

JOPLIN DISTRICT 66TH ANNUAL

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Joplin District Assembly Handbook

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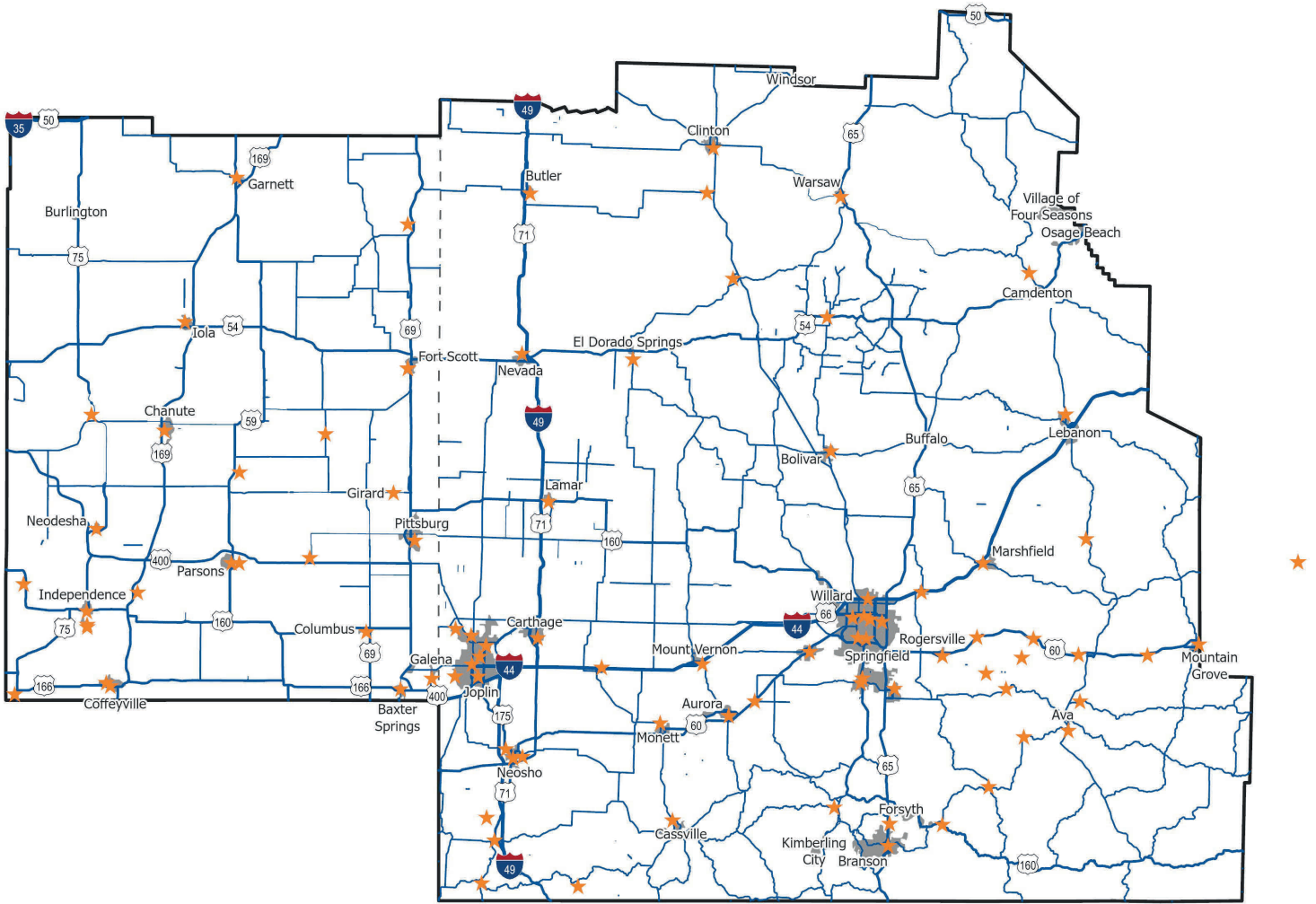
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Joplin District



Welcome to the 66th gathering of the Joplin District family. These past few months we have seen God do unprecedented things in the lives of our churches. We have seen those who had no hope, find hope. We have celebrated several long-term records being broken and new ones set in many of our churches. We have witnessed hopeless situations turn into hope-filled moments. Thank you for never giving up!! Thank you for not quitting! Because you are relentless in your pursuit of holiness, we will share 'This Hope' with a world who is looking for The Hope.

We gather to be encouraged and challenged, and we want the Holy Spirit to have His way as we gather and as we return to our homes. So, my friends, let's come into agreement and let's "Speak Jesus" over our Assembly and Conventions. Let's "Speak Jesus" over our churches, our homes, our marriages, our children, our grandchildren, those who fight depression, those who fight addictions, and those who have no hope.

Let's continue to Advance the Kingdom through the Hope of Christ as never before!

Welcome to the family gathering!

July 2023

NYC 2023	5-9
Children's Camp 1st-3rd	16-18
Children's Camp 4th-6th	19-22
Conventions/Assembly	29-Aug 1

August 2023

PROMOTION SUNDAY	
LINKS	
NYI Convention	5

September 2023

ALABASTER OFFERING	
SS GROWTH EMPHASIS	
New Pastors Meeting	9
District Revival	10-13
Church Board Training	16
See You at the Pole	27

October 2023

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH	
TEAM Days	5 or 7

November 2023

Set Clocks Back	5
Encounter	10-11
Thanksgiving Offering	

December 2023

Pastors' Christmas Banquet	4
Christmas	

January 2024

Daniel Fast	2-12
Refresh Retreat (College/Young Adult)	5-7
PK Retreat	12-14
Field YES Conference	26

February 2024

ALABASTER OFFERING	
Ministry Assessment Center	16-18
Field PK Retreat	16-18
Membership Sunday	18
Credential/Studies Interviews	22-23
Ministry Retreat	29-March 3

March 2024

SS GROWTH EMPHASIS	
Ministry Retreat	Feb 29-March 3
MNU Sunday	3
Empower	8-9

April 2024

MISSION EDUCATION	
Ladies' Retreat	12-13
MAX	18-20

May 2024

BABY DAY	
National Day of Prayer	2
Mother's Day	12
GRADUATES SUNDAY	

June 2024

MNU The Call	3-7
Teen Camp	10-14
	14-18
	18-22
"The Call" Sunday	23
NYI Mission Trip	29-July 15

July 2024

NYI Mission Trip	June 29-July 15
Children's Camp 1st-3rd	TBD
Children's Camp 4th-6th	TBD
Conventions/Assembly	27-30

August 2024

PROMOTION SUNDAY	
LINKS	
NYI Convention	3

September 2024

ALABASTER OFFERING	
SS GROWTH EMPHASIS	
District Revival	8-11
New Pastors Meeting	14
Church Board Training	21
See You at the Pole	25
Evangelism Training	27-28

October 2024

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH	
TEAM Days	3 or 5

November 2024

Set Clocks Back	5
Encounter	8-9
Thanksgiving Offering	

December 2024

Pastors' Christmas Banquet	2
Christmas	

January 2025

Daniel Fast	2-12
Refresh Retreat (College/Young Adult)	3-5
PK Retreat	10-12

February 2025

ALABASTER OFFERING	
Ministry Assessment Center	14-15
Field PK Retreat	14-16
Membership Sunday	16
Credential/Studies Interviews	20-21
Ministry Retreat	27-March 2

March 2025

SS GROWTH EMPHASIS	
Ministry Retreat	Feb 27-March 2
MNU Sunday	2
Empower	7-8

April 2025

MISSION EDUCATION	
Ladies' Retreat	11-12
MAX	24-26

May 2025

BABY DAY	
National Day of Prayer	1
Mother's Day	11
GRADUATES SUNDAY	

June 2025

MNU The Call	2-6
Teen Camp	9-13
	13-17
	17-21
"The Call" Sunday	22
Q 2025	23-28

Hispanic Activities Calendar 2023

February 11 Monett MO Combine Service (Church Anniversary) 6:00 pm
March 25 Webb City MO Combine Service 6:00 pm
April 22 Pastoral Care Conference District Office 9:00 am
May 28 Carthage Nazarene Combine Service 6:00 pm
June 24 Banner MO Combine Service 6:00 pm
July 22 Hispanic Convention Carthage Nazarene 6:00 pm
August 19 Noel MO Combine Service 6:00 pm
August 26 Hispanic Family Camp Galena River 9:00 am
September 16 Casa Jaziel Neosho MO Combine Service 6:00 pm
October 21 Pittsburg Ks Combine Service 6:00 pm
November 11 Pastoral Care Conference District Office 9:00 am
December 2 Hispanic Dinner Monett MO Christmas Celebration 6:00 pm

Ministerial Studies Program Zoom and Presencial (District Office) Calendar 2023

January 27 - February 25

MPP 1141 Preaching the Story of Go/ Predicación

March 3- April 15

MPP 1021 Communicating with Spoken and Written Language / Comunicación escrita y oral

April 28- May 27

MPP 1031 Exploring Christian Ministry / Introducción al ministerio cristiano

June 2- July 8

MPP 1041 Interpreting Scripture / Interpretación bíblica

July 14 - August 12

MPP 1081 Examining Our Christian Heritage II / Historia de la Iglesia Cristiana 2

August 18 - September 9

MPP 1091 Exploring Nazarene History and Polity / Historia y política de la Iglesia del Nazareno

September 15 - October 14

MPP 1111 Investigating Christian Theology II / Teología Cristiana 2

October 21 - November 25

MPP 1131 Becoming a Holy People / Un pueblo santo

Rev. Phil Rhoades

Joplin District Superintendent



Phil has ministered on the Joplin District for over 35 years. He also has served as Nazarene Youth International President, on the General Finance Committee, Advisory Board, Board of Trustees and Executive Committee for MidAmerica Nazarene University.

He graduated from MidAmerica Nazarene College with Bachelor of Arts and graduated from Nazarene Theological Seminary with Masters of Divinity.

He has been married to his lovely wife Rhonda for 40 years. They have 4 children: Danielle (Zach), Amber (Caleb), Jacob (Alyssa), and Kaitlyn (Dan).

Five wonderful grandchildren: Finley (10), Samuel (7), Clayton (6), Genevieve (2), and Wyatt (2).

Dr. Filimão M. Chambo

2017 Biography



Dr. Filimão M. Chambo was elected to the office of general superintendent in the Church of the Nazarene in June 2017 by its 29th General Assembly, held in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA. He was director of the Africa Region at the time of his election, a post he had held since 2009. As regional director, Dr. Chambo was responsible for overseeing the church planting and development efforts of the Church of the Nazarene across the continent of Africa.

Born in Mozambique, Filimão grew up in a pastor's home. Both his father and mother served in full-time ministry for the Church of the Nazarene. At the age of 17, when God called him to full-time ministry, his answer was yes.

Chambo earned a Diploma in Theology at Seminário Nazareno em Mozambique (SNM) in 1993 and a Bachelor of Theology (ThB) at Nazarene Theological College (NTC) in 1997. He was ordained by Dr. Jim Diehl as an elder in the Church of the Nazarene in January 2000 on the Gauteng District, South Africa; and later that year attained his Masters of Arts (MA) in Biblical Studies from the University of Johannesburg. His Doctor of Literature and Philosophy in Biblical Studies (PhD) was also earned at the University of Johannesburg and was completed in 2009.

Before serving in the regional office, Chambo's ministry experience included pastoral positions and Christian higher education. He served as pastor in South Africa for the Mphagane and Eldorado Park Churches of the Nazarene and in Mozambique at Igreja do Nazareno da Matola Cidade. He was an educator at NTC, South Africa, and at Seminário Nazareno em Mozambique where he later became president. In 2005 Dr. Chambo was named education coordinator for the Africa Region, where he served until his appointment as regional director in 2009.

Filimão is married to Samantha, who is also an ordained elder, and they have two children, a daughter, Tsakani Gabriella, and a son, Emanuel.



The background of the poster is a photograph of a church service. In the foreground, the silhouettes of several people are visible, with their hands raised in prayer. The background is a soft, out-of-focus light, suggesting a bright, airy atmosphere. The entire image is framed by a thin white border.

District Revival

WITH REV. CHAD
SEABRIGHT

SEPTEMBER 10-13, 2023

6 PM SUNDAY EVENING

7 PM MON.-WED EVENING

Joplin District TEAM DAYS

October 5 or 7 *Better Together*

Thursday, Oct. 5th will be hosted by Carthage Church
Saturday, Oct. 7th will be hosted at the District Office
9 am - 3 pm



**MINISTERS
CHRISTMAS
BANQUET
MONDAY,
DECEMBER 4
6:30 PM
AT CARTHAGE
CHURCH OF THE
NAZARENE**





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**Join us in eating a plant-based
diet and focusing on scripture
and prayer.**

JOPLIN DISTRICT

Daniel Fast

1/2/2024 - 1/12/2024

MINISTRY ASSESSMENT WEEKEND

Who: All First District License candidates and Ordinand candidates

When: February 16-17, 2024

Friday's session begins at 1:30 PM

Where: Joplin District Office

2014 Grand Ave., Carthage, MO 64836



**MEMBERSHIP
SUNDAY**

FEBRUARY 18

**EXPANDING
THE FAMILY
OF GOD**

JOPLIN DISTRICT



CREDENTIAL DAY

CREDENTIAL BOARD INTERVIEWS
FOR ORDINANDS.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2024

AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE

2014 GRAND AVE, CARTHAGE, MO

CREDENTIAL BOARD INTERVIEWS FOR
ALL DISTRICT LICENSE CANDIDATES.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2024 VIA ZOOM
EVERYONE MUST BE PRESENT FOR
THEIR SCHEDULED INTERVIEW.



Ministry Retreat
Feb. 29–Mar. 3, 2024
Lodge of the Ozarks
Branson, MO

Speaker:
Dr. Jim Deihl

Music:
Chad Jones

MIDAMERICA

NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

MNU Sunday

MARCH 3, 2024

***A transformative university that
nurtures Christlike community,
pursues academic excellence and
cultivates a passion to serve.***

DISTRICT WOMEN'S
RETREAT

Come and See

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
APRIL 12-13, 2024

HOSTED BY CARTHAGE FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
2000 GRAND AVE., CARTHAGE, MO 64836



Purpose:

To provide the local NYI with the guidance, resources and opportunities necessary to fulfill its ministries in discipleship, evangelism and leadership.

Mission:

To fulfill the stated purpose by providing specific youth centered activities that promote discipleship, evangelism and leadership.

Vision:

To join with the local NYI in equipping every youth for a life of discipleship and service for Jesus Christ.

The "Win" for the Joplin District NYI:

Partnering with the local NYI in encouraging youth to become like Christ!



Nazarene Youth International
Rev. Fred Toomey—President

Core Objectives



In Evangelism, we are called to BE God's light in the dark and ignored places of our world. We are to BE a faithful example of God's unconditional love. In BEING in Christ and BEING with others, we allow the Holy Spirit to work through our lives and we trust God with the results.



Through Discipleship, we journey together with other believers as we follow in the footsteps of Jesus. As we DO life together, we learn what it means to talk together, serve together, sacrifice together, fall and get back up together. We DO the hard work of becoming more like our Savior, living surrendered lives in community.



In Leadership Development, we challenge and empower youth and their leaders to GO out into their communities as models of Christ's servant leadership. We cannot afford to wait until we think we know enough; we must GO now, learning along the way.



Follow us at Joplin District NYI and Joplin District Teen Bible Quizzing

JOPLIN DISTRICT NYI WEBSITE DIRECTIONS

- 1** Go to joplindistrictnaz.org/nyi
- 2** The NYI calendar can be found by scrolling halfway down this page.
- 3** Continue scrolling to the bottom of this page to find tabs for each of our NYI events.
- 4** Click on any of our event tabs to receive all information needed for that event.



DISTRICT MISSION AREAS

Area 1- Dustin Ledford

Carthage, Joplin Calvary, Joplin First, Monett, Marionville, Webb City, Carl Junction The Table

Area 2- dissolved

Area 3- Kyle Rogers and Virgil Peck

Pittsburg, Fort Scott, Columbus Connecting Point, Girard Living Faith, Parsons, McCune

Area 4 – James Keezer

Neosho, Baxter Springs, Galena Parkhill, Joplin Traders, Sarcoxie New Beginnings, Donna Mikhail (DIST)

Area 5- Dennis Bergen

Goodman Banner, Anderson Iron Works, Cassville, Powell Twin Springs, Wranglers for Christ

Area 6- Selena Freeman

Springfield The Well, Springfield Grace, Aurora, Mt. Vernon,
Springfield Scenic, Potter's House, Nixa Organic

Area 7- Jeremy Henderson

Butler, Clinton, Deepwater Crossroads, El Dorado Springs, Nevada, Pleasanton, Lamar Living Hope

Area 8- Michael Seewald

Springfield One Life, Branson, Branson Citizens, Nixa, Marshfield, Ozark First, Republic First,
Rogersville Harvest Community, Strafford, Reeds Spring New Hope

Area 9- TBD

Independence, Caney, Cherryvale, Coffeyville Central, Coffeyville First, Elk City, Independence Axis

Area 10- Steve Wierman

Fordland Faith Journey, Seymour, Ava Cold Creek Cowboy, Bradleyville, Dogwood, Fordland Union Chapel,
Hartville Solid Rock Cowboy, Springfield Dayspring

Area 11- Doug Jackett

Chanute, Buffalo, Erie, Garnett, Iola, Neodesha

Area 12- Josh Griffith

Mansfield, Ava Highway, Goodhope, Houston New Horizon
Forsyth Trinity, Mt. Grove Faith Community, Norwood Countryside

Area 13- Jason Holt

Lebanon Freedom, Bolivar First, Osceola, Wheatland, Camdenton New Life, Warsaw

Area 14- Samuel Cordova

Aurora Hispanic, Carthage Multicultural, Crowder Hispanic, Monett Hispanic, Nixa Hispanic, Noel,
Pittsburg Hispanic, Racine Hispanic, Republic Hispanic, Seneca Hispanic, Webb City Hispanic

Area 15- Sandra Cordova

Neosho Casa Jaziel, Goodman Banner Hispanic, Independence Hispanic

In Memory Of...

