



# Adventure!

Charting the course for the twenty-first century



Steve Scott, District Superintendent

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WEBPAGE:  
<http://www.sacnaz.org>

**MISSION STATEMENT**  
*Create a dynamic team of  
pastors & churches who  
embrace their calling to unite the  
lost people of the world with the  
saving grace of Jesus Christ.*

### Action Plan to Fulfill Our Mission

- ◆ Establish healthy, effective churches
- ◆ Develop support systems for pastors and churches
- ◆ Inspire ministry through encouragement
- ◆ Communicate the gospel through culturally relevant methods.

**Thank you to the delegates & friends** who shared in April's Celebration of Mission & Ministry. As people of God, be innovative in your faith. Share the vision with your pastoral leadership, and keep these MISSIONAL INITIATIVES at the heart of what your church means to your community:

**PRAYER** – how dynamically does your church's ministry engage people in the experience of prayer? Insist on your church being creative with prayer, and commit yourself to worshipping God in this way!

**EVANGELISM** – how effectively does your church's ministry seek the lost through a strategy of grace & mercy? Insist on your church being Christ-like for the sake of the lost, and always "reach out" with the good news of Jesus' love!

**DISCIPLESHIP** – how intentional is your church's ministry in helping people grow up in their faith? Insist on your church continuously walking people through God's Word, and commit yourSELF to discipling one person on their journey!

**CHURCH MULTIPLICATION** – how passionate is your church about going out into your community? Insist on your church designing ministry that strategically locates itself through the homes and neighborhoods of your community!

## Here's your INVITATION to Family Camp 2008

Diamond Arrow Christian Conference Center - Nevada City, CA.

- How long can you be there? *A full day; an evening; several days.*
- What can you do there? *Worship, rest, and play in a Christian Community*
- Who will be there? *Children, youth, and adults of all ages*
- The setting? *Tall pines, warm days, the RIVER, and star filled skies at night!*

Discover how God's Word creates **People of God** who are TRANSFORMED, CHOSEN, OBEDIENT, AND AUTHENTIC! Family Camp 2008 will feature six leaders who have served decades as ordained pastors, teachers, and evangelists!

***Family Camp '08: A spiritual journey as People of God!***

Yours in Christ,  
Steve Scott, Superintendent

# Sunday School & Discipleship Ministries



**Renee' Bennett, Chairman**  
10702 N. Lower Sacramento Rd.  
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## Assembly Election Results

**Discipleship Ministries Chairman:** Renee' Bennett was elected to a two-year term to serve as Chairman of Sunday School & Discipleship Ministries. Renee' is the Administrator/Children's Pastor at Stockton Horizon, and until her election, served as District Children's Director. She is replacing Steve Dickerson, who resigned to allow more time for his church's building project.

Tad Gilstrap, Yuba City First, has been named District Children's Director.

### Discipleship Ministries Board

*Lay* - Derek Morrison, Marysville;

*Minister* - Brad Dyrness, Sparks First

### General Sunday School Convention Delegates

*Lay:* Brian Gee, *Liberty Towers*, Julie Grossman, *Mount Shasta*

*Ministers:* Renee Bennett, *Stockton Horizon*

Steve Murakami, *Sacramento Cordova*

## Sunday School Award Winners

Awards were presented to churches achieving in their Sunday School attendance.

**Honor School** - *increased 5% to 24% in both Sunday School attendance AND responsibility list over last year.*

Fairfield New Hope, Gardnerville Crossroads, Sacramento Cordova, Sacramento Korean Bethel, Sacramento The Crossing Church, Woodland Celebration Center, Yuba City First

**Superior School** - *increased 25%-49% in both areas*

Roseville First, Sacramento Hispanic, Yerington

**Exceptional School** - *increased 50% or more in both areas*

Laguna Family Fellowship, Redding Gateway

## Discipleship Ministries!

### *What do you think of when you hear the word "discipleship?"*

Some may think Sunday school, some may think small groups, or some may think biblical education. Discipleship is not as complicated as we may make it. It should not be viewed as a 'program'. It is about **people**. It is about building up those around us in Christ through loving, sharing, teaching, encouraging, and challenging relationships.

