



INDIANAPOLIS DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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Upcoming Events:

- March 14 District Celebrate Life
- April 4 District Kid's Quiz
- April 18 NMI Convention
- April 18 ONU Ladies Day
- April 25 NYI/SDMI Convention
- May 3-4 District Assembly
- May 8-9 Rookie Retreat
- June 1-3 ONU Falcon
- June 22-28 District Wide Revival
- June 28 Blake's Anniversary
- June 29-July 3 Teen Camp
- July 14-17 Preteen Girls Camp
- July 17-20 Rookie Camp
- July 20-23 Preteen Boys Camp

Things do not always work out as you hope. Joseph came from a dysfunctional family. You could make the case he descended from a couple of generations of dysfunctional families. Rather than discouraging us this should encourage us knowing that God indeed uses flawed individuals. Joseph had dreams that he was going to be successful and that his family would honor him. This infuriated his brothers and his father as well. His father played favorites by giving Joseph a beautiful coat creating additional jealousy and conflict in the family. One day his father sent him to see his brothers out in the fields. As his siblings saw him approaching they exclaimed: "Behold the dreamer." Seeing their chance to be rid of him, they threw him down into a deep hole. As the brothers sat around contemplating their next move, they saw a caravan of traders headed to a foreign land. Why kill him when we can sell him. Joseph, the one with big dreams, was sold into slavery and carried off to a distant land. What a terrible situation, the dreamer, becomes a slave.

I wonder how Joseph worked through all the drama and trauma? He was bought out of slavery by a man named Potiphar. It did not take Joseph long to set his master's house in order, and Potiphar put him in charge of the entire house. Potiphar's wife continually propositioned Joseph, but Joseph was faithful to God and would not mistreat his master. The lady grabbed Joseph, and in his haste to escape, he left his cloak. She was so angry with Joseph that she devised a plan and told her servants that Joseph was trying to force himself on her. She told her husband that Joseph tried to take advantage of her, and Potiphar became angry. He had Joseph thrown in prison. From the pit, his brothers threw him in and then sold into slavery and carried into a strange land, and now just as it seemed things were on the upswing, he finds himself in prison. What would you have done? Yet in the Bible, it says before long the warden of the jail discovered Joseph and put him in charge of the jail. God was watching over him. Joseph is an example of what to do when the prison door is shut, and you are in a place you did not choose...trust God.

There are times we all face circumstances that are out of our control. Some of you reading this are having a hard time understanding how it could be God's will for you to be where you are today. It seems so unfair, how can anything good come from my predicament? Maybe you can relate to Joseph in that you, too, have experienced some sorrow and disappointment, and you have overcome. Then out of nowhere, you feel like you have been thrown into prison. It is one thing to go through bad things when we did questionable things. There are times when things happen, beyond our control and we are left to wonder, "what just happened?"

It is much easier for me to write about what to do; then, it is to experience it and walk through the hard events. You and I must cling to the belief that God is in control. He is in control even when my life seems to be out of control. Throughout the world, God does some of His best work in the darkest of times. God does not lead along a straight line. At times it goes from side to side. I have learned over the years and can gladly tell you: God is faithful. God knows what He is doing, and you can trust Him with your life and all of its details. I worship and praise Him daily that even in the most sorrowful times in my life He was working and shaping and refining me. I did not like to hear someone tell me this fact when I was in the midst of the trial, but I can tell you it is the truth. Trust Him, my friend, He cares about you and He has not abandoned you. God is with you!



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DISTRICT NMI CONVENTION
 "2020 Missions Vision"
 April 18, 2020

Indianapolis First Church – 9:00AM to 3:30 PM
 8:00 AM – Registration, deputation signups, displays *PLUS* coffee, donuts, etc. – all in the foyer!

SPEAKER: Dr. Russell Frazier (ANU/Kenya)
 Worship/music led by Tim Lanigan

WORKSHOPS (6)
 ELECTIONS – District Council *plus*
 2021 Global Convention Delegates

CATERED BUFFET LUNCH – Tickets required
 Menu: 2 meats, 3 vegetables, salad, dessert, drink
 \$11/adult \$5.50/child (3-12 yrs)
 Deadline for ticket purchase: *April 11*
 Send check payable to Indy District NMI to:
 Jeff Robinson, P.O. Box 421848, Indpls, IN 46242

Children's Missions Day
 Directed by Pastor Missy Beeman
 (Same times as District Convention)

Of the four seasons of the year Spring is the one I love the most. It may have a little to do with my birthday falling on March 20th. At any rate, the real reason I love this time of year so much is that it is all about new life. As the weather transitions from severe cold into warmer temps flowers begin to grow. Both the trees and grass begin to sport their rich green for the year. Farmers begin to plant their fields in hopes of bountiful harvests.

