



# SOUTH ARKANSAS VIEWPOINT

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## Calendar of Events

### SEPTEMBER

- 16 Golf Tournament
- 30 Branstetter's Retirement Reception

### OCTOBER

- 5-7 Ministers and Mates Retreat
- 6 Friendly Chapel Fish Fry
- 9 SNU Pastors' Forum (rcpl.snu.edu)  
Dr. Kevin Harney – Organic Outreach
- 21 Chic Shaver Personal Evangelism Seminar

### NOVEMBER

- 9-10 SNU Board of Trustees
- 10-11 SNU Homecoming

### DECEMBER

- 1 Ministers' Christmas Dinner
- 27-Jan 2 Commission to Mexico  
(snu.edu/mexico)

### JANUARY

- 27 SDMI Training Day at LR First

## New Nazarenes

**Benton First** (Rev. Brady Lane): Mike Lemons, Brandi Lemons, Todd Smith. **NLR Friendly Chapel** (Rev. Paul Holderfield, Jr.): Miles & Sara Stroud. **Prescott First** (Rev. Terrie Bugg): Jessica Ridgell, Kelsey West, Brian Readman, Bre Readman, Ja'Mozya Williamson, Jayden Purtle, Cyleigh Bugg

**BAPTISMS: NLR Friendly Chapel** (Rev. Paul Holderfield, Jr.): C.J. Smith, P.J. Lea, Corbin Camp, Randy Jones, Steve Amato, Amanda Amato, Colton Amato, Taylor Amato, Tuff Amato and Wyatt Amato. **Prescott First** (Rev. Terrie Bugg): Jessica Ridgell, Kelsey West, Bre Readman, Ja'Mozya Williamson, Jayden Purtle, Cyleigh Bugg

## Top Pacemakers – Sunday School

Hot Springs First .....	+119
Brockington Road .....	+26
Greenwood .....	+16
Benton First .....	+13
LR Cornerstone .....	+13
Forrest City .....	+11
Mansfield .....	+11
Glenwood .....	+9
Tabernacle of Praise .....	+8
Camden .....	+6

## Top Gainers – Morning Worship

LR Calvary .....	+35
Glenwood .....	+26
Tabernacle of Praise .....	+22
Waldron .....	+17
NLR Jehovah Jireh .....	+15
LR Good Samaritan .....	+14
Glenwood Hispanic .....	+13
Greenwood .....	+13
Mansfield .....	+13
Forrest City .....	+9
Mena .....	+9



## Dr. Russell and Gail Branstetter Retirement Celebration

SOUTH ARKANSAS DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE  
INVITES YOU TO CELEBRATE  
THE BRANSTETTERS' 46 YEARS OF MINISTRY,  
MOST NOTABLY 25 YEARS  
AS DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF SOUTH ARKANSAS.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2017, 2:00-5:00 P.M.  
BROCKINGTON ROAD CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE  
9860 BROCKINGTON ROAD, SHERWOOD, AR 72120

THERE WILL BE A PROGRAM IN THE SANCTUARY AT 2:00,  
FOLLOWED BY A RECEPTION IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL.

THE PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE A SLIDE SHOW PRESENTATION CELEBRATING THEIR MINISTRY.

IF YOU HAVE PHOTOS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SUBMIT, PLEASE EMAIL  
THEM TO PASTORTIMI669@SBCGLOBAL.NET BY SEPTEMBER 12, 2017.

THERE WILL BE A BASKET FOR CARDS IN THE RECEPTION AREA.  
IF UNABLE TO ATTEND AND YOU WISH TO SEND A CARD, PLEASE MAIL TO:

RUSS AND GAIL BRANSTETTER  
C/O BROCKINGTON ROAD CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE  
9860 BROCKINGTON ROAD, SHERWOOD, AR 72120

RUSS AND GAIL'S NEW ADDRESS AND EMAIL ADDRESS:  
1715 BAYSIDE DR., TUTTLE, OK 73089      rgbranstetter@sbcglobal.net

## 31st Annual Friendly Chapel Fish & Fowl Dinner

VERIZON ARENA  
NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2017  
5:00-8:00 PM

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT  
Brother Paul's Soup and Shelter

Book of 10 Tickets \$120.00  
Individual Ticket at the Door \$15.00  
Children's Ticket \$6.00

(Children's tickets are for 5-12 year-olds  
and **must be** purchased at the door  
*for dine in only.*)  
Take-Out Available on Adult Tickets

SHUTTLE BUSES RUN 4:30-8:00 PM  
FROM CHURCH LOTS ON THE CORNER OF WASHINGTON  
AND PINE AND BANK LOTS WEST OF THE ARENA.

