



# INDIANAPOLIS DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

September/October 2019



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It is hard to believe that the year 2019 is fast coming to an end. Before long we will gather with family and friends for Thanksgiving and then the Advent season. It seems like we were just finishing Easter Sunday and starting the summer and here we are with just a few more weeks left in the year. Not only do we start strong, we need to finish strong as well. Allow me to give you a few suggestions for finishing the year well.

- Finish any projects that are not completed.
- Send a note of gratitude to someone that the Lord has placed on your heart.
- Make a donation to Shepherd INC.
- Is there someone who you need to ask for forgiveness, how about doing so before the end of the year.
- Pray and take a step to move out of your comfort zone.
- Seek the Lord for daily guidance and direction.
- Ask the Lord to allow you to be the answer to someone's prayer.
- Do something for someone who is not in a position to reciprocate.

Do not fall into the trap of looking forward to the future and not living and being present today. Make a difference today.



*October is pastor appreciation month.*

*Please do something special for your pastor and pastoral staff.*

*Give them a gift card or a gift.*

*A written note expressing your appreciation would be a blessing for your pastor and family.*

### Upcoming Events:

- Nov 7 POPS/Fortville
- Nov. 26 Rev. Susanne Blake's Birthday
- Dec 2 District Leadership Christmas Dinner
- Dec 6 Pastor/Spouse Christmas Banquet
- Jan 10-11 Skill School, Indy Castleton
- Jan 24-26 Marriage Retreat
- Feb 6 POPS/Fortville
- Feb 29 Board of Ministry
- Feb 29 End of Church Year
- March 5 POPS
- April 2 POPS

### Christmas Banquet

Friday ~ December 6, 2019  
Indianapolis First Church

6:30 p.m. ~ Meet & Greet  
7:00 p.m. ~ Dinner

All Ministers and Mates to include:

Senior Pastors ~ Associates ~ Evangelists ~ Retired Ministers & Evangelists





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**CHECKUP TIME!**

Are you monitoring your progress on *Mission Priority One* goals? Now is the time! Review your Goals sheet (included in your convention packet). If you need help or have questions, contact Joni Trees, [jtrees@hrtc.net](mailto:jtrees@hrtc.net), 317-908-3616, or Martha Bean.



On behalf of missionaries Camilo & Sara Gonzalez; Evans & Njeri Katanga; Scott & Emily Armstrong and Ruben & Monica Fernandez who were recently on the district for deputation services. Thanks to every host church and pastor! You're the best!

***Christmas is coming!!!***

Don't forget your LINKS missionaries *plus* allocations for Global & District missionary funds.



**JOIN A  
GLOBAL PRAYER MOVEMENT  
FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS**

**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER  
FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH**

Sunday, November 3 or November 10, 2019

For more information and to request free resources, including free DVD, go to [www.persecution.org/IDOP](http://www.persecution.org/IDOP). Order by Oct. 23 to ensure timely delivery.

Filmed on the Korean peninsula, the film shares the true story of Pastor Han, who was assassinated by North Korean agents in China because of his effective gospel work among North Koreans. The story is told through the eyes of one of Pastor Han's disciples, Sang-chul, a man who has followed in his mentor's footsteps by continuing to share the gospel with North Koreans despite the danger. You and your church will be encouraged and better equipped to pray for Christians risking their lives for Christ.

This year is flying by as Fall rolls into full force. It seems just like yesterday we were bringing in the new year. I want to encourage you to take a moment and reflect on how God has been moving in your life these past few months. As you do so, be sure to share with someone else what you have experienced. We are a community of believers and this time of year is perfect for living out that value. As the temperature drops create opportunities for smores and hot dog roasts. There is no need for an agenda. Just be together sharing life.

