



# Adventure!

*Plotting the course for the twenty-first century*



**Aloha from Oahu!**  
Steve Scott, District Superintendent

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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.

## **Family Camp 2007: Relaxing, Worshipping, and Experiencing God!**

It all began with cool nights, and mild days - in **AUGUST!** And from there it was very clear that where two or three are living and camping in His name, God will definitely bring his  **blessing** to the gathering.

Family Camp is an amazing setting in which people drive in each day, some stay in local motels, others arrive with RV's and travel trailers, and still others live in cabins or set up camp sites with tents in the **REAL** outdoors. Nearly 40% of the Family Camp gathering was under the age of 19, with 85 **children** and 85 **youth**.

The **morning** worship services averaged **348** in attendance, and the **evening** services averaged **388**, with the **highest** worship attendance of **417** Wednesday night. Dr. Woodie Stevens (Director of Sunday School & Discipleship Ministries) and Dr. Bob Smith (Point Loma Nazarene University) served the pure Word of God, and Sean & Sandra Randall directed the worship team as we united our voices in praise!

We thank God for what we continue to learn at Family Camp about the act of **worship** in which we **give** an offering. In summary:

|                          |                  |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| Family Camp Expense 2007 | \$ 18,964.00     |
| District Share/Budget    | 9,000.00         |
| Family Camp Offerings    | <u>10,500.00</u> |
| Balance:                 | +536.00          |

Thank you to an **INCREDIBLE** Family Camp Leadership Team who served and helped create a deeply memorable week in Christ: Kathi Eckert (Auburn) & Carol Nikkel (Liberty Towers), District Office; Jon & Sharon Belisle (Oroville), Registrars; Sean & Sandra Randall (Sparks Faith), Worship; Children's Workers: Director Renee & Mark Bennett, Mike Mandujan (Stockton Horizon), Annie Arthur (Vacaville), Cathy Scharf (Cordova), Diana Tremain (Paradise), Christina Heinle (Stockton Horizon) & Melody Robinson (Paradise); Nursery: Lisa Mayfield (Rio Linda), Christina Conner (Stockton Horizon); Dennis Druckhammer (Tracy), Youth; Randy Kizer (Sacramento Arden), Sound & Lighting; Kim Liburdi (Tracy), Amphitheater; Eric Tallman (Sparks 1st), Ushering; Neil Watkins (Reno), Security; Sue Celli (Liberty Towers), Power Point Worship; Donna Esquivel (Gridley), Transportation; Keith & Jo Chilson (Reno 1st), greeters; and an **AMAZING** worship team from Sparks, Reno, Oroville, Stockton 1<sup>st</sup>, Tracy, and Lodi (Brynn, Helene, Jennifer, Alex, Marty, Curtis, Caleb, Scott, Jean, Marsha, Wendy, and Mike)!

**Plan now for Family Camp next year: August 4-10, 2008!**



# Sunday School & Discipleship Ministries

**Steve Dickerson, Chairman**  
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(530) 622-3217

*Make the Connection*



**Sacramento District  
Church of the Nazarene**  
presents

## ***TEAM DAY 2007***

*Showcase of Christian Life*

**Saturday, October 20, 2007  
Sparks Church of the Nazarene**



**2200 El Rancho Dr., Sparks, NV 89435 (775) 425-3545**

Pastor Brad Dyrness joined the Sparks Nazarene Church family in January of 2005 after holding the senior pastor position at Junction City Church of the Nazarene in Junction City, Kansas for nine years. He is currently working on his Masters of Arts in Religion - Spiritual Formation with the Northwest Nazarene University online study. He and his staff will showcase what God is doing in this thriving church in the shadow of the gambling industry of Northern Nevada.

Workshops, forums and demonstrations by outstanding leaders from across the district will be offered by age and interest groupings. Each filled with practical helps that you can implement in your home church.

***Missions, Youth and Children,  
Preaching, Prayer,  
Music and Media  
and much more***

### **Who should attend:**

- Sunday School Teachers
- Children's Workers
- Youth Workers
- NMI Council Members
- Worship Team Members
- Sound and Media Personnel
- SS Board Members
- Church Board Members
- Pastors and Staff

### **Registration**

Registration includes: General Sessions, Workshops, Lunch

Registration Materials will be mailed to each local church.