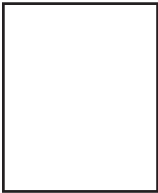
D. Michael Henderson, author of *Making Disciples One Conversation at a Time*, makes the following statement: "Making disciples is more than witnessing to nonbelievers and tallying numbers. Making disciples is really about building authentic relationships with those closest to us and helping them follow Jesus through heart-to-heart talks and committed friendships". Henderson also states that "nowhere in Scripture is there a command for Christians to build churches; central in Scripture is Jesus' command that all of us **make disciples**. When we stand before Him at the end of time He will not ask how our church grew, but whether we did what He told us to do".

### *How can your District Sunday School & Discipleship Ministries help you?*

We would like to partner with you in making Christ-like Disciples in your communities, neighborhoods, families and churches. Our initial goal will be to listen to you and hear your needs. How can we come up along side each of you individually and as a church? One recommendation is to read D. Michael Henderson's book *Making Disciples One Conversation at a Time* (available at [www.nph.com](http://www.nph.com)), it will be very empowering and challenging.

No one person has all the answers; however as a body we can accomplish great things for the Kingdom. We welcome any resource, idea or comment that would benefit others. Please share with us.

*Renee' Bennett*



## Adult Ministries

TBS

# Come To The Party!!!

## Sacramento District Women's Conference

September 12-13, 2008

**Guest Speaker:** Kathy Slamp of Vessel Ministries. Read about Kathy's ministry at her web site:

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

**Registration:** \$55 until August 14; after August 14 - \$65  
Cost includes speaker, Friday dinner, Saturday lunch  
**Send to Judy Brimmer**, P O Box 452, Dorris, CA 96023

**Conference Location:** Yuba City First, 600 N. George Washington Blvd, Yuba City

**Hotel Information** (1-4 ladies per room)

\*Hampton Inn Suites, (530-751-1714) \$119 + tax

\*Holiday Inn Express (530-674-1650) \$99.95 + tax

Make reservations under: Sacramento District Church of the Nazarene Women's Conference

## Prime Time Ministries

Age 55 & Up



### ■ Centennial Celebration - Sep 30-Oct 3, 2008

The Church of the Nazarene is celebrating 100 years of ministry to the world! You won't want to miss this historical Prime Time Event. For registration information, contact: Prime Time Ministries

6401 The Paseo, Kansas Cit, MO 64131-1213

Toll Free: 800-221-6317

Email: [primetime@nazarene.org](mailto:primetime@nazarene.org)

Website: [www.amc.Nazarene.org](http://www.amc.Nazarene.org)

### ■ Jamaica Journey - Jan 22-Feb 4, 2009

*A Work & Witness Event Emphasizing Prime Time Adult Involvement*

**Cost:** \$1950 (includes project money, insurance, meals, housing, ground transportation, devotional book, team shirt and airfare.) **Check it out at**

**[www.goprime.org](http://www.goprime.org)** or contact Rev. Charles Bledsoe, Eastern Michigan District, 392 Meadows Circle, Wixom, Michigan 48393.



## Children's Ministries

**Tad Gilstrap, Director**

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I am very excited to be appointed the new District Children's Director for the Sacramento District. I look forward to meeting many of you who are serving the Lord through children's ministry.

Over the last 25 years, I have had the privilege to serve in several different church sizes and situations, and I would love to assist in any way I can to help you be effective at your church in reaching children for Christ.

God bless you as you serve His children,

*Tad*

## Summer Camps

Jun 30-Jul 2 Explorer Camp (going into 2nd grade)

Jun 30-Jul 4 Discovery Camp (going into Grades 3-5)

Jul 28-8/1 Junior High (going into Grades 6-8)

**Register online at [www.sacramentocamps.org](http://www.sacramentocamps.org)**

## Children's Quizzing



### District Quizzing Results

#### *Red Level*

**First Place:** Logan Cook, Lisa Vaughan, *Auburn Parkside*; Sierra Hickox, Conner McGowan, *Fallon*; Lydia Crist, *Yuba City*

**Second Place:** Justin Orner, *Sparks*; Shelby Hickox, *Fallon*; Adin Potter, Rebecca Graupensperger, *Auburn Parkside*

#### *Blue Level*

#### **First Place Team - Auburn Parkside**

**Top Quizzers:** Emily Negus, Mark Graupensperger, James Vaughan, Josh Vrooman, *Auburn Parkside*; Hunter Damon, *Oroville*; Samuel Trowbridge, Michael Carper, *Amador*