For More Information and Tickets  
Please Contact Donna Holderfield

501-371-0912

## WITNESSING WITHOUT FEAR

featuring  
**Dr. Chic Shaver**  
DISTRICT TRAINING  
SEMINAR  
ON EVANGELISM



Saturday, October 21, 2017

LITTLE ROCK CORNERSTONE  
Church of the Nazarene  
25799 I-30, Bryant, AR

\$10 per person (register online, pay at the  
door) covers training materials and lunch.

To register, please email Tim Evans at  
pastortim1669@sbcglobal.net

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:  
Monday, October 16th



SUPPORT  
NAZARENE BIBLE COLLEGE

# SUNDAY SCHOOL DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES



REV. BOBBY HOWARD



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REV. PHIL STEIN



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## Why They Stray

Helping Parents & Church Leaders Make Investments That Keep Children & Teens Connected to the Church for a Lifetime

### District Discipleship Training Day

with Speaker/Author Steve Parr

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 27, 2018**  
**10 AM – 2 PM**

**\$10 per person (includes Lunch)**  
**at Little Rock First**

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**SAVE THE DATE**

*District Gathering of the Girls 2018*

**MARCH 2-3, 2018**

**Speaker: Donna Kyzer-Rice**



**NLR Friendly Chapel Church of the Nazarene**

Contact Donna Holderfield for more information

**(501) 371-0912**

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## DISTRICT STATISTICS

**AUGUST 2017**

	SS Avg.	+/-	MW Avg.	+/-
<b>HOT SPRING ZONE —</b>				
Benton First	93	13	104	-7
Glenwood	46	9	94	26
Glenwood Hispanic	15	-1	33	13
Hot Springs First	251	119	185	-54
Hot Springs Hispanic	NR	0	NR	0
Hot Springs Lake Hamilton	NR	0	NR	0
Malvern	NR	0	NR	0
Sunshine	30	2	54	4
Twin Rivers	27	3	40	-3
<b>LITTLE ROCK ZONE —</b>				
Brockington Road	197	26	219	2
Collegeville (CNC)	40	0	36	-2
LR Calvary	82	4	133	35
LR Cornerstone	59	13	123	7
LR First	94	-3	138	0
LR Good Samaritan	47	0	101	14
LR New Hope	100	-14	166	-28
LR Rose Hill	23	-5	27	-11
LR Springlake	NR	0	NR	0
Tabernacle of Praise	16	8	40	22
NLR Friendly Chapel	186	-44	639	-28
NLR Grace	41	-1	192	-23
NLR Jehovah Jireh	25	-5	50	15
NLR Rose City	NR	0	NR	0
Perryville	16	0	30	8
<b>SOUTHEAST ZONE —</b>				
Forrest City	22	11	22	9
McGehee	7	0	12	0
Nady	17	-1	17	-3
Pine Bluff Oak Park	5	-1	9	3
West Helena	NR	0	NR	0
<b>TEXARKANA ZONE —</b>				
Ashdown	85	-14	45	4
Bells Chapel	NR	0	NR	0
Camden	23	6	26	1
El Dorado	NR	0	NR	0
Hope	NR	0	NR	0
Hope Liberacion Y Poder	8	-3	18	0
Liberty	8	-2	9	-3
Prescott	19	2	30	3
Texarkana Cathedral Hgts.	NR	0	NR	0
<b>WEST ZONE —</b>				
Danville	NR	0	NR	0
DeQueen	9	-1	12	1
Greenwood	78	16	86	13
Mansfield	19	11	23	13
Mena	29	-16	39	9
Pleasant Grove	25	-1	50	-8
Waldron	49	3	123	17
Waldron Cristo Vive	8	-3	14	-1
Wickes	NR	0	NR	0

## Ministers' Christmas Dinner

**BROCKINGTON ROAD CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**

9860 Brockington Road  
Sherwood, AR 72120

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2017**  
**6:30 P.M.**

**\$16.50 PER PERSON**

**PRIME RIB, MASHED POTATOES, GREEN BEANS, SALAD AND DESSERT**  
*IF YOU PREFER CHICKEN, PLEASE NOTE ON YOUR RESPONSE FORM.*

**A TIME OF CELEBRATION OF OUR SAVIOR'S BIRTH, FUN, FELLOWSHIP, AND GIFTS.**

*All active and retired ministers, licensed ministers, associates and their mates are invited.*

**PLEASE RETURN THE RESPONSE FORM WITH YOUR CHECK TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE POSTMARKED BY NOVEMBER 13**

### Ministers' Christmas Dinner RESPONSE FORM

**PLEASE RETURN BY NOVEMBER 13**  
**PO BOX 55005, LITTLE ROCK, AR 72215**

Yes, I will attend the Christmas Dinner.