Ava Highway – John Tate, Victor Moles, Junior McVay

Bradleyville – Janet Clark

Branson Citizens – Steve Hager

Branson First – Bob Rowland, Don Enright

Butler – Colleen Loveless

Camdenton New Life – Lorraine White

Caney – Paula Eagles, Linda Hosey

Carthage – Lois Snyder, Wayne Womack, Ruth Carrell, Keenan Reed, Margaret Faucett, Eileen Siebert, Pauline McCormick, Nancey Gillogly, Cindy Loomis, Lloyd Burgi, Velma Holz

Cassville – Ruth Stubbs

Chanute – Wesley Dillow, Kelly Stewart

Coffeyville Central – Charles 'Ted' Robson, Sandra Tullis

Coffeyville First – Keith Fouts

El Dorado Springs – Yvonne Worthington

Fort Scott – Betty Clayton

Galena Parkhill – Dale Fullerton

Goodman Banner – Vera Rogers, Larry Rader

Houston New Horizon – Melvin Kirkwood

Independence – Carl Craig, Don Keenan

Iola Community – Jeanette R. Hess

Joplin First – Richard Johnson, Barbara Smith, Donna Brooks, Roilynn Buffy Comer, Thomas Pastic

Marionville – Joyce Tracy, Rosemarie Hoffman, Barbara Michael

McCune – Mila Dixon

Monett – LeeRoy Morris, Annabelle Ramahi, Quinton Bogner

Pittsburg – Rhonda Sue Butts, Mary Williams, Steve Smith

Reed Springs Community – Brent Sexton

Republic – Pam Lakey

Seymour – Thelma Wallace

Springfield Dayspring – Marie Wiley

Springfield One Life – Rossalie Clair, Bob St Clair, Dr. Paul Iles, Rev. Dan League, Bob Woods

Strafford – Kendra Bartholomew

Webb City – Don Beier, Cris Crissman, Nancy Grissom, Sue Jackson, Debbie Boyd

Annual District Advisory Board Report – 2022-2023

We the members of your District Advisory Board: Lay members are: Ralph Houser, Hany Mikhail, Cody Swearengin, Rod Van Dyne; Ministerial members are Rev. Selena Freeman, Rev. Adam Parrish, Rev. Virgil Peck, Rev. Kyle Rogers. We have met in 9 regular meetings, at special called meetings, and thru email correspondence to transact the business of the Joplin District under the leadership of District Superintendent Rev. Phil Rhoades.

We have faithfully performed the duties and responsibilities of the DAB.

1. We have approved the following ministerial transfers out:
Elder – Richard Rosewicz to Kansas City, Richard Bushey to Chicago Central, Jerry Kazmaier to Kansas City, Kelsey Kennedy to Northwest, Timothy Shane Weaver to S. Texas, S.T. Taylor to Kansas, Kenneth Chamberlain to Los Angeles, Terrin Garber to N. Arkansas
Deacon- None
Licensed Minister- Timmery Clark to North Arkansas and Brandon Lien to Arizona
2. We approve the transfers of the following be received:
Elder: Phil Buck (NE Oklahoma), David Nash (Kansas City), Rick Thomason (Nebraska)
Licensed Minister:
3. We recommend that the transfers In District be received:
Kelly Klubek from McCune to Iola Community, John Erie Jr. from Ft. Scott to Joplin Traders, Shana McGarrah from Powell Twin Springs to Joplin First, and William Whetstone form El Dorado Springs to Baxter Springs.

We recommended to approve the giving of District Licenses for the following: Hannah Allison, Karlie Collins, Amanda Gilmore, Noah Huskey, Bethany Letsinger, Giovanny Lopez, Karen Smith, and Matthew Williams.

We have approved staff positions in the local church both paid and unpaid.

We have evaluated the district income and expenses in our regular meetings.

We have approved property arrangements for the local churches buying and selling property.

We have approved District Staff: Rev. Chris Carver to be the Assistant DS, Angie Whetstone to be the Office Manager, Weston Rea to be the District Treasurer, Bruce McCrite to be the District Secretary, and Rev. Samuel Cordova to be the District Hispanic Ministries Coordinator.

We have recommended the following for Ministers in Special Service: Jade Rogers, Mona Downs, Randy Dority, Rick Pearson, and Laura Gulley.

We approve the following ordained ministers be granted retirement status: Ralph Meredith (RU), Jason Faminoff (RU), Todd Renegar (RA), Terry Marta (RA).

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Phil Rhoades, Chairman

Adam Parrish, Secretary

Nominating Committee Report 2023

The nominating committee met on April 3, 2023. Those present were Phil Rhoades, Fred Toomey, Alison Johnson, Dustin Ledford, Hany Mikhail, Ralph Houser, Selena Freeman, Kyle Rogers, Adam Parrish, Rod VanDyne, Tim Westmark, Bruce McCrite, and Angie Whetstone

We, your Committee on Nominations, submit the following reports.

Report No. 1

We recommend:

1. That on the ballot all names be listed alphabetically.
2. That all the other officers be elected by plurality vote.
3. That we elect to the District Advisory Board one lay and one elder each year, and that no one serve more than four consecutive years without a one-year absence from the board.
4. That if a DAB member vacates their position mid-term, the person who received the next highest number of votes, will be appointed to the DAB and serve out the remainder of the term for the person they are replacing.

Balloting for the District Advisory Board: elect 1 ministerial and 1 layperson (Terms to expire in 2027)

Ministerial: Megan Allen; Wesley Anderson

Laity: Clyde Davidson; Beth Jackett

Balloting for MNU trustee Layperson: elect 1 (Term to expire in 2027)

Larry McIntire; Rod VanDyne

Respectfully Submitted,

Rev. Phil Rhoades, District Superintendent

Rev. Bruce McCrite, District Secretary

Report No. 2

Standing Boards/District Committees

The boards listed below are by appointment. Please note, per Manual ¶215, the District Superintendent has the right to substitute other names should initial appointees be unable to serve. The following are submitted to the District Assembly for approval:

Ministerial Credentials Board— Larry White (Chairman), Megan Allen, Wesley Anderson, Dennis Bergen, Jake Blankenship, Rod Campbell, Chris Carver, Samuel Cordova, Sandra Cordova, Selena Freeman, Alison Johnson, Michael Johnson, Bryan Keith, Scott King, Kelly Klubek (Secretary), Dustin Ledford, Donna Mikhail, Fred Morrison, Virgil Peck, Gary Swearingin.

Ministerial Studies Board— Bill Knight (Chairman), Adam Parrish, Bill Whetstone (Secretary), Tom Waller, Steve Wierman.

District Court of Appeals— Phil Rhoades (District Superintendent), Pat Stevens, Mark Terrill.

Church Properties—Chris Carver (Chairman), Richard Bassham, Don Daniels, Ralph Houser, Pat Stevens.

Evangelism Board—District Advisory Board

Home Missions Board—District Advisory Board

District Finance Committee - Jake Blankenship (Chairman), Phil Rhoades (District Superintendent), Weston Rea (District Treasurer), Bruce McCrite (District Secretary), District Advisory Board, Dustin Ledford (NDI Chairman), Alison Johnson (NMI President), Fred Toomey (NYI President) (all *ex officio*); one minister and one layman from each group of the three church sizes

Group I-Ministerial: TBD

Group I-Layperson: TBD

Group II-Ministerial: Michael Johnson

Group II-Layperson: Randy Almond

Group III-Ministerial: Shana McGarrah

Group III-Layperson: Orie Owen

We recommend the following serve as chairmen of the following committees:

Nazarene Youth International Ministries—Fred Toomey, district NYI president; **Nazarene Discipleship International**—Dustin Ledford, district NDI chairman; **Nazarene Missions International**—Rev. Alison Johnson, district NMI president.

We, your Committee on Nominations, recommend the following assembly committees:

Auditing—Jake Blankenship, Chairman, Hershell Letsinger, Secretary

Memoirs—Phil Rhoades; Public Worship—Dr. Chambo and Rev. Phil Rhoades

Respectfully Submitted

Rev. Phil Rhoades, District Superintendent

Rev. Bruce McCrite, District Secretary

Ministerial Credentials Board

Report No. 1

We recommend that the transfers of the following be granted:

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2. Deacon- None
3. Licensed Minister- Timmery Clark to North Arkansas and Brandon Lien to Arizona

We recommend that the transfers of the following be received

1. Elder: Phil Buck from NE Oklahoma, David Nash from Kansas City, and Rick Thomason from Nebraska
2. Licensed Minister: None

We recommend that the transfers In District be received: Kelly Klubek from McCune to Iola Community, John Erie Jr from Ft. Scott to Joplin Traders, Shana McGarrah from Powell Twin Springs to Joplin First, and William Whetstone from El Dorado Springs to Baxter Springs.

Report No. 2

We recommend that the following licensed ministers be elected to Elder's Orders:

Harold Arthur Brower IV, Christopher Diller, Joseph Divall, Kenny D. Lawson, Rosa A. Mercado, Blanca Perez, and John W. Vulgamore III.

Report No. 3

We recommend that the following:

1. That Minister's license be Granted:

Elder Course of Study: Hannah Allison, Karli Collins, Amanda Gilmore, Noah Huskey, Bethany Letsinger, Giovanni Lopez, Karen Smith and Matthew Williams

Deacon Course of Study: None

Report No. 4

That Minister's License be renewed:

1. Elder's course of study –That Minister's License be renewed:

Josh Allen, Karen Almond, Jeanie Balzer, Cheryl Beason, Art Black, Danna LaCygne Brauburger, Brian Collins, Jurahee Crawford, Scott Crawford, Tony Deweese, Shawn Anthony Elwood, John Erie Jr., Laura E. Gulley, John Heun, Jason Holt, Anna Marie Horne, Doug Jackett, Chris Keith, Sarah Kelly, Keith Kenyeri, Kathy Kepley, Katie Kepley, Josh Lien, Lydia Cruz Lopez, Shirley Jean Mahan, Shana McGarrah, Chace Owen, Roberto Perez, Richard Jack Riley, Madison Robinson, Jarod Rowley, Robert Caleb Ryman, Mike Sauerwein, Nicholas Sprague, Chad Sturdefant, Anthony St. Yves, Susan Wendelton, and John Barry Williams Jr.

Deacon Course of Study—Karen Almond

Elders Course of Study—that license be renewed with exception: Laurenda Ferguson, Joshua Mitchell, Zurisadia Mitchell, Jill Thompson

1. That the status of Song evangelist in accordance to *Manual 527-527.1* with the approval of the District Superintendent: None
2. That minister of music commission be renewed to Rhonda S. Rhoades.
3. That Mona Downs, Randy L. Dority, Laura Gulley, Rick A. Pearson, and Jade A. Rogers be allowed to serve outside denomination in accordance with *Manual 225.17* and *Manual 528* with the approval of District Advisory Board and the Board of General Superintendents.
5. That ELDERS: Ralph Meredith (RU) Jason Faminoff (RU) Todd Renegar (RA), Terry Marta (RA) be given retirement status.

Report No. 5

We recommend the following:

1. That Donald P. Keenan, Dan League, L.V. Holmes, Fredrick A. Agee, Carl Craig, and James C. Langford be removed from the roll of Elders, having deceased.
2. That Austin Hendrix and Austin Vanover, license not be renewed for lack of application.
3. To file credentials due to being unassigned for 4+ years of David W. Bindel, Brian K. Harris, Tommy J. Johnson, DeWayne L. Anderson, Damon E. Asbill, Damon L. Singleton, Christopher R. Simmons, and Walter B. West.
4. Credentials under District Discipline of Jason Faminoff and James Cariker be restored

Report No. 6

1. We recommend that an amendment to the 2022 credentials report for the Joplin District have the following correction: Christopher Keith was listed as License not being renewed due to lack of application. The credentials board has made the decision to have that changed to renewed License in 2022 due to hardship.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Kelly L. Klubek, Secretary
Dr. Larry White, Chairman

Joplin District Board of Ministerial Studies

2023 STUDENT LIST

We, our Ministerial Studies Board, have examined, evaluated, and worked with the following students and have determined that they should be placed in the Course of Study at the levels indicated.

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Graduated
Barns, Jennifer	Allison, Hannah	Almond, Karen	Alarid, Robert	Allen, Josh
Bausinger, Kim	Beason, Cheryl	Balch, Zachariah	Brant, Jason	Allison, Josh
Beecham, Alisa	Claypool, Lesa	Black, Art	Elwood, Shawn	Balzler, Jeanie
Benefield, Joshua	Crawford, Scott	Brauburger, Danna	Martin, Jared	Brower IV, Harold
Bricker, Christian	Ferguson, Laurenda	DeWeese, Tony	Mitchell, Zurisadai	Diller, Christopher
Bricker, Roger	Garduno, Julia	Capon, Dusty	Risner, Hannah	DiVall, Joseph
Brook, Alisa	Kelley, Candy	Collins, Brian	Robinson, Madison	Embrey, Josh
Cisneros, Charles	Lien, Joshua	Collins, Karli	Thompson, Jill	Gulley, Laura
Cottle, Clayton	Rippee, Steven	Crawford, Jurahee		Kenyeri, Keith
Cruise, Jayson	Robertson, Ann	Erie Jr., John		Lawson, Kenny
Diller, Kelly	Williams, Matthew	Heun, John		Ryman, Robert Caleb
Dorsey, Jared		Horne, Anna Marie		Rowley, Jarod
Elwood, Brooke		Huskey, Noah		Smith, Karen
Funderburk, Denise		Jackett, Doug		St. Yves, Anthony
Funderburk, Joe		Keith, Christopher		Vulgamore, John
Gilmore, Amanda		Kelly, Sarah		
Gottschalk, Ryan		Kepley, Kathrine		
Harrington, Andrea		Kepley, Kathy		
Hayes, Matthew		Lansdown, Terry		
Rash, Christina		Letsinger, Bethany		
Hayes, Rich		Moles, Paige		
Hood, Rodney		McGarrah, Shana		
Irick, Mike		Ogle, Matthew		
Jackson, April		Owen, Chace		
Jackson, Randy		Sturdefant, Chad		
Jackson, Russell		Tipple, Bevin		
Jones, Marlisha		Mitchell, Joshua		
Keezer, Debbie		Williams, John		
Keezer, Rick		Wendleton, Susan		
Knight, Issac				
Lien, Brooke				
Linton, Carl				
Nicholas, Noah				
Pollard, Christopher				
Quintana, Angel				
Ramos, Jose				
Roberts, Katie				
Samuels, Preston				
Schmidly, Jake				
Sanders, Marvin				
Sauerwein, Mike				

Joplin Hispanic Ministerial Studies

2023 STUDENT LIST

We, our Ministerial Studies Board, have examined, evaluated, and worked with the following students and have determined that they should be placed in the Course of Study at the levels indicated.

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Graduated
Agustin, Andrea	Alejo, Valentin	Casanova, Manuel		Mercado, Rosa
Agustin, Carlos	Araceli, Abelina	Lopez, Giovany		Perez, Blanca
Estrada, Carlos	Cabrera, Ruben	Mateo, Angelo		
Flores, Maria	Casanova, Andrea	Montemayor, Rosa		
Garcia, Gabriela	Casanova, Teresa	Perez, Lydia		
Gonzalez, Lucero	Gandara, Juan	Perez, Roberto		
Hernandez, Hurbert	Lainez, Evelin			
Koppa, Elaina	Lainez, Selvin			
Lemus, Emily	Lopez, Damariz			
Lopez, Arturo	Martinez, Astrid			
Lopez, Carmen	Sanchez, Zenaida			
Lopez, Jesus	Vences, Alondra			
Lopez, Julian				
Lopez, Luis				
Lopez, Manuel				
Lopez, Matias				
Martinez, Gustavo				
Martinez, Sandra				
Mejia, Salvador				
Menjivar, Nelson				
Noches, Delmy				
Perez, Luis				
Perez, Luis G				
Perez, Sandra				
Rangel, Judith				
Rivas, Arnold				
Salvador, Diego				
Vaca, Elisa				
Vargas, Edith				

That the following be dropped from the Course of Study: Genaro Cabrera, Lucia Estrada, Enrique Garcia, Austin Vanover, Austin Hendrix, Timothy Sims, David Horn, Joshua Walters

That the following are taking their study from our Nazarene Colleges: Hannah Allison (NBC), Laura Gulley (MMN), Annamarie Horn (NBC), Jonathan Melton (MNU), Steven Rippee (MNU), Madison Robinson (NBC), Nicholas Sprague (MNU), Anthony St. Yves (NBC), John Suttles (MNU), Jill Thompson (NBC), Susan Wendleton (MNU),

Respectfully submitted,

William Whetstone, Secretary

2023 DISTRICT FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Local Church

Following a study of our needs, your District Finance Committee submits the following report.

We recommend:

1. That pastoral compensation be given first claim on the local budget, and the church board review the pastor's and associate pastors' salaries at least once each year.
2. That the church reimburses the pastor and evangelists for the amount of social security costs and pay the pastor's health insurance. Since not all churches are on the same policy and this amount may vary, we urge our churches to absorb as much of the deductible as possible.
3. That reimbursement of travel expense for the pastor and staff is in harmony with current IRS guidelines.
4. That each church pay the pastor's and spouse's, associate pastor's and spouse's and retired minister's and spouse's expenses to all district meetings.
5. That each church set aside a sufficient amount each week to help pay the pastor's and pastor's spouse expenses to the General Assembly.
6. That each pastor be granted vacation as follows: up to five years service would receive 2 weeks; 6 to 10 years of service would receive 3 weeks; 11 to 20 years of service would receive 4 weeks; 20 plus years of service would receive 5 weeks. Years of service shall be determined by denominational tenure and not local church tenure. Yearly vacation time begins with the anniversary date of your beginning year of service at the local church. Vacation time must be used in the year it is earned. There is no carry over from year to year.
7. That each church board considers supporting a sabbatical/study leave for their pastor during the seventh consecutive year of service in one congregation. (*Manual* 129.10)
8. That each church designates the 1st Sunday in August and January to take an offering for our Joplin District Mission Center - the Potter's House (Nazarene Student Center). We also encourage each church to schedule a representative from the Potter's House to come and share.
9. That each church and church owned parsonage be inspected on an annual basis by the local trustees/building and property committee by the end of the church fiscal year. This report is to be submitted to the District Advisory Board at the end of the fiscal year.
10. That the district treasurer posts the UMF Report in the "District Highlights".
11. That each church plan to provide at least annual teaching on "Family Financial Management" and "Biblical Stewardship Principles" and the district add resources to its library covering such teaching.
12. That the secretary of the District Finance Committee send this report to the pastors marked "Attention, Chairman of Trustee or Finance Committee" for reading by this individual at the first official board meeting of the local church following the district assembly.

DISTRICT CHURCH

We further recommend:

1. That reimbursement of travel expense to district and all auxiliary functions be set at \$.40 per mile for the 2023-2024 assembly year. The DAB recognizes this amount is lower than IRS Guidelines; however, to keep the District Budget at a minimum, the recommendation is \$.40 per mile.

2. That the General Assembly Delegate Expense Fund be used to purchase savings certificates or invested to receive the best return. This will be at the discretion of the district treasurer, district superintendent and chairman of the finance committee. These funds are to remain invested until needed for the use of General Assembly delegates.

3. That churches requesting financial assistance, if granted, be placed on a descending scale plan as developed by the District Advisory Board. This will enable the district to have adequate funding to help start new works and strengthen church with growth potential.

