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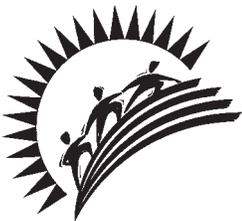
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MISSION STATEMENT

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.

Where does it all begin?

It's the giving season, the holidays, Christmas Vacation, and it's a celebration of the Advent/**COMING** of Christ. So, where does it all begin? Well, let's see:

- * Make a list...check it twice?
- * Add/Delete names in the Christmas greeting address book?
- * Confirm travel arrangements on Southwest.com?
- * Buy chestnuts...build a fire?

Back in the day, I remember reading through Christmas catalogs and folding down the page corners of those "dream gift wishes." Now, my sons send me a text or a link to something I can order on line. I am virtually guaranteed to have it arrive, absolutely/positively before Christmas. How great is that?

But where does it all begin?

I'm hearing in Romans 5 that before we knew someone out there was **FOR** us, when we were almost convinced there was no hope for real meaning in this life, it all began with His gracious act of **LOVE** for us. Amazing to think He didn't act in response to our preferences, or any false sense of entitlement that we may have had. He came because of what **HE** thought of us – His creation, His desire, His hope for a world overwhelmed with sin. Now that's the **FIRST** gift I want to open this year. I've found it has a profound effect on what people get from **ME**.

So here's where it all begins!

Matt Redman expresses it about as profoundly as I know:

*Jesus Christ, I think upon Your sacrifice; You became nothing, poured out to death.
Many times I've wondered at Your gift of life; And I'm in that place once again.*

Once again I look upon the cross where You died.

I'm humbled by Your mercy, and I'm broken inside.

Once again I thank You, once again I pour out my life.

Please join me through intentional prayer for those around us in the days to come:

"Oh God, deliver us from despair and self regard, transform us by Your **GIFT**,
and liberate us to release the love of Christ as a gift to everyone we see!"

Yours in Christ,
Steve Scott, Superintendent



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Sunday School & Discipleship Ministries



To be and to make Christlike Disciples who make Christlike Disciples - that is the mission of Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries International. Each member of every local church who is serious about following Christ should ask themselves these two questions: “Who is discipling me?” and “Who am I discipling?” The best way to be a disciple is to disciple. As Paul said: Follow me as I follow Christ. (1 Corinthians 11:1)

A Discipleship Summit is coming to our District in 2008.

Those encouraged to attend are pastors, staff, and all SDMI ministry leaders of the local church. The Summits are an opportunity for ministry leaders - pastoral and lay - to explore discipleship together in the 21st century.

**Who is discipling you?
 Who are you discipling?**

To be and make Christlike disciples implies re-thinking methods and priorities. Local church ministry leaders will learn from other local ministry leaders what is and is not working. Help build your local strategy for the pursuit of the mission. Find out the best practices in Sunday School and disciple-making that others are using effectively in your region. Send all your ministry leaders to a 2008 Discipleship Summit.

We need to learn from you. What is helping you accomplish your mission? What is hindering your effectiveness? What effective methods are you using? What resources do you need to make disciples?

Discover a fresh passion for pursuit of the mission. Re-vitalization of the Sunday School and passionate discipleship ministries are the future. Help create it.

Come to Liberty Towers Church of the Nazarene January 12, 2008.

To register, and for more information, go to: discipleship.nazarene.org



...**Sparks First** for presenting a wonderful *Showcase of Christian Education and Missions*. Team Day Eastside was an inspirational and informative event. Pastor Brad Dyrness and his staff and

people did an outstanding job of sharing how they are creating Christlike disciples in the Reno/Sparks area and the nations.

Thank you Charles Brodhead
We will miss you!

Charles Brodhead has been our District Adult Ministries for the last four years and has recently accepted a new position off the District. Charles has been a great help in planning and preparation for Team Day events. Pray for Charles as he begins a new season of ministry in Lompoc.

General Church Presents Award for “Outstanding Growth In Youth Ministries” to Sacramento District



Sunday School Growth Award Recipients: (front row) Larry Spraker, Alan Granat, Richard Henry, Daniel Campbell, **Charles Brodhead**; (back row) Woodie Stevens, Wilma Pauley, Steve Dickerson, Lynda Boardman, Larry Morris



Women's Ministry Update

The District Women's Council stepped out in faith by offering a free conference to the women of our district. It was radical - a faith builder - but God supplied our needs. We were enriched because of Corinne Stanley and Michelle Ritter leading us on a "A Walk into the Holy of Holies".

