



Make Heaven Crowded

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I can't get away from that phrase. Actually I don't even know if it is good theological thinking, but I 'get it'! I want to see Heaven full and do my part. I don't want to miss the opportunity when the Holy Spirit opens the door and prepares someone for a life-altering conversation. I want to do my part in the Kingdom. I want to have my 'One'. I want to be influencing them for Jesus.

Do you have your 'One'? Have you BLESSED your neighbor with cookies, a barbecue, or a piece of pie? Do you know the people around you - the waiter, the cashier, the janitor, or others? Do you know about their lives?

If you are concerned about your 'One', you will have to both know and know about them. Don't put it off another day. Don't miss the opportunity!

Let's 'Make Heaven Crowded'!

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS







MNU CORNER

The video features junior ministry major Adri Ibarra from

Hutchison, KS. He has been a mainstay on our summer traveling groups, specifically Squad 66 which helps out at junior high and senior high camps across the region.

MNU TAUGHT ME...

“Your path to MNU is bigger than you can imagine! If you want to be part of a community that’s pushing you toward Christ, then this is the place for you.”

- Adri Ibarra, MNU Senior



BAPTISMS

Aurora Living Water
SUZANNE HUSE, ARLETTA HADLOW, LORI RICHARDSON, LISA

SMITH, EMMA ORMSBY

Caney

Wyatt Shelton , Michael Holeman, Jaxton Brooks, Emma Killian, Ellie Pond, Tate Burris

Clinton

Benjamin Trisler

Ft. Scott

Janae Griffin, Landon Hill, Coehin Chrisenberry, Quinn Schnauffer, Blaine Defebaugh, Myron Query, Brennon Morris, Kevin Jones

Joplin First

Darrell Olson, Krista Wesley, Bonnie Dreiling

Living Faith Church

Hunter Jones, Beneli Kolb, Bylee Rakestram, Katie Sartin, Hayden Scott Braylen Devall, Emry Bolton, Destiny Hagan, Katlyn Utley, Ryder Diaz Lloyd Knackstedt, Josie Diaz, Joyce Kovacic, Kathy Carr, Jennifer Ireland Kayla McFarland, Molly Stutzman, Trinity Knackstedt, Nevaeh Busse

Living Faith Church

Brad Herlocker

Neodosha

Dylan Flournoy, Alexis Stewart, MaKinnley Craig, Hailey Wilson

Ozark 1st

Nora Brill

NEW MEMBERS

Connecting Point Church

Jami Audo, Carole Frobish, Robin Jones, Brian McLaughlin, Teresa McLaughlin, Stoney Tate, Aaron Walker, Grace Walker, Lori Zwahlen, Tom Zwahlen

Garnett Nazarene Church

Ashton Pridey, Adam Casto, Maria Casto

Lamar Living Hope

William Grassi

Neodosha

J.D. Moffatt, Cheryl Moffatt, Dennis Montgomery, Shelly Montgomery, Stephanie Scott, Monica Waggoner, Jazzmyn Waggoner, Josh Hubbell



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.



For info on upcoming events, go to bit.ly/joplinnyi and at the bottom of the page view the "NYI - 3 year Calendar."



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

Joplin District Nazarene Mission Team Project CAMP TABLE ROCK March 13-19, 2026



COST: No cost
Donations to Camp Table Rock are appreciated. Housing and Meals Provided.



WHAT: Construction, painting, repairing, cleaning, fun and fellowship.

INFORMATION

Contact
Clyde or Deb Davidson
417-529-4917 or 9917
cwddavid1989@gmail.com

Registration Deadline -
March 1, 2026

FYI - You may work as few or as many days as you would like.

Camp Table Rock
2079 Peninsula Dr.
Shell Knob, MO 65747

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NAZARENE YOUTH CONFERENCE 2026

Salt Lake City
June 30 - July 8, 2026

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- **How to register:**

1. Bring \$500 deposit to NYI convention on July 26, 2025
2. When deposit is paid, students will be handed a registration card with a QR code that contains an individual registration link on it.
3. Students must hand this card to their guardian to register.
Students cannot register themselves - there are consent forms that need to be signed.

- If a student registers after October 15, 2025, headquarters requires an extra \$75 fee. If a student registers in October or later, \$1,075 will be due at their time of registration.

- **Making Payments:**

- For all payments after the initial deposit, churches are required to send 1 church check each payment cycle
- Example: if a church has 3 students attending, youth pastors should collect \$500 from each student, then send in 1 check for \$1500 from their church.

- **Mandatory In-Person NYC meeting:**

- All students and sponsors attending NYC 2026 must attend an attendee meeting in May 2026

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

All payments are non-refundable. The first \$500 goes straight to headquarters to purchase your spot.