4. As a New Testament church, we believe strongly in tithing (10%) of our income to God. We also believe in giving first fruit offerings. The Unified Ministry Fund is 10% of income (less WEF and approved Mission Specials, sent to the Global Ministry Center) and WEF is 5.5% of income (less WEF and Approved Mission Specials sent to the Global Ministry Center). These amounts can be calculated at www.fundingthemission.org).

5. Income is defined as "any donation received by a church that qualifies as a charitable contribution". Monies given to WEF and approved Mission Specials should be recorded as church income; however, these funds will be subtracted from total church income before the percentage is applied for WEF and UMF.

6. The Unified Ministry Fund of the Joplin District operates as follows: (The Unified Ministry Fund includes Pensions & Benefits Fund, Education Fund, District Fund, District Mission Outreach Fund and District Departmental Funds.)

- The local church will send to the district office 10% of income (less WEF and Approved Mission Specials sent to the Global Ministry Center) for the Unified Ministry Fund. This shall be sent in on a monthly basis. This amount can be calculated at www.fundingthemission.org.

- The district treasurer will divide the 10% Unified Ministry Fund as follows:

2.25% to P&B Fund

2.25% to Education Fund

5.5 % to District Ministries Fund (which includes District Operating Fund, District Mission Outreach, NDI, NYI, NMI.)

- The District Treasurer will send the appropriate monies from each church to the General Treasurer for P&B and Mid America Nazarene University for Education on a monthly basis.

7. The WEF operates as follows:

- The local church will send 5.5% of income (less WEF and Approved Mission Specials sent to the General Treasurer for WEF.) This shall be sent on a monthly basis. This amount can be calculated at www.fundingthemission.org.

8. The Unified Ministries Fund and WEF payments will be based on income as of May 1 through April 30 of the 2023-2024 assembly year.

9. That the disbursement of the District Ministry Funds be as follows:

District Operations	71.3%
Mission Outreach	12.4%
SDMI	4.5%
NYI	6.2%
NMI	5.7%

10. That the DAB review the District Staff compensation at the 6 month point of the Assembly year. For the 2023-2024 Assembly year a 8.7% Cost of Living raise was given to all District Staff to their salary packages. The DS received an additional 2.3% Merritt raise on the salary portion of his package.

11. The committee included passing the budget with the task of an audit to be done on the district financial records for this past year.

12. That the total District Operational Budget be set at \$450,000 which is distributed as follows:

Wages and benefits:

Office Staff Salaries	137,217
District Secretary Honorarium & Travel	4,200
Payroll taxes	3,550
DS Social Security Taxes	24,000
Worker's Compensation	1,200
DS health insurance	17,680
Assistant DS annuity	11,725
Christmas honorarium	3,500
District Staff Appreciation	2,000
District treasurer honorarium	1,000
DS annuity	7,932
DS housing	30,396
DS Sabbatical	1,200
Total wages and benefits	245,600

Office expenses:

Accounting and legal fees	5,000
Assistant DS travel & Prof	3,500
Computers and software	3,200
Conferences	20,000
Pastors Benevolent Fund	5,000
District advisory board	
District assembly	16,000
District office maintenance	7,500
Potters House maintenance	2,400
District property insurance	14,300
District Revival	1,700
DS Auto	14,000
DS professional	15,000
DS Transition	2,000
Equipment lease	6,000
Equipment repairs & maintenance	2,000
General assembly delegate	5,000
Gifts/flowers	3,500
Ministry retreat	12,000
Office equipment	500
Office supplies	4,000
Pastoral training	11,000
Pastor's Christmas banquet	6,000
Postage	1,550

Pre-assembly meetings	2,200
Sound/video/books	2,000
Telephone	4,000
Utilities	8,200
Web page	1,500
Pastor Spouse day	250
District Restoration Team	1,000
Misc. Expense	
Total office expenses	180,300
Mission Outreach	
Nehemiah Builders	7,500
MO pastor's salary	
MNU Support	2,500
NBC Presidential Partners Program	1,000
MO health insurance	
MO new works	
Local Church's bills	10,000
MO local bills	3,500
Mission Area Coordinators	4,000
Hispanic works	6,000
New works	10,000
Repairs & Maintenance	
New start assessments	
Ministry Assessment Center	2,000
Total mission outreach expenses	46,500
Capital Budget	
Total Budget	450,000

Balance Sheet as of 04/30/2023

Assets

2022-2023

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash in bank - Guaranty Bank	-
Cash in bank - SMB	127,975.47
Edward Jones Investment Account 3/25/22	25,834.89
Southwest Missouri Bank Savings	101,259.27
Total Cash and cash equivalents	<u>255,069.63</u>

Property and Equipment

Buildings	12,580,540.00
Equipment and Furniture	25,000.00
Vehicles	26,000.00
Total Property & Equipment	<u>12,631,540.00</u>

Other Assets

Prepaid expenses	71.45
Stationary and supplies	500.00
Note receivable	8,000.00
Total Other Assets	<u>8,571.45</u>

Total Assets	<u><u>12,895,181.08</u></u>
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Liabilities and Owner Equity

Liabilities

Note payable - Deepwater Crossroads	10,124
Note payable - Garnett	-
Note payable - Mt. Vernon	14,115
Note payable - Powell Twin Springs	15,873
Note payable - Rogersville Harvest Community	30,434
Note payable - Sarcoxie	11,299
Note payable - Girard Living Faith	391,166
Unrealized Gains/Losses	1,954.89
In and Out Accounts	(9,299.84)
Total Liabilities	<u>459,542.05</u>

Net Assets

Opening Balance - equity	8,549,855.06
Fair Market Value Adjustment	2,451,071.06
Retained Earnings	1,380,491.47
Net Income	16,895.96
Total Net Assets	<u>12,398,259.55</u>
Total Liabilities and Members' Equity	<u><u>12,857,801.60</u></u>

Statement of Revenues and Expenses- modified cash basis

For the Assembly Year May 1, 2022 – April 30, 2023

Revenues, gains and other support:

District Budget	438,160.15
District Budget - mission outreach	26,094.87
Interest Income	180.68
Miscellaneous income	-
Unrealized Gains	-
Total revenues, gain and other support	464,435.70

Wages and benefits:

Office Staff Salaries	105,558.65
Assistant DS Annuity	11,308.86
District Secretary Honorarium & Travel	4,000.00
District Consultant	7,000.00
Payroll taxes	3,669.56
DS Social Security	21,000.00
DS health insurance	17,035.00
Christmas honorarium	3,500.00
District Staff Appreciation	782.28
District treasurer honorarium	1,100.00
DS annuity	8,450.00
DS housing	31,856.08
DS Sabbatical	1,200.00
Total wages and benefits	216,460.43

Office expenses:

Accounting and legal fees	4,074.61
Assistant DS travel & Prof	6,662.89
Assistant DS Professional Exp	-
District Consultant Travel	-
Computers and software	3,618.55
Advertising/PR	-
Conferences	18,593.07
Pastor Benevolent Fund	4,991.25
District advisory board	58.40
District assembly	22,474.54
District Promotional Items	-
District office maintenance	7,681.62
Potter's House Maintenance	2,400.00
District property insurance	12,740.25
District Revival	1,316.29
DS Auto	14,000.00
DS professional	14,459.11

Equipment lease	4,582.50
Equipment repairs & maintenance	2,000.00
General assembly delegate	5,000.00
Gifts/flowers	2,154.10
Ministry retreat	6,274.63
Office equipment	309.90
Office supplies	5,987.19
Pastoral training	14,000.00
Pastor's Christmas banquet	5,358.00
Postage	1,519.15
Pre-assembly meetings	2,299.11
Sound/video/books	1,371.50
Telephone	3,722.25
Utilities	8,366.07
Web page	463.85
Pastormatch	400.00
Pastor Spouse day	93.21
District Recovery Team Expense	2,641.84
Mentor/Mentee Program	-
Misc. Expense	-
Total office expenses	179,613.88
Total District expenses	396,074.31
Mission Outreach:	
MO director	8,034.30
Nehemiah Builders	7,106.11
MNU Support	2,050.00
NBC Presidential Partnership	-
Local Church's bills	25,832.30
M.O. Local Bills	3,379.59
Mission Area Coordinators	1,195.31
Hispanic Ministries	10,885.08
Starting of New Churches	-
Ministry Assessment Center	4,291.60
Total mission outreach expenses	62,774.29
Total Expense and Losses	458,848.60
Change in Net Assets	5,587.10

Amounts given to other departments:

District NMI	27,071.82
District NYI	33,751.83
District SDMI	27,001.23
MidAmerica Nazarene University	217,966.25
Pensions and Benefits	112,504.74

Respectfully submitted,
Tim Westmark, Treasurer

Anderson Ironworks

Rev. Wendell Daniel

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

Our community is full of people that need Jesus. It is a daily desire to minister the love of Jesus to anyone and everyone in our sphere of influence. God gets the glory for the outcome.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

We host an annual Squirrel Derby. We have many drawings for door prizes. We have several categories that winners receive gift cards. We have an individual present the message of Christ and His salvation that is available to anyone who would receive His free gift.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 2


Number of first-time visitors this church year: 6

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 2

The goals for our church next year are...

We want to share the message of Jesus in our community by sponsoring VBS. We are looking forward to this event in early August.

(ANDERSON) IRON WORKS					
Pastor Wendell Daniel (Anita) Start Date: 09/2020					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	57	33	33	14	16
New Nazarenes	5	6	0	0	0
Discipleship	65	28	0	0	16
Membership	63	41	23	23	25
Church Income:	52,848	59,286	41,690	45,004	53,701
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes



Ava Highway

Rev. Brian Letsinger

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

We are in the midst of an ongoing story of a young man coming back to the Lord. He had been out of church for a couple of years but in the past few months he has started back. He has been to the altar a few times and is really seeking God's leading in his life. God has done a great work and we are praying for a miracle in his family. Our young men have done a great job reaching out to this person. Praying for him and speaking truth into his life. It has been great to watch them carefully help their brother back to the Father.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

We fed lunch to every shift at a local factory. We served over 500 people. Just wanted them to know we appreciated them.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 11


Number of first time visitors this church year: 45

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 17

The goals for our church next year are...

We seek to have real encounters with the living God in our homes and during corporate worship. Our desire is get people to answer the question, "Who is Jesus?" When that is answered correctly we can then know who we are. We seek to empower our families to educate their children through the truth of God's Word to know and follow Jesus. The world has lots of false messages and we want our people to seek their identity in Jesus and not from the world.

AVA HIGHWAY					
Pastor Brian Letsinger (Cindy) Start Date: 10/2020					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	156	146	117	130	162
New Nazarenes	13	10	3	7	0
Discipleship	210	235	52	35	137
Membership	314	321	128	135	134
Church Income:	295,822	242,800	274,221	267,215	290,770
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



Baxter Springs

Rev. Bill Whetstone

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

It has been a year of recuperation and change after having major surgery. I praise the Lord for his steadfastness and His care for helping myself and my family during this year. God has been so faithful to allow me even during this time to continue to preach His word and minister to the church as best I can. Even though there were times I felt inadequate, God allowed me to minister to individuals during life changing events and in their time of loss. I am now in a new assignment, and I am seeing God work in the church to rebuild it for His Kingdom. A strong message of Holiness and Sanctification is being preached and I am seeing change in individuals' lives. I believe with all my heart God has renewed my call to ministry again in His faithfulness. God has a great plan for Baxter Springs.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

VBS, Food Pantry

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 2


Number of first time visitors this church year: 7

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 7

The goals for our church next year are...

To teach those in the church how to disciple others and to do more outreach in the community.

BAXTER SPRINGS					
Pastor Bill Whetstone (Angie)		Start Date: 12/2022			
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	20	17	17	17	20
New Nazarenes	0	4	0	0	0
Discipleship	11	11	0	0	28
Membership	19	22	25	25	27
Church Income:	54,212	39,064	63,046	39,722	30,493
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes



Bolivar Family

Rev. Rod Campbell

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

I have the awesome opportunity to work as the Chaplain for the Bolivar City Fire Department. This last year I had the opportunity to pray with and share the Gospel with a family that happened to be going through some real hard times. At this point I have become friends with them, and I have had several more opportunities share with them the awesome love of Jesus! As doors open, we will keep ministering to them and fulfilling their needs. Anyone that has an opportunity to work alongside first responders, (firefighters or police) will soon find out that it is a tough way but a very rewarding way to meet people's needs at a time when they need Jesus the most!

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

As always, VBS

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 2


Number of first-time visitors this church year: 22

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 1

The goals for our church next year are...

The goal for our church this next year is to build our Children's Ministry & to work on finding a new Music Minister.

BOLIVAR FIRST					
Pastor Rodney Campbell (Tricia)					Start Date: 05/1996
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	121	118	112	82	70
New Nazarenes	5	2	0	0	3
Discipleship	127	112	30	28	83
Membership	117	117	117	117	117
Church Income:	155,867	10,840	127,428	123,506	119,814
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



Bradleyville

Rev. Ed Hunsaker

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

He's a long time friend who's promised to come to church for years, and finally did. We're making progress in leading him to the Lord. He seldom misses a service and is becoming more involved. We pray for his soul daily.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

We are still distributing groceries on the first Wednesday of every month.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 0


Number of first time visitors this church year: 15

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 8

The goals for our church next year are...

We're still having symptoms from the past, covid, leadership to name a couple. We seem to have a revolving door of people coming and going. This next year we hope to bring some consistency to our work in the community and church. Hoping to get people involved that will get hooked up and love Jesus more than secular events.

BRADLEYVILLE					
Pastor Ed Hunsaker (Leona) Start Date: 11/2021					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	32	40	33	31	31
New Nazarenes	2	5	1	3	0
Discipleship	24	28	0	0	28
Membership	44	45	43	39	38
Church Income:	42,403	35,370	36,636	32,670	32,670
Allocations Paid:	No	No	No	No	No



Branson Citizens Church

Rev. Michael Seewald

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

The Lord has brought many new people into the lives of our congregation. It's always incredible to celebrate when a family commits their life to the Lord. I had the awesome opportunity to witness my sister-in-law (Lynda) accept Jesus as her Lord and Savior. My wife and I have prayed for this for years. We've made very deliberate attempts to share the love of Jesus with her. My wife has been an incredible example of God's love to her, in every season of her life. I became my Lynda's pastor, and closer as a brother-in-law, and she listened intently to the Word of God, watching online and then joining us in person. God was moving and working in tremendous ways, ways that we had no idea He was moving, far beyond what we could ever say or do. Lynda has moved here to Missouri, left her old life and is walking in the new life of Jesus. She thought we were crazy for doing this originally. But, God got ahold of her. She's all in! Her passion and fire for God is contagious. The Lord used my family's difficult situation in moving to Branson as an example of trusting Jesus in the tough stuff. You never know who is watching us. The difficulties were worth it all to know my sister-in-law is known by her Lord and Savior. God is so faithful.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

We have had the opportunity to partner with a local food bank called Christian Action Ministries and we have delivered groceries to a local apartment complex every month, with two opportunities to provide a hot meal out of our own church facility.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year- 1

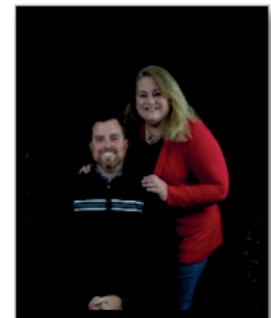
Number of first-time visitors this church year- 124

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year- 10

The goals for our church next year are...

1. Launch new Spiritual Growth/Discipleship initiatives
2. Develop and equip new leadership in key areas
3. Start a Church Building Campaign/Property Search
4. Praying that God would add 20 people to our regular attendance (20 new visitors retained)

(BRANSON) CITIZENS					
Michael Seewald (Brenda) Start Date: 08/2020					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	43	45	35	39	37
New Nazarenes	7	4	0	15	6
Discipleship	26	32	27	11	53
Membership	26	37	23	40	47
Church Income:	80,312	55,207	62,492	108,005	95,775
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



Branson First

Rev. Daniel Leibbrand

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

One Sunday we had a friend of a friend attend our service. During this service the Lord was moving and many people came to the altar. One person in particular came and was in tears to the point of convulsing. Some of our leaders were praying with her and I dismissed the church quietly as music kept playing and some were still at the altar. Lots of hugs and tears and then people went on their way. This person has become a regular attendee and a few months later stopped by my house and began sharing what God had done in their life at the altar. They shared that they had been going through some very difficult times in their marriage and that they came to church because they were invited but had already decided they were going to leave and divorce their spouse after the service. God had other things in mind and completely changed this person's heart and view on the world. They were freed from the bondage they were in and saw that they were the biggest problem in the marriage and needed to give their life and the marriage over to God. God saved a soul and a marriage that morning and it is still flourishing now several months later. God continues to speak into their life the truth and hope that a life with Christ has.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

We haven't done any specific events this past year as we are working on our hearts condition before we attempt to do anymore events. We have, however, come alongside an underserved (and homeless) ministry near us. We have volunteers that started helping out on a weekly basis and as needs arise we have met those needs. We have provided socks for people with none, protein rich snacks for those with nothing to eat, and similar help. We have sent a team to help pack over 100 toiletry bags for the ministry when their help wasn't able to help. Out of this ministry assistance we have had 5 repeat attendees and close to 10 others come to one of our services.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 1


Number of first time visitors this church year: 15

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 9

The goals for our church next year are...

To continue to seek the Lord and add to the Kingdom those who are being saved. We want to see 10 people come to know the Lord this coming year and want to have at least one service of over 100 people in attendance.

BRANSON					
Pastor Dan Leibbrand (Lori) Start Date: 01/2022					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	69	69	69	56	62
New Nazarenes	4	1	9	4	4
Discipleship	46	69	8	26	40
Membership	130	128	132	129	130
Church Income:	254,660	204,462	203,737	196,398	182,854
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes



Buffalo

Rev. Art Black

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

My father was taken to the emergency room. After turning in the Power of Attorney paperwork, I was returning to my vehicle praying that the Lord would strengthen me for this new chapter in life. I then heard someone crying. After a brief search, I witnessed a woman sitting in her car. She was in fear of losing her mother. According to her, her mother attended church, "for the most part." She said she thought about praying, but it didn't feel right because she was doing it as someone "who just needed something from Him." I explained that was the story of every christian now walking with Him. Subsequent to answering in the affirmative to believing He was who her mother said He was, that she believed He could do what she said He could do, and that He could save her soul, her mother, and reunite them should she pass, she gave her life to the Lord. There have been others this past year, but we both were in need that day, and the timing was divine.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

Our Easter Celebration, and Egg Hunt

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 3


Number of first time visitors this church year: 12

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 3

The goals for our church next year are...

For every member to lead at least one person to the Lord, and adopt a home to be Christ for, to start our food distribution program, to kickoff our feed a farmer (farmer appreciation) day, and to add an outreach.