**Quizzing Schedule:**

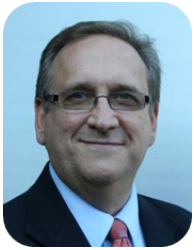
- Nov 9 @ Grace Church Camby
- Dec 14 @ TBD
- Jan 11 @ TBD
- Feb 8 @ Second Chance Church

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**Weekend at the Well**

Weekend at the Well is just around the corner and is a district-wide fall retreat for youth age students (7th - 12th grade) taking place Friday evening, November 22 to Sunday morning, November 24 at Shiloh Park in Marion, IN. Focusing on the theme of Recharge, Heart & Mind. Zach Chapman is our worship leader and speaker. He will lead us as we talk about reflecting on the state of our relationship with Jesus, refocusing our attention on God, and returning to our communities with a fresh take on what it means to find rest in Christ. Youth pastors/workers, please contact Jacob Tripp at [jacob@indygracepointe](mailto:jacob@indygracepointe) to let us know if your group will be attending. Students and sponsors can sign up at [indynyi.com](http://indynyi.com).





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# SUNDAY SCHOOL

Make the Connection

## Challenge From the Chair . . .

Rev. Mark Bane is the Director of Evangelism and New Church Development for the USA/Canada Region Church of the Nazarene. While I was on a recent six-week sabbatical, I watched several of Rev. Bane's webinars through the discipleshipplace.org. He is on a personal mission to "de-populate hell," challenging every Nazarene to join him. He uses 2 Peter 3:9 to prove that God's favorite number is zero: "The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance." What can you and I do, what can your church, your SDMI do, to de-populate hell?

I recently preached a simple message on salvation in my church on a Sunday morning. For nine consecutive Sundays, we had seen seekers at our altars for various needs but when the invitation was given for people to be converted, not one responded. I was a bit frustrated for awhile but then came to realize that everyone in my church loves Jesus! That's good, but we need more people who don't know the Lord! I'm praying for God to send sinners into our church family.

So what will it take for you and your situation to attract nonbelievers? Block parties? Neighborhood cookouts? Trunk-or-treat? A community Thanksgiving Dinner? We must win the lost at all costs.

A couple of weeks ago, I had the awesome privilege of leading a man to the Lord in his home. With his wife by his side, I baptized both of them the following Sunday morning. I went to their pew halfway up the aisle and sprinkled them. He is 98 and she is 97. I want to do more of this and I believe it can happen. I also believe that it all begins with Sunday School!

