



SOUTH ARKANSAS VIEWPOINT

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Gathering of the Girls Speaker



Patsy Lewis is a teacher by profession and author of seven books including *Simply Praying*, *Simply Listening*, and *Simply Rejoicing*. Her most recent publication is *Celebrate Your Freedom*, a book of inspirational stories from Come to the Fire conferences for which she is prayer coordinator. "Potter's Clay" is her personal ministry to individuals who are hurting, need encouragement, and wish to reach their potential. Her mission statement is to encourage discovery and enlighten hearts leaving behind a legacy of hope to those God places in her life.

Patsy and her husband, Curtis, reside in Oklahoma City. They have two grown children and six grandchildren ages 7 to 18.

Attention Pastors and Licensed Ministers Applicants

Applications and report forms for District Licensed Ministers and Elders not serving in pastoral roles were sent out to pastors on February 16 via email and letter. If you have not received your report forms or applications yet, please immediately contact the District Secretary, Rev. Brady R. Lane at pastorbrady1@gmail.com or 501-860-2830. Thanks for your cooperation.

Top Gainers – Morning Worship

LR Calvary	+54
Glenwood	+19
Benton First	+14
Twin Rivers	+11
NLR Friendly Chapel	+11
Forrest City	+11
Greenwood	+7
McGehee	+6
Collegeville (CNC).....	+5
LR Springlake	+5
Texarkana Cathedral Heights	+5
Liberty.....	+4

Top Pacesetters – Sunday School

Benton First.....	+15
LR Calvary	+13
Collegeville (CNC).....	+12
Glenwood	+10
Forrest City.....	+8
LR First	+6
Camden.....	+3
Liberty.....	+3
Waldron	+3
Malvern.....	+2
Prescott	+2

PASTORS' REPORTS DUE MAY 1

Pastors' reports will be sent out by Monday, March 27. If you have an email address, it will be sent by email; if you do not, it will be sent by regular mail. If you do not receive it by March 31, please call District Secretary Rev. Brady Lane at 501-860-2830 or contact him by email at pastorbrady1@gmail.com.

Please note that due to the General Assembly schedule, our District Assembly date is JUNE 7. It is imperative that reports be on time. Please plan on having your elections before April 23 and your report ready to complete as the statistics come in on the final day.

AGAIN, WE MUST HAVE YOUR PASTOR'S REPORT BY MAY 1st!

Thank you for your cooperation.
Pastor Brady Lane, District Secretary

CAMP WORK DAYS

MARCH 16-18
APRIL 20-22

(Thursday through Saturday)

Come for any part of the work days.

MEALS AND LODGING PROVIDED
Bring Bedding, Towels, Personal Items.
Tools: Saws, Drills, Hammers

Let Wally know by March 13 for March work days and by April 17 for the April work days.

wallybbeckman@yahoo.com
Cell: 870-223-6251
Church Phone: 479-637-3669

If you have not paid your camp pledge or would like to give to provide materials for camp work day –

SEND FUNDS TO: Rev. Terrie Bugg
220 W 2nd St. N – Prescott, AR 71857

PROJECTS: Build gravel walkways, paint, work on dock at the pond, replace doors at two of the cabins, staining, and outside clean up.

New Nazarenes

NLR Friendly Chapel (Paul Holderfield, Jr., Pastor): Joyce Patillio, Shanelle Morgan, Matt and Brittney Gray, Janice Cranford, Joel Portwood

BAPTISM

NLR Friendly Chapel (Paul Holderfield, Jr., Pastor): Aleisha Bosley, Kyresha Smith

2017 CAMP SCHEDULE CORRECTION

Following are the correct dates for camps this summer:

June 12-16 – Jr. High Camp (Monday thru Friday)
July 10-14 – Kids Camp (Monday thru Friday)
July 16 20 – Sr. High Camp (Sunday thru Thursday)

SOUTH ARKANSAS DISTRICT "GATHERING OF THE GIRLS"

Speaker: **PATSY LEWIS**

Theme Plan: **"SEASONS OF LIFE"**

FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2017 – BONUS NIGHT

MEET AT **David's Burgers** – 6:30 p.m.
on Landers Road, North Little Rock,
for dinner together (dinner on your own).

SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2017 – RETREAT

Continental Breakfast – 9:00-9:45 a.m.
the Retreat Begins at 10:00 a.m.