**Cost: \$15.00**

Postmarked by October 10, 2007

\$20 at the door/after October 10



**Adult Ministries**  
**Charles Brodhead III, Director**  
 3885 Richardson Dr., Auburn, CA 95602  
 (530) 823-9911

**Children's Ministries**  
**Renee' Bennett, Director**  
 3375 Cathedral Cir., Stockton, CA 95212  
 (209) 478-4789

**District Ladies Conference**  
**A Walk Into the Holy of Holies**  
**September 14-15, 2007**

There is no registration fee BUT **registration is required**. An offering will be taken to cover expenses. Study Guides can be purchased for \$5 at the welcome table.

For more information:

**Julie Grossman, Director (530) 938-1567**  
 mjulianne@snowcrest.net

**Judy Brimmer, Registrar ((530) 397-2592**  
 jstjudy7@yahoolcom

**Mark Your Calendar for 2008 Retreat**  
 September 12-13, 2008  
 Kathy Slamp, Guest Speaker

**Prime Time Ministries**  
*Age 55 & Up*



■ ***Prime Time Retreat - Smoky Mountains***  
***October 9-12, 2007***

**Music Road Hotel & Inn, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee** in the Smoky Mountains. Spacious rooms with private balconies, microwave and fridge. Delicious buffet meals:

**Registration information at**  
**[www.amc.nazarene.org](http://www.amc.nazarene.org)**

**Prime Time Ministries**  
 6401 The Paseo, Kansas City, MO 64131  
 1-800-221-6317 [primetime@nazarene.org](mailto:primetime@nazarene.org)

■ ***Prime Time - 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](http://www.amc.nazarene.org).

It is back to school and vacations are over. Our children's summer camps were a great success. Many children gave their hearts and lives to Jesus for the first time and many more recommitted their lives to Jesus. Amen! That is what we are all about - children finding Jesus Christ to lead them forever. This can be a very dark world. It is our desire as Children's Pastors across this district to equip our young ones for this temporal home; to be in this world but not of it.

The focus of our camps was Superhero. There are many influences in your child's life that they may see as Superhero qualities. Our goal was to change what they see as someone or something to look up to. We want children everywhere to be transformed by Christ and not conformed to the world.

Please partner with us in our endeavor to lead children in the path of righteousness. There are so many ways for you, as parents and guardians, to get your children plugged into Christ and His ways: Bible Classes, Quizzing, Caravans, Awanas, and Kids Worship, just to mention a few. Contact your Pastor today to find out more about Children's Ministries at your church.

**Children's Quizzing**



2007-08 Quizzing has just begun. This year's study is in the book of Genesis. If you are interested in starting a program or just need more information, contact:

**James Mathews**  
 (775) 972-8406  
[quizkids@earthlink.net](mailto:quizkids@earthlink.net)



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## Upcoming Events & Opportunities

### **September 14 - Family Night at Magic Mountain**

7 pm to 1 am; Contact Jerry Carter if you are interested in arranging car/van pools, etc. [jerry@newlifechurch.com](mailto:jerry@newlifechurch.com)

### **September 20-22 - Conference with Tony Jones (Postmodern Youth Ministry: Ongoing Conversation with Tony Jones)**

MidAmerica Nazarene University and Nazarene Theological Seminary are offering a 3-day conference with Tony Jones, author of *Postmodern Youth Ministry* (Zondervan). Visit [www.mnu.edu/events/mrc](http://www.mnu.edu/events/mrc) for more information.

### **October 12-14 - Pastor's Kids Retreat at PLNU**

This event was specifically designed for the teenagers (Grades 6-12) of ministerial staff on the PLNU Region to provide an ongoing relational network of teenage and adult PKs to help address the unique pressures and experiences of being a PK. Please consider joining in this ministry to our pastoral families. **If you are a board member** reading this, please make sure the cost and transportation is arranged with absolutely no money coming from a pastor's pocket. Call it a "Thank You," or a "We Love You," but don't neglect it. Registration info has been sent to each church on the district. Contact Jerry Carter if you are willing to drive and/or provide a van/bus for the trip. We would leave Sacramento Friday morning and return Sunday evening.

### **October 19-20 - Team Day/NYI Council Meeting**

Anyone working with youth is invited to join us for our fall NYI Council meeting, Friday, October 19, at a location TBA near Sparks. To get caught up on agenda issues, go to [www.ileadyouth.net](http://www.ileadyouth.net) and register. Only by registering can you join the discussions or receive an email with updates.

