



Christmas Greetings

Sacramento District Church of the Nazarene

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The amazing season of Advent is here,

and most likely we will be hearing:

*Hark, the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King.
Peace on earth and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled."*

IS IT YOUR PASSION TO **engage** IN THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH SO THAT HOWEVER LONG IT TAKES, AND HOWEVER MUCH IS COSTS, SINNERS ARE **reconciled** TO GOD THROUGH A MINISTRY OF MERCY?

*Joyful, all ye nations rise; join the triumph of the skies.
With the angelic hosts proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem."*

DO YOU INTERACT IN YOUR CHURCH'S MINISTRY LIKE SOMEONE WHO'S JUST IN THE **way** OF WHAT GOD WANTS TO DO, OR ARE YOU TRULY **in** THE WAY OF GOD'S PLAN FOR YOUR COMMUNITY?

Hark, the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

OUR HOPE IS THAT YOUR CHURCH WILL JOYOUSLY CELEBRATE THE BIRTH OF CHRIST THROUGH A MINISTRY OF **grace** AND **peace** TO YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY!

Merry Christmas from the Sacramento District!

Steve Scott, District Superintendent

Carol Nikkel, Office Manager

Mike Havens, District Administrator

Sueann Angel, Office Assistant

October 2008 Statistics		
	SS Min.	Worship
Angels Camp New Hope	30	31
Auburn Parkside	200	249
Carson City Connected	24	95
Chico First	0	135
Dayton Valley	10	46
Dorris	35	61
Fairfield New Hope	75	106
Fairfield New Life	417	470
Fallon	134	386
Gardnerville Crossroads	*130	*180
Grass Valley	21	30
Hallwood	37	68
Laguna Cornerstone	39	83
Lemmon Valley	47	68
Lincoln Emmaus	90	204
Live Oak	12	70
Lodi Crossroads/Heartland	240	340
Manteca Journey	40	66
Marysville	34	50
Mount Shasta	25	22
Oroville	233	613
Paradise	30	97
Placerville	104	127
Red Bluff	49	77
Redding First	244	422
Redding Gateway	32	51
Redding IU Mien	*24	*73
Reno First	60	78
Rio Linda LifePointe	57	125
<i>Rio Linda Mien</i>	42	77
Roseville First	89	184
Sac Arden	145	142
Sac Cordova	95	150
Sac First	97	184
Sac Hispanic	6	18
Sac Korean Bethel	21	61
Sac Liberty Towers	136	366
<i>Sac LT Hispanic</i>	15	57
Sac New Covenant	88	83
<i>New Cov Mien</i>	11	29
<i>New Cov Samoan</i>	0	69
Sac Samoan	85	85
Sac The Crossing	31	203
Sparks Faith	116	39
Sparks First	205	271
<i>Sparks 1st Latino</i>	0	39
Stockton First -English	*15	*36
<i>Renacer</i>	*60	*41
<i>Cambodian</i>	*10	*12
Stockton Horizon	591	189
Stockton Samoan	*81	*85
Sun Valley Hope	*14	*18
Susanville	90	145
Sutter Creek	340	448
Tracy New Heart	23	121
Truckee Tahoe Forest	0	181
Vacaville	50	172
Weaverville	74	116
West Sac Southport	60	75
Willows	10	23
Woodland	37	56
Yerington	17	35
Yreka	59	161
Yuba City -Main	1689	2152
<i>YC Gridley</i>	0	75
<i>YC Korean</i>	0	16
Month's Average	6319	10611
* Estimate, No Report		

Sunday School & Discipleship Ministries

Renee' Bennett, Chairperson

915 Rosemarie Lane / Stockton, CA 95207 / 209-951-6760



www.discipleship.nazarene.org

This Discipleship Summit is available to your local church to use according to your needs, plans, programs, and schedules. On this website you will find all the resources and information you need to help your church learn the global principles of discipleship and to assist you in your calling to make Christlike disciples in the nations.

