



SOUTH ARKANSAS VIEWPOINT

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District Calendar 2017

JULY

- 6 Advisory Board Meeting
- 10-14 Kids Camp
- 16-20 Senior High Camp
- 23-Aug 2 Branstetter NMI Tour

AUGUST

- 1 District NMI Council
- 27-Sept 17 Carney NMI Tour

SEPTEMBER

- 8 Naz Nite at Six Flags
- 16 District Golf Tournament
- 28 Advisory Board

OCTOBER

- 5-7 Ministers and Mates Retreat
- 6 Friendly Chapel Fish Fry
- 9 Pastors' Forum, Kevin Harney "Organic Church Outreach"
- 21 Chic Shaver "Witness Evangelism Seminar"

New Nazarenes

Forrest City (Pastor Sharon Westbrook): Charlie Kilgore and Kayleigh Kilgore. **NLR Grace** (Pastor Roy Edwards): Lara Lichtenwalner, Fred Jones. **Twin Rivers** (Pastor Mel Vail): Crystal Hernandez, Frank and Joy Rippetto, Marty and Janee Campbell, Sarah Vail, Zina Cervantes, Joseph Warren, and Caleb Cornelius.

BAPTISMS:

Forrest City (Pastor Sharon Westbrook): Kristine Smith, Alice Radford, Aviauna Radford, Hope Hastings, Dakota Hastings, Kalish Fingers and Kayleigh Kilgore. **NLR Grace** (Pastor Roy Edwards): Lara Lichtenwalner, and Michael Palmer

Top Pacesetters – Sunday School

Ashdown	+48
Glenwood	+38
Hot Springs First	+35
Brockington Road	+31
Greenwood	+15
LR Calvary	+13
Twin Rivers	+8
Mansfield	+6
Collegeville (CNC).....	+5
Tabernacle of Praise.....	+4
Camden	+3

Top Gainers – Morning Worship

LR Calvary	+26
LR Springlake	+16
Twin Rivers	+15
Tabernacle of Praise.....	+14
Glenwood	+13
Glenwood Hispanic	+8
LR Cornerstone	+6
Prescott	+6
Greenwood	+6
Ashdown	+5
Mansfield	+5

SOAR District Golf Tournament

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

8:00 AM REGISTRATION – 8:30 AM TEE TIME

BURNS PARK GOLF COURSE

Four-Person Captain's Choice (Scramble)

\$45.00 per person – Pay in Advance

(Includes green fee, cart, lunch, soft drinks, bottled water, awards, and practice range balls)

\$250 Cash "Hole in One" Prize!

Registration materials will be mailed or see inside **VIEWPOINT** for form.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: September 8

This golf event is open to everyone – men, women, youth.

Questions: Call the District Office 501-224-4611

Ministers' & Mates' Retreat

WHO: All ministers, associates, staff, retired ministers, and mates

SPEAKER: Dr. David Busic

WHERE: *Thousand Hills Golf & Conference Resort*
245 South Wildwood Drive
Branson, MO 65616
877-262-2245 Toll Free
www.thousandhills.com

DATE: Thursday Oct. 5–Saturday Oct. 7

COST: Couple – \$350.00, Single – \$250.00

DEADLINE: Aug. 31

Information will be in the mail and sent by email to senior pastors to register for themselves and staff.

ASSEMBLY REPORT

OFFICERS FOR 2017-2018

NMI President: Rev. Tim Evans

SDMI Chair: Rev. Bobby Howard

NYI President: Rev. Jon Newlin

Advisory Board: Rev. Wally Beckman, Mr. Charles Cummings, Mr. David Cummings, Rev. Tim Evans, Mrs. Donna Holderfield, Rev. Bobby Howard, Mrs. Sherry Marston, Rev. George Yarberry

SNU Trustees: Mrs. Ruth Carney, Mr. Charles Cummings, Rev. Tim Evans

Director of Evangelism: Rev. George Yarberry

District Ministerial Credentials Board: Revs. Wally Beckman, Jim Daniel, Tim Evans, Noel George, Bobby Howard, Linda Huggins, Brady Lane, Philip Stein, Jay Vestal, George Yarberry

District Ministerial Studies Board: Revs. Stephen Comeans, Roy Edwards, Brady Marston, Oscar Perez, Rita Powell, Dennis Yarberry



2017 ORDINATION (left to right): District Superintendent Russell Branstetter, Carol Holleman, Ordinand Dennis Holleman, Jose Pineda, Ordinand Rubidia Flores Castro, Darrell Dupree, Ordinand Shannon Dupree, Ordinand Kerry Carpenter, Kim Carpenter, Ordinand Luke Letsinger, General Superintendent David Busic, District Secretary Brady Lane

SUNDAY SCHOOL DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES



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Open your Bibles to John 21:1-12 and let's learn how to be "Fishers of Men."