BUFFALO					
Pastor Art Black Start Date: 07/2018					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	18	19	22	22	36
New Nazarenes	3	0	4	0	0
Discipleship	18	34	7	7	30
Membership	84	41	45	46	46
Church Income:	8,060	10,705	17,992	17,000	1,792
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



Butler

Rev. Jeremy Henderson

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

I had the privilege of sharing the Gospel with approximately 120 people this past Easter at our Easter Eggstravaganza. We had 60 kids in attendance and another 60 adults as well. I was able to share about the reality of our sins, the love of God and how both motivated Jesus' death on the cross in order to restore our relationship with God. I used an Easter Egg filled with jelly beans to demonstrate how the tomb was filled on Good Friday and an empty Easter Egg to demonstrate how the tomb was empty on Easter Sunday. I praise the Lord that when I gave the invitation to the children and parents we had 15 kids and 1 parent made a decision to ask the Lord to forgive them of their sins and to receive Jesus Christ as their Savior.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

In addition to our Easter Eggstravaganza event, we held a three-day Vacation Bible School in which we had fun and shared the gospel with the resulting effect of 16 children receiving Christ as their Savior.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 32

Number of first time visitors this church year: 30

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 10

The goals for our church next year are...

A minimum of: 40 Salvation Decisions, 2 Sanctification Decisions, 5 Baptisms, 7 New Members, An average of 80 in worship attendance, An average of 36 in discipleship attendance, 40 people engaged in ministry here at Butler Nazarene, 5 people engaged in our Intercessory Prayer Group that meets before service, 5 new ministry leaders called, equipped and released for ministry, \$100,000 raised for all purposes & all District & General Budgets paid, 10 Butler Nazarenes participate in the Joplin District Daniel Fast during January 2024, 2 Sunday Fellowship Meals and 2 Fun and Fellowship events to connect and fellowship with each other.


Add a drummer, bass guitarist and electric guitarist to our Sunday morning Worship Team, as well one additional vocal team.

Expand our quarterly CONNECTING POINT event from just a membership class to a quarterly equipping event for the whole congregation - offering training on Spiritual Rhythm and Practices Development, S.H.A.P.E. discovery and Personal Testimony Development / Witnessing Style.

Establish a NazCare team of 1 lay leader and a minimum of 2-3 other lay people who will organize funeral dinners, meal-trains, send cards, and visit shut-ins / those in the hospital. See one lay leader called, equipped and released to coordinate, schedule and conduct each of the following ministries: NazWomen, NazYouth and NazCare ministries.

Continue our purposeful compassion outreaches - participation in Community Cafe, participation in Butler Ministerial Alliance fundraisers, and a minimum of 2 compassionate ministry outreaches that will impact the well being of families with children in the Butler Public Schools.

BUTLER					
	Jeremy Henderson (Zandra)			Start Date: 01/2022	
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	55	62	62	49	63
New Nazarenes	3	0	2	0	5
Discipleship	65	23	23	0	39
Membership	122	122	120	121	125
Church Income:	165,193	111,771	92,594	89,170	102,799
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No



Camdenton New Life

Pastor Jason Holt

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

Sophie is a young mom who actually grew up in our church. She attended New Life during her elementary and early middle school years before her family fell away from the church. We connected with Sophie during an Easter Outreach event here at New Life. We invited her to come back the following day for Easter worship and she did. Sophie continued to attend with her 3 children and made a decision to trust in Christ for salvation. I was able to baptize Sophie this year and she has plugged into a small group as well. She is actively praying for the salvation of her husband and is excited to deepen her faith in Jesus.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

We felt like God has called us to reach out and be the hands and feet of Jesus to our local school district this year. We have fed and ministered to every single staff member, administrator, and teacher in the Camdenton School District this year. We are praying for each of them as well.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 6

Number of first time visitors this church year: 32

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 21

The goals for our church next year are...

Our goal is to launch 6 new communities on mission in the lake area, with each group focused on engaging and ministering to a specific group of people. Our goal and focus this year is being a church on mission that reaches the lake area for Christ. We are also prayerfully looking to add additional staff and develop leaders from our church and community.

(CAMDENTON) NEW LIFE					
Pastor Jason Holt (Amy) Start Date: 11/2021					
<i>PAC: Camdenton Hispanic</i>					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	156	139	0	72	114
New Nazarenes	3	0	0	6	3
Discipleship	100	99	0	51	80
Membership	151	145	141	72	125
Church Income:	219,533	220,477	227,000	195,522	221,975
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No



Caney

Dr. Russell Hosey

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

Jace – He began attending our youth night about a year ago. He went to teen camp with us last summer. However, it wasn't until one worship service in March, that Jace said he knew the Lord was convicting him that he was not on the right path and that he needed to turn to the Lord and turn his life over to the Lord. So, that is what he did. We had the privilege of baptizing Jace the Sunday after Easter.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

Our Christmas time outreach includes featuring the worship band on a float in the city Christmas parade to coordinate the entire city's Angel Tree program and Prison Angel program. Both have helped put God on display in our community and increased our visitor flow.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 29

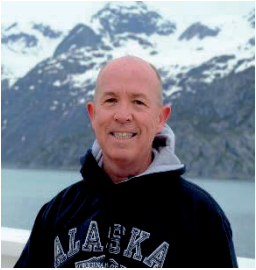
Number of first time visitors this church year: 69

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 47

The goals for our church next year are...

We are asking the Lord to let us baptize 10 new believers. We want to see our worship services reach even greater levels of impact. We want to start at least 2 more adult classes/small groups. We want to add at least 10% more people to the ministry teams.

CANEY					
Pastor Russell Hosey Start Date: 10/2021					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	26	26	26	46	81
New Nazarenes	3	0	5	4	7
Discipleship	70	70	10	10	58
Membership	30	30	34	38	42
Church Income:	29,539	33,451	36,370	99,431	153,220
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes



Carthage

Rev. Dustin Ledford

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

My journey with Justin and Kelsey began a few years ago through a school connection. They attended once a year - not for Easter - but for FFA Sunday. They would bring the ag students each year. I connected with Justin as opportunity arose and with Kelsey through a local store connection. They are great, down to earth, honest people. I learned that they had never been to church - no holidays, weddings, funerals. When a need arose in their life, they decided to go to church - our church was the only one they had ever been in - so they decided to attend one Sunday. It has been a journey this year - but praise be to God, Kelsey gave her life to Jesus following a Sunday Service. They are being disciplined through a group my wife, Kara, leads. Their first child is due soon!

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

Easter Egg Outreach for young families. Lunch and Laugh once a month for our Senior Adults, Wednesday "Blast Nights" each month for our students, Ladies and Men's Retreats.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 83


Number of first time visitors this church year: 156

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 52

The goals for our church next year are...

Fill Staffing Needs, Strengthen Growth Track, Build on our Pastor Prayer Partner Ministry, Facility Updates, Serve our community through School Partnerships, Serve Projects, & Hispanic Outreach. Build on the momentum of Student and Kid ministry - to reach families.

CARTHAGE					
Pastor Dustin Ledford (Kara) Start Date: 01/2006					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	537	542	542	452	489
New Nazarenes	16	8	12	23	18
Discipleship	363	358	92	78	383
Membership	467	410	369	345	350
Church Income:	765,690	733,650	721,730	763,799	753,608
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



Cassville

Rev. R. Caleb Ryman

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

I gave a man a ride from a gas station to the hotel on the south side of town. He was very angry about a lot of things that were happening in his life. In our natural conversation he made a joke about how messed up Christianity was. I laughed and agreed. He was caught off when my agreement and our conversation went that route. After telling him a lot of my story and the route I took before coming to Christ, he was interested. Once we got to the hotel, I simply asked if he wanted to accept Christ or just continue being angry at everything. I led him to Christ that evening. I had an old Bible in my car and gave it to him. We continued to talk on the phone, but have slowly lost connection, last I heard he is involved with a church in Arkansas.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

Our church has not had an outreach event, but we regularly give rides from those released from the jail. Those who get released will call and will get a free ride to a home or hotel within 30 miles of the jail.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 0

Number of first time visitors this church year: 2

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 0

The goals for our church next year are...


Our church to get into the jail.

10% raise in attendance.

1 Outreach event as a church.

1 New member.

CASSVILLE					
Pastor R. Caleb Ryman (Kirith) Start Date: 08/2021					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	10	21	21	17	11
New Nazarenes	0	5	0	0	0
Discipleship	7	17	0	4	14
Membership	25	32	28	5	4
Church Income:	7,763	18,368	13,415	13,443	9,366
Allocations Paid:	No	Yes	No	No	No



Chanute

Rev. Doug Jackett

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

Several months ago, I was at the grocery store and ran into an older gentleman that I have known for several years. We talked for a while and in the conversation, I invited him to church and he agreed that he needed to be in church, but not for him. He told me that he needed to bring his grandchildren to church. I agreed with him, told him our times, and said, "I'll see you Sunday morning!" He said ok. The following Sunday, he had his grandchildren with him and said, "here we are!" I was so excited. He has rarely missed a Sunday since. He drives twenty minutes one way to pick up his grandchildren to bring them to church. He is so excited to be a part and to see his grandchildren involved with the children's ministry. He is also trying very hard to get his wife to come. He believes that time is getting closer for her to begin coming as well. He has been to the altar on occasion. We have prayed with him and asked if there was anything we could pray with him about, and every time it is for his wife and grandchildren. I believe that God is softening his heart and one day soon, he will experience true victory! I can't wait to be a part of that celebration! I believe deep down, he wants a relationship with Jesus. There are layers being peeled away each week, and the day of repentance is near. To God be the glory!

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

We hosted a pancake feed and an Easter egg hunt with over 5,000 eggs and candy! It was a great turnout of families from the community and surrounding area. We had registration papers for families to fill out. We then had a drawing for the larger prizes to be given out at the end of the Sunday service. We were able to make new connections with families in our communities as well as minister to some that we have already made contact with. On Easter morning, we had five new families (parents and children) in our church service specifically due to the egg hunt and breakfast. This was a great time of celebrating Jesus with new people in our congregation!

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 13


Number of first time visitors this church year: 52

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 27

The goals for our church next year are...

We are excited about utilizing a second church property for community outreach and support. We have several ideas and the excitement of the possibilities are building in the members of our congregation. We believe that God will bless our efforts in this area and the funds and workers necessary to support the ministries will be met. We are praying for miracles over our community! We believe that God is still in the miracle working business!

CHANUTE					
Pastor Doug Jackett (Elizabeth)			Start Date: 12/2018		
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	132	135	85	85	86
New Nazarenes	18	10	5	12	13
Discipleship	88	96	32	40	110
Membership	210	220	211	220	224
Church Income:	139,936	118,498	136,194	141,000	134,330
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



Cherryvale

Rev. Jerry Richards

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

Joe (not his real name), a middle aged adult, began to attend church with his mother occasionally a few months ago. He is a very reserved, private man who leaves as soon as the benediction is pronounced. I put him on my prayer list and am seeking opportunities to have interaction with him. So far he has been receptive to me. At this point I am working on developing the kind of relationship with him that would permit me to talk to him about spiritual things. He seems to be becoming more open to a relationship and conversation about spiritual things. I pray that this will be the year for Joe to be bore again!

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

We honor and give gifts to key leaders in our community on a monthly basis. (City leaders, teachers, police, fire, EMT's, etc.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 5


Number of first time visitors this church year: 7

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 4

The goals for our church next year are...

Increase of at least two in attendance and at least three new Christians.

CHERRYVALE					
Pastor Jerry Richards (Esther)			Start Date: 03/2017		
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	14	19	19	23	25
New Nazarenes	1	2	0	3	3
Discipleship	10	19	0	0	17
Membership	15	16	16	18	21
Church Income:	36,314	28,444	27,173	44,665	57,746
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



Clinton

Rev. Thomas Waller

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

I'm currently working on bringing my daughter back to Jesus. Since her mother passed away three years ago she has struggled to keep her faith. I am praying with her every chance I have; encouraging her to read her Bible and come back to church. She says it is too difficult. But I am persuaded that the Holy Spirit will continue the good work which He began in her during her childhood.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

Our Halloween hotdog giveaway is our biggest outreach. Giving families a safe and friendly place to hangout with their children

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 3


Number of first time visitors this church year: 12

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 2

The goals for our church next year are...

Our Halloween hotdog giveaway is our biggest outreach. Giving families a safe and friendly place to hangout with their children

CLINTON					
Pastor Thomas Waller Start Date: 06/2002					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	39	41	28	50	36
New Nazarenes	10	9	2	7	4
Discipleship	50	37	10	16	36
Membership	56	52	48	54	52
Church Income:	50,033	48,900	53,304	48,781	30,428
Allocations Paid:	No	No	No	No	No



Coffeyville Central

Pastor Joel Thompson

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

Two people come to mind right away. Both of these people have complicated lives because of choices in their past. Life just seems to have a way of becoming complicated, and when Jesus is in our lives, but not the Lord of our lives, we keep sliding. Sometimes it takes time to get untangled from our past once Jesus calls us to a new life. What I am most excited to see is life changes taking place, and the church stepping in to love and support these folks. It's hard and a scary thing when God calls you to overhaul your life, and the support of our brothers and sisters in Christ can make all the difference!

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

Our church does a couple of events that we get excited about each year; a Thanksgiving Dinner giveaway, and a block party in June that always attracts a crowd thanks to the Joplin District NDI and the inflatable trailers. What I'd really like to share however is the small scale outreach. One of our folks is going to the laundromat and feeding quarters in machines and offering to pray with people. I love the large events, but there is something special about making a personal connection in this way!

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 3


Number of first-time visitors this church year: 15

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 2

The goals for our church next year are...

In two words: Unity & Community. We have a desire to grow closer to God and to grow together in fellowship with each other. It is this unity with God, and unity with each other inside of our church that enables us, and better prepares us, to take the good news of the Gospel to the communities that our church represents. Our goal is to introduce more people to Christ than we ever have before.

COFFEYVILLE CENTRAL					
Joel Thompson (Jill) Start Date: 09/2020					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	42	37	37	52	51
New Nazarenes	3	0	0	2	2
Discipleship	46	28	0	25	51
Membership	71	65	25	27	29
Church Income:	65,048	49,018	53,368	73,048	39,123
Allocations Paid:	Yes	No	No	Yes	No



Coffeyville First

Rev. Luke Letsinger

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

In these last two years, my wife Bethany with her wonderful team has grown the Youth Group from 1 on our first Wednesday night to an average of around 20 teens each Wednesday. Most of these teens have no Church background. One night, Bethany was speaking about Jesus and one teen asked "Who is Jesus?" Thinking that the student was joking, another student told them to essentially knock it off. However, the student was being serious and had no clue on who Jesus was. Each week we try to show these teens the love of Jesus by sharing a meal, playing games, and sharing with them the Word of God. It can oftentimes feel that there is little impact taking place in their lives. This year though, we had the privilege of baptizing four from the youth group. God is doing great things, even when it can be hard to see at times!

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

We have a Community College here in Coffeyville and at the beginning of the School year we gave each student a bag of homemade cookies and a handwritten note from members of the church welcoming the students to Coffeyville. We made over 1,500 cookies and every dorm room received a bag with a note letting them know that they were loved and being prayed for. This opened the door for new relationships, and through this and a few more intentional times of outreach we have seen 3 college students regularly come to our church.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 11

Number of first time visitors this church year: 112

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 31

The goals for our church next year are...

Discipleship Goals:

- Start 1 New Home Group
- Start 1 New Adult Sunday School Class
- Conduct a Training for our Church Leaders

Missional Goals:

- Be a physical presence in the majority of our Community Events
- Intentionally pray for the lost as a Church once a week

COFFEYVILLE FIRST					
Pastor Luke Letsinger (Bethany) Start Date: 06/2021					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	135	128	128	88	104
New Nazarenes	3	2	3	3	4
Discipleship	81	72	36	55	77
Membership	146	147	83	84	90
Church Income:	197,086	169,599	162,212	167,869	195,465
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes



Deepwater Crossroads

Rev. Bryan Keith

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

Andrew is a young man that I have known for several years, a young boy that I met as ISS instructor in our local school. The afflictions of the world have taken a toll on his life. Mrs. Peggy and I have tried to show him the love of Jesus. Some people are shocked to see that we reach out to him and that he is drawn to us. After all those are the ones that Jesus ministered to, the marginal ones, ones in the gap, the lost. I would love to say he has committed his life to Jesus, but he has not. We continue to pray for him and share Christ's unconditional love with him and others that are lost. He has so much to offer, loyalty, kindness, strength, truth, and love. May Andrew kneel at Jesus' feet.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

We haven't had an all-out VBS for several years. Thanks to Zachary Keith's challenge and willingness to lead we had a fantastic VBS last summer with 104 in attendance. Praise the Lord.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 13


Number of first time visitors this church year: 112

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 34

The goals for our church next year are...

We haven't had an all-out VBS for several years. Thanks to Zachary Keith's challenge and wiliness to lead we had a fantastic VBS last summer with 104 in attendance. Praise the Lord.

DEEPWATER CROSSROADS					
Pastor Bryan Keith (Peggy) Start Date: 11/1996					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	50	50	50	38	46
New Nazarenes	2	4	0	11	3
Discipleship	34	33	0	0	32
Membership	56	60	55	68	69
Church Income:	64,111	53,219	41,383	44,083	49,066
Allocations Paid:	No	No	No	No	No



Dogwood

Rev. Michael Peebles

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

Miriam started coming to our services a few months ago. She is homeless and separated from her husband. She has a background in the occult. However, her life took a sharp turn for the better when she decided to trust the Lord Jesus Christ to redeem her from her sins. He set her feet on the solid rock. Her countenance is cheerful and she has a different future. Her testimony of her relationship with God is bright and clear, and she enjoys worshipping and praying with the congregation, and studying that Bible. She is our most recently baptized convert, and we rejoice with God, and with the angels in heaven that she has found a place in the Kingdom.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

We had Ted Pearce in concert, which brought in quite a few people for an evening. We were able to minister to folks and build goodwill. I don't know if it fed into our growth very significantly, but certainly it did give us an opportunity to deepen our relationships with some folks on the fringes of our congregation. The relational time was probably helpful toward some of them attending a bit more regularly.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 4

Number of first time visitors this church year: 127

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 28

The goals for our church next year are...

Professions of faith and baptisms: 10 or more

Enrolled in weekly local discipleship program to equip for local ministry: 7 or more


Build an effective internet based program to broadcast worship and teaching.

By year's end have the impact of this program consistently be above 50 weekly for worship and 20 for teaching (besides those who attend in person).

Raise local in-person attendance to above 150

Raise local direct involvement in classes and small groups to above 80.