### INDIANAPOLIS DISTRICT SDMI MONTHLY REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

	SDMI		%	AM	Resp.		SDMI		%	AM	Resp.			
	2019	2018	+ or -	+ / -	Wrshp	List	2019	2018	+ or -	+ / -	Wrshp	List		
<b>Richmond Zone</b> Rev. Aaron Chester reporting						<b>South Zone</b> Rev. Jeff Floyd reporting								
Centerville	31	23	8	35%	61	71	Franklin	34	35	-1	-3%	43	114	
College Corner	15	NR	N/A	N/A	24	38	GateWay Cowboy	6	7	-1	-14%	18	20	
Connersville First	28	31	-3	-10%	30	84	The Point	31	NR	NR	NR	57	75	
Connersville Gortner	36	37	-1	-3%	43	74	Indpls. Restoration Pt	NR	8	NR	NR	NR	39	
Hagerstown	70	76	-6	-8%	54	89	Indpls. Southside	93	85	8	9%	125	274	
Liberty	31	30	1	3%	62	117	Indpls. Southwest	121	NR	NR	NR	136	269	
Richmond First	70	62	8	13%	83	94	Life Pointe	76	NR	NR	NR	104	191	
Richmond New Life	9	8	N/A	N/A	31	20	Martinsville First	126	98	28	29%	155	320	
Richmond Southview	22	18	4	22%	48	88	Martinsville Trinity	NR	NR	NR	NR	10	25	
Williamsburg	30	28	2	7%	49	84	Matu	NR	NR	NR	NR	149	NR	
Whosoever	10	11	-1	-9%	20	39	Monrovia	14	10	4	40%	31	29	
<b>ZONE TOTALS</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>505</b>	<b>798</b>	Southport	107	128	-21	-16%	157	310	
<b>Indpls. Northeast Zone</b> Rev. Phil Edwards reporting						<b>New Castle Zone</b> Rev. Randy Perry reporting								
Indpls. Castleton	71	72	-1	-1%	89	126	Greensboro	50	24	26	108%	42	98	
Fishers Point	34	27	7	26%	43	175	New Castle First	167	182	-15	-8%	200	457	
Fortville	144	143	1	1%	179	217	New Castle So.side	41	45	-4	-9%	70	114	
Greenfield First	28	26	2	8%	46	92	New Castle W. View	NR	17	NR	NR	NR	130	
Indpls. First	280	221	59	27%	415	800	Rushville	28	54	-26	-48%	72	107	
Morristown	4	7	-3	-43%	14	NR	Shirley	25	27	-2	-7%	16	68	
New Hope	6	39	-33	-85%	13	NR	Spiceland	50	93	-43	-46%	79	131	
Victorious Life	63	42	21	50%	38	175	Warrington	20	18	2	11%	47	66	
<b>ZONE TOTALS</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>577</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>837</b>	<b>1,585</b>	<b>ZONE TOTALS</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>-79</b>	<b>-17%</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>1171</b>	
<b>Indpls. Northwest Zone</b> Rev. Tim Kellerman reporting						<b>Southeast Zone</b> Rev. Jim Hudson reporting								
Avon Parkside	82	72	10	14%	111	152	Edinburgh	43	25	18	72%	44	79	
Brownsburg	18	15	3	20%	36	51	Greensburg	45	42	3	7%	77	400	
Clermont	67	67	0	0%	45	75	Madison	15	30	-15	-50%	29	50	
Indpls. Grace Pointe	210	276	-66	-24%	328	402	North Vernon	133	84	49	58%	188	201	
Indpls. Westside	445	473	-28	-6%	525	886	Rising Sun	NR	NR	NR	NR	19	NR	
Second Chance	43	31	12	39%	107	238	Shelbyville First	139	102	37	36%	161	352	
Velocity Church	NR	33	NR	NR	48	NR	<b>ZONE TOTALS</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>283</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>518</b>	<b>1,082</b>	
<b>ZONE TOTALS</b>	<b>865</b>	<b>967</b>	<b>-102</b>	<b>-11%</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>1,804</b>	<b>SDMI Avg Total 09/19 **SDMI Avg. Worship Avg. Responsib. List</b>							
<b>Urban Zone</b> Tom Mackie reporting														
Bold/underlined numbers in Urban not in submitted report.														
Indpls, Cornerstone	29	38	-9	-24%	48	NR	Current	3,029	4,691	8,241				
Indpls, Cross-way	11	9	2	22%	30	NR	Last Year	3,005	4,908	8,995				
Indpls. Friendly	9	20	-11	-55%	31	50	# Gain / Loss	24	-217	-754				
Besserat Evangelical	NR	48	N/A	N/A	N/A	NR	% Gain / Loss	1%	-5%	-9%				
Shepherd Comm.	NR	187	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Churches not reporting are shown as NR.							
Living Mission	NR	11	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Churches with worship only are shown as N/A (Not Applicable) in the SDMI column.							
Intersection Comm	NR	9	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	<b>TOP TEN ATTENDANCE</b>							
<b>ZONE TOTALS</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>-273</b>	<b>-85%</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>50</b>	Indpls. Westside	445	Shelbyville First	139	Greensboro	108%	Second Chance	39%
<b>TOP TEN % GAIN</b>														
Indpls. First	280	North Vernon	133	Edinburgh	72%	Shelbyville First	36%							
Grace Pointe	210	Martinsville First	126	North Vernon	58%	Centerville	35%							
New Castle First	167	Indpls. Southwest	121	Victorious Life	50%	Martinsville First	29%							
Fortville	144	Southport	107	Monrovia	40%	Indpls. First	27%							