The process is simple:

- Download videos in either Spanish or English.
- Download teaching resources for each session.
- Study Discipleship principles in your church, Sunday School, and small groups.
- Empower every member to answer, "Who am I discipling, and who is discipling me?"

I encourage anyone passionate about Discipleship to go to this site and begin being equipped TODAY! This has been developed for YOU!

Log onto www.discipleship.nazarene.org today to learn more about this awesome resource for you and your team.

General Convention
Sunday School & Discipleship Ministries
June 24-29, 2009
Orlando, Florida

Adult Ministries

Mark Your Calendars!

District Women's Conference September 18-19, 2009



Speaker: Dr. Carolyn Johnson of Firm Foundation Ministries.

Check out Carolyn's website at: www.firmfoundationministries.org. Watch for more information in the months to come.

- Need Help with your Local Women's Ministries Program?
- Want to be added to the District Women's Ministries newsletter or mailing list?

Please contact Patty Powers at plpowers@verizon.net.

Your District Council is available with resources and help.

Prime Time Ministries

Age 55 & Up



√ Jamaica Journey

Jan 22-Feb 4, 2009

A Prime Time Work & Witness Event

Check it out at www.goprime-time.org or contact Rev. Charles Bledsoe, Eastern Michigan District, 392 Meadows Circle, Wixom, Michigan 48393.

√ Prime Time Willow Valley

October 6-9, 2009 - Lancaster, PA

Come join us at Willow Valley as we participate in spiritually-renewing services and enjoy inspiring music and dynamic speakers. We will socialize with old friends and make new ones! Plan to attend seminars that help Prime Timers stay sharp and rejoice in Jesus! Register now for your spot in this exciting event.

Register on-line at www.nazarene.org (go to the Adult Ministries/Prime Time section), or get information by writing:

Prime Time, Global Ministry Center,
17001 Prairie Star Parkway
Lenexa, KS 66220.



Children's Ministries

Tad Gilstrap, Director

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Yuba City, CA 95993
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We Have a Lot to Celebrate!

This time of year reminds us how blessed we are in so many ways. Despite the current struggles so many are facing personally and nationally, we can still praise God when we keep Jesus as our focus and our rock.

During this holiday season, Let's try to keep that "Heavenly big picture" as we celebrate His birth and the incredible love our God has for us. As we minister to the children God has entrusted to us - as parents, grandparents or teachers - let's not forget that "big picture" perspective and remember how truly blessed we really are.

Summer Camps

Camp is one of the most powerful events in the spiritual life of a kid. If I had to pick only one special event for a child to attend during the year, camp would be my choice. Start praying and setting aside just a few dollars a week and you'll be ready for a great week this summer for your kids. You might even consider joining in as a counselor or helper and receive a personal blessing.

Online registration information should be ready early in 2009.



Explorer Camp - M-W, July 27-29

Going into second grade

Discovery Camp - M-F, July 27-31

Going into 3rd, 4th, or 5th grades

Junior High Camp - M-F, June 29-July 3

Going into 6th, 7th, & 8th

Camps are held at
Diamond Arrow Christian Campgrounds
Nevada City, CA



Nazarene Youth International

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www.ileadyouth.net

TEEN SPECTACULAR SPORT & TALENT COMPETITION

Saturday, March 21, 2009

William Jessup University

300 Sunset Ave. Rocklin, CA

At \$20 per person - Co-ed Flag Football, Co-ed Soccer, Girls Volleyball, High School Boys Basketball

At \$10 per person - Open Gym Dodgeball, Co-ed Dodgeball, High School Girls Basketball, High School Boys Basketball, Co-ed Volleyball

Individual events, \$10 per person - Ping-Pong, Foosball, VolleySquare (like at H.S. Camp & NYC), Paintball (bring equipment & be prepared to buy paint and spend a bit more money than the \$10 entry fee), Video Gaming

Talent Events, \$20 for Scholarship Division, \$10 for Non-Scholarship - Instrumental, Vocal Solo, Vocal Group, Keyboard, Puppetry, Drama, Band, Art (any medium)

