



# SOUTH ARKANSAS VIEWPOINT

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## Dr. Busic Again Presides at District Assembly

We are happy to once again welcome Dr. Busic to the South Arkansas District Assembly.

Dr. David A. Busic was elected general superintendent in the Church of the Nazarene at the 28th General Assembly held in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA, in June 2013. At the time of his election, he had been president of Nazarene Theological Seminary since 2011.

Born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, David was ordained in 1991 by Dr. John A. Knight. After being an associate pastor in Oklahoma and Kansas, he served as senior pastor for three Churches of the Nazarene: Vineyard Community Church (Livermore, California), Central Church (Lenexa, Kansas), and First Church (Bethany, Oklahoma). During his tenure at Bethany First, Dr. Busic helped initiate and establish the Swaziland Partnership in 2007 to help reduce the HIV/AIDS rate and assist vulnerable children in Swaziland, Africa.

Dr. Busic received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Southern Nazarene University in 1988 and a Master of Divinity degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary in 1993. Southern Nazarene University conferred a Doctor of Divinity degree upon him in 2010. He is currently pursuing doctoral studies in theology and culture at Fuller Theological Seminary.

Busic was co-editor for *Preacher's Magazine* from 2000 to 2007. He has also published numerous articles and co-authored two books (*A Pastor's Guide to Effective Preaching and Sharing My Faith*). He most recently authored *Perfectly Imperfect: Character Sketches from the Old Testament*, and *Perfectly Imperfect, Character Sketches from the New Testament*.

Dr. Busic and his wife, Christi, live in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. They have three grown children and four grandchildren.

## New Nazarenes

**Brockington Road** (Pastor Noel George): Shannon Phillips, Michelle Phillips, Catherine Phillips, Ashley Phillips, Jason Hall, Krystle Hall, Camille Smith, Brenda (BJ) Westbrook. **Collegeville** (Pastor Dennis Yarberry): Ernestine Pickett. **Glenwood** (Pastor Gerald Matthew Palmer): Jaide Vavra, Jurnee Walker, Kevin Walker, Kris Rose, Tammy Rose. **Hot Springs Lake Hamilton** (Pastor Glenn Newton): Craig and Hannah Medeiros, Becca Shinn and her son Eli, Yolanda Evans, Kaeleigh Jo and Ashton Mount. **LR Springlake** (Pastor Phil Stein): Jack Stephenson, Jeff Black, Ronda Black. **NLR Friendly Chapel** (Pastor Paul Holderfield, Jr.): Zipporah "Zippie" Doble, Lorenzo Jones, Loreal Thomas. **Perryville Immanuel** (Pastor Linda Huggins): Jana Ledbetter

**BAPTISMS: Brockington Road** (Pastor Noel George): Catherine Phillips, Ashley Phillips, Gracie Liles, Kobie Napier, Lindsey Hasler. **Glenwood** (Pastor Gerald Matthew Palmer): Eryk Coleman, Benjamin Stinson. **NLR Friendly Chapel** (Pastor Paul Holderfield, Jr.): Madison Settles