As I take it all in, I am always amazed at God's creativity. It is in the spring that we are reminded of the glorious hope that comes as life springs forth from that which was dead. What a message of hope in the midst of a hopeless world.

Out of this comes a challenge for you. Look for ways in which God is calling you to engage His creativity as you share the gospel of hope. What is something new you could try that will stretch you as you share good news with others? Plant seeds that will sprout into new life.



District Celebrate Life – March 14
 District NYI/SDMI Convention - April 25
 Regional Celebrate Life – May 14-16
 Teen Camp – June 29 – July 3

Finish strong!

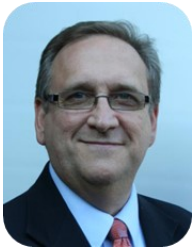
President, be sure you have met all goals for Missions Priority One and Missions Priority One *Plus!* Check with your treasurer to be sure all offerings and allocations have been sent to the appropriate treasurer and marked for the 2019-2020 church year.

President's annual report forms are due to Joni Trees by March 16. NMI Scholarship applications are also due March 16. Forms are available online on the District NMI website: indynmi.info



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SUNDAY SCHOOL

Make the Connection

Challenge from the Chair. . .

Let's not forget that a huge part of SDMI is discipleship (Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries). We do Sunday School and children's church well, but what are we doing with discipleship?

It is imperative that we are always looking to win someone to Jesus, but we must follow up. We don't help them to get saved, pat them on the back, and tell them that we hope they'll make it! We must provide opportunities for them to grow as new Christians.

This may be in the way of an organized class with other new believers or it could be a weekly one-on-one meeting in a coffee shop. Infant Christians need to be taught how to walk and how to feed themselves. We must teach them how to pray, how to read their Bibles, how to depend on the Lord. We should stress faithfulness in church attendance and show them how to tithe. We want them to understand why baptism is important as well as church membership.

Should you need materials to help with your discipleship program, check out thediscipleshipplace.com. It's Nazarene and can offer you a wealth of help and information. Let's win them to Jesus, then help them to grow and mature in their faith.

Our thanks and appreciation to Rev. Aaron Chester for serving the past few years as our District SDMI Treasurer. Rev. Chester has recently moved to another district so Thom Fish has been appointed as our new treasurer. Thom already serves on our District SDMI Board.