FRIENDLY CHAPEL WORSHIP CENTER

116 S. Pine St, North Little Rock, AR 72114

*We Will Have a Great Lunch ~
Bring Silent Auction Items*

All for \$20 – Early Registration before March 1

Postmarked after March 1 – \$25
Registration Deadline: March 15

THE RETREAT WILL END AT 2:00 P.M.

EMAIL QUESTIONS TO:

donnaholderfield@sbcglobal.net

MAIL REGISTRATION / PAYMENT(S) TO:

Donna Holderfield – Friendly Chapel
116 S. Pine St., North Little Rock, AR 72114

2017 Assembly Countdown

MARCH

10-11 Credentials/Studies Boards

APRIL

30 Last Sunday of the Assembly Year

MAY

1 Pastors' Reports Due

20 NYI Convention

22 Finance/Nominations Committees

JUNE

5 NMI Opening Service

6 Morning NMI Convention

6 Noon NMI Luncheon

6 Afternoon SDMI Convention

6 Evening SDMI Service

7 District Assembly

7 Evening Ordination Service

SUNDAY SCHOOL DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES



REV. BOBBY HOWARD



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Little Rock, AR 72207
501-225-6632
pastorbobby@lrfcn.org



REV. PHIL STEIN



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501-888-3567
springlakenaz@gmail.com

Have you ever thought about the difference between a believer and a disciple? I understand that in a broad sense those terms are interchangeable, but let's hold them in different hands for a moment. According to the Cambridge Dictionary a believer is "a person who feels certain about the truth of a religious idea or has a strong opinion that something is right or good" while a disciple is "a person who believes in the ideas of a leader, especially a religious or political one, and tries to live according to those ideas". Do you see the fork in the road? Believers and disciples can trust in the same religious conviction but only one, the disciple, intentionally takes the additional step to apply his faith to his life.

We could say that every disciple is a believer but not every believer is a disciple.

A believer accepts Jesus as Savior. A disciple accepts Jesus as Savior and Lord.

A believer reads the Bible and prays when things get tough. A disciple does both regularly.

A believer hears Christ's invitation to "come unto Me". A disciple also hears "follow Me".

A believer may stand at a distance. A disciple stands as close to Jesus as possible.

A believer is interested in Jesus. A disciple is committed to Jesus.

Alan Hirsch defines discipleship in his book *The Forgotten Ways: Reactivating the Missional Church* as the "irreplaceable and lifelong task of becoming like Jesus and embodying His message". That is a great summary of the Great Commission! We are called to make disciples not only converts (believers).

This makes us ask a very tough question, do we stop short? If we are only offering a "say a prayer and you're all set" fire insurance policy, it should not surprise us that we just birth believers. But if we are inviting people to repent from sin and pursue Kingdom values in their lives, we will grow disciples. Jesus said in Luke 9:23, **"Whoever wants to be My disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow Me."**

I know this article has a different tone than usual. It's probably because of a quote I read from Neil Cole that is almost haunting. He said, "Ultimately each church will be evaluated by only one thing; its disciples." Makes me wonder - How are we doing? How am I doing?

DISTRICT STATISTICS

FEBRUARY 2017

	SS Avg.	+/-	MW Avg.	+/-
HOT SPRING ZONE —				
Benton First	103	15	128	14
Glenwood	53	10	88	19
Glenwood Hispanic	12	0	14	-7
Hot Springs First	166	-52	197	-70
Hot Springs Hispanic	27	-1	38	-14
Hot Springs Lake Hamilton	NR	0	NR	0
Malvern	6	2	6	2
Sunshine	29	-4	55	-2
Twin Rivers	18	-4	41	11
LITTLE ROCK ZONE —				
Brockington Road	194	-45	215	-35
Collegeville (CNC)	41	12	29	5
LR Calvary	99	13	155	54
LR Cornerstone	55	0	120	0
LR First	110	6	144	-8
LR Good Samaritan	44	-6	83	-7
LR New Hope	107	-21	185	-32
LR Rose Hill	31	1	34	-7
LR Springlake	50	-3	87	5
Tabernacle of Praise	NR	0	NR	0
NLR Friendly Chapel	241	-17	657	11
NLR Grace	46	-14	166	-16
NLR Jehovah Jireh	20	-20	40	-10
NLR Rose City	NR	0	NR	0
Perryville	16	-2	28	3
SOUTHEAST ZONE —				
Forrest City	19	8	22	11
McGehee	7	1	22	6
Nady	15	-2	16	-4
Pine Bluff Oak Park	9	0	6	0
West Helena	13	-5	13	-5
TEXARKANA ZONE —				
Ashdown	NR	0	NR	0
Bells Chapel	NR	0	NR	0
Camden	20	3	22	-4
El Dorado	NR	0	NR	0
Hope	NR	0	NR	0
Hope Liberacion Y Poder	8	-1	19	3
Liberty	10	3	14	4
Prescott	23	2	28	0
Texarkana Cathedral Hgts.	39	1	47	5
WEST ZONE —				
Danville	14	-5	17	-5
DeQueen	6	-3	9	-2
Greenwood	64	-1	80	7
Mansfield	8	0	8	-3
Mena	28	-3	32	-16
Pleasant Grove	28	0	50	1
Waldron	59	3	109	-28
Waldron Cristo Vive	10	-1	14	-2
Wickes	NR	0	NR	0