## DISTRICT ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE June 5-7, 2017

**NMI OPENING SERVICE, Monday, June 5..... 7:00 PM**

*Rev. Tim Evans, Presiding*

**NMI CONVENTION, Tuesday, June 6 ..... 8:30 AM**

*Rev. Tim Evans, Presiding*

**MISSIONARY LUNCHEON ..... 12:00 NOON**

*Everyone invited. Pay at the door.*

**SS AND DISCIPLESHIP CONVENTION, Tuesday, June 6..... 1:30 PM**

*Rev. Bobby Howard, Presiding*

**SS AND DISCIPLESHIP SERVICE, Tuesday, June 6 ..... 7:00 PM**

*Rev. Bobby Howard, Presiding*

*Dr. Rick Harvey, Pastor Bethany First Church, Speaker*

**District Assembly Preregistration after the evening service**

**DISTRICT ASSEMBLY REGISTRATION, Wednesday, June 7 ..... 8:00 AM**

**DISTRICT ASSEMBLY CONVENES, Wednesday, June 7..... 8:30 AM**

*Dr. David Busic, Presiding*

*Dr. Russell Branstetter, District Superintendent's Report*

*Dr. Loren Gresham, SNU Report*

*Pastors' Reports*

**SNU LUNCH FOR PASTORS/FULL-TIME ASSOCIATES ..... 12:00 NOON**

*Hosts, Dr. Loren Gresham and Dr. Terry Toler*

**DISTRICT ASSEMBLY CONTINUES ..... 1:30 PM**

**ORDINATION/INSPIRATIONAL SERVICE, Wednesday, June 7 ....7:00 PM**

*Dr. David Busic, Speaker*

**ORDINATION RECEPTION, Wednesday, June 7 ..... Upon Adjournment**

**Little Rock First Church of the Nazarene**

**1200 N. Mississippi Little Rock, Arkansas Phone 501-225-6632**

## Top Pacesetters - Sunday School

Waldron .....	+39
Benton First.....	+23
Forrest City.....	+17
LR First .....	+13
Glenwood .....	+10
NLR Friendly Chapel .....	+8
NLR Grace.....	+7
Malvern.....	+3
Liberty.....	+3

## Top Gainers - Morning Worship

NLR Grace.....	+24
Forrest City.....	+18
Greenwood.....	+15
Twin Rivers .....	+14
El Dorado.....	+14
Texarkana Cathedral Heights .....	+13
Waldron .....	+13
Sunshine .....	+10
Wickes.....	+10

## News Around the District

**Ashdown** (Pastor Bill Segur) held a service for their police force, whether county, local or reserve. A great representation showed up from each department to the Sunday service. The mayor was also in attendance. After service, they had a BBQ dinner. All of the officers and families were

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## SAVE THE DATE

### JULY

23-30 Branstetter Tour

### SEPTEMBER

16 Golf Tournament

### OCTOBER

5-7 Ministers and Mates Retreat

21 Chic Shaver Personal Evangelism Seminar

# SUNDAY SCHOOL DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES



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Have you ever heard of an oxymoron? No, it's not a cream that clears up acne – it's a figure of speech that connects two seemingly contradictory terms used as a description. For instance — “jumbo shrimp”, “deafening silence”, “liquid gas”, “original copy” and “plastic glasses”. We hear them all the time and fail to notice the irony of the two words that are used together. No wonder English is such a difficult language to learn when we say things like — “Icy Hot”, “virtual reality” and “auto pilot”.

They are funny when you think about it, but there is one oxymoron that is no laughing matter. This phrase is increasingly being used to describe some Christians that are in our pews every Sunday – the “undisciplined disciple”. The author of Hebrews addresses the undisciplined disciple when he wrote:

***By this time you ought to be teachers, yet you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again.***

– Hebrews 5:12

To examine that phrase, if being a disciple is defined as being a student, a follower and a believer then being an undisciplined disciple means that one is an unlearning student, an undevoted follower and an unbelieving believer.

Let's not accept this condition in the church. Let's not just get hurting people help, lost people saved and forgiven people happy. Let's get Christians to become disciples – isn't that what holiness is all about?

That is happening all across South Arkansas – let's keep up the good work!

On a related note, in my “unbiased opinion” there is a “definite maybe” that this year's Sunday School and Discipleship Convention on Tuesday, June 6th, will be a “new classic” and it would be “pretty awful” if you missed it!

## DISTRICT STATISTICS

APRIL 2017

	SS Avg.	+/-	MW Avg.	+/-
<b>HOT SPRING ZONE —</b>				
Benton First	93	23	119	-2
Glenwood	47	10	85	7
Glenwood Hispanic	7	-12	21	0
Hot Springs First	150	-28	225	-57
Hot Springs Hispanic	29	-19	53	-1
Hot Springs Lake Hamilton	58	-6	48	-8
Malvern	6	3	6	0
Sunshine	30	-3	62	10
Twin Rivers	22	0	46	14
<b>LITTLE ROCK ZONE —</b>				
Brockington Road	192	-24	236	-43
Collegeville (CNC)	39	-8	37	0
LR Calvary	NR	0	NR	0
LR Cornerstone	76	-10	133	-1
LR First	106	13	161	1
LR Good Samaritan	47	2	84	-3
LR New Hope	138	-47	209	-35
LR Rose Hill	33	-3	36	-16
LR Springlake	69	-3	90	-2
Tabernacle of Praise	NR	0	NR	0
NLR Friendly Chapel	263	8	666	-12
NLR Grace	56	7	209	24
NLR Jehovah Jireh	30	-10	45	-10
NLR Rose City	NR	0	NR	0
Perryville	18	-2	24	-5
<b>SOUTHEAST ZONE —</b>				
Forrest City	23	17	25	18
McGehee	7	2	15	1
Nady	16	0	17	0
Pine Bluff Oak Park	4	-7	4	-9
West Helena	13	-1	13	-1
<b>TEXARKANA ZONE —</b>				
Ashdown	NR	0	NR	0
Bells Chapel	NR	0	NR	0
Camden	20	1	26	-5
El Dorado	N/A	0	24	14
Hope	15	-3	15	-8
Hope Liberacion Y Poder	7	-4	17	-1
Liberty	12	3	17	-1
Prescott	19	2	28	5
Texarkana Cathedral Hgts.	43	0	58	13
<b>WEST ZONE —</b>				
Danville	14	-1	17	-4
DeQueen	8	-1	9	-2
Greenwood	72	-4	100	15
Mansfield	12	2	14	-1
Mena	30	-13	38	-7
Pleasant Grove	28	0	52	3
Waldron	91	39	129	13
Waldron Cristo Vive	9	0	13	-1
Wickes	16	-3	59	10