INDIANAPOLIS DISTRICT SDMI MONTHLY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2020																		
North Zone						South Zone												
SDMI	%	AM	Resp.	SDMI	%	AM	Resp.	SDMI	%	AM	Resp.							
2020	2019	+ or -	+ / -	2020	2019	+ or -	+ / -	2020	2019	+ or -	+ / -							
Wrshp	List			Wrshp	List			Wrshp	List									
Centerville						Franklin												
30	24	6	25%	58	135	34	35	-1	-3%	52	114							
College Corner						GateWay Cowboy												
17	14	3	21%	21	38	5	6	-1	-17%	18	20							
Connersville First						The Point												
31	29	2	7%	35	80	35	36	-1	-3%	47	75							
Connersville Gortner						Indpls. Restoration Pt												
37	36	1	3%	41	69	<u>NR</u>	<u>NR</u>	<u>NR</u>	<u>NR</u>	42	35							
Hagerstown						Indpls. Southside												
64	52	12	23%	46	89	97	91	6	7%	122	274							
Liberty						Indpls. Southwest												
<u>NR</u>	<u>NR</u>	<u>NR</u>	<u>NR</u>	<u>NR</u>	<u>NR</u>	119	122	-3	-2%	133	269							
Richmond First						Life Pointe												
67	47	20	43%	54	94	124	128	-4	-3%	91	191							
Richmond New Life						Martinsville First												
12	5	7	140%	35	26	121	98	23	23%	144	320							
Richmond Southview						Martinsville Trinity												
21	22	-1	-5%	55	89	<u>NR</u>	<u>NR</u>	<u>NR</u>	<u>NR</u>	<u>NR</u>	<u>NR</u>							
Williamsburg						Matu												
26	23	3	13%	50	84	<u>NR</u>	<u>NR</u>	<u>NR</u>	<u>NR</u>	126	<u>NR</u>							
Whosoever						Monrovia												
9	12	-3	-25%	32	39	<u>NR</u>	15	<u>NR</u>	<u>NR</u>	<u>NR</u>	29							
ZONE TOTALS						Southport												
314	292	22	8%	427	743	109	114	-5	-4%	167	310							
Indpls. Northeast Zone Rev. Phil Edwards reporting						Willow Grove												
Indpls. Castleton	73	74	-1	-1%	91	129	16	14	2	14%	13	85						
Fishers Point	39	31	8	26%	52	176	ZONE TOTALS											
Fortville	132	123	9	7%	199	217	660	659	1	0%	955	1,722						
Greenfield First	17	17	0	0%	32	92	New Castle Zone Rev. Randy Perry reporting											
Indpls. First (Total)	323	<u>NR</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	445	800	Greensboro	56	21	35	167%	44	98					
Morristown	4	4	0	0%	13	<u>NR</u>	New Castle First	138	123	15	12%	190	457					
New Hope	11	27	-16	-59%	16	<u>NR</u>	New Castle So.side	40	43	-3	-7%	64	114					
Victorious Life	59	45	14	31%	44	175	New Castle W.view	21	15	6	40%	30	130					
ZONE TOTALS						658	321	337	105%	892	1,589	Rushville	<u>NR</u>	50	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>NR</u>	<u>NR</u>
Indpls. Northwest Zone Rev. Tim Kellerman reporting						59	45	14	31%	44	175	Shirley	18	<u>NR</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	16	68
Avon Parkside	66	70	-4	-6%	106	150	Spiceland	58	58	0	0%	87	138					
Brownsburg	<u>NR</u>	17	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>NR</u>	<u>NR</u>	Warrington	13	17	-4	-24%	43	65					
Clermont	63	67	-4	-6%	42	75	ZONE TOTALS											
Indpls. Grace Pointe	237	226	11	5%	307	407	344	327	17	5%	474	1070						
Indpls. Westside	388	433	-45	-10%	567	886	Southeast Zone Rev. Jim Hudson reporting											
Second Chance	47	41	6	15%	107	238	Edinburgh	47	28	19	68%	48	79					
Velocity (Redeemer)	<u>N/A</u>	<u>NR</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	35	<u>NR</u>	Greensburg	40	42	-2	-5%	70	400					
ZONE TOTALS						801	854	-53	-6%	1,164	1,756	Madison	18	17	1	6%	35	50
Urban Zone Tom Mackie reporting						801	854	-53	-6%	1,164	1,756	North Vernon	147	87	60	69%	141	201
Indpls. Cornerstone	30	34	-4	-12%	43	132	Rising Sun	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	16	<u>NR</u>					
Indpls. Cross-way	6	13	-7	-54%	41	<u>NR</u>	Shelbyville First	120	125	-5	-4%	141	342					
Indpls. Friendly	13	18	-5	-28%	22	50	ZONE TOTALS											
Besserat Evangelical	<u>NR</u>	<u>NR</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>NR</u>	<u>NR</u>	372	299	73	24%	451	1,072						
Shepherd Comm.	<u>NR</u>	137	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>NR</u>	<u>NR</u>	SDMI Avg Total 02/20 **SDMI Avg. Worship Avg. Responsib. List											
Living Mission	<u>NR</u>	<u>NR</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>NR</u>	<u>NR</u>	3198	Current	2,857	4,469	8,134							
ICC Int. Community	<u>NR</u>	<u>NR</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>N/A</u>	<u>NR</u>	<u>NR</u>	Last Year	2,707	4,650	7,475								
ZONE TOTALS						49	202	-153	0%	106	182	# Gain / Loss	150	-181	659			
TOP TEN ATTENDANCE												% Gain / Loss	6%	-4%	8%			
Indpls. Westside	388				132	TOP TEN % GAIN						Greensboro	167%	New Castle W'view	40%			
Indpls. First	323				124	Richmond New Life	140%	Victorious Life	31%									
Indpls. Grace Pointe	237				121	North Vernon	69%	Fishers Point	26%									
North Vernon	147				120	Edinburgh	68%	Centerville	25%									
New Castle First	138				119	Richmond First	43%	Martinsville First	23%									