**For registration and detailed information go to
www.ileadyouth.net.**

TEEN BIBLE QUIZZING

Oroville Church won the first quiz meet held at the Oroville Church. **Angela Archer** was the top scorer. The top 16 scorers were: Myriah Yam, Caleb Yam, Jesse Keeler, Reagan Keeler, Josh Kruse; *Oroville*, Nicole Geiger, Nate Geiger, Cammy Mattice, *Yuba City*; Daniel Graupensperger, Donald Negus, Angela Archer, Charlie Negus, *Auburn Parkside*; Maria Conrad, Joey Conrad, Ginny Conrad, *Fairfield*; Grant Milham, *Reno*

The teens are quizzing on the Gospel of John. The remaining quiz schedule is:

December 12-13 at Auburn Parkside

January 30-31 at Yuba City

March 13-14 at Auburn Parkside

For All Things NYI

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

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

www.ileadyouth.net - Info for the Sacramento District

2009 Cross Style Conference

Featuring Evangelist Stephen Manley

January 23-25, 2009

Stockton Horizon

*A saturated focus in the message of the cross through worship, preaching and teaching.

*Saturday is an intensive day of sessions.

*Children's activities and nursery will be provided.

*Two meals will be provided.

There is no registration fee (love offering taken), but space is limited! If you are bringing a group, please contact Stockton Horizon to reserve seats.

209-478-4789

Sacramento District Institute of Ministry

*Winter Quarter
(December to February)*

Sacramento First

BIB-3013 Hebrew Prophets
Herb Ratcliff, Instructor

Stockton - Manteca Journey Nazarene

PAS-1023 Spiritual Formation
Freeman Hodgins, Instructor

Redding First

PAS-2023 History & Polity of the Nazarene Church
Phil Hopkins, Instructor

Susanville

PAS 1023 - Spiritual Formation
Joe Sturgeon, Instructor

*Spring Quarter (Tentative)
March to May*

Yuba City

PAS-2023 History & Polity of the Nazarene Church
Instructor - Michael Voudouris

Stockton

HIS-2013 Western World -Ancient/Medieval Times
Instructor - Paul Graves

Redding - Yet to be determined

Susanville - No Class in Spring Quarter

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One Heart, Many Hands Orlando, Florida, June 21-26, 2009



Our mission is to bring willing individuals and resources together in order to improve the lives of people in need. *One Heart, Many Hands* partners with government agencies, businesses, faith-based entities, healthcare facilities, neighborhood organizations, and educational institutions. But most importantly, we partner with tens of thousands of volunteers just like you who begin by simply asking “What can I do to help?”

For Orlando 2009, we anticipate at least 3000 volunteers working on no less than 160 different service projects. Over the course of 5 days, we’re making ourselves available to repair homes in low-income neighborhoods, clean parks, paint community and senior centers and much more.

What we do now will not only have a positive impact today, but will plant seeds of change that will continue growing for generations. www.oneheartmanyhands.com

NMI’s Prayer Mobilization Line’s subscriber list has grown to 10,076 people. We encourage you to sign up to pray for our missionaries and the work of the Church of the Nazarene globally. Prayer makes a difference! Log on to: www.nazarenemissions.org/PMLSubscribe.aspx.

Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM) challenged district NMI presidents (DPs) to sponsor 500 children through their Child Sponsorship program. To the first district that reached the goal, NCM offered to fund the cost of that DP’s trip to the Horn of Africa on the Prayer Vision Tour. Although no district reached 500, NCM funded a portion of the trip for the district with the highest number of sponsorships. And that district was the Kansas City District and NMI President Eunice Brubaker. Congratulations, Eunice and the KC District. Sacramento District came in fourth. Together, we sponsored a total of 5,606 children.

General NMI Convention/Global Mission Conf.