## News ...

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appreciative and some considering attending again.

**Brockington Road** (Pastor Noel George) had a Spirit-filled service on Easter Sunday with 358 people present! They also had a wonderful Easter outreach for families with children on Saturday before Easter, with many new families in attendance. Over 350 corn dogs were made, with many games and an Easter egg hunt for the children ...

**El Dorado** (Pastor Leon Cowell) held an Easter egg hunt and had 15 children. This church only had four in attendance on Leon's first Sunday and this included Pastor and his wife. This is a great turnout for them ...

**Glenwood First** (Pastor Gerald Matthew Palmer) recently hosted “Heaven's Gates/Hell's Flames.” Over the four-night period approximately 1,600 people attended with over 400 signing confession of faith cards ...

**Little Rock Calvary** (Pastor Don Schulteis) had an attendance of 252 on Easter Sunday. On Saturday they held a Resurrection Celebration for the kids and had over 50 children and 70 workers. On Palm Sunday Pastor Don's message was a monologue (in full costume) from the viewpoint of the Roman soldier who stated, “Truly this was the son of God.”

**Mena First** (Pastor Ken Goodwin) hosted a spaghetti dinner fund raiser and a soup and sandwich lunch for the escort and other volunteers who set up for *The Wall That Heals*, a half-scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., that has visited more than 400 cities throughout the nation spreading the Memorial's healing legacy to millions ...

**NLR Friendly Chapel** (Pastor Paul Holdersfield, Jr.) just concluded their 33rd Winter Soup Kitchen — serving over 15,000 individuals November through March. That's close to 40,000 bowls of homemade soup and chili! They had 820 on Easter Morning — 635 in the Worship Center, 126 in Children's Church, 59 in Nursery and Pre-K ...

**Twin Rivers** (Pastor Mel Vail) reported, “Blessed day at Twin Rivers! Praising the Lord in song, a Spirit-filled sermon and potluck followed. Had 80 in attendance!”

**Waldron First** (Pastor Wally Beckman) reported 170 for Easter Sunday and that they baptized 2, including one 70-year-old man that Pastor Wally had recently led to Christ ...

# CHILDREN/YOUTH MINISTRIES



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PASTOR JON NEWLIN



• WORLD QUIZ 2017 •

Congratulations to the following quizzers.  
We are so proud of you!

These are the World Quiz qualifiers:

### RED LEVEL

Lyric Davidson – New Hope  
Chloe Causey – New Hope  
Allie Palmer – Glenwood  
Christina Leveritt – Lake Hamilton

### BLUE LEVEL

Matthew Brigance – Waldron  
Meredith Stoops – New Hope  
Blake Williams – New Hope  
Parker Williams – New Hope



### Kids Camp

(Completed Grades 1-5)

July 10-14, 2017

Trey Brooks, Speaker

### Jr. High Camp

(Completed Grades 6-8)

June 12-16, 2017

Pastor Noel George, Speaker

Theme: Truth and Dare

(Know God's Truth and Dare to Live It)

Registration forms are online at  
[southarkansasdistrict.org](http://southarkansasdistrict.org)

\*\*\*WE NEED VOLUNTEERS\*\*\*

Please come and spend a fabulous  
week investing in our kids.

Contact Susie White Cottle at  
501-952-2450 or  
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## NYI Convention

### Saturday, May 20

### 10:00 A.M.

### Cornerstone Church of the Nazarene

Join us as we gather, vote  
and elect our District NYI Council  
for the 2017-2018 year!

## Junior High Camp

### June 12-16

## Senior High Camp

### July 16-20

### Speaker: Travis Lee

### Worship: SNU Remedy



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**MAY**

**Emphasis: MISSIONARY HEALTH CARE**

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

Order Memorial Roll Certificates to remember those joining the Church Triumphant.