**Memory Verse Competition:** A new category added this year. Quizzers reciting all 20 memory verses word perfect are: Hunter Damon, Darla Sebastain, *Oroville*; Ali James, Faith Danielson, Michael Carper, Faith Trowbridge, Samuel Trowbridge, *Amador*; Nicole Zikan, *Redding*; Julia Graupensperger, Kara Vaughan, James Vaughan, Mark Graupensperger, *Auburn Parkside*; Nicole Geiger, Sara Lego, *Yuba City*

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## Nazarene Youth International

Jerry Carter, President

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## NYI Convention/Election Results

We met in Chico February 22-23 for our yearly organizational meeting and leadership training. In addition to some great training for emerging student leaders and adult youthworkers, we elected new officers and representatives to the NYI Global Convention in Orlando, Florida, June 24-26, 2009.

Jerry Carter, NYI President, and Shawn Cox, Secretary, were re-elected to two-year terms.

Representatives to Global NYI Convention are:

**Ministers:** Mike Peoples, Sutter Creek, Shawn Hayse, Oroville, Ron Zimmer, Chico.

**Lay:** Diana Cox, Auburn, Kimie Fail, Chico, Benny Santo, Fairfield new Life.

**Students:** Courtney Cox and Justin Binion, Fairfield New Life, Makenzie Zimmer, Chico

## Summer/Fall Events

### \*For All Things NYI

Nazarene Youth International: <http://www.nyitoday.org>

Southwest Region <http://www.swnyi.org>

Sacramento District: [www.ileadyouth.net](http://www.ileadyouth.net)

**\*2008 Camps** - Online registration, promo materials, costs and earlybird dates, counselor applications...basically everything you need at one site...<http://www.sacramentocamps.org>

Canoe Camp: June 22 - 26, 2008

Senior High Camp: July 14 - 18, 2008

Junior High Camp: July 28 - August 1, 2008

**\*Fuel 2008** is an event that focuses on holiness. Don't let your group miss out on the exciting things that God is going to do in the lives of the students! Imagine what He will do with a generation that burns for Him. Go to <http://www.fuel2008.com> for info and registration materials. Contact Jon Fitzpatrick, District Coordinator, Yreka Naz, for more information. The locations and dates are:

Nampa, ID - 7/2-5 (Quizzers Only)

Toronto, Ontario: 7/10-12 Orlando, FL - 7/17-19

Los Angeles, CA: 7/24-26 Vancouver, BC: 7/31- 8/2

**\*30 Hour Famine:** This historic partnership with World Vision, Nazarene Compassionate Ministries and USA/Canada NYI exemplifies NYI's efforts to partner with leading organizations rather than trying to reproduce everything on our own. Sign up now at [www.30hourfamine.org/naz](http://www.30hourfamine.org/naz).

**\*Nazarene Preview Days: Nov 6-7, 2008** - Come experience all that Point Loma has to offer Nazarene students with a first-hand experience of life at Point Loma. This Preview is catered to Nazarene students and is designed particularly for youth groups. So youth pastors, if you'd like an unforgettable, educational, fun-filled trip for the fall, bring your youth groups to Nazarene Preview Days!

**Registration** <http://www.pointloma.edu/UndergradAdmissions/CampusVisit/PreviewDays/NazarenePreviewDays.htm>

**Cost** \$35.00 Contact Info: 619.849.2541 800.733.7770  
Shannon Hutchison, Ass't Dir. of Undergraduate Admissions  
Point Loma Nazarene University  
[www.pointloma.edu/admissions](http://www.pointloma.edu/admissions)

**\*PK's Retreat 2008** - For the past two years, the Southwest region (of which the Sac District is a part) has sponsored a Pastor's Kids Retreat in October at Point Loma Nazarene University for pk's currently in Jr. Hi./middle school or high school. The purpose is to build life-long bridges of understanding and camaraderie that will support and minister to the high pressure world of the PK. Our big issue at this point is finding an adult willing to champion this event. A PK would be ideal, but is not necessary. The second issue is transportation. A tentative plan would be to rent a van, splitting the cost between the churches sending PKs and the district NYI. Please contact me if you have some ideas concerning this crucial event!