Women's Ministries Retreat

March 25, 2017

**BONUS NIGHT
March 24, 2017**

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Church _____

**Cost: \$20 if registered before March
\$25 if postmarked after March 1**

*Includes Continental Breakfast
(9:00 until 9:45)
and Lunch*

Please enclose check.

**MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:
SoAr District SS**

SEND TO:

Donna Holderfield
116 South Pine Street
North Little Rock, AR 72114

**Registration Deadline:
MARCH 15, 2017**

CHILDREN/YOUTH MINISTRIES



P.O. Box 216 • Wickes, AR 71973 • 405-808-9800 • wickeschurch@gmail.com

PASTOR JON NEWLIN

COMING SOON!

CHILDREN'S QUIZZING

March 18 – Zone Quiz-Glenwood
April 8 – District Quiz-Cornerstone

This will be to qualify for the Children's World Quiz at General Assembly.

CHILDREN'S WORLD QUIZ

GENERAL ASSEMBLY
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

8:00–11:00 a.m., Red Level
12:00–3:00 p.m., Blue Level



CHILDREN'S CAMP

(Completed Grades 1-5)

HEATH VALLEY NAZARENE
CAMPGROUNDS

JULY 10-14, 2017

Speaker, Trey Brooks

JR. HIGH CAMP

(Completed Grades 6-8)

HEATH VALLEY NAZARENE
CAMPGROUNDS

JUNE 12-16, 2017

Speaker, Rev. Noel George

SOUTH ARKANSAS DISTRICT EXTRAVAGANZA

**Friday, March 3 and Saturday, March 4
at Calvary Church of the Nazarene**

Cost: \$15

Saturday Lunch will be provided.

FRIDAY NIGHT SCHEDULE:

7:30 pm – Registration and Event Sign-ups

8:00 pm – Large group gathering

Welcoming Games and Giveaways – Worship, Speaker

9:30 pm – Dodgeball and Late Night Eats, Meet your Coaches,
Last Chance to Sign-up for Events

SATURDAY SCHEDULE:

8:30 am – Events Begin

Noon – Lunch Saturday Early Afternoon – Closing Awards
Ceremony

SNU Regional Extravaganza

March 30–April 2

Speaker: Lamorris Crawford

You can register at www.snuextravaganza.com

All housing will be off-campus this year, so you will want to start booking your hotels as soon as possible.

COST & DEADLINE SCHEDULE

Early Bird Deadline: Thursday, February 23

Teen: \$45 — Adult: \$25

Meal Card: \$35

Registration Deadline: Thursday, March 23

Must be registered by March 23rd

NO WALK UPS



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MARCH

Emphasis: EASTER OFFERING

(Goal: World Evangelism Fund Paid in Full)

- 5LINKS Birthday, Timothy Kim
- 14LINKS Birthday, Heike Wright
- 15Birthday, Lucille Hudson
- 28District NMI Council Meeting

Promote Easter Offering
(April 16th)

APRIL

Emphasis: MISSION EDUCATION

- 4LINKS Anniversary,
Bernie & Rhonda Slingerland
- 16Easter Offering
(Report to Zone Coordinator, mail to General Treasurer)
- 29Mission Explosion
- 30Church Year Ends

MAY

Emphasis: MISSIONARY HEALTH CARE

- 12LINKS Birthday, Hannah Slingerland
- 12Local President's Report Due
- 26LINKS Birthday, Don Cox

Easter Offering

for World Evangelism Fund

Sunday,
 April 16,
 2017



Resources available at:
nazarene.org/generosity

FULFILLING THE GREAT COMMISSION

HERE, THERE & EVERYWHERE

District NMI Convention 2017

Session Times:

Monday, June 5th, 7:00 p.m. — Missions Service
 Tuesday, June 6th, 8:30 a.m. — Business
 After Adjournment on Tuesday — Luncheon

Luncheon tickets cost \$8 and can be purchased at registration.