Order a Distinguished Service Award to honor a dedicated servant in your local church.

**JUNE**

**Emphasis: WORLD MISSION BROADCAST**

- 2 ..... Birthday, Ellie
- 5-6 ..... District NMI Convention
- 7 ..... Anniversary, Terry & Jane Sanders
- 10 ..... LINKS Birthday, Bernie Slingerland
- 12 ..... Anniversary, JW & Celeste
- 14 ..... Birthday, Julie
- 19 ..... LINKS Anniversary, Cliff & Heike Wright
- 21-30 ..... General Assembly

Take an offering for World Mission Broadcast (Report to Zone Coordinator, Mail to Kansas City)



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 first teams will be departing in early May and could definitely use our prayers! Please see the list below to know how to pray specifically for these young adults as they do their part in living out the Great Commission.

Also, leadership of SIMS will be passing from Joel Mullen to Liliana Reza. Please pray for her as she takes over this vital ministry.

**SOAR Students Participating:**

- Hayley Adams ..... Paraguay Team
- Alyssa Carney ..... SE Asia Team
- Haley Chancellor ..... South Africa Team
- Josiah Evans ..... SE Asia Team
- Brittany Jenkins ..... South Africa Team
- Andrew Marston ..... Mexico 2 Team
- Ory Schultheis ..... Mongolia Team
- Jacob Wright ..... Paraguay Team

To donate or for more info visit:  
[snu.edu/sims](http://snu.edu/sims)

**FULLFILLING THE GREAT COMMISSION**  
 HERE, THERE & EVERYWHERE

**District NMI Convention 2017**

This year we will be featuring stories of South Arkansas' active involvement in missions. Don't miss this incredible time to be inspired, educated, and challenged!

**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 \$10 and can be purchased at registration.

Don't forget to bring your Crisis Care Kits. (see instructions to the right)



**South Arkansas NMI Council Welcomes**

**Rev. Jay Vestal**

**District Project Coordinator**



Jay will be connecting needs on the South Arkansas District with teams looking to serve. If you have a project at your church that needs a volunteer team or if you wish to find a project, contact Jay at 501.538.9331 or [jayvestal@gmail.com](mailto:jayvestal@gmail.com).

"The message has gone throughout the earth, and the words to all the world."

(Romans 10:18 NLT)



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 World Mission Broadcast

**SOUTH ARKANSAS DISTRICT 2017 CRISIS CARE KIT CHALLENGE**

Bring your Crisis Care Kits to NMI Convention. Each church that brings at least one completed box of CCKs will be placed in a drawing for \$100 to be used for your local church's NMI program. You still need to send \$12 per box to the Global Treasurer as well as a check for \$5 per box made payable to The Oklahoma District to cover storage and distribution.

**CRISIS CARE KITS SHOPPING LIST**

- 1 Shampoo (12 to 18oz) (please tape flip top lids closed)
- 2 Bars of Soap (bath size or larger)
- 1 Toothpaste (4.0 to 6.4 oz.)
- 3 Toothbrushes (in original packaging)
- 1 Box of Band-Aids (30 or more)
- 1 Fingernail Clippers
- 1 Sturdy Hair Comb
- 2 Hand Towels
- 4 Pocket-sized Kleenex Packages
- 1 Beanie Baby-Sized Stuffed Toy

It is VITALLY important that each Crisis Care Kit (CCK) contain only the items/quantities listed. Please place all items in a 2 gallon Ziploc bag. Place 6 CCKs in a banana box. Pack kits and boxes according to instructions at:

[http://nmi.nazarene.org/Stories/docs/Giving/Compassion/CCK\\_Instructions\\_2012.pdf](http://nmi.nazarene.org/Stories/docs/Giving/Compassion/CCK_Instructions_2012.pdf)

**2017-2018 NMI Resources Available for Review at District Convention**

You may review the 2017-2018 NMI Resources at District NMI Convention, but will not be taking home your order. All materials must be ordered and shipped. If you wish to wait until convention, we will have order forms available. If you wish to order materials before convention, you may call NPH or order at [www.nph.com](http://www.nph.com).

Under the NPH banner on the left, click on the "Church Resources" link. Then click on the "Nazarene Missions International" link. You may then choose "online order blank" or "printable order blank."

**BIG Mission Education News**

The 2017-18 NMI missionary books for adults & teens are available in PDF format at [www.livingmission.com](http://www.livingmission.com). E-books and mp3 versions of the books will be available soon ([www.livingmission.com](http://www.livingmission.com))