. What it does mean is that my life has a purpose, and that whatever I face, I do not face it alone, God has promised to see me through safely to the other side.

I pray that you will experience His joy and His contentment, today and always.

New Address!



We are getting settled into our new location. The new address is:

**Indianapolis District  
Church of the Nazarene**  
2055 E. Hadley Rd.  
Plainfield, IN 46168

The telephone numbers and email addresses have not changed.

We will be having an open house in the near future.

## District Assembly April 29-30, 2018



**Dr. Eugénio Duarte**  
General Superintendent

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

**Opening Night ~ April 29 ~ 5:00 p.m.**  
**DS Report and Rally**

**Assembly Registration ~ April 30 ~ 7:45 a.m.**  
**Assembly Convenes ~ April 30 ~ 8:30 a.m.**

**Ordination Service ~ 7:00 p.m.**



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All of us are deeply grateful to **Rev. Perry Cook** for his passionate missions spirit and leadership over the past four years. Let's continue to respond to his challenges!



**Everyone** can participate in the opportunity to contribute to **Alabaster** in **February**. Our goal is **100% participation!**

Every child, teen and adult in every church! Alabaster is the building fund of missions, providing land and buildings.

**What are you doing the week of Feb. 25 – Mar. 3?**  
Coordinating with the interdenominational **World Day of Prayer (Friday, March 3)**, the **Nazarene World Week of Prayer** was begun with hopes that this event would re-ignite prayer flames, deepen commitment to prayer and fasting, and precipitate revival in our churches and lives. Join all Nazarenes globally as we unite in prayer on and for each region.

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Africa</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Asia-Pacific</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Eurasia</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Mesoamerica</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>South America</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>USA/Canada</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Where the Church Is Not Yet</b>

Current prayer requests by region will be posted on the Prayer Mobilization Line. Subscribe free at <http://nmi.nazarene.org/pmlsubscribe.html>

***Missionaries are coming!***

Creative Access missionaries will be with us, Mar. 4-11; Bill & Theresa Grigory will be here Mar. 18-25. There are a few open dates, so if you would like to schedule them for a service or activity, contact jtrees@hrtc.net or Martha Bean at 317-413-2921. You can view their schedules on the District NMI website at [indyinfo.nmi](http://indyinfo.nmi). Great opportunity to meet our missionaries in person!

**Save the date! District NMI Convention is Saturday, April 14, at Indianapolis First. Speaker: Rev. Eunice Brubaker. More details forthcoming.**

**District Celebrate Life  
March 10  
Indianapolis Westside**

**Forms and money due by February 20**

**Send to:**

**Westside Church of the Nazarene  
ATT: Jody Thompson  
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Indianapolis, IN 46234**

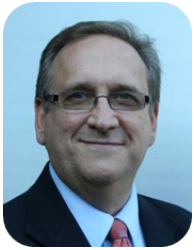


**NYI Convention  
April 28  
9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.  
Shawn Evans, Guest Speaker  
(Location—to be determined)**

This will be an important convention as we elect a new president. We will also be having special workshops that will be designed to help you engage with students and your community!



Encuentro-July 7-14. It's not too late to sign up for Encuentro 2018. Encuentro is a district mission trip to Guatemala. We will be working with different communities to help them as they prepare to plant hundreds of churches in the country of Guatemala. If you would like to participate, contact Ryan Garner at [ryangarner@secondcc.com](mailto:ryangarner@secondcc.com)



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# SUNDAY SCHOOL

*Make the Connection*

## Challenge from the Chair. . .

The holidays are over and it's time to get back into discipleship and growing a Sunday School!

Extension Classes: Remember that if you meet for at least half an hour and have some kind of devotional and don't count anyone twice, you can count that Bible study as an extension Sunday School class. Add the attendance to your Sunday School attendance but count only the ones who won't be in both sessions.

SDMI Convention Delegates: Our SDMI Convention this year will be combined with NYI. It will take place on Saturday, April 28 with the location to be announced soon. Please elect delegates from your church this year. The Manual will tell you how many you need. This is a change from last year.

Small groups: SDMI is more than Sunday School. It's all about discipleship so plan Bible studies, extension classes, and small groups.

Second Mile Award: Consider giving a Second Mile Award in your local church. Go to the general church's SDMI website for information.

It's going to be a great Spring and it all begins with Sunday School!