Will be attending from our church. (Include yourself, paid and lay staff, retired ministers, locally licensed ministers, and spouses).

No, I will not be able to attend.

I have enclosed a check (\$16.50 per person) made out to the South Arkansas District for \$\_\_\_\_\_.

Names of those attending from our church:

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Church Name \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor \_\_\_\_\_

# CHILDREN/YOUTH MINISTRIES



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

PASTOR JON NEWLIN

## Children's Quizzing Schedule

- 11/18/17 - Quiz Kick-Off at New Hope - Dig Sites 1-10
- 1/27/18 - Invitational at Lake Hamilton - Dig Sites 1-15
- 4/14/18 - Zone Quizzes at Waldron and New Hope - Dig Sites 1-20
- 5/5/18 - District Quiz at Cornerstone - Dig Sites 1-20
- 6/16/18 - Regional Quiz at SNU



We are excited to present the Annual Retreat for Local Children's Leaders! This is a great time of connecting, fellowshiping, and learning.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Coming this February...  
**SPARK::South Central**

**Who:** Children's Directors, Children's Pastors, Children's Leaders and Children's Team Members

**When:** Thursday, February 15 – Saturday, February 17, 2018

**Where:** Camp Bond in Tishomingo, OK

**Option 1:** Dorm – \$80 by January 29, 2018; \$100 after

**Option 2:** Lodge – \$100 (double occupancy) by January 29, 2018; \$120 after

**Includes:** 6 meals and 2 nights of lodging  
Check-In: February 15, 2018 beginning at 3:00 PM

**Registration:** [www.equiptoengage.org/spark](http://www.equiptoengage.org/spark)

**WE ARE ONE TEAM FROM DIFFERENT CITIES AND ON DIFFERENT DISTRICTS, BUT ALL CALLED TO SERVE GOD, CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES.**

## NYI District Council Meeting

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14TH  
AT CORNERSTONE**

Meeting begins at 10 am with lunch to follow

## Youth Quizzing Dates

**ALL QUIZ EVENTS WILL BEGIN AT 10 AM**

September 16th @ Glenwood

October 7th @ Wickes

November 11th @ Cornerstone

December 16th @ New Hope

## Youth Ministry Summit at SNU

**OCTOBER 9TH-10TH**

Speaker: Chap Clark

<http://snu.edu/youth-ministry-summit>



## SNU Extravaganza is March 15-18, 2018

[www.snuextravaganza.com](http://www.snuextravaganza.com)



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## SEPTEMBER

Emphasis is **ALABASTER OFFERING**

Take Alabaster Offering this month.

(Report to Zone Coordinator, mail to General Treasurer)

- 13 ..... Barry & Charlie Carney—Benton First
- 17 AM ..... Carneys—Hot Springs First
- 17 PM ..... Carneys—Little Rock Good Samaritan
- 7 ..... LINKS Birthday, Cliff Wright
- 8 ..... Naz Nite at Six Flags over Texas
- 19 ..... Birthday, Terry Sanders

Fall Festival of Missions (originally scheduled for September 23) has been postponed.

## OCTOBER

Emphasis is **MISSION PRIORITY ONE**

(See page 17 of District NMI Resource Book)

- 15 ..... Children's Project Money Due  
(Report to Zone Coordinator, mail to District NMI Treasurer)
  - 17 ..... District NMI Council Meeting
  - 22 ..... LINKS Birthday, Cheryl Cox
- Take offering for Missionary Christmas Fund.  
(Report to Zone Coordinator, mail to General Treasurer)

## NOVEMBER

Emphasis is **THANKSGIVING OFFERING**

(Goal: 1/2 World Evangelism Fund)

- 10 ..... Six Month Report Due  
(See page 91 of District NMI Resource Book)
- 19 ..... Thanksgiving Offering Sunday  
(Report to Zone Coordinator, mail to General Treasurer)  
(Promotion resources: nmi.nazarene.org/10107/story.html)
- 21 ..... Birthday, Chris

## DECEMBER

Emphasis is **NAZARENE COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES (NCM)**

(See page 88 of District NMI Resource Book)

- 3 ..... LINKS Birthday, Abigail Slingerland
- 14 ..... Birthday, Malachi
- 25 ..... LINKS Birthday, JinGee Kim
- 26 ..... Birthday, JW
- 12/27-1/2 ..... Commission to Mexico  
Promote the Compassionate Ministries Fund.