As of March 8, 2020

Church	WEF	P&B	ONU	District
Avon Parkside	16,837	6,900	6,807	16,818
Besserat Evangelical	1,898	712	1,271	3,388
Bethlehem Matu Christian	0	0	0	0
Brownsburg	4,603	1,893	1,893	5,022
Centerville	16,886	3,295	3,021	7,324
Clermont	7,108	1,456	1,455	3,583
College Corner	0	0	0	0
Connersville First	2,753	1,126	501	1,319
Connersville Gortner Memorial	3,412	1,235	1,235	3,020
Cross-Way Community	0	0	0	0
Edinburgh	5,231	2,100	2,100	5,131
Fishers Point Community	5,158	2,114	4,111	5,166
Fortville	27,968	10,319	10,319	25,223
Franklin	5,027	1,940	1,940	4,743
Gateway Cowboy	860	371	2,500	1,212
Greenfield First	6,446	2,560	2,697	6,305
Greenfield New Hope	2,754	949	1,052	2,600
Greensboro	5,284	1,838	1,838	4,525
Greensburg Community	6,379	2,753	1,832	3,555
Hagerstown	4,881	1,335	1,304	3,194
Indianapolis Castleton	17,929	7,335	7,944	19,418
Indianapolis Cornerstone	5,141	1,795	1,979	4,843
Indianapolis First	49,371	20,194	21,610	52,923
Indianapolis Friendly	2,337	658	658	1,609
Indianapolis Grace Pointe	30,445	11,984	15,947	31,656
Indianapolis Shepherd Community	3,753	1,535	1,652	4,404
Indianapolis South Side	9,931	3,931	3,318	7,972
Indianapolis Southwest	19,831	7,899	7,980	19,341
Indianapolis Westside	60,221	24,636	24,636	60,221
Intersection Community	1,890	773	720	1,919
Liberty	3,212	1,248	1,288	3,150
Life Pointe Community	7,475	2,976	2,905	7,101
Madison First	2,084	856	957	2,597
Martinsville First	12,755	5,240	5,240	12,810
Monrovia	600	600	300	300
Morristown	280	0	0	0
New Castle First	26,787	10,442	11,842	28,976
New Castle South Side	10,229	2,694	2,694	6,585
New Castle Westview	0	0	0	0
North Vernon	12,951	5,021	5,021	12,275
Restoration Pointe	0	0	0	0
Richmond First	5,880	2,315	2,315	7,520
Richmond New Life	1,571	643	701	1,713
Richmond Southview	2,441	847	788	2,090
Rising Sun	1,745	650	657	1,606
Rushville	1,995	849	851	2,077
Second Chance	7,133	2,800	2,800	6,840
Shelbyville First	11,260	4,248	4,618	11,232
Shirley	2,471	1,039	1,047	2,468
Southport	17,966	7,327	7,342	18,026
Spiceland	5,412	2,095	2,056	5,112
The Point	3,474	0	0	0
Velocity	4,987	2,054	2,054	4,987
Victorious Life	3,074	1,360	1,456	1,533
Warrington	989	398	318	829
Williamsburg	3,762	1,551	1,539	3,762
Willow Grove	2,000	661	721	1,750
Total:	476,867	181,550	191,829	451,774

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY MAY 3-4, 2020

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

Opening Night ~ May 3 ~ 5:00 p.m.
DS Report and Rally

Assembly Registration ~ May 4 ~ 7:45 a.m.
Assembly Convenes ~ May 4 ~ 8:30 a.m.
Ordination Service ~ 7:00 p.m.



Dr. David Graves
General Superintendent

Indy District NYI/SDMI Convention

Saturday, April 25, 2020
Indianapolis Southwest

Mark Saturday, April 25, 2020 on your calendar. That's the day for our annual District NYI/SDMI Convention. It will be held at Indianapolis Southwest Church of the Nazarene. Our speaker will be Rev. Mark Bane, Director of Evangelism and New Church Development for the USA/Canada Region in the Church of the Nazarene. We will be electing delegates to the Global SDMI Convention, electing SDMI Board members, presenting a Second Mile Award, and having some great workshops. **This convention is not just for delegates—everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend!**

Pastors and local SDMI Chairs, be sure to elect delegates to the upcoming SDMI Convention. Check the Nazarene *Manual* to determine how many you need. Send the names to Danny Goddard at dgod-dard@ncfirstnazarene.org.