### INDIANAPOLIS DISTRICT SDMI MONTHLY REPORT FOR JANUARY 2018

Richmond Zone							South Zone						
SDMI	2018	2017	+ or -	% + / -	Morning Worship	Resp. List	SDMI	2018	2017	+ or -	% + / -	Morning Worship	Resp. List
Rev. Ron Karkosky reporting							Rev. Jeff Floyd reporting						
Centerville	28	28	0	0%	56	73	Franklin	27	30	-3	-11%	44	116
College Corner	22	NR	NR	NR	25	58	GateWay Cow boy	5	8	-3	-60%	17	20
Connersville First	25	34	-9	-36%	36	124	The Point	55	NR	NR	NR	70	401
Connersville Gortner	30	27	3	10%	35	62	Indpls. Restoration Point	NR	NR	NR	NR	27	36
Hagerstown	67	71	-4	-6%	50	99	Indpls. Southside	61	61	0	0%	84	274
Liberty	30	29	NR	NR	62	113	Indpls. Southw est	NR	141	NR	NR	183	263
Richmond First	37	46	-9	-24%	64	81	Life Pointe	NR	100	NR	NR	104	191
Richmond New Life	6	22	NR	NR	24	24	Martinsville First	98	79	19	19%	162	320
Richmond Southview	13	19	NR	NR	63	98	Martinsville Trinity	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	100
Williamsburg	34	46	-12	-35%	65	90	Matu	NR	NR	NR	NR	84	110
Whosoever	11	NR	NR	NR	24	44	Monrovia	10	NR	NR	NR	31	62
<b>ZONE TOTALS</b>	<b>303</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>-19</b>	<b>-6%</b>	<b>504</b>	<b>866</b>	Southport	104	127	-23	-22%	161	310
Indpls. Northeast Zone							New Castle Zone						
Rev. Josh Robertson reporting							Rev. Steve Hamilton reporting						
Indpls. Castleton	74	83	-9	-12%	98	129	Greensboro	NR	35	NR	NR	50	98
Fishers Point	24	16	8	33%	43	130	New Castle First	162	179	-17	-10%	218	444
Fortville	127	154	-27	-21%	159	258	New Castle Southside	39	42	-3	-8%	79	117
Greenfield First	16	15	1	6%	17	93	New Castle Westview	17	19	-2	-12%	25	130
Indpls. First	NR	297	NR	NR	NR	1,023	Rushville	26	7	19	73%	40	21
Morristown	5	NR	NR	NR	14	18	Shirley	20	34	-14	-70%	20	65
New Hope	34	36	-2	-6%	41	75	Spiceland	66	82	-16	-24%	65	129
Victorious Life	28	41	-13	-46%	39	175	Warrington	12	15	-3	-25%	31	54
<b>ZONE TOTALS</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>-334</b>	<b>-108%</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>1,901</b>	<b>ZONE TOTALS</b>	<b>342</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>-71</b>	<b>-17%</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>1058</b>
Indpls. Northwest Zone							Southeast Zone						
Rev. Tim Kellerman reporting							Rev. Jim Hudson reporting						
Avon Parkside	63	74	-11	-17%	97	150	Edinburgh	28	21	7	25%	33	48
Brownsburg	16	24	-8	-50%	30	51	Greensburg	40	50	-10	-25%	69	400
Clermont	71	59	12	17%	43	72	Madison	15	20	-5	-33%	25	55
Indpls. Grace Pointe	241	240	1	0%	275	178	North Vernon	99	80	19	19%	175	201
Indpls. Westside	445	366	79	18%	578	868	Osgood	10	10	0	0%	11	30
Second Chance	58	56	2	3%	108	238	Rising Sun	NR	3	NR	NR	25	NR
United Community	20	73	-53	-265%	31	81	Shelbyville First	115	117	-2	-2%	137	340
Velocity Church	44	54	-10	-23%	123	246	<b>ZONE TOTALS</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>1,074</b>
<b>ZONE TOTALS</b>	<b>958</b>	<b>946</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>1,285</b>	<b>1,884</b>	Urban Zone						
Urban Zone							Rev. Philip Merki reporting						
Indpls. Cornerstone	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	132	SDMI Avg. Attendance			Worship Avg.	Responsibility List		
Indpls. Cross-way	20	8	NR	NR	30	41	Current	2,826	4,669	9,536			
Indpls. Friendly	9	7	NR	NR	9	50	Last Year	3,522	5,160	10,052			
Besserat Evangelical	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	NR	# Gain / Loss	-696	-491	-516			
Indpls. Shepherd Comm.	200	275	NR	NR	425	152	% Gain / Loss	-25%	-11%	-11%			
Living Mission	NR	11	NR	NR	17	20	<b>TOP TEN PERCENTAGE GAIN</b>						
<b>ZONE TOTALS</b>	<b>229</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>-72</b>	<b>-24%</b>	<b>481</b>	<b>395</b>	Rushville	73%	Indpls. Westside	18%			
<b>TOP TEN ATTENDANCE</b>							Fishers Point	33%	Clermont	17%			
Indpls. Westside	578	North Vernon	175	Edinburgh	25%	Connersville	10%						
Indpls. Shepherd Comm.	425	Martinsville First	162	Martinsville First	19%	Greenfield First	6%						
Indpls. Grace Pointe	275	Southport	161	North Vernon	19%	Second Chance	3%						
New Castle First	218	Fortville	159	Number of churches not reporting: 11									
Indpls. Southw est	183	Shelbyville First	137										