The revealing journey took us into a "deeper understanding of God's word, true worship and powerful prayer." We saw and understood "the hidden plan of God for the forgiveness, redemption and salvation of mankind through Jesus the Messiah. There are FREE online lessons for 'A Walk Into The Holy Of Holies' that you can study off the internet. Lesson 1 through 5 available at revealingjourney.org

If you want the District Women's Newsletter sent to you electronically, you can get on our e-mail list by sending your e-mail address to Julie Grossman at:
mjulianne@snowcrest.net

Mark Your Calendar for 2008 Retreat September 12-13, 2008 - Yuba City First Kathy Slamp, Guest Speaker

Kathy Slamp of Vessel Ministries brings her inspiring and challenging messages to help her audiences grasp basic and vital Biblical concepts. We will all rejoice as we discover we are chosen to be vessels of honor and joy - we all are chosen to carry this amazing treasure: Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Web site: www.vesselministries.com

Prime Time Ministries Age 55 & Up



Centennial Celebration
September 30-October 3, 2008

Celebrate the centennial of the Church of the Nazarene in Kansas City. Watch for more information at www.amc.nazarene.org.

Discipleship is the WORD! We are hearing a lot about this within our churches and across our district and denomination. What is discipleship? It is reaching and teaching others with the life saving, hope giving message of Jesus Christ. It is making Christ-like disciples (followers of Christ).

The question for us who are working with children or are parents of these wonderful little ones: Is discipleship for kids? MOST DEFINITELY! In fact it is probably the most crucial area to start discipleship. Our children, your children have enormous faith. If they believe and trust in you (teachers, parents, guardians, friends) they will receive with great faith what you teach them. They will surrender their life to a Savior who loves them. They will live a life for Jesus, if only they are taught!

*Will you teach them? Will you show them?
Will you lead them?*

There are many resources available to assist both teachers and families to disciple our young ones. Here are some web-sites:

- www.nph.com
- www.billygraham.org/grason
- www.empoweringkids.net
- www.family.org

These are just a few resources. In addition, your District Children's Council is available for assistance. To find out who your closest council member is, contact your local church office or myself at rbennett@myhcf.net.

Children's Quizzing

Check out quizzing results on Page 6.





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 www.sacny.org

Upcoming Events & Opportunities

December - Junior High/Middle School Xtremz Events with Youth-For-Christ: Dirt cheap; all your sponsors (even ones in high school) are free; you can buy tickets early and they reimburse you if you can't bring as many as you thought; great speakers; and solid beginning to end security wise and age appropriateness.

If you haven't read Jonathon McKees latest two books, *Do They Run When They See You Coming*, and *Getting Students to Show Up*, you need to! This event has every facet of a true "outreach" event down to the "T". Read the books, go to the event, and learn how to put on a real outreach event that really reaches non-believers!

www.yfcmministries.org

January 3-5 -SANCTUARY - Youth Pastor's Retreat at Point Loma Nazarene University. 'Nough said? Sanctuary is a youth pastors couples or personal retreat designed to refresh and recharge youth ministers. Workshops, worship, and peace and quiet...or not; your call at this event! Register at uc.nyitoday.org!

January 18-21 - Junior High Winter Retreat at Mission Springs in Santa Cruz! This event has very limited space so contact Mike Peoples at Sutter Creek Nazarene if you are interested in this new, district-wide event.

The following two events are taking shape at www.ileadyouth.net. Please log in and join the discussion! Both are under the FORUMS tab.

Feb? - NYI Convention/Student Leadership Convention
 Mar 14-15- Teen Spectacular/William Jessup University

Just Over the Horizon Events/Opportunities

...Don't be Caught Snoozing. Plan Now!

***ELEVATE - Simply The Ultimate High School Teen Retreat!** Memorial Day Weekend, Friday-Monday, over 1,000 teenagers from Hawaii, Nevada, New Mexico, Arizona, and Cali-top to bottom! Compete, eat in the café, hang, sleep in the dorms, worship, side trips to surf, snorkel, sea canoe and more! All for \$109! For info and registration, Go to www.swny.org!

2008 Camps: All right! Here are your 2008 camp dates

Canoe Camp: June 22 - 26, 2008

Senior High Camp: July 14 - 18, 2008

Junior. High Camp: July 28 - August 1, 2008

Youth Works 2008 (formerly Project Y.E.S.)

Baja, Mexico: June 28-July 5; \$350

Buenos Aires, Argentina;

Trip 1: July 10-20 Trip 2: July 20-30; \$1800

Dates and pricing subject to minor change.

youthworks@pointloma.edu 619-849-2542

www.pointloma.edu/youthworks

FUEL 2007 in LA

FUEL is focused on heart holiness, discipleship, and spiritual formation. It is a follow-up to NYC 2007 where 9,600 students and sponsors experienced a fresh anointing of God's Spirit. Space is limited at each site. Contact Jon Fitzpatrick at Yreka for more info or go to www.fuel2008.com for sites, costs, etc.