- ◆ *One Heart Many Hands* — June 21-26, 2009
- ◆ NMI Convention/Global Mission Conference — Wednesday, June 24 through Sunday, June 28, 2009
- ◆ NMI Convention Business — Wednesday, June 24 through Friday, June 26, 2009
- ◆ Family Day — Monday, June 29, 2009

Prayer Vision Tour 2008

In October, 74 Nazarene mission leaders from 10 different countries journeyed to the Horn of Africa to experience and learn from a Book-of-Acts holiness mission movement, pray for leaders, missionaries, nationals, and churches in this movement, to return with vision for discipling leaders and developing churches in our nations, and to fellowship with mission leaders from many nations eager to invest in mission.

Gerry Myers and Dawn Anderson from the Sacramento District NMI Council were a part of this amazing tour. Check out a trip blog at <http://pvtethiopia.blogspot.com>.

World News

*In some areas of the 10/40 Window, witnessing to the gospel means death. In high risk areas, JESUS film teams use iPods to show the *JESUS* film one-on-one. New believers join underground churches to grow in their walk with Christ.

***A ministry for children**, The House of James, celebrating its 2nd anniversary, is set up as family-type homes, up to 10 kids per home. To date, two homes are in operation. For more information, go to www.houseofjames.org.

***Namibia**—The Northwest Zone met in August where District Superintendent Michael Shalley announced the organization of 13 new congregations and received 1,291 individuals as full members of the Church of the Nazarene.

***Guatemala**— Rev. Russell Long and a team from the Bel Air (Maryland) Church attended the dedication of two sanctuaries for Maya Indian congregations funded by his church under mission partnerships. One church was packed with more than 400 people who walked for miles for the service.

***Papua New Guinea**—A new World Mission Broadcast radio program for children, KILOP (“*Krais I Laikim Olgeta Pikinini*”; translation—“Christ Loves All Kids”) aired on six stations in its first month.

***Serbia**—Thousands of children, many illiterate or with disabilities, live in group care such as orphanages, dormitories, and foster care. Less than 0.2 percent of Serbia’s 10 million people are evangelical Christian. These isolated children have little hope of hearing about Jesus Christ’s love for them.

***Eight Eritrean Christian high school students** were locked in a metal shipping container in extremely hot temperatures as the result of their objection to the burning of 1,500 Bibles. This torture is commonly used against Christians.. Almost 2,000 believers are thought to be under arrest in the country, including nearly 30 clergymen.

***Laos**— A general crackdown on Christianity is occurring across Laos. Church buildings have been demolished, and Christians have been harassed for not meeting in a proper worship structure. In another village, a chief fines believers for holding a church service.

Change in *Adventure* Mailing

This will be your last hard copy issue of the *Adventure*. Beginning with the Spring issue, the *Adventure* will be delivered by email. If you received this issue via email, you don't have to do anything. If not, please send us your email address. We will send a limited number of hard copies to each church.

Please send your email address to sangel@sacnaz.org.

You can also visit our website for news and events: www.sacnaz.org

Plan NOW for Family Camp

August 3-9, 2009

Scheduled Worship Speakers

Dr. Dan Copp

Director of Clergy Development
Church of the Nazarene/Kansas City, MO
(Grew up attending Sacramento North Church)

Dr. Vicki Copp

Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology
Director of Supervised Ministries
Nazarene Theological Seminary / Kansas City, MO
(Grew up in a Nazarene Pastor's Home)

Point Loma Nazarene University Women's Auxiliary

We invite you to become a part of our Women's Auxiliary. Our workday meetings are held the third Thursday of each month, 10:00-2:00. We enjoy a great time of fellowship and handwork (crochet, knit, embroider, crafts, etc.). Bring your lunch, browse our boutique, and enjoy the relaxed, casual camaraderie. Our next meeting is at Sacramento New Covenant Church, 7128 Florin Perkins Rd., Sacramento, CA. The February meeting will be in Woodland, and March will be at Sacramento First.

*Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year from
the PLNUWA Board.*



A Loss in the District Family

Bruce Webb

1933-2008

After a short and peaceful fight with cancer, Bruce Webb went to be with Jesus on October 21, 2008 at the age of 75, with his family by his side. He is survived by his wife, Gina, son Mark and wife, Debbie, of Weiser, Idaho, son Scott and wife Tammie of Modesto, CA, and 14 grandchildren.

Bruce graduated from Pasadena College with a Master's in Religious Education. While attending Pasadena College, Bruce excelled in track and field where he set records that lasted many years. He was named All American and inducted into the Pasadena College Hall of Fame. He also sang in a quartet and played the trombone.

Bruce pastored congregations in Los Angeles, Nampa College, Seattle First, and Upland before becoming Director of Admissions at Northwest Nazarene College, where he also taught Christian Education. He served as an associate at Sparks First for 5 years under Pastor Herb Ireland.

A memorial and celebration of Bruce's life was held Friday, October 24 at College Church in Nampa, Idaho.



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District Golf Tournament
Thanks for your contribution!

**America's Christian
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**Beverly Sowlen, Manager
Loomis**

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Steve Green
Placerville, CA**

Manteca Journey Church - Ray & Virgie Wickett, Holly Towe, Sheri Middleton, Katie Bavo, Carolyn Reid, Trisha Fells, Margie Armstrong

Redding First - Jeanene Allen, Dwayne & Caryn Corbin, Dawn Deines, Tana Herchold, Michael & Connie Lewis, Brandee Mays, Brenda Rueter, Ryan & Jeannette Schmall, Tony Shuman, Wayne Smith, James & Rebecca Sutton

Sacramento Arden - J. Hannum, Shawn Martin, Sunita Singh, John Phillips, Bill Belon, Sheri Belon, Tom Martin

Sacramento First - Caroline Zurriga-Walia, Margaret Willey

Sparks First - Michael Schwager, Diane Swanson, Dustin & Tamera Freeman

Vacaville - Orlando & Ivone Garcia, Jeremiah & Miriam Schutz

Weaverville - Max & Jennifer Mucklow, Anthony & Heather Quihuiz, John & Bea Berry, Tom & MaryJo Fiermonte, Retha Blankenship, Kris Gurley, Jim & Debi White, Seth Clark, Tracey Berry, Judy Gray, Jeff Gray

Woodland - Steve & Cindy Graham, Gary & Jeannie Barnett

Yerington - Pam Wilson



DECEMBER

6 Children's Quiz

JANUARY 2009

15 District Advisory Board
17 District Nominating Committee
18 Sanctity of Life Sunday
Life Line Sunday
24 NMI Council
25 Nazarene Seminary Offering

FEBRUARY

6 Pastor's Day at Point Loma
7 Children's Quiz
10 Adventure Deadline
13 Church Pages & Photos Deadline for Assembly Yearbook
19 PLNUWA at Woodland
20-21 Acquire the Fire - ARCO Arena
28 END OF CHURCH YEAR

MARCH

13 PASTORS REPORTS DUE
19 District Advisory Board
PLNUWA @ Sacramento First
21 Children's Quiz
Teen Spectacular
23-24 Credentials Board

APRIL

12 Easter
16 PLNUWA at Sacramento Arden
25 District Finance Committee
Regional Children's Quiz

MAY

14-15 ACOMM at Auburn Parkside

JUNE

21-26 Canoe Camp
24-7/3 General Conventions and General Assembly in Orlando, FL
29-7/3 Junior High Camp

JULY

27-29 Explorer Camp
27-31 Discovery Camp

AUGUST

3-9 Family Camp

Year-End Information

***January** - Local Church nominating committee meets; letters are sent to nominees for local church offices

***February** - Annual Church Meetings and Elections

***February 13** - Church page is due for the Yearbook, along with pastoral family photos, full-time staff photos, and photos for yearbook page

***February 28** - Church Year Ends

***March** - Newly elected Officers are in place

***March 13** - Pastors' Reports are Due in the District Office

***May 14-15** - ACOMM (District Assembly and Missions Convention) at the Auburn Parkside Church of the Nazarene