We often find ourselves in the same boat as the disciples – tired, frustrated, disappointed and disillusioned. Have you ever gone fishing and didn't catch anything? Me neither but let's imagine how that would feel.

Not only were the disciples not catching anything, they now realized that they had an audience. And to make matters worse, their audience had some advice. Maybe to appease the eyewitness, they tried what He suggested. Let's look at the wisdom learned from the lesson from the shore.

Change Your Methods

The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over expecting a different result. We don't change because we fear change more than we fear the status quo. Here is a poem that gives you permission to change.

*Methods are many
Principles are few
Methods often change
But principles never do*

Ask Jesus

After all – He Knows where the fish are!
You do that by – Prayer – Prayer – Prayer.
Ask if you can join Him in what He's doing,
instead of asking Him to join you in what you're doing.

Seek Who Jesus Sought

Verse 11 says that there was 153 fish. Why would Scripture mention a specific number? These disciples were fishermen and every fisherman knows how many fish they caught and how many got away. (Have you ever noticed that those are always the biggest ones?) But there's something more — at that time it was believed there were 153 different species of fish in the world. That means they caught one of every kind! Let's strive to catch every kind of person in Sunday School.

Take Time to Be with Jesus

When the disciples got to shore, Jesus had a fire, bread and fish. But where did those fish come from? I think I know. Jesus said, "If I am lifted up, I will draw all men to Myself." Let's get as close to Jesus as we can and let Him do the rest.

Let's commit today to CAST our nets on the other side of the boat!

DISTRICT STATISTICS

JUNE 2017

	SS Avg.	+/-	MW Avg.	+/-
HOT SPRING ZONE —				
Benton First	74	1	100	-3
Glenwood	72	38	73	13
Glenwood Hispanic	12	-6	28	8
Hot Springs First	196	35	188	-37
Hot Springs Hispanic	28	-10	43	-3
Hot Springs Lake Hamilton	NR	0	NR	0
Malvern	5	1	5	0
Sunshine	NR	0	NR	0
Twin Rivers	28	8	41	15
LITTLE ROCK ZONE —				
Brockington Road	215	31	210	0
Collegeville (CNC)	33	5	22	-11
LR Calvary	109	13	137	26
LR Cornerstone	64	-4	134	6
LR First	82	-8	122	-36
LR Good Samaritan	47	2	87	-1
LR New Hope	101	-6	151	-57
LR Rose Hill	33	-1	35	-12
LR Springlake	52	2	80	16
Tabernacle of Praise	12	4	30	14
NLR Friendly Chapel	257	-9	607	-72
NLR Grace	37	-2	166	-4
NLR Jehovah Jireh	NR	0	NR	0
NLR Rose City	NR	0	NR	0
Perryville	14	-5	29	-1
SOUTHEAST ZONE —				
Forrest City	NR	0	NR	0
McGehee	7	2	12	1
Nady	13	-10	15	-10
Pine Bluff Oak Park	8	-6	4	-8
West Helena	NR	0	NR	0
TEXARKANA ZONE —				
Ashdown	91	48	37	5
Bells Chapel	NR	0	NR	0
Camden	20	3	21	-3
El Dorado	3	0	5	0
Hope	NR	0	NR	0
Hope Liberacion Y Poder	NR	0	NR	0
Liberty	8	0	10	-2
Prescott	19	-1	28	6
Texarkana Cathedral Hgts.	35	0	49	-1
WEST ZONE —				
Danville	NR	0	NR	0
DeQueen	10	1	10	-1
Greenwood	79	15	86	6
Mansfield	14	6	16	5
Mena	30	-1	31	2
Pleasant Grove	23	-7	39	-15
Waldron	50	-6	103	-12
Waldron Cristo Vive	12	1	16	1
Wickes	NR	0	NR	0

21st Annual South Arkansas District Golf Tournament

SEPTEMBER 16

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE
September 8**

**ENCLOSE CHECK
WITH REGISTRATION FORM**

RETURN TO:
SOUTH ARKANSAS DISTRICT
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
PO BOX 55005
LITTLE ROCK, AR 72215

Church Name _____

TEAM Check if over 55
Name (Captain) _____

Phone _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

SINGLE PLAYERS
(You will be placed on a team when you arrive.)

1. _____

Phone _____

2. _____

Phone _____

CHILDREN/YOUTH MINISTRIES



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

PASTOR JON NEWLIN



SHARK!!!!!! Yes, we had sharks, stingrays, fish of all kinds and glowing creatures. We even had jellyfish that didn't sting!!! We had an amazing turnout this year as District VBS has caught on. We hit a top number of 40 at one session. Last year we hit a high number of 25. Cheryl and I (Kevin Atkinson) consider this an opportunity to reach every child on our district for Christ. It is a time to give any number of our churches an opportunity to experience a VBS. Many of our churches for various reasons don't have the ability to have a VBS. We hope to inspire churches of any size and look forward to helping you accomplish your VBS goals. I know numbers are not everything except the one I am excited to share. We had 7 young souls come to the altar to begin their journey with Christ! This is why Cheryl and I are in Family Ministry at Calvary. It is why we serve our district in this capacity. We look forward to next year. Join us in prayer even now for next year as we begin preparing for 2018 District VBS.