Bring your Crisis Care Kits. Full instructions will be in the May/June Viewpoint. Pack your Crisis Care Kits (6 in a banana box) according to the guidelines at:

<http://nmi.nazarene.org/Stories/docs/Giving/>



2016-17 Local Church Goals

As of 2/20/17	District NMI	District NMI	District NMI
CHURCH NAME	Allocation	Paid	Balance
Ashdown First	\$255.00	—	\$255.00
Bells Chapel	\$64.00	—	\$64.00
Benton First	\$520.00	\$603.38	(\$83.38)
Brockington Rd	\$2,259.00	2,259.00	—
Camden Living Hope	\$113.00	113.00	—
Collegeville	\$147.00	147.00	—
Danville Grace	\$33.00	—	\$33.00
DeQueen First	\$106.00	—	\$106.00
El Dorado	\$106.00	—	\$106.00
Forrest City First	\$28.00	—	\$28.00
Glenwood First	\$358.00	\$358.00	—
Glenwood Hispanic	\$28.00	\$28.00	—
Greenwood	\$593.00	\$593.00	—
Hope First	\$37.00	—	\$37.00
Hope Liberacion y Poder	\$32.00	—	\$32.00
HS First	\$2,144.00	\$2,144.00	—
HS Hispanic	\$41.00	—	\$41.00
HS Lake Hamilton	\$255.00	—	\$255.00
Liberty	\$65.00	\$65.00	—
LR Calvary	\$995.00	—	\$995.00
LR Cornerstone	\$679.00	\$679.00	—
LR First	\$1,532.00	\$920.99	\$611.01
LR Good Samaritan	\$68.00	—	\$68.00
LR New Hope	\$563.00	\$563.00	—
LR Rose Hill	\$354.00	\$354.00	—
LR Springlake	\$601.00	\$401.00	\$200.00
LR Tabernacle/Praise	\$26.00	—	\$26.00
Malvern First	\$22.00	—	\$22.00
Mansfield	\$75.00	\$75.00	—
McGehee	\$71.00	\$100.00	(\$29.00)
Mena First	\$98.00	\$98.00	—
Nady	\$150.00	\$150.00	—
NLR Friendly Chapel	\$1,484.00	\$1,484.00	—
NLR Grace	\$316.00	\$331.00	(\$15.00)
NLR Jehovah Jireh	\$29.00	—	\$29.00
NLR Rose City	\$93.00	—	\$93.00
Perryville Immanuel	\$81.00	\$81.00	—
Pine Bluff Oak Park	\$56.00	\$56.00	—
Pleasant Grove	\$147.00	\$147.00	—
Prescott First	\$138.00	—	\$138.00
Sunshine	\$387.00	\$387.00	—
Texarkana Cathedral Hts	\$378.00	\$200.00	\$178.00
Twin Rivers	\$112.00	\$112.00	—
Waldron Cristo Vive	\$22.00	—	\$22.00
Waldron First	\$603.00	—	\$603.00
West Helena First	\$34.00	—	\$34.00
Wickes First	\$312.00	\$321.00	(\$9.00)

• Please send District NMI Allocations to Sherry Marston at the address listed above. Thank you for your support of missions!



The SIMS (SNU in Missions) program offers SNU students a wide range of summer opportunities for ministry and service around the world. South Arkansas has eight students participating in SIMS this year. The bulk of the fundraising for the trips is done by the students. Please consider giving to this amazing opportunity. To give, go to the address below and click the "Give Now" button. If you can't give, please pray.

SOAR Students Participating:

- Hayley AdamsParaguay Team
- Alyssa CarneySE Asia Team
- Haley ChancellorSouth Africa Team
- Josiah EvansSE Asia Team
- Brittany JenkinsSouth Africa Team
- Andrew MarstonMexico 2 Team
- Ory SchultheisMongolia Team
- Jacob WrightParaguay Team

To donate or for more info visit:
snu.edu/sims

SOAR District NMI Council Meeting

Tuesday, March 28, 2017*
 Executive Committee—9:00 a.m.
 Full Council—10:00 a.m.

Little Rock Cornerstone

*This is the correct date.

The meeting was originally scheduled for March 14th.

MISSION EXPLOSION



Saturday, April 29, 10:00 a.m.
 (registration at 9:30)

\$4.00 per person

Little Rock First
 Church of the Nazarene

Info will be sent out at the
 end of March.