### **November 1-2 - PLNU Preview Days**

Experience all Point Loma has to offer! This is an overnight event with opportunities to encounter a chapel service, visit a class taught by a PLNU professor, enjoy unforgettable entertainment, and participate in an activity alongside students. For an unforgettable, educational, fun-filled trip for the fall, bring your youth groups to Nazarene Preview Days! Overnight lodging is available Wednesday and Friday nights for \$5 per person (Thursday night is provided by PLNU). Cost is usually around \$40 and only includes meals for Thursday dinner thru Friday lunch so plan accordingly. Registration opens one month prior to Preview weekend at [www.ptloma.com/UndergradAdmissions/CampusVisit/PreviewDays/NazarenePreviewDays](http://www.ptloma.com/UndergradAdmissions/CampusVisit/PreviewDays/NazarenePreviewDays).

### **Dec ?? YFC Winter Xtremz**

Sacramento's Youth For Christ puts on several outstanding Jr. High events each year under the "Xtremz" banner. These events draw over 1,000 Junior Highers from the Sacramento area for over-the-top fun, great food, and a top-tier speaker that consistently draws mobs of teens to accept Christ as their Savior. The cost is usually only \$10 bucks per student! All adults (including high school helpers) are free! Youth leaders, this is a no-brainer draw! The dates will be posted on [ileadyouth.net](http://ileadyouth.net) as soon as they are announced. Make sure you are a registered user of the site to receive timely info!

**Barefootministries** - If you are using any of the barefootministries stuff, please contact Jerry Carter at [jerry@newlifechurch.com](mailto:jerry@newlifechurch.com). Thanks!

### **"Just Over the Horizon" Events & Opportunities**

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

### **Jan 3-5 - Sanctuary Youth Pastor's Retreat at PLNU**

**Jan 18-21 - Jr Hi Winter Retreat, Mission Springs**  
 This event has very limited space. Contact Mike Peoples at Sutter Creek Nazarene if you are interested in this new, district-wide event.

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

Youth Works, sponsored by Point Loma Nazarene University, is a new short-term mission camp opportunity for high school students and youth worker/sponsors. The purpose is to give high school students the opportunity to serve and learn in cross-cultural settings alongside high school participants from the countries we visit. Next summer we will return to Mexico and also spend time in Argentina.

\***Baja, Mexico** - June 28-July 5 Approx. Cost \$350

\***Buenos Aires, Argentina** Approx. Cost \$1800

Team 1 - July 10-20

Team 2 - July 20-30

Email: [youthworks@pointloma.edu](mailto:youthworks@pointloma.edu)

Phone: 619-849-2542

WebSite: [www.pointloma.edu/youthworks](http://www.pointloma.edu/youthworks)

## **Sacramento District Institute of Ministry**

### **Fall Quarter 2007 (September to November)**

|            |                                       |
|------------|---------------------------------------|
| Stockton   | Hebrew Prophets                       |
| Sacramento | Biblical Interpretation               |
| Susanville | Introduction to Christian Education   |
| Red Bluff  | Western World/Emerging Modern Society |

### **Winter Quarter (December to February)**

|            |                                |
|------------|--------------------------------|
| Stockton   | Practice of Christian Ministry |
| Yuba City  | Western World/Emerging Society |
| Susanville | Global Evangelism              |
| Red Bluff  | TBA                            |

For information, please contact Dr. Leon Skinner:

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## From The Dark

In the early '90s, a war rages in Colombia between competing drug cartels. Born of this violence, Felix Vargas trains to be an emotionless killer. When caught handling drugs, he is sentenced to seven years in a Miami prison. But a ray of light pierces Felix's dark world when one woman shows him Christ's love. Deported back to Colombia, Felix embarks on a journey from dark to light.



The Church of the Nazarene's first short film since the early 1990s, *From the Dark* is an astonishing true story revealing how God uses the persistent, unconditional love of a believer to transform even the hardest of hearts.

For more information about seeing this short film, talk to your local NMI President.

## Alabaster

September is Alabaster month. This offering provides funds for property and buildings around the world. It gives a sense of permanence, the attitude that the Church of the Nazarene intends to "put down roots." Eighty percent of the money is used in world mission areas, and twenty percent goes to multicultural congregations in the United States and Canada. In 2006, Alabaster provided funds for 236 projects totaling \$3,138,123. You can help by donating to this offering.

## Nazarene Compassionate Ministries

December is Compassionate Ministries month. Practice compassion by using the NCM Giving Calendar. You can download a copy at [http://www.ncm.org/res\\_catalog.aspx](http://www.ncm.org/res_catalog.aspx). This calendar encourages the whole family to become involved in giving by increasing global awareness.

## Border Initiative

The Border Initiative has a team of missionaries in place that will develop and implement strategies to promote growth and development of the Church of the Nazarene on both sides of the Mexico/United States border. If your church would like to be a part of this contact Gerry Myers at [sacdistnmi@charter.net](mailto:sacdistnmi@charter.net) or call (775) 626-9382 to find out more about sending a Work and Witness team.

## Upcoming Deputation Schedule

### Gary & Penny Sidle – Zambia

|           |                        |          |                          |
|-----------|------------------------|----------|--------------------------|
| Nov 25 AM | Rio Linda LifePoint    | Nov 30   | Carson City              |
| Nov 25 PM | Paradise Faith Promise | Dec 1-2  | Reno 1 <sup>st</sup> F-P |
| Nov 26    | Marysville             | Dec 2 PM | Dayton Valley            |
| Nov 27    | Grass Valley           | Dec 3    | Fallon                   |
| Nov 28    | Sun Valley             | Dec 4    | Lemmon Valley            |
| Nov 29    | Gardnerville           | Dec 5    | Truckee Tahoe            |

### Eric and Tamara Buell – Costa Rica

|          |                   |         |                  |
|----------|-------------------|---------|------------------|
| Dec 1    | Roseville         | Dec 6   | Tracy New Heart  |
| Dec 2 AM | Sacramento Samoan | Dec 7   | Weaverville      |
| Dec 2 PM | Redding 1st       | Dec 8   | Sacramento Arden |
| Dec 3    | Red Bluff         | Dec 9AM | Auburn Parkside  |
| Dec 4    | Manteca 1st       | Dec 9PM | Hallwood         |
| Dec 5    | Lodi Crossroads   |         |                  |

## World Scene

**Bible Translation Projects** - Nearly 3,000 people groups still need the Good News in their language. Wycliffe has formed Vision 2025, a plan to start a Bible translation project for every language group by 2025. Many groups needing Bibles in their languages are in areas that are difficult to reach or suffering from warfare and civil unrest. (*Church Around the World*)

**Christian Martyred in Malatya** - On April 18, five Muslims entered a Christian publishing company and tortured and killed three believers in the southeastern province of Malatya. Two of the victims were Turkish converts from Islam, and the third was a German citizen who had lived in Turkey for 10 years. News reports said four of the attackers admitted that the killings were motivated by both "nationalist and religious feelings." (*Voice of the Martyrs*)

**"Mr. Missionary" Released** - South Korean Christian Choi Youn-hun, known by his guards and cell mates as "Mr. Missionary," was released from a Chinese prison after four years behind bars. He was arrested in 2003 for helping North Korean refugees escape from China to South Korea. After his arrest, Choi defended his activities saying "All humans in the world are born to be loved. North Korean refugees cross the border to China to escape from hunger. There they become targets for human trafficking, or they are forced to steal simply to survive in China. Meanwhile, Chinese authorities hunt them down. I decided to assist these people, hoping to be of some help." (*Church Around the World*)



# A Glimpse of Family Camp 2007



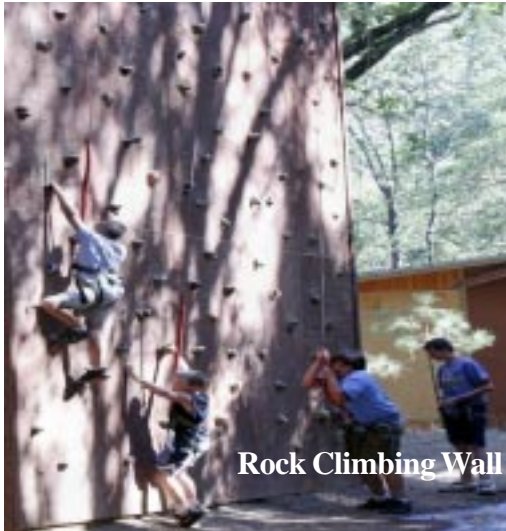
Woodie Stevens, DS Scott, Bob Smith



Children's Choir



Ship Wreck Cove Tent Site



Rock Climbing Wall



John Bay



Communion



What ARE they looking at?