DOGWOOD					
Pastor Michael Peebles (Diane)			Start Date: 03/2003		
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	165	151	137	133	97
New Nazarenes	5	0	0	6	4
Discipleship	165	151	52	71	97
Membership	37	37	37	39	37
Church Income:	25,881	22,640	32,503	40,826	33,020
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	No	No	No



Erie

Rev. Chris Diller

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

Kaine was struggling, not engaging at church or elsewhere, distant. Understandable for a guy that adopted four kids in his early twenties with no kids of his own. The shock of instant family took its toll on him. There were struggles within the home. His wife left, taking the kids. They had fits and started trying to reconcile. He made some attempts to go on trips with the family. Those trips seemed to end in arguments and hurt feelings all through his family. I started meeting with Kaine in January, and with God's guidance, we were able to work through some of Kaine's issues. Kaine has rededicated his life to the Lord, he is home and living with his family. He is a responsible husband, and dad to his kids, and he engages at small group and at church. God has changed him, and continues to do so.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

This year we started our youth group! It's called "The Clay". It is running 8 middle schoolers, and three of those attend church sporadically.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 10


Number of first time visitors this church year: 52

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 12

The goals for our church next year are...

Sunday Worship - 45, NDI - 25, Start 2 new Small Groups, Expand youth group to 15, Exploring the possibilities of Daycare expansion with building a new facility, 15 decisions for Christ, 5 new members.

ERIE					
Pastor Chris Diller (Kelly)		Start Date: 05/2017			
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	19	21	21	24	38
New Nazarenes	2	0	0	0	0
Discipleship	11	24	0	23	37
Membership	10	10	10	10	10
Church Income:	24,197	27,808	33,045	32,272	37,487
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



Fordland Faith Journey

Rev. Steve Wierman

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

A young man of 6yrs old I had the pleasure of leading him to Jesus, then I got to baptize him as well. After that Christian would come to the altar every Sunday and pray, I asked who are you praying for? His response was, my dad ,sister and grandma. Then I'd ask him what are we praying for? For them to ask Jesus into their hearts. For the next 9 months he would pray for them. In March his dad accepted Jesus as his personal savior. Now Christian tells me , Pastor Steve one of these days I'm going to have your job as a pastor! I say well that awesome Christian!

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

Trunk or Treat, back to school bash, VBS

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 8


Number of first-time visitors this church year: 40

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 15

The goals for our church next year are...

To start a recovery program and see more people come to Christ!

(FORDLAND) FAITH JOURNEY					
Pastor Steve Wierman (Tina) Start Date: 03/2019					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	32	82	82	76	82
New Nazarenes	15	3	5	6	8
Discipleship	47	82	16	32	53
Membership	28	30	40	46	55
Church Income:	21,119	42,149	55,033	54,694	139,178
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No



Fordland Union Chapel

Rev. Robert Parker

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

Number of people led to Jesus this church year- 0


Number of first-time visitors this church year- 8

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year- 3

The goals for our church next year are...

To add 2 new families to the church

(FORDLAND) Union Chapel					
Pastor Robert Parker Start Date: 11/2021					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship			12	10	13
New Nazarenes			0	0	0
Discipleship			14	0	13
Membership			10	11	11
Church Income:			19,256	24,985	10,578
Allocations Paid:			Yes	No	Yes



Forsyth Trinity Church of the Nazarene

Rev. Dan A. Paxton

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

One young lady came into church one Wednesday evening and said she was having night mares of people trying to kill her, and she would tell them I am not ready to die, I am not saved. She got saved that night. I have several people I am working on weekly to get them saved.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

Our Campmeeting Sunday is a good outreach for our church.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year- 2

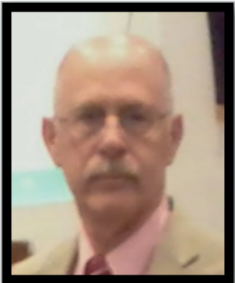
Number of first-time visitors this church year- 9

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year- 4

The goals for our church next year are...

To preach and teach the way of Holiness that leads people to heaven.

FORSYTH TRINITY					
Pastor Dan Paxton (Ella) Start Date: 07/2002					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	30	25	25	4	28
New Nazarenes	0	0	0	0	1
Discipleship	30	25	10	4	18
Membership	52	50	16	14	17
Church Income:	67,489	60,275	69,195	59,451	76,083
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



Fort Scott Rev. Virgil Peck

The STORY of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

When I first came to Fort Scott, Christy was part of FSN. She had surrendered to Jesus while Pastor Scott was here. Shortly after, she started dating a guy named Jason and eventually became engaged to be married. I really got to know Jason and Christy while doing their pre-marital counseling. During our meetings, we talked about starting it off right by allowing Jesus to be the center of our marriages and our lives. I remember Jason saying, "I see you believe but I'm just not there yet." Through Jason and Christy's marriage, I have seen them serve and sacrifice. One of those ways they have served and sacrificed is by adopting two of Jason's infant grandsons and are in the process of raising them. I have seen God transform Jason through this process. We've had multiple conversations of how he wants to do it differently with the boys than he did with his daughter, the boy's mom. Again, talking about the better is having Jesus be the center of his life. Every year during our church's fast, we encourage each other to fast for 3 friends, so that they would surrender to Jesus. Every year, Jason has been one of those friends on my list. The last couple of years, Jason has had to work weekends so anytime that we have a midweek men's group he would be there. This past year, Jeff took a group of men through the study "Every Man a Warrior". It was through that group and study that Jason came to understand what it means to surrender and be a fully devoted follower of Jesus. The day that Jason was baptized this year, there were a lot of tears. After years of prayer, there was a great celebration of a life transformed.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

The last couple of years, as we have intentionally worked to refocus our Connect Group Ministry, we have encouraged our Connect Groups to do 2 outreaches a year. Groups have chosen many different projects. One group adopted a local youth center, volunteering and updating their facilities. Another group has adopted a local nursing home, passing out candy and Valentines to the residents. Another group has used their time and abilities to make cookies for college students and also reached out to individuals who are home bound. One group has volunteered countless hours at our Common Ground Coffee Shop and helped with our Love Fort Scott initiative. The group I want to focus on today has adopted the residents and the staff at Tri-Valley. Tri-Valley is a group of homes that house and care for mentally and physically disabled adults. Throughout the past couple years, this small group has been intentionally focused on showing care for the residents but also investing in the staff. This past year they have had two cookouts and a couple of ice cream socials. It has been a blessing to the residents and to the small group. they said the residents can really put down the ice cream. Throughout the year, they send cards and gifts to the residents on their birthdays. For many of the residents, it is the only gift they receive. Through all of these outreaches, we want people in Fort Scott to know that they have been seen. We want them to know that there is hope for them through Jesus. These are simple ways but make a big difference in people's lives.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 25

Number of first time visitors this church year: 77

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 42

The goals for our church next year are...

Identify, train and mentor new ministry and connect group leaders, create new ways of impacting our community through organic outreach, refocus outreach ministries, take 25% of our current members though Foundations, increase our Connect group ministry by 20%, increase attendance by 15% and giving by 10%.

FORT SCOTT					
Pastor Virgil Peck (Lisa) Start Date: 06/2016					
<i>PACs: Hepler CrossTrails Cowboy Church; The Fort Outdoors</i>					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	355	333	230	302	314
New Nazarenes	13	2	6	12	7
Discipleship	223	178	106	211	291
Membership	366	363	363	377	380
Church Income:	316,094	307,527	297,224	340,319	380,717
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



Galena Parkhill

Rev. Brad Hunt

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

As a pastor, it is both my privilege and responsibility to guide souls towards the light of salvation. And in my ministry, I had the humbling opportunity to walk alongside Brandon during the last weeks of his earthly journey. Little did I know then that our time together would be brief, but the impact of his conversion would resonate within me and the entire congregation for years to come. Brandon, a 37-year-old man burdened by the weight of his past, sought solace and meaning in life. Through divine providence, our paths crossed, and a divine appointment unfolded. Brandon's heart was tender, ready to receive the truth of God's love, forgiveness, and redemption. Together, we explored the depths of Scripture, discussing the life, teachings, and sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ. We delved into the profound message of salvation, understanding that all have sinned and fall short of God's glory, but that through faith in Christ, we are justified and made new. After weeks of heartfelt conversations, prayer, and reflection, the transformative power of God's grace became evident in Brandon's life. On a significant day, as we knelt in humble surrender, he acknowledged his need for a Savior and invited Jesus Christ into his heart. The joy that flooded his being was indescribable—a true testament to the transformative power of God's love. In the short time that followed, Brandon's faith blossomed. His eyes were opened to the wonders of God's creation, and he discovered a renewed purpose in sharing the Good News with others. He spoke with conviction and authenticity, drawing people towards the hope he had found in Christ. The testimony of his transformed life touched countless hearts, inspiring others to seek the forgiveness and love that Brandon had embraced. Yet, just six weeks after his life-altering decision, Brandon's earthly journey abruptly came to an end. The news of his passing was a heavy blow, leaving us with a sense of sorrow and loss. However, even in the face of grief, we must not lose sight of the eternal hope that Brandon so fervently believed in. While we mourn the loss of our dear brother, we take solace in the assurance that Brandon now resides in the arms of his loving Savior. Though his time among us was brief, his impact was profound. Brandon's life serves as a reminder to us all that our days on this earth are numbered, and we must seize every opportunity to embrace the grace of God and share it with others.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

What a fantastic Halloween Trunk or Treat outreach we had this year, despite the unexpected rain! Despite the weather's attempts to dampen our spirits, we witnessed an incredible display of creativity, compassion, and unity. Many members of our church turned our parking lot into a magical Halloween wonderland, with wonderfully decorated trunks, imaginative costumes, Monster Trucks and delightful treats. It was truly a sight to behold, and we couldn't have been prouder of our church family. In the face of rain and adversity, we saw the true spirit of our community shine through. The smiles on the children's faces, the laughter in the air, and the sense of togetherness warmed our hearts, reminding us why we come together as a church family to serve others. It was a powerful testament to the love and compassion we hold dear. As we reflected on this year's event, we remember the powerful message it conveyed - that together, we can overcome any obstacle and spread joy, love, and positivity within our community. The rain couldn't extinguish the light in our hearts, and it's a testament to the strength of our faith and the bonds we share.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 3

Number of first time visitors this church year: 12

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 4

The goals for our church next year are...

Goal 1: Share the message of Jesus Christ with the community Organize regular evangelistic events, such as community outreach programs, guest speakers, or workshops, to effectively share the message of Jesus Christ with people in our community. Develop and implement a comprehensive social media strategy to reach a wider audience

and share uplifting messages, inspirational stories, and biblical teachings online. Encourage church members to actively engage in personal evangelism by providing training, resources, and opportunities to share their faith with friends, colleagues, and neighbors. Goal 2: Strengthen and expand our teen program Establish a dedicated teen ministry team that will focus on creating engaging and relevant activities, discussions, and events tailored specifically for teenagers. Develop a mentorship program where mature Christian adults can invest in the lives of teenagers, providing guidance, support, and discipleship. Collaborate with local schools, colleges, and youth organizations to establish partnerships that will allow us to connect with teenagers in the community and offer them a safe and welcoming environment to grow spiritually. Goal 3: Enhance and grow our children's program Revise and update the curriculum for children's Sunday school classes to ensure it effectively communicates the fundamental principles of the Christian faith in an age-appropriate manner. Train and equip volunteers who serve in the children's ministry, providing them with resources, workshops, and ongoing support to effectively engage children and nurture their spiritual growth. Explore creative ways to make the children's program more interactive and engaging, incorporating elements like music, storytelling, arts and crafts, and technology to create a fun and impactful learning environment. Goal 4: Foster a culture of discipleship and spiritual growth Develop small groups or discipleship programs where individuals of all ages can gather regularly to study the Bible, share their faith journeys, and encourage one another in their spiritual growth. Organize workshops, seminars, or conferences that focus on deepening biblical knowledge, practical Christian living, and developing spiritual disciplines. Provide resources, such as books, devotionals, and podcasts, that support personal study and reflection, and encourage church members to actively engage in daily Bible reading and prayer. Goal 5: Establish a welcoming and inclusive church environment Create a friendly and welcoming atmosphere where individuals and families of all backgrounds feel accepted, valued, and loved. Implement strategies to involve new members in various church ministries and activities, ensuring they have opportunities to connect with others and find their place within the church community. Train church leaders and members on cultural sensitivity, promoting diversity, and embracing inclusivity, so that everyone feels respected and appreciated for their unique contributions to the church

GALENA PARKHILL					
Pastor Brad Hunt (Kelley) Start Date: 03/2021					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	55	50	27	36	65
New Nazarenes	4	2	0	0	6
Discipleship	28	28	0	30	46
Membership	61	56	55	55	60
Church Income:	102,559	95,828	91,911	94,462	111,567
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



Garnett

Rev. Scott King

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

Only being here for the last nine months I have been focusing on ministering to those within the church. Too many times we look at the harvest as those outside of the church when in all actuality the harvest even within our churches are plenty. Through this focus I have been able to help people come to a renewing of their faith. Through a ministry that was already established in our church, was a young man that was living life without hope. With the struggles of addiction and family struggles and loss, he was heading to a life of destruction. Our church began ministering with him through our Celebrate Recovery group and I was blessed to help walk through some tough times with him. After months of relapsing time and time again, he finally went to get the help he needed from a facility. The story is still being written, but as of just yesterday, he showed up at my office and he is now 100 days sober and declaring the goodness of God. We had a wonderful time of prayer together and I truly believe He has experienced a life change through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

This year we have set out to connect to our local schools. In achieving this goal this past Christmas we took all the names of the teacher and assistants as well as staff and support. We asked them to tell us things they liked and preferred. With this in hand we challenged the church members to each take at least one name and build a gift bag for that individual. The church with full excitement built a personalized gift basket for every person at the Garnett Elementary School. We took a Sunday Morning service time and went to the gym and packaged and prayed over the gifts. With these in hand we went to the school the last day before winter break and not only gave them the gift, but also provided them with a catered lunch. The expressions of gratitude that was poured out from the school and the teachers was overwhelming. Through this one small event, we are now being welcomed into the schools of this area.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 8


Number of first time visitors this church year: 38

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 25

The goals for our church next year are...

To continue to find ways to connect with our community and schools. We are focusing our effort on four word "Love, Lead, Learn, Live".

GARNETT					
Pastor Scott King (Esther) Start Date: 08/2022					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	200	191	191	125	134
New Nazarenes	7	1	0	0	4
Discipleship	118	110	42	58	77
Membership	176	174	171	136	146
Church Income:	451,831	368,161	323,330	310,304	331,442
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



Girard Living Faith

Rev. Michael L. Johnson

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

This year I had the opportunity to lead several new people to the Lord. One of those individuals was a young mother of 2 who came to church with her husband. After a few weeks the husband left her, and she was on her own. She came to the Lord and asked for forgiveness and Jesus to be the Lord of her life. Since then, she and the kids have been growing in the Lord and with the guidance of a few good women, she is being discipled and helping in our children's department.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

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Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 47


Number of first time visitors this church year: 146

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 75

The goals for our church next year are...

Our goals are similar to this last year: 1) See over 50 people give their lives to the Lord. 2) See over 50 people start attending Living Faith on a regular basis. 3) Start a discipleship program and small groups for adults. 4) Build a day-care that will take care of 100 children. 5) Prayer ministry that involves over 25 people. 6) Help people understand and desire Sanctification. 7) Develop 2 outreach points in Arma and Girard where we can do children's and youth ministry. 8) Disciple 12 people who will then start discipling 12 individuals as well.

(GIRARD) LIVING FAITH					
Pastor Michael Johnson (Diane) Start Date: 02/2021					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	202	230	131	144	179
New Nazarenes	8	0	21	22	6
Discipleship	202	205	46	23	79
Membership	40	40	60	82	89
Church Income:	161,960	150,904	137,948	164,155	192,860
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No



Goodhope

Rev. Cheryl Beason

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

Cheryl and her children have started attending our church since April. They have NEVER been to church and know very little about what it means to be a Christian. She is attending Sunday School and Wednesday Night Bible Study. She then had to go to work and we stayed in contact through text messages. I am hopeful that we can start meeting on her day off. She is very hungry for the gospel. Pray for this family. I also continue to reach out to my nephews that are not saved.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year


Back to School Bash! We had inflatables and a dunk tank for the kids. We also handed out Backpacks (the school provided school supplies but not backpacks). Everyone had a great time.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 0

Number of first-time visitors this church year: 4

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 4

2 salvations and baptisms.

GOODHOPE						
Pastor Cheryl Beason (Pete)		Start Date: 04/2022				
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Worship	34	35	35	32	30	
New Nazarenes	0	0	0	0	4	
Discipleship	36	36	36	30	22	
Membership	26	26	26	23	27	
Church Income:	44,737	45,321	43,083	32,701	31,733	
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

Goodman Banner
Rev. Dennis Bergen

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

Ronnie came to my Monday Morning nursing home Bible Study for the first time. He was clear-headed and articulate. He seemed healthy, other than being in a wheelchair. I assumed he was there short term for therapy. After class he stayed behind to ask some questions. I asked him if he was saved. He said he walked an aisle as a child, but he didn't think he was saved. I asked if he would like to pray right then and be sure. He said, "Yes, I would." We prayed together and he trusted the Lord as his Savior. After Ronnie didn't come back to class for a while, I asked the Activities Director if he had been released or gone to another facility. She said he had died unexpectedly. I am so thankful I was there for him that day, and that I asked the question, "Have you ever been saved?"

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

During the showing of "Jesus Revolution," we passed out vouchers at the high school and other places with our church information on them. A perforated section could be torn off and presented for free entry into the movie. On two consecutive weekends (5 nights total), we set up outside the theater offering free Bibles, tracts, bracelets, and prayer. We then reimbursed the theater for the free passes.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 12

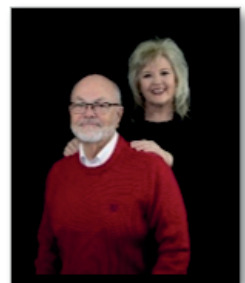
Number of first time visitors this church year: 151

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 59

The goals for our church next year are...

5% growth in all areas.

GOODMAN BANNER					
Pastor Dennis Bergen (Charlene) Start Date: 10/1996					
<i>PACs: Goodman Banner Hispanic</i>					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	172	170	119	123	151
New Nazarenes	8	2	4	5	16
Discipleship	179	172	17	21	124
Membership	300	296	298	300	318
Church Income:	215,194	217,390	262,784	231,186	292,650
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



Hartville Solid Rock Cowboy

Rev. Bob Parmenter

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

We had a young lady attending our church for several months who had a troubled life. She accepted Christ and was baptized.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

Revival.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 9


Number of first time visitors this church year: 12

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 6

The goals for our church next year are...

We have acquired about 10 acres of land and are looking forward to a building project.