**NAZARENE COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES**  
**COMPASSION AS A LIFESTYLE**

www.ncm.org



## 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](http://snu.edu/mexico)

Contact Jane Sanders about first-timer scholarships.  
 (501.821.3241, [tjsanders1975@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tjsanders1975@sbcglobal.net))



On July 29th Pastor Roy Edwards and Charles Cummings took a team of 11 men from NLR Grace and BRCN to Forrest City to start remodeling the parsonage. It had water damage throughout the downstairs. With the Forrest City people helping, all the demolition was completed in one day. Thanks to Pastor Sharon Westbrook and the Forrest City church family for a great lunch.



Sunday, November 19th

## The International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

November 12, 2017

Nazarene Missions International encourages Nazarenes to join Christians around the world in prayer on the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP). This provides opportunity for Christians worldwide to focus on those suffering for their Christian faith.

## 2016-17 Local Church Goals

As of 2/20/17	District NMI Allocation	District NMI Paid	District NMI Balance
<b>CHURCH NAME</b>	<b>Allocation</b>	<b>Paid</b>	<b>Balance</b>
Ashdown First	\$191.00	—	\$191.00
Bells Chapel	\$111.00	—	\$111.00
Benton First	\$533.00	—	\$533.00
Brockington Rd	\$1,913.00	—	\$1,913.00
Camden Living Hope	\$95.00	—	\$95.00
Collegeville	\$157.00	—	\$157.00
Danville Grace	\$33.00	—	\$33.00
DeQueen First	\$90.00	—	\$90.00
El Dorado	\$61.00	—	\$61.00
Forrest City First	\$47.00	—	\$47.00
Glenwood First	\$453.00	\$453.00	—
Glenwood Hispanic	\$21.00	—	\$21.00
Greenwood	\$647.00	—	\$647.00
Hope First	\$42.00	—	\$42.00
Hope Liberacion y Poder	\$35.00	—	\$35.00
HS First	\$1,758.00	—	\$1,758.00
HS Hispanic	\$38.00	—	\$38.00
HS Lake Hamilton	\$240.00	—	\$240.00
Liberty	\$72.00	—	\$72.00
LR Calvary	\$898.00	—	\$898.00
LR Cornerstone	\$703.00	\$353.00	\$350.00
LR First	\$1,530.00	\$255.00	\$1,275.00
LR Good Samaritan	\$68.00	—	\$68.00
LR New Hope	\$475.00	—	\$475.00
LR Rose Hill	\$348.00	—	\$348.00
LR Springlake	\$527.00	\$177.00	\$350.00
LR Tabernacle/Praise	\$21.00	—	\$21.00
Malvern First	\$22.00	—	\$22.00
Mansfield	\$55.00	—	\$55.00
McGehee	\$57.00	—	\$57.00
Mena First	\$105.00	\$105.00	—
Nady	\$181.00	\$281.00	(\$100.00)
NLR Friendly Chapel	\$1,483.00	\$1,483.00	—
NLR Grace	\$291.00	\$291.00	—
NLR Jehovah Jireh	\$31.00	—	\$31.00
NLR Rose City	\$74.00	\$75.00	(\$1.00)
Perryville Immanuel	\$137.00	—	\$137.00
Pine Bluff Oak Park	\$6.00	\$6.00	—
Pleasant Grove	\$134.00	—	\$134.00
Prescott First	\$137.00	—	\$137.00
Sunshine	\$295.00	—	\$295.00
Texarkana Cathedral Hts	\$433.00	—	\$433.00
Twin Rivers	\$121.00	—	\$121.00
Waldron Cristo Vive	\$22.00	—	\$22.00
Waldron First	\$681.00	—	\$681.00
West Helena First	\$34.00	—	\$34.00
Wickes First	\$379.00	\$379.00	—

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

## Alabaster Offering

*Mobilizing*

The church in missions

NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL 6600