J Fang Jesus for a New Generation

An incredible website designed for sharing mission projects! Local churches around the globe can post projects that they need help completing while other local churches can log on and sponsor selected projects. Team work across the globe! The Idea: A Global Church can take local needs from a global area, post the need online and connect it to a local youth group that is interested in filling the need! Great concept, so get involved! <http://www.nyitoday.org/jfang.php>

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. The goal this year is for 1,000 local churches raising funds for a combined project in Mzimba, Malawi. Sign up now at www.30hourfamine.org/naz.

Sacramento District Institute of Ministry

Winter Quarter 2007-08 (December to February)

Stockton - PAS 4023 Church Administration & Finance

Instructor: Freeman Hodgins

Yuba City - HIS 2023 Western World/Modern

Instructor: Michael Voudouris

Susanville - OTR 2013 Global Evangelism

Instructor: Joe Sturgeon

Red Bluff - HIS 2023 - Western World/Modern

Instructor: Phil Hopkins

Carson City - PAS 2023 History & Polity of the

Church of the Nazarene

Instructor: David Tatum

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Did you know?

- ✦ According to NCM, Inc., Crisis Care Kits (CCKs) can be requested by a district superintendent or pastor to be sent to a specific area in need of aid. Keep this in mind when there is a need on your district.
- ✦ The Church of the Nazarene uses the term “world area,” as opposed to country, because some of the places in which we have a presence are departments of other countries or the equivalent of states in a country. However, due to their culture or location, they are listed as their own area. An example is Martinique (a department of France, but located in the Caribbean Region).
- ✦ The Church of the Nazarene uses the term “have (has) a presence” because we do not always have churches in some areas. It may be that a world area has been approved for entrance by the General Board; however, the work has not progressed to the point where there is a worshipping body there.
- ✦ A misconception—Just because we have work in a world area, it does not mean we currently have missionaries there. Depending on the area, missionaries may never actually live there—they may just make trips in and out. However, most world areas this applies to are areas where the work has advanced to the point that national leaders are supervising the work. This is indeed a cause for celebration.
- ✦ More than \$35,000 was given by districts and churches for missionary kids to attend NYC '07 in St. Louis. We had 31 students attend with the Missionary Student District and 14 missionary students that attended with their home districts. Sponsors were Carlos and Robin Radi, Darin Goodwin, and Silvia Bauza.
- ✦ In 2006, a total of 1,051,680 labor hours were donated by individuals and churches participating in global Work & Witness trips. The top participating states were Ohio, California, Kansas, and Florida.

Jesus Film

Single Voice Narration for *JESUS* Campus Crusade for Christ (CCC) recently announced the 1,000th translation of the *JESUS* film. The Church of the Nazarene (COTN) has historically used 246 translations for 316 Nazarene ministry teams. As teams enter new areas where translations aren't available, on-site verbal translations are necessary. The COTN and CCC have formed a partnership to produce Single Voice Narration versions vs. full character audio versions of the film.

Baghdad Prayer Patrol

Prayercentral.net offers the “Baghdad Prayer Patrol,” a plan for people who wish to pray regularly for the troops, police, and people of Baghdad. By subscribing to the “Prayer Patrol” e-mail, participants receive a daily prayer assignment e-mail that specifies geographic and spiritual needs and includes a satellite map with close-up views of Baghdad neighborhoods designated as hot spots. The site also offers other prayer resources for those who are serious about prayer and those who want to be. Prayercentral.net is a Christian Web-based ministry dedicated to inspiring, instructing, and engaging people in prayer.

30 Hour Famine

Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM) has partnered with World Vision for the “2008 Nazarene 30 Hour Famine,” aimed at involving Nazarene youth and changing lives. The collaboration between NCM and World Vision brings personnel together to teach sustainable agricultural practices to farmers in Mzimba, Malawi. Nazarene youth are being challenged to learn about world hunger, experience a 30-hour fast, and raise funds to feed and care for children who live in deplorable conditions. For more information, go to www.30hourfamine.org/naz.

Film Impacts Wichi/Cali Communities

The World Mission film *From the Dark* is already having an impact in Argentina and Colombia. Recently the South America Communications team held a showing of the film at a Nazarene church in Wichi, Argentina. The church was full, with many people looking through windows and front doors. When the invitation was given at the end of the film, nine people raised their hands to accept Christ. The first showing of the film at the Cali Church of the Nazarene had Felix Vargas in attendance (the transformation of Felix's life is the subject of the film). Following the showing, Felix shared his testimony and 125 people responded. To learn more about this new film, log on to www.fromthedarkfilm.com.