Love in Christ,
Pastor Kevin and Cheryl Atkinson



UNPLUGGED

SOAR SR. HIGH CAMP 2017

**SENIOR HIGH CAMP
@ HEATH VALLEY CAMP**

Camp Theme: Unplugged

July 16th-20th

Speaker: Travis Lee

Worship: SNU Remedy

\$30 off of the price for first-time campers





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SOAR Work & Witness Trip to Jama, Ecuador — March 2018



We are excited to announce that a team will be going to Jama, Ecuador in early 2018. At District NMI Convention, Al & Barbara Cummings shared about the need for a church in Jama, Ecuador. Jama was at the epicenter of the April 2016 earthquake which took hundreds of lives and injured thousands. Many were left homeless and in need of shelter. At the time of the earthquake, the Church of the Nazarene in Jama was meeting in a building they did not own. They are currently meeting in a portable chapel that belongs to the district. When construction is completed on a new building (which they will own), the portable chapel will be available for use at another location in the country.

While sharing on Monday evening of District NMI Convention, Charles Cummings talked about a trip he had planned in Peru. The people of Peru had been praying for years for a church building. They were located in the north part of Peru. Very few teams go to the north because of the tourist opportunities in the southern part of Peru. Charles contacted Missionary Larry Garman, and he helped connect the need with the team. Charles said what a blessing to be the "answer to someone's prayers." When Al & Barbara mentioned the need in Ecuador, the hearts of the District NMI Council were strangely warmed. They voted unanimously to send a team to Jama, Ecuador. The funds for this trip are being provided by the district through interest on investment funds. Praise the Lord for His provision!

If interested in participating in this life-changing event, contact Charles Cummings (wwbrcn@msn.com).



WORK & WITNESS ADVENTURE FOR ALL AGES

December 27, 2017 through January 2, 2018
 Monterey, Mexico

\$595 covers all meals, hotel, international insurance, visa fees, and transportation in Mexico.
 Sign up online at snu.edu/mexico
 Contact Jane Sanders (see below) about first-timer scholarships.

JULY

Emphasis is "Work & Witness" and "International Ministry, Bible Schools & Seminaries"

- 6.....LINKS Birthday, Rhonda Slingerland
- 16.....Birthday, Celeste
- 23- 8/2.....Branstetter Tour
- 27.....Birthday, Jane Sanders

Take offering for Work & Witness
 (Report to Zone Rep, mail to District NMI Treasurer marked "Work & Witness")

AUGUST— Emphasis is LINKS

- 1 District NMI Council Meeting (LR Cornerstone)
- 27 Birthday, Emma Branstetter
- 27-9/17District Tour — Barry & Charlie Carney
- 31 Birthday, Miriam

Take offering for LINKS (Report to Zone Rep, mail to Kansas City)
 Your LINKS cash gift goal is on the pink goals sheet in the Resource Book.
 Mail Christmas Gifts (money, not items) to LINKS Missionaries
 See pages 52-56 of the Resource Book for instructions.
 The reason not to send gifts is due to customs.

SEPTEMBER

Emphasis is "Alabaster" & "NMI Membership"

- 7 LINKS Birthday, Cliff Wright
- 8 Naz Nite at Six Flags Over Texas
- 19 Birthday, Terry Sanders
- 23 ... SOAR Fall Festival of Missions at LR Cornerstone
 (10:00 a.m., \$5.00 per person includes lunch)

Take ALABASTER Offering (Report to Zone Rep, mail to Kansas City)

DEPUTATION TOURS

If your church isn't hosting a missionary, try to attend a service near you. Contact Barbara Cummings to book an open date (903.276.5167)

Branstetter Tour

- July 23 AM—Little Rock First
- 23 PM—LR Springlake
- 24 OPEN
- 25 Wickes
- 26 HS Zone Rally @ Hot Springs First
- 27 Collegeville
- 28 LR New Hope
- 29 OFF
- 30 AM—Greenwood
- 30 PM—Waldron First
- 31 OFF
- Aug. 1 HS Lake Hamilton
- 2 NLR Friendly Chapel

Barry & Charlie Carney Missionaries to Paraguay

- Aug. 27 AM—Brockington Road
- 27 PM—LR Calvary
- 30 Ashdown First
- Sept. 13 Benton First
- 17 AM—Hot Springs First
- 17 PM—LR Cornerstone

SOUTH ARKANSAS DISTRICT NMI COUNCIL 2017-18

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