(HARTVILLE) SOLID ROCK COWBOY CHURCH					
Pastor Bob Parmenter (Debbie) Start Date: 03/2015					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	20	28	23	34	48
New Nazarenes	0	9	0	6	6
Discipleship	20	28	0	0	32
Membership	11	20	20	20	14
Church Income:	24,177	24,227	24,713	28,804	38,464
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	No	No	No



Houston New Horizon

Rev. Ken Lawson

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

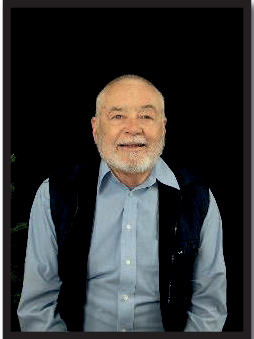
Number of people led to Jesus this church year:

Number of first time visitors this church year:

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year:

The goals for our church next year are...

HOUSTON NEW HORIZON					
	Pastor Ken Lawson (Jeretta)		Start Date: 03/17		
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Worship	30	27	30	28	28
New Nazarenes	2	3	4	2	2
Discipleship	30	20	30	9	4
Membership	20	24	27	27	28
Church Income:	31,987	32,650	24,682	44,630	32,767
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes



Iola Community

Rev. Kelly Klubek

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

During a revival we had on the town square, we had a lady approach the area, but never came in. She listened for a while and came closer, but remained segregated from the rest of the attendees. She listened as I read from the Bible and she came up and sat in a seat next to some of our members. After I had finished my message to the crowd, another preacher started preaching as well. As I came off the steps of the podium, Cassy came and grabbed by hand and said that she had never heard such words spoken. She then asked if this was for anyone. I told her it was. She said I feel like I need to tell you something. I told her to go ahead and tell me. She said "I'm supposed to say I am sorry. Understanding what she meant for her sins, I was able to lead her to Christ, the one who could forgive her, right there and she proclaimed that Jesus was her savior on the podium. She attended our church for a while, but moved away after a few months. I pray that she continues to walk with the Lord, but do not know where she has gone.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

We held a revival on the town square every day for two weeks straight. We had many people come to the event and listened to the Word being spoken by myself and Pastor Victor of the Soul Winners Church, Kabale Uganda. We saw fruit immediately and are still hearing about the event from townspeople.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 1


Number of first time visitors this church year: 10

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 8

The goals for our church next year are...

Bring the newcomers in for a membership class and continue to fund the mission through outreach and through our fundraiser for the "House of Grace" a housing project for unwed mothers in Kabale Uganda. Thus far, we have raised 30,545 dollars for the project and will visit the home in May of 2023 and again in 2024 Lord willing.

IOLA					
Pastor Kelly Klubek (Natalie) Start Date: 06/2022					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	22	33	34	45	39
New Nazarenes	5	2	4	7	1
Discipleship	18	27	0	12	38
Membership	27	27	30	39	24
Church Income:	39,708	39,272	42,793	302,454	91,894
Allocations Paid:	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes



Joplin Calvary

Rev. Wesley Anderson

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

This is a story of a family that we are still working on leading to Jesus. Our church still has an active bus ministry, meaning that we pick up quite a few teens and children from our community and bring them to church on Wednesday and Sundays- some of them from pretty broken home situations. We have contact with quite a few "unchurch" families through this ministry, but there is one family that I'm particularly hopeful for. Their children have been attending our church via our bus ministry for about a year- and we've only recently been able to get any face time with the parents. Lots of times, the parents really don't care to know who we are- as long as we give them free childcare for a couple hours. This family was present for a service recently, and seemed to have a positive response. We are going to be following up and I believe that we are going to win the entire household to the Lord. I share this story to tell everyone that some ministries might be messy and put you in contact with some pretty broken situations- but that the Lord loves all of those folks too, and we should never doubt what God can do in their lives.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

One of our biggest outreach events every year is our Fall Festival and "Trunk or Treat." In addition to decorating our cars, we also have selfie stations set up for photo opportunities, food and beverages, fall-themed games, and we even turn our sanctuary into a giant maze. The kids absolutely love trying to find their way through the sanctuary maze! This year was another successful event, with many many folks coming from our neighboring community.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 8


Number of first-time visitors this church year: 28

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 14

The goals for our church next year are...

To keep growing deep AND wide, and to really push towards all of us being missionaries in the places God has positioned us through our lives.

JOPLIN CALVARY					
Pastor Wesley Anderson (Candice) Start Date: 11/2014					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	105	101	101	90	93
New Nazarenes	4	12	2	10	8
Discipleship	87	102	60	13	68
Membership	170	190	195	202	208
Church Income:	151,040	137,980	154,865	141,172	135,455
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No



Joplin First

Rev. Shana McGarrah

The STORY of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

There are so many that I could name but I will go with the one who God has changed the most. I met Shrek through our homeless shelter. When he came to us, he did not believe in God, as a matter of fact, one of the first things I noticed about him was his pagan necklace. His life was an absolute mess, complete with drugs and all. His son passed away around a year ago. He began to confide in me and allow me to speak about God to him. Back in January, he told me that he would never change his mind about God because "He stole his son." April 30, 2023 Shrek gave his life to the Lord for the very first time. He still has not removed his pagan necklace so I questioned him about it and he just ignored me. This past Wednesday we did a bonfire and testimony service. Shrek gave his testimony. When he was ending his testimony he said I will never take my necklace off because I need it to be a constant reminder of how God delivered me and as a reminder of a place I never want to be again. He is getting a cross necklace to go over it though.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

This year we did an Easter celebration at the park complete with BBQ and Egg hunt. We prepared for 100 people and ended up having close to 600 show up. However, one of the greatest outreaches we are continuing to do is "The Naz" homeless day shelter. We are seeing so many people transformed and changed through this ministry.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 54


Number of first time visitors this church year: 170

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 157

The goals for our church next year are...

30% growth in all areas (Sunday school, worship, tithes and offerings, memberships, Salvations, baptisms)

JOPLIN FIRST					
Pastor Shana McGarrah (Denver)					Start Date: 10/2022
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	28	31	26	23	36
New Nazarenes	0	1	3	0	9
Discipleship	27	25	0	0	32
Membership	38	39	41	38	29
Church Income:	63,170	46,658	49,264	72,253	58,639
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	No	No	No



Joplin Traders

Rev. John Erie Jr.

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

Libby is a young lady that's been to our church a few times. She says she loves Jesus but can't break her addictions. She lives on the street so we never know when she is going to pop in. I pray that Jesus works on her heart a little more every time she comes.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

We have hosted several paint classes.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 0


Number of first time visitors this church year: 20

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 1

The goals for our church next year are...

Launch a recovery ministry, launch a support group for parents that have children with disabilities, find a worship leader.

(JOPLIN) TRADERS					
Pastor John Erie (Stephannie) Start Date: 06/2022					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	11	18	7	7	7
New Nazarenes	6	2	0	0	0
Discipleship	7	12	8	4	4
Membership	11	15	12	8	10
Church Income:	22,378	26,448	27,028	17,187	35,315
Allocations Paid:	No	No	No	No	No



Lamar Living Hope

Rev. David Lofton

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

The Living Hope Church of the Nazarene in Lamar Missouri has seen God do great things in spiritual growth and winning people to Jesus. We engage in the mission of making Christlike disciples in Lamar. We have had 3 confirmed new births in Christ that are being discipled. We will have a baptismal service scheduled in May with 2 testifying of their commitment to Christ through baptism. For one of those baptized, it started when a family that participated in our Fourth of July event began to attend our services. They experienced the love and support of the church and we soon became their church family. During the women's retreat, the mother gave her heart to the Lord.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

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Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 3

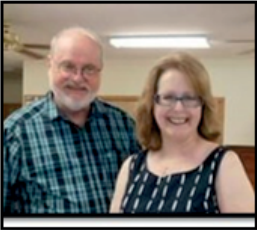
Number of first time visitors this church year: 11

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 6

The goals for our church next year are...

To win 5 people to the Lord.

LAMAR LIVING HOPE					
Pastor David Lofton (Amy) Start Date: 02/2022					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	34	28	30	25	30
New Nazarenes	2	2	0	0	3
Discipleship	31	25	25	29	26
Membership	23	24	21	21	23
Church Income:	45,156	41,744	51,409	32,697	41,958
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



Lebanon Freedom

Rev. Mark Eigsti

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

A young man in our area who is spiritually hungry. He hangs around the edges of our church (attends sporadically, comes to social events, helps out from time to time). He has been hurt by "Christians" in the past and a church around here has been combative with him and his business. He is coming 1 or 2 times a month now, is asking questions and is getting nearer to stepping into a walk with Jesus.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

Ladies Prayer Summit - invited Ladies in our area to come and share, fellowship and pray together - reaching out to GOD.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 1


Number of first time visitors this church year: 8

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 4

The goals for our church next year are...

40 in a service, than average 40 for a month

(LEBANON) FREEDOM					
		Pastor Mark Eigsti (Linda)		Start Date: 05/2019	
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	25	26	26	21	29
New Nazarenes	0	0	0	0	0
Discipleship	29	25	20	0	25
Membership	225	191	188	189	189
Church Income:	93,417	106,103	106,103	126,990	113,824
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	No	No	No



Marionville

Rev. John Conn

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

I would like to speak of several, but I will just speak of one. Lesa F. She was expecting her second child when I began to pastor in Marionville. Over the years, there has been a constant struggle that has taken place in her life. Mountains and valleys seemed to be so close together that you almost couldn't see the slopes. However, Lesa knew that the hope for victory was in her church. These past two years we have seen a complete change in this lovely lady. Lesa has totally surrendered to Christ and has been sanctified wholly. Lesa is now our newest member of the Church board and we look forward to a continued growth in her heart and spirit because she is trusting the Lord for her walk. Also, Lesa is becoming a prayer warrior for her church and her family. She has never given up and victory is hers.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

We have had several outreaches. VBS, a small food pantry, Convoy of Hope partner, revival with Rev. Covington, Angel Tree Ministry, community wide Christmas Baskets, home base to the Applefest Festival Association, to name a few.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 5


Number of first time visitors this church year: 30

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 10

The goals for our church next year are...

To reach out more to the dislocated, the homeless, the lost. There are several people who have grown disappointed in their lives and they need to feel loved and wanted.

MARIONVILLE					
Pastor John Conn (Barbara)		Start Date: 04/1997			
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	38	35	25	27	29
New Nazarenes	1	0	3	2	0
Discipleship	21	22	0	0	46
Membership	50	48	50	48	40
Church Income:	51,619	49,989	61,450	56,620	56,899
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No



Marshfield

Rev. Fred Morrison

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

John lives in Coffeyville, Kansas but is the father of one of our church leaders. He once had a relationship with Christ, even serving as a missionary overseas. This year, he was involved in a serious car accident where the emergency responders told him, "You're lucky to be alive." Because of the extent of his injuries, he was taken to a hospital in Springfield, which allowed me to visit him several times. John was open to talking about spiritual things, when he had not been very open with his family talking to him. He did not accept Christ during my visits with him, but he turned a corner in being open to discussing a return to faith. Melba was one of our faithful attenders who passed away from cancer this Spring. Her husband had not attended church for several years. Our church was able to minister to the family as Melba was dying. During the visits after she died, I got to talk with her husband about being ready to face death. He professed his faith in Christ, that he was ready to face death and make it to heaven when his time came.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

We held a Free Garage Sale where our people donated hundreds of items to be given away. At the event, we collect contact information by doing a drawing every hour for Walmart gift cards. We also provide a prayer table where people can be prayed for and receive a Bible.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 6


Number of first time visitors this church year: 48

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 12

The goals for our church next year are...

We have raised the funds for an interior renovation of our building which will begin this Fall. This project will be a great improvement in our Children's Ministry space. We are planning a launch of a revitalized Men's Ministry.

MARSHFIELD					
Rev. Fred Morrison (Cheryl) Start Date: 06/2021					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	239	215	166	132	137
New Nazarenes	5	6	0	9	2
Discipleship	130	134	50	43	94
Membership	136	141	109	116	115
Church Income:	397,907	420,735	380,607	345,002	353,571
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



McCune

Rev. Joseph DiVall

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

Missy is a Librarian at McCune Osage Township Library. I have had many discussions with Missy about Jesus and about joining us for worship, including when I am at the library on Saturdays for Coffee and Conversation. Martha, who is one of our congregants, has also talked to Missy also. Missy just has not come to the point of belief yet.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

In November, we had a "Turkey and Fixings" give away. We had 27 turkey dinners that we gave away to families who needed them. We prayed over the boxes and the families. These boxes, including a deep freeze, were purchased with a grant for small community food outreaches. Every box included an invitation to worship.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 0


Number of first time visitors this church year: 36

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 2

The goals for our church next year are...

I dream of leading 3 to Christ and receiving 10 new people in church. I dream of gaining 5 new members.

MCCUNE					
Pastor Joseph DiVall (Tiffany) Start Date: 06/2022					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	17	18	13	12	12
New Nazarenes	0	2	0	1	0
Discipleship	20	17	4	2	6
Membership	51	49	44	39	41
Church Income:	29,706	32,930	30,449	27,805	35,527
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes



Monett

Rev. Josh Lien

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

I was so inspired when I met the young man a friend of mine had introduced me to. He was part of a recovery group in our area, and I was able to reach out and invite him to church. To my delight, he accepted the invitation and during one of his first services, he gave his life to the Lord. Over the past year, I have been so blessed to watch him flourish in his relationship with God and his family. He has stayed sober and has become an invaluable part of our Church family. His transformation has been an incredible testament of the power of God's love and grace.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

Our Fallelujah event on October 31st is an amazing opportunity to reach out and show the love of Jesus to our community. This past October we were blessed to have over 800 people attend, and it was truly remarkable to see the joy and excitement they experienced while playing in the bounce houses, enjoying the games, and being showered in candy from the candy cannon! We are so thankful to have been able to share the wonderful message of Jesus with everyone who came.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 52


Number of first time visitors this church year: 189

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 119

The goals for our church next year are...

Our mission for the upcoming year at Monett Nazarene Church is to further our vision of helping people come to a deeper understanding of Jesus, live according to His example, and share His love with others. We will do this by reaching the lost, equipping the next generation, developing leaders, giving generously to our local communities and missions, and striving to create a vibrant and life-giving community where everyone can experience the love and joy of a life-changing relationship with Jesus.

MONETT					
Joshua Lien (Brooke) Start Date: 05/2021					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	40	38	45	128	148
New Nazarenes	1	1	2	28	16
Discipleship	32	15	8	30	223
Membership	343	127	123	161	172
Church Income:	54,471	52,804	65,234	268,000	284,090
Allocations Paid:	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes



Mount Vernon First

Rev. Tim Hardyman

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

We have had two new couples begin attending church this past year. I have had the privilege of making a relationship with them and sharing Christ with them. They are still in the process of exploring what being a Christian is all about and it is fun to see them grow and already begin to serve in different areas of the church.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

In the fall we began having what we have called "Wacky Wednesday." It is an intergenerational event and people are encouraged to invite people who do not currently attend our church. These events have included our Fall Harvest Party, Family Feud and a Cornhole Tournament to name a few. Since beginning this program our Wednesday discipleship programs have become larger than our Sunday School and we have two new families that regularly attend Sunday Services.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 3


Number of first-time visitors this church year: 15

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 7

The goals for our church next year are...

To pursue Jesus

MOUNT VERNON					
Pastor Tim Hardyman (Penny) Start Date: 03/2021					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	35	38	38	26	29
New Nazarenes	2	2	0	0	0
Discipleship	45	36	0	0	37
Membership	31	33	31	29	23
Church Income:	70,233	53,603	71,272	74,285	102,958
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No



Mtn. Grove Faith Community

Rev. Josh Griffith

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus:

During revival back in October God moved in a very powerful way. We were in the second night of revival services and we had a young man who was being oppressed by a demon. This young man really wanted to be free from the demonic presence, but harbored a lot of hate and anger from his time serving in the military and fighting in Afghanistan. This young man had been coming to our church for almost 6 months at this point, and he and I had many conversations. In fact, he opened up to me about things that he wouldn't even open up to his family about. Well this particular night this young man came forward during the altar call time. He wanted to respond, but would not humble himself. After talking with him and the whole church gathering around him, laying hands on him, and praying for freedom he finally broke. He could not physically handle it anymore and fell to his knees. God was setting him free. I had the privilege of coaching this young man through this process. In the name of Jesus he told that demon to leave, and he did. God set him free, saved his soul, and gave him hope and purpose in his life for the first time in a long time.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

We had several outreach events this past year, but my favorite was when our SPARK Groups came together for a monthly GO night and prayed for people in the Walmart parking lot. We had a lot of good conversations, a lot of opportunities to pray with others, and God was present.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 9


Number of first time visitors this church year: 63

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 18

The goals for our church next year are...

To grow by 10%, to see 10 Salvations, Pay off Mortgage.

(MOUNTAIN GROVE) FAITH COMMUNITY					
Pastor Josh Griffith (Lacey) Start Date: 03/2019					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	60	68	59	71	98
New Nazarenes	5	3	3	14	6
Discipleship	41	48	36	96	68
Membership	116	118	121	110	115
Church Income:	93,764	95,576	96,419	134,554	111,748
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes



Neodesha
Rev. Jay Reed

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

We have had a gentleman coming who has been awesome to watch grow in the Spirit of the Lord. Ten months ago he was in jail for multiple drug charges. As he has told me, he was looking for a church to attend. He remembered that he attended the Church of the Nazarene here in Neodesha years ago. He came and at the end of the service I had an altar call. He came forward and prayed for God to heal and deliver him from his past. God showed up in a big way for him. During the past 10 months, he has been involved in our men's gathering, he has reconnected with his children and is now building a healthy relationship as he journeys with the Lord. He has shared his testimony before the congregation, and has helped in different areas in the church. And he has been a faithful attender each Sunday. He is hungry for the Word. He is always excited to be in the house of the Lord. What a blessing he is in our church.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

First, we collected items that were on the teacher's 'wish lists' for their classrooms. Second, we served a meal to our elementary school teachers during the Parent Teachers Conference. It was well received and much appreciated from the teachers. They said it was a blessing and relieved them from having to stop and go out or go home to eat. We have plans to do this again. Third, we put together a meal for families during Christmas time. This included a ham, pack of rolls, box of instant potatoes, veggie, and a dessert. Not sure how many we gave out but all those who received the gift were very blessed for the show of love to them.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year- 2


Number of first-time visitors this church year- 25

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year-10

The goals for our church next year are...

We, as a board, are going to lead 20 people to Christ this coming year. The congregation is also going to be challenged to do the same, 20. This is not a competition, it's a joining together as a body of Christ to go out and share the gospel of Jesus Christ. We will be readdressing our small groups and Sunday school classes. Yes, we could get caught up in the numbers, but we are focusing on salvation and discipleship as we traverse the ministry before each of us. We are in Capital Improvement. We have several areas in our church where we are making improvements. We also need a worship team. I would like to get away from singing with videos.