Children's Bible Quizzing Zone Quiz Results



RED LEVEL - Perfect Score

Lisa Vaughan, Rebecca Graupensperger,
Connor Vrooman, *Auburn Parkside*; Lydia
Christ, *Yuba City*; Faith Bennett, *Sparks 1st*;
Joel Mincer, *Fallon*

RED LEVEL - Perfect Round

Caleb Angel, Logen Cook, *Auburn Parkside*;
Justin Orner, *Sparks 1st*; Chase Boynton,
Sean Wood, *Fallon*

BLUE LEVEL - Team Scores

Amador	1085 Points
Auburn Parkside	1050 Points
Oroville	1030 Points

BLUE LEVEL - Perfect Scores

Darla Sebastain, Hunter Damon, Luke
Sebastain, *Oroville*; Will Danielson, Faith
Trowbridge, Sam Trowbridge, Faith
Danielson, Michael Carper, Aly James,
Amador; Nicole Zikan, *Redding 1st*, Emily
Negus, Mark Graupensperger, James
Vaughan, Julia Graupensperger, Kara Vaughan
Auburn Parkside

BLUE LEVEL - Perfect Round

Jake Lindsey, *Redding 1st*, Nicole Geiger,
Sarah Lego, Sam Morgan, *Yuba City 1st*;
Bethany Angel, Josh Vrooman, Nicholas
Appert, Rachel Geiger, *Auburn Parkside*;
Ally Harrison, *Reno*; Tim Camper, *Fallon*;
Jeffrey Carr, Kayla Carr, Casey Morton,
Sparks 1st

Next Quiz Meet is December 1st and covers
the first ten chapters of Genesis.

Point Loma Nazarene University Women's Auxiliary

PLNUWA was organized in 1967 to serve our university in a variety of ways. Those chapter members who live in the area of the university act as hostesses, registrars, and campus guides at special events. The Auxiliary set the improvement of the university as one of its primary goals, with emphasis on making student surroundings more pleasant and comfortable. We have been involved in refurbishing dorms, classrooms, outdoor lighting, and landscaping, just to name a few of our projects.

You can be involved by praying for the needs of the university and the students who attend, by encouraging young people to attend PLNU, and by contributing to our projects by becoming a member of the Auxiliary for just \$10 a year.

We would welcome you into membership and as a part of our auxiliary fellowship. We meet the third Thursday of the month from 10:00 to 2:00. Bring a sack lunch and come to fellowship, work on projects, or look over our boutique. You'll find some unique hand-crafted items for yourself or to give as gifts. Upcoming meetings are:

January 17 at Sacramento New Covenant

February 21 at Rio Linda LifePointe

*We wish each of you a joyous
and blessed Christmas
and a happy new year. May the
Christ of Christmas
bless and fill your
heart with His peace.*

The PLNUWA Council



Ministerial Credentials/Studies Board Meets February 25-26, 2008

If you are a ministerial student seeking your first district license, please make sure your transcripts have been sent to Rev. Jim Richardson and that your name has been submitted to Rev. John Shearer to receive an application. The deadline for completed applications is February 11.

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\$1900 Raised for Camps at Sacramento District Benefit Golf Tournament

Forty golfers met at Teal Bend Golf Club on Friday, September 28, for the District's Benefit Golf Tournament. Rev. Freeman Hodgins served as our tournament coordinator. There were door prizes and awards, plus a barbecue dinner. A total of \$1900 was raised for our summer camps.

First Place Team:

Paul Jewel	John Jewell
Sid Browning	Freeman Hodgins

Thank you to this year's sponsors:

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 America's Christian Credit Union



SUMMER CAMPS 2008

Canoe Camp	June 22-26 (Grades 7-12)
Explorer	June 30-July 2 (Going into second grade)
Discovery*	June 30-July 4 (Going into Grades 3-5)
Senior High	July 14-18 (Going into Grades 9-12)
Junior High*	July 28-August 1 (Going into Grades 6-8)
Family Camp	August 4-10 (all ages)

All camps except Senior High and Canoe Camp are held at Diamond Arrow Christian Conference Grounds in Nevada City. Senior High Camp will be held at Alliance Redwoods.

*Please note the change in the age groups of the camps. Kidz Camp and Camp 56 have been changed to Discovery Camp, with the age groups of Grades 3-5. Those going into Grade 6 will be part of the Junior High Camp.

To receive your Adventure by email, send your email address to:
rsmallridge@sacnaz.org



December 2007

1 Children's Quiz

January 2008

3-5 Sanctuary - Youth Pastors Retreat
 9-11 Pastors' Conference - San Diego
 12 Discipleship Summit
(formerly Teach Conference)
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 20 Life Line Sunday
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 22 Jesus Film Dinner
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5 Reggie McNeal Day - Stockton
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 9-10 ACOMM - NMI Convention
 10-11 ACOMM - District Assembly/
 Ordination
 23-25 THRIVE Conference at Bayside

May 2008

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 10 PLNU Commencement
 23-26 Elevate



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