## Sacramento District Institute of Ministry

### Summer Quarter (June-August 2008)

Sacramento: THE-3033 Theology 2

Herb Ratcliff, Instructor; Sacramento First

Stockton - CEM-2003 Intro to Christian Education

Paul Graves, Instructor; Stockton Horizon

Red Bluff - PAS-2023 History & Polity of CoNaz

Phil Hopkins, Instructor; Redding First

### Fall Quarter (September-November 2008)

Sacramento - BIB-2033 New Testament Gospels

Leon Skinner, Instructor; Sacramento Arden

Stockton - PAS 1023 Spiritual Formation

Paul Graves, Instructor; Stockton Horizon

Red Bluff - PAS-2013 Practice of Christian Ministry

Phil Hopkins, Instructor; Redding First

Susanville - BIB-2003 Biblical Interpretation

Joe Sturgeon, Instructor; Susanville

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## Upcoming Deputation

### Tim & Susan McKeithen

Jun 15 AM – Fairfield New Hope  
Jun 15 PM – Hallwood  
Jun 18 – Grass Valley  
Jun 20 – Reno 1<sup>st</sup>  
Jun 22 AM – Stockton 1<sup>st</sup>  
Jun 22 PM – Stockton 1<sup>st</sup>

### Mark & Linda Louw

Jun 29 AM – Sparks 1<sup>st</sup>  
Jun 29 PM – Sun Valley HOPE  
Jul 2 – Roseville  
Jul 5 – Susanville

### Tim & Michelle Eby

Jul 23 – Sac. Cordova  
Jul 27 AM – RL Lifepointe  
Jul 27 PM – Sac. Arden  
Jul 30 – Lodi Crossroads  
Jul 31 – Jr. High Camp  
Aug 2 – Chico 1<sup>st</sup>  
Aug 3 AM – Chico 1<sup>st</sup>  
Aug 3 PM – Auburn

### Bill & Gail Patch

Sep 6 – Stockton Horizon  
Sep 7 AM – Stockton Horizon  
Sep 7 PM – Tracy New Heart  
Sep 8 – Marysville  
Sep 9 – Grass Valley  
Sep 10 – Gardnerville  
Sep 11 – Sac- The Crossing  
Sep 12 – Willows  
Sep 13 – Paradise  
Sep 14 AM – Redding 1<sup>st</sup>  
Sep 14 PM – Placerville

## Compassionate Minsitries

Crisis Care Kits (CCKs) and School Pal Paks are needed for Zambia and to help establish a new ministry on the CIS Field. For information about CCKs, log on to:

[www.nazarenemissions.org/crisiscarekits](http://www.nazarenemissions.org/crisiscarekits).

For School Pal-Paks, log on to [www.nazarenemissions.org/default.aspx?pid=178](http://www.nazarenemissions.org/default.aspx?pid=178)

## Sutter Creek Work & Witness Trip

In March, Tamara Garner from Sutter Creek Church of the Nazarene led a Work and Witness team comprised of 2 Junior High students, 15 Senior High Students, 4 College Students and 4 adults to Panama where they worked on the Proterro Grande church, led a VBS for the village, used the Evangecubes to witness in La Chorerra and performed compassionate work in La Milagrossa.

“Panama is now a part of each one of us and we are already planning on when we can go back and take two teams, but even more than that we are ready to take what we learned and put it to use in our own community. How can we be Maxima Mission in Amador County and on the Sacramento District? After all our



# Highlights of District Assembly

April 10-11, 2008



Dr. Jerry & Toni Porter gave a moving message on prayer, followed by the congregation praying at 7 prayer stations.



Rev. Steve Scott gave his 2nd report as DS, and presented the mission initiative on Discipleship.



Rev. Steve Murakami (Sac Cordova) received the General Superintendent's Award and the Eagle Award.



About 300 people enjoyed the meal catered by Qdoba Restaurant.



Rev. Scott Hubbard (Lodi) presented mission initiative on Prayer.



Rev. Greg Nethaway presented initiative on Evangelism.



Rev. Jon Harris (Fairfield New Life) with staff Jerry Carter & Brad Stanhope presented initiative on Church Multiplication.



Ron Greeno & Steve Scott honor Kathi Eckert as she retires from the District Office. Kathi also received the Rich Borbe award.