NEODESHA					
Pastor Jay Reed (Vicki) Start Date: 06/2020					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	66	60	64	77	76
New Nazarenes	8	0	8	0	2
Discipleship	47	43	10	16	49
Membership	139	76	86	71	74
Church Income:	141,103	111,123	130,489	145,689	134,227
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



Neosho Casa Jaziel

Rev. Sandra Cordova

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

Iker came to an event in the children's church and he invited his mom Adriana. She accepted Jesus Christ and I'm having discipleship training with her every week! Then the family went back to Mexico. They had a lot of problems, and I started to disciple by messenger with Adriana and the kids. After a while they came back to Neosho. They have a lot of problems coming to the USA. When they came back, Iker and Adriana got baptized. They want to follow Jesus! She attended the women's small groups and Iker serves on the children's church team.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

The grace of God in the children's church. More than 40 kids attend every Wednesday. Every week we have an outreach!! With worship, fellowship, prayer, salvation, servers team, and the most important the presence of The Holy Spirit.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 30


Number of first time visitors this church year: 35

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 15

The goals for our church next year are...

- Be a promoter of Jesus
- Depopulate hell
- Preach more holiness
- More of Jesus!
- Make more disciples !!!

(NEOSHO) CASA JAZIEL					
Pastor Sandra Cordova (Samuel)		Start Date: 07/2014			
<i>PACs: Miami OK Hispanic, Seneca Hispanic</i>					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	159	167	167	159	179
New Nazarenes	32	22	27	19	25
Discipleship	118	167	25	40	78
Membership	184	188	214	226	249
Church Income:	24,803	9,430	15,264	18,996	21,000
Allocations Paid:	No	No	No	No	No



Neosho

Rev. James Keezer

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

I met Markell Grass the day the sidewalks for our family life Center was being poured. I went outside to see how the pour was going, and I asked the guys how they were doing. It took me by surprise when Markell stood up and said "preach, I ain't doing good at all." His foreman looked at me, then back at Markell, and then told Markell to go and talk to the preacher. Markell then proceeded to explain how his brother had been shot and killed just a few hours before. He lifted up his shirt and showed me a bullet wound in his right side, as well as several bullet holes in his Chevy Tahoe. He explained how a drug deal went wrong just outside of Tulsa. And that he managed to get away, and make it to Missouri. Markell was good friends with the foreman of the concrete crew, and so he had taken refuge with him. And since the bullet wound only penetrated muscle, he thought it best not to go to the hospital. He was afraid people might start asking questions, and that the hospital staff may call the police. So here this guy was, with a bullet hole in his side, trying to cope with the loss of his brother, all while Trying to pour concrete. What a crazy situation. But for the next 2 1/2 hours I talked with Markell about God's purpose for his life, helping him understand that this isn't the way God intended for him to live. Markell spent the next six weeks of his life at our church, soaking up every ounce of truth his heart could hold until the police finally caught up with him. Markell is now serving an 18 year prison sentence, and we write back-and-forth on a regular basis. I've had several people tell me that I should've called the police myself. We will just have to agree to disagree on that. I saw my role as an incredible opportunity to pour into the life of a young man who was hungry for something more than what the world had offered him. I thought it best to let the police do their job, and that I should do mine. And if Ananias wasn't afraid to disciple, Paul. I had no reason to fear. Markell. Today Markell is truly on fire for Jesus, his letters are filled with scripture and he gives a powerful testimony of the goodness of God. Markell is living proof that the harvest is plentiful, my friends. But sometimes the harvest is found in fields that we would normally avoid at all cost. I am thankful that the Lord brought Markell into my life. And I just know without knowing, that there are a lot more "Markell's" still out there. I pray that the Lord will bring them to us, or bring us to them.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

During healthcare appreciation week, our church sets up a giant smoker and barbecues for the entire staff of Neosho Freeman Hospital.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 27


Number of first time visitors this church year: 70

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 47

The goals for our church next year are...

Triple the size of our youth group.

NEOSHO					
Pastor James Keezer (Kelly) Start Date: 01/2011					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	119	127	120	147	167
New Nazarenes	13	15	13	7	38
Discipleship	119	98	68	20	167
Membership	166	177	181	191	211
Church Income:	212,421	204,689	258,562	281,632	229,950
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



Nevada

Rev. Megan Allen

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

This year God has done incredible things through our church, and it has been humbling to watch him work. This has especially taken place through our growing kids, teens, and young adult ministries. For me personally, I have been so encouraged by our new young adult group that we formed this year. We have been privileged to see people crack open the Bible for the first time and experience the power of God's Word. We have heard new brothers and sisters in Christ give testimony of God's miraculous transformation in their life – of delivery from addiction, shifts in attitudes, and strength through trials. We have also seen our kids and teens be responsive to the Holy Spirit. Not long ago, after a prayer time during Children's Church a student came to let me know that she had felt God's loving presence like never before. She was baptized the very next week. Multiple individuals and families have experienced the presence of God in new ways this year, and for that I am so grateful!

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

Last summer we were able to participate in Nevada's annual Bushwhacker Days. We set up a tent on the square and were able to provide ice-pops, bubbles, kids games and activities, etc. for community members throughout the festival. We felt privileged to have a positive presence in our community and make connections with so many wonderful people.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 21


Number of first time visitors this church year: 20

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 13

The goals for our church next year are...

This next year our goal is to follow in faithfulness and obedience - wherever God leads us. So far God's direction for our church has looked so different than I think any of us has anticipated. So this year we intend to more purposefully lean on Him in prayer, fasting, and worship. We hope to continue to see more families experience the love of Christ through our church, expand our community presence, and are committed to intentional discipleship of new believers.

NEVADA					
Pastor Megan Allen Start Date: 03/2021					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	64	60	60	45	52
New Nazarenes	5	4	3	0	1
Discipleship	67	57	10	12	58
Membership	156	157	156	156	155
Church Income:	79,000	66,270	78,931	69,268	70,028
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	No	No	No



Nixa Organic

Rev. Fred Toomey

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

I am leading a father and son to Jesus right now. His son has committed to play football at MNU and never had been to church let alone a Nazarene church. I am also witnessing to two Junior high teens that have come with another teen from another town.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

ASL - American Sign Language classes are being taught from our facility, by our interpreters, open to the public every Tuesday night. 30 classes a year. We also have a Christmas Dinner and service to the Spfd Holland Elementary school for deaf students and their families. We had 89 in December.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 5


Number of first time visitors this church year: 12

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 5

The goals for our church next year are...

To continue to share the good news of Jesus to a hurting world by whatever means possible.

NIXA ORGANIC					
Pastor Fred Toomey (Angie) Start Date: 06/2014					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	31	35	39	35	33
New Nazarenes	0	3	8	1	0
Discipleship	41	40	39	20	38
Membership	27	33	41	38	38
Church Income:	70,945	67,927	94,019	97,451	104,000
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



Norwood Countryside

Rev. Keith Kenyeri

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

My story is about a man named Michael. Michael came to church on a Wednesday night with a member named Jolena. Michael has recently been paroled from prison. in prison he received his GED. I didn't know Michael before but I can truly see a new person who has the Holy Spirit and Christ living in him. When I first met Michael I was drawn to him. He has been coming to church now for over 2 months and we have developed a relationship that is growing. Michael was saved when he was a young man but definitely pulled away. I have started to mentor him and tried to take him to a men's conference. He had some family issues which prevented him from coming but he is always ready to serve. On Wednesday nights he helps me take out the garbage and clean restrooms. Michael says that he feels really comfortable at Countryside and now calls it his church home. I look forward to spending more time with him and helping him grow closer to God. I have talked with him about sharing his testimony at church and hope that we can work up to that one day. Until that time I will just continue to study with him and dig into the word.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

Our July 4th fireworks. It is something I believe the small community of Norwood truly enjoys. We serve 100- 150 hot dogs and share Jesus with everyone who comes.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year- 0


Number of first-time visitors this church year- 5

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year- 3

The goals for our church next year are...

To serve in more outreach and try to build our numbers.

NORWOOD COUNTRYSIDE					
		Pastor Keith Kenyeri (Lindsey)		Start Date: 02/2017	
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	38	38	38	16	38
New Nazarenes	0	0	5	0	0
Discipleship	35	55	20	2	10
Membership	17	17	22	21	20
Church Income:	43,423	32,177	27,685	27,956	29,748
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



Osceola

Pastor Jarod Rowley

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

We took part in the trunk or treat on the square in Osceola and had such a wonderful time talking to the community. Introducing ourselves to several new people in the area. In December we took part in the 2nd annual Christmas on the Square in Osceola. We do crafts for all the kids and it was a huge success just like last year. We had approximately 185 kids come and make crafts visit and then leave with a wonderful Christ centered Christmas ornament. It was a wonderful year at Osceola COTN

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 1


Number of first-time visitors this church year: 6

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 1

The goals for our church next year are...

The new lady to our congregation is helping to start a quilting ministry. They will work with people in the community to help supply quilts to people in need.

OSCEOLA					
Pastor Jarod Rowley (Lindsey)		Start Date: 07/2021			
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	18	16	16	19	18
New Nazarenes	1	0	0	0	2
Discipleship	31	14	5	4	11
Membership	26	21	23	21	21
Church Income:	23,960	22,120	23,735	28,116	26,143
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No



Ozark First

Rev. John Heun

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

Melissa is a sister of a college friend of mine. She is a mom to 3 kids and was dealing with depression and anxiety. She saw our online service and reached out. Even though she attends a Lutheran church in Iowa, they were not talking about spiritual warfare and she reached out and had tons of questions for me. I have invited her to our online daily devotions and out of that she has rededicated her life to Christ and now has been inspired to write daily devotions online from a mothers perspective to try to reach other moms like she was.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

While we are small in numbers and limited resources, we still did two events. We partnered with a local charity called Least of These and had a competition food drive. We also had a clothing drive for a local elementary school that needed clothes for when children had accidents (140 pairs of underwear, 37 pairs of pants, and a few pairs of socks and shirts). We have also set up an outreach team, and established a budget for the upcoming year to do more things in the community this upcoming year.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 1


Number of first time visitors this church year: 15

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 7

The goals for our church next year are...

To invest into a younger generation to disciple for the future of the church

OZARK FIRST					
		Pastor John Heun (Amanda)		Start Date: 05/2022	
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	47	44	32	35	31
New Nazarenes	6	3	2	2	0
Discipleship	51	70	22	30	20
Membership	50	54	56	58	56
Church Income:	66,234	66,084	71,600	66,722	55,904
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No



Parsons

Rev. Jake Blankenship

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

This year we prayed with many people each week through our Coffee Shop! People asking for healing, encouragement, finances and finding God. I prayed with one pastor who felt that maybe his ministry days were over, he is still preaching each Sunday and excited about the upcoming ministry events at his church and in our community! I talked with a lady that wanted to be placed on our prayer board so we walked together and she watched me write her name on our board and I prayed for her that day. She went to be with the Lord a couple of weeks later. Each week we have the opportunity to serve our community in the name of our Lord!!

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

This summer we have sent students of all ages off to state and regional competition with prayers and encouragement (and food), a youth mission trip, VBS and a community back to school outreach event still to come this summer.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 25


Number of first time visitors this church year: 65

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 50

The goals for our church next year are...

50 saved, 10 new Nazarenes, 10% growth in morning worship

PARSONS					
Pastor Jake Blankenship (Becky)		Start Date: 03/2018			
<i>PACs: Remnant Coffeehouse</i>					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	214	214	214	143	133
New Nazarenes	3	2	2	2	8
Discipleship	231	236	87	45	109
Membership	485	485	483	476	476
Church Income:	312,000	308,770	269,225	240,687	272,045
Allocations Paid:	No	No	No	No	No



Pittsburg/Columbus Connecting Point

Rev. Kyle Rogers

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

We had a teenager who came from a rough home life. He attended one of our worship gatherings we have on Sunday nights each quarter. During the worship, he came forward and asked for prayer. He was asked if he knew Jesus as his personal savior. He said no, we asked if he would like to and he said yes. He was led to Jesus right there at that moment. God is so faithful.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

A group of leaders started meeting to launch Celebrate Recovery. This spring we officially launched the ministry. We had 122 opening night and have averaged around 60 since then. God is doing great things through this ministry on Monday nights.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 25

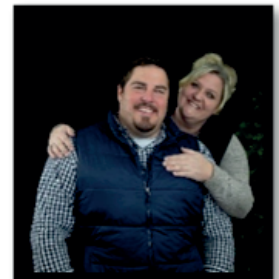
Number of first time visitors this church year: 260

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 30

The goals for our church next year are...

Continue to monitor whether or not we need to build. Continue to establish Celebrate Recovery that we launched this spring. Continue to strategize better ways we can reach our community. Continue to share Jesus with those around us. Keep doing what we have been doing, but also be open to new ways of doing ministry if the right opportunity presents itself. Continue to ask God for wisdom to lead effectively.

PITTSBURG					
Pastor Kyle Rogers (Whitney) Start Date: 04/2014					
<i>PAC: Pittsburg Hispanic- Roberto Perez; Columbus Connecting Point</i>					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	617	620	620	443	515
New Nazarenes	12	22	8	7	29
Discipleship	286	286	220	100	664
Membership	485	503	503	506	530
Church Income:	709,552	648,585	723,419	779,829	937,128
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No



Pleasanton

Rev. David Warren

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

Zack is a young man with a troubled past. He is currently incarcerated awaiting trial. He could be facing an extended prison sentence. I have known Zack since he was 10 years old. He lived in a dysfunctional home. The church has reached out to him, taking him to camps for several years. Recently he reached back to us desiring to establish a relationship. In jail, Zack has found the Bible. He has read books of the Bible. Recently he told me he was a believer in Jesus. Praise the Lord.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

We administered the distribution of a semi-truck load of groceries to our community.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year:


Number of first time visitors this church year: 5

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 4

The goals for our church next year are...

My goal is to reach our city for Jesus.

PLEASANTON					
	Pastor David Warren (Ruth)		Start Date: 06/2012		
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	42	36	36	23	36
New Nazarenes	0	0	0	0	1
Discipleship	26	20	10	7	28
Membership	86	81	80	78	81
Church Income:	101,399	79,413	81,512	86,455	69,231
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



Powell Twin Springs

Rev. Randy Jackson

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

We had a gentleman stop by that saw us on Facebook teaching. He was suffering from suicidal depression, that night we prayed and counseled him. He returned each week, gave his heart to Jesus and has been baptized. Since then, his wife has reunited with him and now he, his wife and two children are attending and are weekly involved.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

Prayer booth at the local farmers market (free water, candy, prayer and tracks)

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 20


Number of first time visitors this church year: 125

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 47

The goals for our church next year are...

30% increase in all areas (salvations, membership, baptism, tithing, attendance)

POWELL TWIN SPRINGS					
Pastor Randy Jackson (April) Start Date: 10/2022					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	25	36	36	31	31
New Nazarenes	3	0	2	5	10
Discipleship	26	32	12	40	30
Membership	20	20	22	26	33
Church Income:	38,238	31,595	31,535	39,699	37,404
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes



Reeds Spring Community

Rev. Jeff Stull

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

James and Savannah started attending our church 7-8 months ago. James was invited to church by Chris who had been friends since before high school. Shortly after visiting, James brought Savannah and his son Bentley. They have been attending regularly, asking questions, meeting with me periodically for life lessons and Bible study, and lending a helping hand at church. They are discussing marriage and other ways they can become more Christlike.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

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Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 0

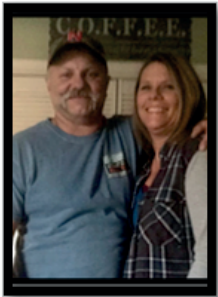
Number of first time visitors this church year: 39

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 12

The goals for our church next year are...

More people, more conversions, more baptisms, and more entirely sanctified.

REEDS SPRING COMMUNITY					
Pastor Jeff Stull (Lisa) Start Date: 04/2018					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	24	13	19	29	30
New Nazarenes	0	0	2	1	0
Discipleship	24	7	0	11	15
Membership	26	25	27	31	29
Church Income:	21,188	20,434	27,298	50,204	66,665
Allocations Paid:	No	No	No	Yes	Yes



Republic First

Rev. Michael Richardson

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

Stan and Bea White Laurie and I have made it a priority to go to the annual BBQ hosted by Stan and Bea White, our neighbor 2 doors down, for the last 3 years. This year we also took them out to eat twice. Around Christmas time, I told Bea that "I am going to heaven and I intend to take her with me." She smiled when I said it. Shortly thereafter, they started attending our church (about 4 months ago) and have been coming on average about 3 out of 4 Sundays a month. I believe both of them are very close to a full salvation commitment. They have been very complimentary of my sermons, the people in the church, and their interest in God is high. Bea has a background of Jehovah's Witness church and was VERY unhappy. So, she has been a little reserved about church until we got her coming most every Sunday.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

None

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 1


Number of first time visitors this church year: 18

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 7

The goals for our church next year are...

We have gone from 7 average church attendance to 18-20 in the last year. I hope to see that grow to 30 solid people avg attendance over the next year, then start heavily focusing on reaching the lost, as well as unchurched people, and possibly starting Sunday School again. I'm thrilled with the atmosphere every Sunday. Most people come 30 minutes early just to visit with each other.

REPUBLIC FIRST					
Pastor Michael Richardson (Laurie)					Start Date: 08/2008
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	32	29	10	9	14
New Nazarenes	1	0	0	0	3
Discipleship	20	18	0	0	0
Membership	50	44	18	13	14
Church Income:	61,559	49,689	28,974	27,678	32,992
Allocations Paid:	No	No	No	No	No



Rogersville Harvest Community

Rev. Doug Zimmerman

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

Collin, one of the youth, is softening to the gospel message through the power of the Holy Spirit. We are believing he will surrender to the lordship of Jesus Christ

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

Music groups, performed in 21 kids event; food pantry ministry

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 2


Number of first time visitors this church year: 10

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 3

The goals for our church next year are...

Keep reaching people with the love of Jesus through various methods.

(ROGERSVILLE) HARVEST COMMUNITY					
Pastor Doug Zimmerman (Judy) Start Date: 08/2003					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	55	47	83	76	50
New Nazarenes	3	7	5	5	4
Discipleship	107	98	38	20	87
Membership	132	136	139	134	124
Church Income:	127,039	164,083	85,269	85,873	100,053
Allocations Paid:	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes



Sarcoxie New Beginnings

Rev. James Humphrey

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

I met Brad through my work and got to know him over the course of about 2 months. Brad was a rough and tumble guy who was having a lot of health issues and the prognosis was poor. I was able to speak with Brad about life and death and the promise of eternal life through Jesus. One morning Brad called me and stated that there was no more treatment and more than likely he would die that night as they took off the life giving machines. I was able to pray with Brad for Jesus to cleanse his heart and for peace during this difficult time. Brad stated he was ready to meet Jesus. Sadly, Brad did pass away from his illness just two nights later, but he is alive with Jesus today.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

None

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 1


Number of first time visitors this church year: 0

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 0

The goals for our church next year are...