Dodgeball  
Tournament



Volleyball Game

*Photos by George Potthoff*

# Sacramento District Benefit Golf Tournament

You and your friends are invited to the 210th  
Annual Sacramento District **BENEFIT** Golf Tournament  
Friday, September 28, 12:00 pm  
Teal Bend Golf Club, Sacramento, CA

Rev. Freeman Hodgins returns as tournament director this year. The format will be 4-person scramble in which, after everyone tees off, everyone's second shot takes place from where the best first shot lies! Talk about a great ego booster!

This year's event will feature:

- ¾ Pre-tournament Putting Contest
- ¾ Door prizes and awards for best teams
- ¾ Barbecue dinner and unlimited soft drinks

*Proceeds from this Event will Benefit  
Children and Youth attending Summer Camps.*

Registration is due by September 19. Check with your church office for a registration form or call the district office (916-652-1193, ext. 2).



August 8, 1952 in Kansas City, Mo., **Walter & Pauline Hubbard** joined hands in marriage. We rejoice with the Hubbards on their 55th anniversary, and wish God's continued blessing on them. The Hubbards have given generously of their time and service in ministry through the Church of the Nazarene, including 12 years as superintendent of the Sacramento District.

## Leonard Frank York 1917-2007

Rev. Leonard York passed away on August 2, 1007 in Yreka, CA. Services were held August 25, 2007 in Yreka with the Rev. Jeff Whitney presiding.

Rev. York was the founding pastor of the Yreka Church of the Nazarene. In addition to pastoring, the Yorks served 8 years in British Honduras (now Belize) as missionaries. Leonard retired from full-time active ministry in 1988 and lived out his remaining years on the ranch his father founded.

Survivors include his wife, Miriam, sister, Margie Weisman of Montague, children Jerry of Vancouver, WA, David of McCall, ID, Dan of Fullerton, CA, Steve of Sandpoint, ID, and Becky Metcalfe of Indonesia, and 12 grandchildren.

## Point Loma Nazarene University Women's Auxiliary

We enjoyed our summer workdays, where we also set up our boutique. We have unique hand-crafted items suitable for gift-giving, or for just indulging yourself. We sell boxed greeting cards, small jewelry items, and used books. Come check out the lovely doll collection we are featuring right now. We occasionally have home-made breads, jams, and candies for sale as well.

We meet the third Thursday of each month, 10:00-2:00. Bring a sack lunch and join us for a time of fun, work, and fellowship.

- |                    |                               |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|
| Sep 20 - Woodland  | Nov 15 - Rio Linda lifePointe |
| Oct 18 - Sac Arden | Dec - No Meeting              |



### September

- 14-15 District Women's Retreat
- 20 District Advisory Board  
PLNUWA at Woodland
- 22 W&W Council - District Office
- 28 District Golf Tournament

### October

- 12-14 Pastors' Kids Regional Retreat, PLNU
- 13 NMI Council  
Children's Quiz
- 18 PLNUWA - Sac Arden
- 19 NYI Council - Sparks
- 20 Team Day, Sparks First

### November

- 2-3 PLNU Preview Days
- 8 District Advisory Board
- 9 Adventure Deadline
- 13-15 Pastoral Team Retreat
- 15 PLNUWA at Rio Linda
- 15-16 Trustees Meeting
- 17 PLNU Homecoming

### December

- 1 Children's Quiz

### January

- 3-5 SANCTUARY, Youth Pastors Retreat
- 11-12 Discipleship Summit  
*(formerly Teach Conference)*
- 17 District Advisory Board  
PLNUWA at New Covenant
- 18-21 Jr Hi Winter Retreat, Missions Springs
- 19 NMI Council
- 20 Life Line Sunday
- 26 District Nominating Committee
- 27 Nazarene Seminary Offering

### February

- 9 Children's Quiz
- 15 Pastor's Reports Due
- 21 PLNUWA - Rio Linda
- 25-26 Ministerial Credentials
- 27-29 PLNUWA Trustees

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