**2008 Ordination Class:**  
 John Shearer, District Sec., Steve Scott, District Supt., Salilo & Tautua\* Tupu, Dennis\* & Geri Day, Shirley & John\*\* Luce, Jennifer & Jesse\* Morris, Dr. Jerry Porter, General Supt.  
 \*Elder \*\*Deacon

## Assembly Elections

### District Advisory Board (4-year terms)

Lay: Mike Fitzpatrick, Redding Iu Mien  
 Minister: Gary Moore, Yuba City First

**Point Loma Nazarene University Trustee** (3-year term) Minister: Mark Lehman, Sutter Creek

### General Assembly Delegates

Lay: Bob Trevan, Sacramento First, Carol Nikkel, Liberty Towers, Wendy Hubbard, Lodi Crossroads  
 Ministers: Gary Moore, Yuba City First, Mark Lehman, Sutter Creek



Rev. Herb Ireland received retirement recognition.

## Regional Quizzing Results

### CHURCH TEAM DIVISION

**FIRST PLACE - Auburn Parkside:** Emily Negus\*, Kara Vaughan\*, Julia Graupensperger, James Vaughan\*\*, Mark Graupensperger \*\*

### ALL-STAR DIVISION

**FIRST PLACE: Sacramento All Stars Team #1**

Faith Trowbridge\* William Danielson\*, Ali James\*, Samuel Trowbridge\*\*, Michael Carper\*\*, *Amador*

**Third Place: Sacramento All Stars Team #2**

Hunter Damon\*\*, Darla Sebastain\*, *Oroville*; Nicole Geiger\*, *Yuba City*; Allyson Harrigan\*, *Reno*; Jeffrey Carr, *Sparks*

**Seventh Place: Sacramento All Stars Team #3**

Josh Vrooman\*\*, Hannah Vaughan, *Auburn Parkside*; Emily Stevenson, *Reno*, Faith Danielson, *Amador*; Sara Lego\*, *Yuba City*

**Alternates Division:** Nicole Zikan\*\*, *Redding*

\*Perfect Round; \*\*Perfect Score (2 rounds)

The new quiz year starts up at the end of August. We will be studying the book of Exodus. If you have any questions, call Jim Mathews at 775-972-8406 or email him at [quizkids@earthlink.net](mailto:quizkids@earthlink.net).



### JUNE

- 19 PLNUWA @ Woodland
- 22-26 Canoe Camp
- 29-7/5 Youth Works
- 30-7/2 Explorer Camp
- 30-7/4 Discovery Camp

### JULY

- 2 National NYI Bible Quiz NNU
- 14-16 PLNU Prayer Summit
- 14-18 Senior High Camp
- 17 District Advisory Board
- 28-8/1 Junior High Camp

### AUGUST

- 4-10 Family Camp
- 11 Adventure Deadline
- 21 PLNUWA at Sac First

### SEPTEMBER

- 7 Grandparents/Prime Time Day
- 12-13 District Women's Retreat
- 18 District Advisory Board
- PLNUWA @ Woodland
- 30-10/3 SoloCon 2008
- Prime Time Retreat

## Family Camp 2008

### August 4-10, 2008

**Diamond Arrow Christian Conference Grounds  
15742 N. Bloomfield Rd., Nevada City, CA 95959**



**Kevin Angel**

Mon PM/Tue AM



**Brad Dyrness**

Tue PM/Wed AM



**Greg Nethaway**

Wed PM/Thu AM



**Steve Scott**

Thu PM/Fri AM



**Dr. Oliver Philips**

Fri PM / Sun AM

*"Letters from Joseph to the 21st Century Church"*

*A spiritual journey as people of God / 1 Peter 2:10*

### Daily Schedule

First Service - August 4, 7:15 pm

- 7:15 am Wake Up With a Legend, led by Dr. Robert Scott
- 10:00 Morning Service/Teen Chapel/Children's Service
- 7:15 pm Evening Service/Children's Service

Activities include: Swimming pool, Ropes Course, Rock Climbing, Softball, Volleyball, etc.

Find Directions at [www.diamondarrow.org](http://www.diamondarrow.org)



**Cathy Scharf**  
Children's Ministry



**Dennis Druckhammer**  
Youth Ministry