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	WEF	P&B	ONU	UMF
Avon Parkside	7,868.41	3,220.35	2,659.28	10,123.37
Besserat Evangelical	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bethlehem Matu Christian	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Brownsburg	2,246.36	926.29	796.33	2,852.09
Centerville	10,059.27	2,024.00	1,750.82	4,243.75
Clermont	4,381.00	797.00	797.00	1,973.00
College Corner	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Connersville First	0	357	0	0
Connersville Gortner Memorial	1,585	652	357	1,593
Country Harvest Cowboy	0	0	0	0
Cross-Way Community	0	0	0	0
Edinburgh	2,339	916	1,144	2,797
Fishers Point Community	1,876	776	777	1,899
Fortville	16,959	5,323	4,692	13,011
Franklin	2,788	1,072	921	2,252
Gateway Cowboy	0	0	2,500	0
Greenfield First	3,393	1,420	960	3,405
Greenfield New Hope	1,960	654	654	1,622
Greensboro	2,632	951	951	2,358
Greensburg Community	3,189	1,377	1,045	2,554
Hagerstown	1,698	513	757	1,847
Indianapolis Castleton	9,294	3,802	3,219	9,294
Indianapolis Cornerstone	3,041	1,067	1,067	2,609
Indianapolis First	25,491	10,426	3,000	25,487
Indianapolis Friendly	915	309	261	755
Indianapolis Grace Pointe	16,188	6,386	7,269	18,389
Indianapolis Shepherd Community	2,138	875	875	2,333
Indianapolis South Side	5,373	2,141	3,318	5,228
Indianapolis Southwest	12,489	5,023	4,635	13,920
Indianapolis Westside	35,804	14,647	10,515	34,834
Intersection Community	1,052	430	458	1,222
Liberty	1,567	612	520	1,271
Life Pointe Community	4,184	1,712	1,451	4,321
Madison First	1,183	487	373	912
Martinsville First	7,194	2,943	2,492	7,194
Martinsville Trinity	0	0	0	0
Monrovia	300	300	0	0
Morristown	0	0	0	0
New Castle First	14,766	5,820	6,217	17,245
New Castle South Side	6,370	1,537	1,760	4,302
New Castle Westview	0	0	0	0
North Vernon	7,495	3,334	3,950	9,656
Restoration Pointe	0	0	0	0
Richmond First	2,594	1,065	897	2,603
Richmond New Life	896	367	479	1,171
Richmond Southview	1,238	423	423	1,129
Rising Sun	935	383	292	714
Rushville	1,091	471	471	1,151
Second Chance	1,100	0	0	0
Shelbyville First	5,910	2,350	2,010	4,900
Shirley	1,524	623	662	1,622
Southport	9,201	3,804	4,366	10,672
Spiceland	3,134	1,214	851	2,742
The Point	3,474	0	0	0
Velocity	0	0	0	0
Victorious Life	848	759	799	955
Warrington	282	117	87	232
Williamsburg	1,913	803	442	1,080
Willow Grove	1,090	367	367	1,041
<b>Total</b>	<b>253,049</b>	<b>95,574</b>	<b>84,287</b>	<b>241,516</b>



### Church Board/Pastor Review

New Castle Westview and Pastor Paul Riddle experienced a very favorable review in September. We praise God for this pastor and congregation.

## Mark Your Calendars Now

### 2020 DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

#### NMI Convention

April 18

#### NYI Convention

April 25

#### SDMI Convention

April 25

#### District Assembly

May 3-4

#### District-Wide Revival

June 22-28

### Continuing News from SDMI:

Lisa Bailey is now on our District SDMI Board as our District Director of Marriage Ministries. Be sure to check out her website:

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

Mark Saturday, April 25, 2020 on your calendars. That's the day for our annual District NYI/SDMI Convention. The location will be announced later.

We welcome Jim Darling of our Spiceland Church and Rev. Jacob Morrison of our Gateway Cowboy Church to the District SDMI Board, They were elected at our past convention.

### 10th Annual

### Becoming One Marriage Enrichment Retreat

January 24-26, 2010

Indy SDMI Marriage Retreat

Register at: [www.becomingonemarriageministries.org](http://www.becomingonemarriageministries.org)

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