February 3, 2018				
	WEF	P&B	ONU	UMF
Avon Parkside	17,313	7,082	7,085	18,884
Brownsburg	2,419	274	266	710
Centerville	7,622	2,339	2,339	6,122
Church of the Neighborhood (CTM)	0	0	0	0
Clermont	4,821	928	928	2,474
College Corner	155	726	0	0
Connersville First	750	491	416	1,167
Connersville Gortner Memorial	2,498	966	868	2,314
Crossway Community (CTM)	819	354	354	942
Danville Calvary	1,650	584	584	1,557
Edinburgh	3,299	1,351	1,443	3,841
Fishers Point	3,903	1,616	1,616	4,308
Fortville	23,047	8,353	8,353	22,275
Franklin	5,086	1,973	1,786	4,763
Gateway Cowboy (CTM)	732	316	2,500	0
Greenfield First	6,082	2,256	2,256	5,990
Greenfield New Hope	5,237	1,953	2,167	5,768
Greensboro	3,052	1,087	979	2,593
Greensburg Community	2,806	1,156	1,156	3,083
Hagerstown	4,978	1,357	1,464	3,903
Indpls. Besserat Evangelical	1,355	554	554	1,478
Indpls. Castleton	13,684	5,598	5,598	14,928
Indpls. Cornerstone	5,108	1,985	1,985	5,768
Indpls. First	54,752	22,395	22,375	59,720
Indpls. Friendly	1,265	342	342	922
Indpls. Grace Pointe	18,630	7,104	8,604	18,945
Indpls. Shepherd Community	3,724	1,523	1,523	4,062
Indpls. South Side	10,456	3,958	3,958	10,283
Indpls. Southwest	14,744	6,099	6,099	16,125
Indpls. Speedway	161	62	59	157
Indpls. Westside	54,114	22,824	10,000	58,114
Intersection Comm. (CTM)	1,887	772	772	1,556
Liberty	2,642	1,081	1,081	2,881
Life Pointe Community	2,599	1,037	1,122	3,009
Living Mission (CTM)	0	0	0	0
Madison First	1,732	712	0	0
Martinsville First	9,214	3,910	2,105	3,048
Martinsville Trinity	0	0	0	0
Monrovia	1,471	491	399	1,018
Morristown	1,725	569	569	1,502
New Castle First	25,161	9,640	9,640	25,707
New Castle South Side	6,775	2,530	2,312	6,164
New Castle Westview	0	0	0	0
North Vernon	10,117	3,615	3,974	10,598
Osgood	930	346	363	969
Restoration Point (CTM)	0	0	0	0
Richmond First	4,781	1,899	1,878	5,010
Richmond New Life	1,201	454	506	1,261
Richmond Southview	1,910	689	689	1,823
Rising Sun	1,276	441	0	0
Rushville	2,512	1,046	1,236	3,298
Second Chance	4,930	779	779	2,078
Shelbyville First	8,100	2,850	2,850	7,560
Shirley	2,359	1,068	1,044	2,570
Southport	16,997	6,961	7,244	19,318
Spiceland	5,673	1,982	1,982	5,359
The Point	6,460	2,643	2,911	7,763
United Community	7,604	2,359	1,102	5,721
Velocity	5,550	2,354	2,354	6,277
Victorious Life	2,855	230	241	612
Warrington	0	15	0	0
Williamsburg	3,992	1,641	1,641	4,377
Willow Grove	2,219	692	692	2,210
<b>DISTRICT TOTAL</b>	<b>416,932</b>	<b>160,412</b>	<b>147,142</b>	<b>412,884</b>

## End of Church Year Board of Ministry Meeting

It's hard to believe that the church year end is just around the corner. The church year will end **February 28**. District Assembly will be held **April 29-30**.

**February 17:** The Board of Ministry will meet at Grace Pointe. Application for first time license and renewals are to be made online.

Contact Scott Casto, District Secretary, for any questions you might have: [sacasto77@gmail.com](mailto:sacasto77@gmail.com)



March 1-3, 2018  
Shiloh Park

March 8-10  
Higher Ground

For more information  
contact Dara Gentry, [daragentry@yahoo.com](mailto:daragentry@yahoo.com)

Indianapolis PRIME TIME Ohio River Cruise  
June 9, 2018  
\$75 per person  
\$35 Non-Refundable Deposit Due March 15  
Balance Due May 9  
Send to:  
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[janthomas@cruiseshipcenters.com](mailto:janthomas@cruiseshipcenters.com)

### Upcoming Events:

- **Feb 17** Board of Ministry
- **March 9** Pastor's Reports Due
- **March 10** District Celebrate Life
- **March 16** NYI Snowvernighter
- **April 1** Easter
- **April 14** NMI Convention
- **April 21** Ladies Day @ ONU
- **April 28** SDMI/NYI Convention
- **April 29-30** District Assembly
- **May 10-12** Regional Celebrate Life
- **June 18-24** Camp Meeting
- **June 25-30** Teen Camp
- **July 15-22** Kid's Camp