Our goals are modest for the next year but we believe through the guiding of the Spirit they can be significant. We would like to grow by one family, see one soul saved, one soul baptized, and one outreach to our community. We believe God can use us to make the difference in one life this year.

SARCOXIE NEW BEGINNINGS					
Pastor James Humphrey (Darcie) Start Date: 10/2021					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	40	36	31	20	19
New Nazarenes	3	3	2	4	0
Discipleship	32	40	0	5	12
Membership	41	42	44	24	24
Church Income:	77,101	70,619	48,578	51,234	55,641
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes



Seymour

Rev. Johnathon Barlow

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

This year I had the honor to lead my great friend from school back to Jesus and Baptize him as well. We both moved to Seymour in the second grade and became best friends. Most of the kids in class thought we were brothers because we showed up at the same time to the area and had the same hair and eye colors. He took a different path in high school than I did. He had a child at 15, got into alcohol, ect, but the Lord has drastically changed his life this year! He's sober, loving Jesus and serving in the church!

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

My favorite event our Outreach Pastor Sarah Kelly organized from this year was our involvement in the Seymour Christmas Parade. We had church members bring in presents for certain age groups and we ended up distributing over 500 gifts to kids during the parade. It was beautiful to see!

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 105

Number of first time visitors this church year: 340

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 173

The goals for our church next year are...

We had tremendous growth this past year and we want to continue that trend of growth, but really invest in the health of our people through discipleship. I really believe in focusing on the membership number because those who com-mitt to being a member typically mature faster, give and serve well. We are going to be creating a digital platform for discipleship where the content is our pastors and lay people teaching, as well as a digital membership platform to further pour into and train our current members. Our goal is 100 new members for the next church year, and we will attempt to accomplish that by educating on evangelizing family and friends, focused outreach and placing an importance on next steps (membership, children dedications and baptisms) with our quarterly "Celebration Sundays." Our mission is to show the realove of Jesus to the world around us!

SEYMOUR					
Pastor Johnathon (Kayla) Barlow				Start Date: 05/2022	
<i>PACs: Fordland Union Chapel</i>					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	326	325	260	250	353
New Nazarenes	23	2	7	15	49
Discipleship	253	240	170	30	444
Membership	353	351	335	356	160
Church Income:	406,776	406,800	460,674	491,856	397,392
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



Springfield Dayspring

Rev. Bill Hungerford

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

I have been blessed to witness to a coworker who is not a believer and who was struggling as her estranged father was in hospice. Because of our time together and God's leading, she was able to reconcile with her father before his death and she is now open to learning more about Jesus Christ. Please pray for the opportunity from God to minister to this young lady.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

None

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 0


Number of first time visitors this church year: 8

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 2

The goals for our church next year are...

Our church is transitioning into a nursing home ministry in May and we are excited to see where God takes us.

(SPRINGFIELD) DAYSPRING					
Pastor William Hungerford (Jennifer) Start Date: 04/2013					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	28	22	22	8	7
New Nazarenes	2	2	0	0	0
Discipleship	26	10	6	8	14
Membership	33	28	28	22	9
Church Income:	49,260	40,650	33,486	33,979	24,553
Allocations Paid:	Yes	No	No	No	No



Springfield Grace

Rev. Scott Crawford

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

We met this lady over a year ago while we inviting people in our neighborhood and she came and attended one of our Wednesday evening service. She was homeless at the time and we helped her out with some items and she went on her way. A few months ago she came back and started attending church, since then she accepted Christ as her saviour. She now has her own place to live, she also has a job and God is restoring her relationship with her family and kids. God is good!!

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

Our Fall Festival is an outreach where we have vendors and we have inflatables, free food for our community. We had approximately served 250 people that day and we reached a family from the neighborhood that now attend every service.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 3


Number of first time visitors this church year: 179

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 158

The goals for our church next year are...

Our goal is to grow the church by 20% this year, to expand our children and youth ministries. We would like to have a greater impact on our neighborhood, to strengthen our congregation by serving in the church, to grow in discipleship and small groups.

(SPRINGFIELD) GRACE					
Pastor Scott Crawford (Jurahee)			Start Date: 12/2020		
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	34	38	39	49	52
New Nazarenes	3	2	0	7	5
Discipleship	33	25	5	22	38
Membership	45	46	49	60	61
Church Income:	129,774	102,150	151,241	78,786	65,839
Allocations Paid:	No	Yes	No	Yes	Yes



Springfield One Life

Rev. Bruce McCrite

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

Rene came to our offices one week day, a new transplant to the Ozarks from California. She came with a near nonexistent understanding of the Christian faith. Susan and I spent considerable time in caring conversation and faith sharing. Rene was rough and broken. God's Holy Spirit continued to draw her to himself. When she would attend, she would become so burdened with conviction that she would invariably flee the sanctuary long before the conclusion of a service, but God pursued. One Sunday, as pastor Susan began to preach, I spotted Rene in the house and moved to sit with her. Again, the Holy Spirit began to settle his conviction upon her, but this time, surrounded by a meaningful number of believers, Rene prayed to receive Christ! Her story continues...

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

As so many other churches, we offered a "trunk or treat" event to both church and community families. We are now engaging the three components of our "neighborhood" (a Single family home development, a multi-family complex, and a 55+ condo community) with direct touches by our church family. The event was fabulous success! And yes, we now have people from our neighborhood attending or showing interest.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 8


Number of first time visitors this church year: 222

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 36

The goals for our church next year are...

1. To further develop our Neighborhood Outreach ministry. To create events as entry points. To begin to develop meaningful relationships with our neighbors by which the Gospel will be shared and fellowship and grace extended.
2. To cultivate an ever deepening congregational prayer life. To expand beyond our weekly prayer walks and monthly prayer and witness gatherings. To explore new paths of prayer.
3. To experience 8-10% growth across the board.

(SPRINGFIELD) ONE LIFE					
Pastor Bruce McCrite (Connie) Start Date: 06/2019					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	235	201	201	130	136
New Nazarenes	1	0	6	8	4
Discipleship	148	121	60	15	85
Membership	188	192	183	184	158
Church Income:	453,199	410,052	405,256	414,601	408,505
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



Springfield Scenic

Rev. John Kouts

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

We are currently working with Billy and Christeena. They are foster parents that have been coming to our respite care ministry. We have been praying for them with different issues and situations that have come up. We have worked with them to have them come to church, they have not yet, but we are praying that they will come to know Christ.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

We had our first Foster Family Fun Fest in September of last year. We had over 170 people come and be a part of it and they all heard the message being preached during the event. It was a great time and we are looking forward to doing it again this year.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 6


Number of first time visitors this church year: 8

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 1

The goals for our church next year are...

To incorporate a discipleship program designed to engage current attenders as well as foster families that are part of our respite care ministry.

(SPRINGFIELD) SCENIC					
		Pastor John Kouts (Betty)		Start Date: 12/2018	
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	11	18	18	20	23
New Nazarenes	0	0	1	0	0
Discipleship	11	20	3	2	37
Membership	63	63	63	63	63
Church Income:	24,511	30,379	26,214	24,912	36,458
Allocations Paid:	No	No	No	No	No



Springfield The Well

Rev. Selena Freeman

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

The Well Springfield - (Pastor Selena Freeman) Becka and Jesse Cox are a couple that I have gotten to walk alongside this past year in their journey of salvation, discipleship, surrender, sanctification, calling, and ministry. Becka is the Founder and Co/Director, alongside Jesse, of One More 24 Recovery Homes. While she connected with The Well a few years ago, my personal relationship with Becka and Jesse really formed over this past year, after Jon and I had the opportunity to walk them through pre-marital counseling. We have watched Becka and Jesse come to a place of full surrender in their lives, impacting all that they do including how they are now leading their recovery homes. Many leaders at The Well have come alongside this amazing couple. Becka has answered the call into ministry and she and Jesse lead a Thursday night worship service for the clients and their families where God is moving in powerful ways. Having both spent years in darkness, brokenness, pain and prison, I am so incredibly grateful and inspired by what God has done in and is now doing through this incredible couple.

The Well Marshfield - (Pastor Dylan Robinson) The Ely family moved to Marshfield from Oklahoma because of a job promotion and had no intention of ever coming to church. Prior to coming to The Well Marshfield, they were a broken family who from the outside were living a happy, successful life. Behind the scenes, the family was full of hurt, fear, lies, addiction, loneliness and shame. After a long phone call with the husband one afternoon, I told him that even though it seemed like their life was crumbling right before him, this could be an opportunity to surrender to God and watch what He can do, and that's exactly what happened! Since coming to our church, they have discovered life and hope in Jesus Christ and God has completely redeemed their family. Many people in our church have come around them and discipled them and taught them how to make Jesus the center of their lives. Their marriage is now healthier than it's ever been and they are even renewing their vows and making sure God is the center from now on. On top of that, both of their kids got saved and were baptized, and the parents are both now team leaders at The Well.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

This past year we served over 2,000 individuals during our Good Friday fish fry and Easter egg hunt. We had over 900 in attendance for our Good Friday Worship Services with 23 salvations.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 190

Number of first time visitors this church year: 310

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 152

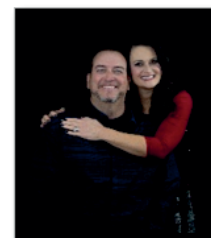
The goals for our church next year are...

FOUND / WORSHIP GOALS - Attendance 1,600 - Salvations 200 - Baptisms 200 - Givers 600 - 21 Day Fast 400

FILLED / DISCIPLESHIP GOALS - Well 101 - 200 - Life Group Leaders - 100 - Life Groups per session - 60 - Life Group attendance - 80% - Complete Well Rooted - 100 - One on One Discipleship - 200 - Monthly Prayer Service - 200

FREED / SERVE GOALS - Serve Well Team - 500 - Community Partnerships - 8 - People Served - 10,000 - 1st Time Guest - 500 - Church plants (3 years) - 1

(SPRINGFIELD) THE WELL					
		Pastor Selena Freeman (Jon)		Start Date: 03/2016	
		<i>PACs: The Well- Marshfield</i>			
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	600	791	756	801	1,003
New Nazarenes	52	45	65	120	143
Discipleship	329	791	460	450	677
Membership	219	263	297	401	544
Church Income:	530,368	638,958	743,420	990,899	1,249,962
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



Strafford

Rev. Chris Bartholomew

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

This year I felt a burden for reaching my neighbors, especially those with which we have regular contact. One of our newer neighbors, Chris, has a son that plays in our yard almost daily. I decided that I would invite him to church for Easter, but had really only talked to Chris one time before. I know they are not believers and do not attend church anywhere. As I began praying for an opportunity to invite Chris and his family, my wife's battle with cancer this year has made it more difficult to connect with my neighbors. Then one day she had a big seizure and we were forced to call an ambulance. Chris a one of our local firefighters and was the first on the scene. Once the ambulance had loaded her up, Chris and I began talking and apologizing to one another for not being better neighbors. Just before he left, he gave me his phone number and told me to call him. God could not have made it any easier. a few days later I called and invited them to church. They are yet to show up, but I'll keep praying and trying to connect in the coming days.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

This year on the 4th of July we joined our town in celebration by setting up a free lemonade stand at the town parade. We kept it simple by handing out a metaphorical cup of cold water in His name. As hundreds of our townspeople stopped by, we shared with them about our church, our care for people, and invited the come worship with us on Sundays. This is an outreach endeavor that we will continue to do in the future.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 1


Number of first time visitors this church year: 10

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 0

The goals for our church next year are...

1. Have a quarterly (4) outreach event to reach our community.
2. Increase Sunday Worship attendance avg. by 10%.
3. Have 5 salvations.

STRAFFORD					
Pastor Chris Bartholomew (Kendra) Start Date: 06/2015					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	37	35	35	25	34
New Nazarenes	0	0	0	0	0
Discipleship	40	26	26	0	19
Membership	34	33	32	32	27
Church Income:	99,835	102,274	102,129	96,158	60,614
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



Webb City

Rev. Chad Johnson

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

Manny came to Webb City Naz by way of his friend who had a past similar to his present. Manny struggles with alcohol and substance abuse. He grew up on his adoptive home exposed to the truth of God, but never let it sink into his soul. Now, Manny is facing the consequences of an untrustworthy husband and somewhat absent father. In hopes of "doing the right thing" and getting some form of custody with his kids, Manny turned to God. His friend Amy pointed him to Narcotics Anonymous (Stray Katz) and to her church family. This is when Manny and I became friends. Manny was ready to receive Christ during his first time to worship with us; however, he waited until after the second service he attended. Manny had requested prayer for healing of his many woes, especially the addiction; so we anointed him during the church family prayer time. When the service was over, he came to pray at the altar again. Another friend, Freeman Slavens, prayed with him and led him through a prayer of repentance and rededication. Manny testified to his renewed faith and return to the Lord. On Easter Sunday, Manny shared his public testimony with all those in attendance that day. He beamed with a new confidence and told of how he would most likely have taken his own life if it hadn't been for God and his friends at Webb City Naz. Manny continues to fight a desperate spiritual battle as he works out his salvation. But he knows he is not alone and leans on his church family through it all.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

Each year, the Webb City Naz family offers a Back Pack Give Away for the Webb City area. We provided over 100 backpacks filled with school supplies for kids who attend the school districts in our area. One of those families returned to visit on a Wednesday night. The kids are now regulars on our bus as they attend most Wednesday Kingdom Kids.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year:


Number of first time visitors this church year: 125

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 14

The goals for our church next year are...

Broadly, it is "exercise our God-given authority." Specifically they are as follows: 1. Initiate a new flow of discipleship tracks that lead into intentional and thorough membership certifications. Each potential member will complete classes and then be matched with a mentor to complete a 3-month probationary period, exercising the lifestyle of a sanctified believer and Nazarene member. If the candidate meets the standard, he/she will be received as a Global Member upon completion of their mentorship. 2. Increase our discipleship groups by 2. We currently have 4 adult groups, along with youth and kids. We are preparing to add 1 new group. By year end, we hope to start the 2nd. 3. Increase participation in financial giving. We have a generous church family; but some do not participate in "tithing" or regular offerings. We are praying for people to risk trusting God in the area of generosity and regular giving. It would be a success if 3 individuals/family units began to tithe on a regular basis.

WEBB CITY					
Pastor Chad Johnson (Alison) Start Date: 10/2020					
PAC: Webb City Hispanic					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	150	161	70	90	82
New Nazarenes	13	16	2	13	2
Discipleship	108	134	13	50	55
Membership	133	140	142	153	150
Church Income:	165,545	201,345	159,022	123,649	107,906
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes



Wheatland

Rev. David W Stewart

The story of the person you led to Jesus or are working on leading to Jesus

Mary Martin Allen

In our Evangelism event this spring with Sara Forhetz, a woman came with her daughter. She told me after the service that she had never attended church in her life. She came the next Sunday, and then the following Sunday also. Mary Allen told me she was pursuing Jesus and wanted to encounter Him! Mary and her daughter, Karina, have come ever since and Mary is showing fruits of repentance and transformation! Glory!

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

Evangelism Event with Sara Forhetz

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 2


Number of first time visitors this church year: 20

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 4

The goals for our church next year are...

We purpose to keep preaching Jesus, the Cross, following Him every day through self-denial and obedience. We are trusting God through the Holy Spirit for Ephesians type growth in spiritual depth in the Body and God adding new souls coming into the Kingdom!

WHEATLAND					
Pastor David Stewart (Amelia) Start Date: 07/2017					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	24	23	18	18	23
New Nazarenes	0	2	0	1	1
Discipleship	24	35	10	6	15
Membership	32	30	27	18	16
Church Income:	61,630	50,919	48,571	38,854	39,856
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



**(CARL JUNCTION) The Table
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	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	7	7	35	44	17
New Nazarenes	0	0	0	0	0
Discipleship	5	9	6	7	17
Membership	43	18	11	13	13
Church Income:	27,580	28,136	35,298	33,444	29,917
Allocations Paid:	No	No	No	No	No

**INDEPENDENCE
To Be Supplied**

PAC: Axis, Independence Luz del Mundo

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	353	340	340	271	242
New Nazarenes	7	0	12	22	6
Discipleship	244	244	44	40	183
Membership	404	402	336	348	350
Church Income:	630,245	520,413	529,397	533,841	590,337
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

**(MONETT) FUENTE DE AGUA VIVA
To be supplied**

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	82	100	103	115	87
New Nazarenes	10	8	3	9	6
Discipleship	88	109	45	45	76
Membership	85	90	93	102	96
Church Income:	53,190	58,230	57,628	85,647	61,182
Allocations Paid:	Yes	No	No	No	No

**WARSAW
To Be Supplied**

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	36	33	33	20	9
New Nazarenes	4	2	2	1	0
Discipleship	25	25	12	0	9
Membership	77	79	81	70	68
Church Income:	43,685	30,703	27,890	43,075	15,280
Allocations Paid:	No	No	No	No	No

Churches with no Pastor's Written Report

(AVA) COLD CREEK COWBOY					
Pastor John Williams (Carrie) Start Date: 11/2014					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	255	322	330	425	474
New Nazarenes	14	0	0	0	0
Discipleship	255	170	100	200	350
Membership	87	87	87	87	87
Church Income:	70,200	125,000	150,000	175,000	250,000
Allocations Paid:	No	No	No	No	No



EL DORADO SPRINGS					
Pastor Chris Keith (Amber) Start Date: 04/2023					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	115	90	85	89	60
New Nazarenes	22	5	4	6	6
Discipleship	110	135	40	40	36
Membership	69	73	78	84	88
Church Income:	164,028	121,434	93,380	83,195	61,030
Allocations Paid:	Yes	No	No	No	No



HOUSTON NEW HORIZON					
Pastor Ken Lawson (Jeretta) Start Date: 03/17					
	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	27	30	28	28	26
New Nazarenes	3	4	2	2	1
Discipleship	20	30	9	4	19
Membership	24	27	27	28	28
Church Income:	32,650	24,682	44,630	32,767	37,659
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes



MANSFIELD

Pastor Justin Colston (Nichole) Start Date: 01/2023

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	41	35	35	30	50
New Nazarenes	0	0	0	0	3
Discipleship	51	42	0	0	39
Membership	30	26	29	31	29
Church Income:	81,233	63,099	70,835	61,243	85,463
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



NIXA

Pastor Gary Swearengin (Jennifer) Start Date: 05/1986

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	106	98	98	96	100
New Nazarenes	4	5	0	5	5
Discipleship	77	110	74	32	77
Membership	244	248	247	251	258
Church Income:	255,498	257,973	246,076	228,997	276,419
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



NOEL

Pastor Randy Lopez (Edith) Start Date: 02/2021

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Worship	19	32	19	25	19
New Nazarenes	0	10	0	4	0
Discipleship	19	27	0	5	26
Membership	57	68	60	39	33
Church Income:	1,230	1,850	13,497	26,959	10,357
Allocations Paid:	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes