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| 1. July 26, 2025 (NYI Convention) | 3. February 1, 2026 |
| • \$500 - Application Deposit | • \$500 |
| 2. October 1, 2025 | 4. April 1, 2026 |
| • \$500 (or \$1,075 if you are just registering) | • \$500 |



Questions? Contact Fred Toomey at (417)-234-2651

GOAL
\$5,000

CUBAN SUMMER CAMPS



There are three (a fourth coming soon) districts in Cuba. Each district has its own camp. The Joplin District Kids and Teens Project is to raise \$5,000 to help our Cuban Nazarene Family to fund these camps.



NMI is the global missions advocate in every local church, nurturing a spirit of missions, and mobilizing into action, impacting people around the world.

FALL 2025



Joplin District



NMI

Nazarene Missions International

September: Alabaster

October: Care and Connection (LINKS)

November: World Evangelism Fund

December: Compassionate Ministries

Monthly Prayer
Emphases

**OCTOBER IS
"BIG SERVE"
MONTH!**



Missionary Tours:

Arnel and Inocencia Piliin: Sept 15-29, 2025
(Philippines)

Russel and Carla Frazier: June 8-17, 2026
(Kenya)



Contact Karen Almond to schedule them in
your church! ksalmond60@gmail.com

NMI Areas of Impact:
Prayer
Children and Youth
Alabaster
WEF
Care and Connection

Did you know?

The Joplin District NMI Council offers \$100 scholarships to any teen or university student who participates in a Nazarene mission trip. Contact Alison Johnson or Marta Ward to apply: aweinstock1@gmail.com, martaw.64@gmail.com.

The global NMI website has been remodeled and includes updated resources, including training videos on how to utilize Kids Kaleidoscope to engage your kids in missions. Click here: <https://nazarene.org/nmi/>

Work and
Witness Funds
due Nov. 30th.

Make checks
payable to
"Joplin
District NMI"
and mail to
Marta Ward:
966 S 120th St
Cherokee, KS
66724.

www.joplindistrictnaz.org/nmi

Important Dates

October:

Big Serve Month

Ella Brower Bday (Potter's House): Oct 3

Hal Brower Bday (Potter's House): Oct 8

Leidy Cordero Bday (LINKS) Oct 20th

November:

Nancy Cordero Bday (LINKS): Nov 4th

Hawaii Mission Trip: Nov 19-25

Thanksgiving Offering: Nov 27th

Work & Witness Funds to Marta Ward: Nov 30th

Shannon Smith, Rob and Cindy North, and Carlos and Nancy Cordero all send "THANK YOU" greetings for the lovely missionary cards sent from NMI Convention!



2025 LINKS Missionaries:

Carlos and Nancy Cordero
Serving in Guatemala

E-mail: ccordero@mesonaz.org

Ideas for connecting:
E-mails, cards, zoom meetings,
video greetings, financial gifts



Children/Youth Project
Funds Due to Marta Ward
March 15, 2026.

Nazarene Mission Teams (Work and Witness)

Each year the Joplin District alternates between international and regional destinations for mission teams. Regardless the location, the goal is always the same: make Jesus famous by building relationships and offering tangible support to those serving long term in their local context.

2026 Mission Team CAMP TABLE ROCK



Renovation, construction,
painting, cleaning, etc.

March 13-19, 2026

Cost: FREE

Contact Clyde or Deb

Davidson:

cwddavid1989@gmail.com.

Good News! The number of those applying to become Nazarene missionaries is up 150%. Recently, 81 people applied in just one month! Hundreds have applied since January.

Your faithful support of World Evangelism Fund supports these missionaries!

www.joplinedistrictnaz.org/nmi

BIG SERVE

Joplin District ————— *October 2025*

Blessing our community

July/August 2025**DETERMINE THE NEEDS**

- Talk to Community Leaders
 - Mayor/Council Members/Officers
- Dialog with Schools
 - Teacher/Principal/Superintendent/Social Workers
- Partner with Community Organizations
 - Habitat/Rotary/Community Action/Shelters/Food Pantries
- Observe people/needs around your church
 - What do the people of your church observe?

August/September 2025**DETERMINE WHAT YOU CAN DO**

- What resources are needed? (time, talent, treasures)
- Is this a one time or ongoing need?
- Share the "needs" with your people
- Share the "why" with your people
- Promote within your church
- Report what you are doing

September 1-15, 2025

- Place t-shirt order for your local church
 - (combining orders will save on shipping costs)

October 1-5, 2025

- Personalize and send press release to local news agencies/online resources
- Have your people sign-up for a specific project

October 2025**DO THE WORK**

- Positive Attitudes
- Be Excellent/Go Above
- Representing Jesus
- Finish the Job
- Take Pictures/Video

November 2025/beyond**DO NOT FORGET**

- Follow Up with those who were served
- Continue the relationship
- How can you continue?
- How can you present Jesus?

Ministers'
Christmas
Banquet

Mon., Dec. 1, 2025

**Joplin Family Worship Center
5290 E 7th St, Joplin, MO 64801**

at 6:00 pm.

**Please register by:
Friday, Nov. 14th**

Scan to register





CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Family Discipleship Resources

- Half-Million Mobilization: Blessing Our Community
- Half-Million Mobilization: Bringing People to Jesus
- Global Week of Prayer

Scan the
QR Code
for more
information



Child Discipleship Resources

- B.L.E.S.S.
- B.R.I.N.G.
- Half-Million Mobilization: Bringing People to Jesus
- Vacation Bible School
- Peace Out
- Bible Quizzing
- Kids Kaleidoscope

Resources Created By Nazarenes

- Center for Faith and Family
- Equip to Engage
- Hide and Keep
- Nurturing Care
- The Foundry Publishing
- The KidMin Creatives

Support Resources

- NazareneSafe
- Disability Ministry
- Kids Reaching Kids
- Upward Sports Partnership
- Nazarene Educators Worldwide
- The Discipleship Place: Children's Ministry Course
- Children and Family Ministry Degrees
 - Ambrose University
 - MidAmerica Nazarene University
 - Mount Vernon Nazarene University
 - Northwest Nazarene University
 - Olivet Nazarene University
 - Trevecca Nazarene University



usacanadaregion.org/kids



kids@usacanadaregion.org

L2 meetings

(Lead Now, Lead Next)

Every 3rd Tuesday of
the month
at 6:00 pm.
via Zoom

October 2025 Monthly Statistics

Church Name	Disc. Avg	Disc. YTD Avg.	MW Avg.	MW. YTD Avg.	RL
Anderson Iron Works	7	7	9	10	13
Aurora Living Water	10	6	28	18	44
Ava Cold Creek Cowboy	170	176	428	438	900
Ava Highway	95	91	162	154	555
Baxter Springs	33	40	45	53	100
Bolivar	85	86	80	82	50
Bradleyville	29	28	56	46	60
Branson Citizens	20	14	59	60	75
Branson First	19	20	59	46	111
Buffalo	10	10	12	14	46
Butler	31	27	59	56	100
Calvary	33	21	62	56	100
Camdenton New Life	5	35	51	872	8
Caney	82	79	77	73	135
Carthage First	162	180	340	377	1018
Cassville	12	10	15	13	49
Chanute	22	24	119	114	268
Cherryvale	23	27	30	29	25
Clinton	16	8	18	12	30
Coffeyville First	70	56	116	127	170
Columbus Connecting Point	52	53	94	86	172
Deepwater Crossroads	30	32	52	59	132
Dogwood	85	84	124	129	252
El Dorado Springs	20	20	28	28	60
Elk City	3	7	42	40	0
Erie	24	20	40	35	186
Fordland Faith Journey	37	39	36	37	266
Fordland Union Chapel	0	0	8	10	0
Forsyth Trinity	9	8	22	25	40
Fort Scott	228	207	415	416	600
Galena Park Hill	18	20	44	50	110
Garnett	91	100	154	158	213
Girard Living Faith	140	96	229	200	541
Goodhope	28	31	39	37	70
Goodman Banner	131	129	185	164	463
Grovespring Solid Rock Cowboy	0	0	120	114	32
Houston New Horizon	11	10	36	36	54
Independence	273	203	219	247	550
Iola	14	16	27	24	38
Joplin First	29	27	187	136	200
Joplin Good News	0	0	224	180	154
Joplin Traders	15	12	20	26	50
Lamar Living Hope	35	39	27	28	96
Lebanon Freedom	18	22	32	32	58

Church Name	Disc. Avg	Disc. YTD Avg.	MW Avg.	MW. YTD Avg.	RL
Mansfield	52	47	73	83	74
Marionville	18	15	42	31	116
Marshfield Hope	145	126	179	153	210
McCune	3	3	39	15	0
Monett	83	83	170	170	220
Monett Fuente de agua viva	24	23	52	52	60
Mt Vernon First	21	23	25	28	33
Mtn. Grove Faith Community	52	55	158	153	78
Neodesha	65	69	94	87	80
Neosho	67	63	190	192	277
Neosho Casa Jaziel	44	45	29	36	129
Nevada	30	29	51	50	118
Nixa	76	73	130	124	130
Nixa Organic	21	19	35	36	47
Noel	0	0	31	25	35
Norwood Countryside	25	28	68	60	25
Osceola	8	7	12	11	18
Ozark	22	22	30	31	57
Parsons Remnant	177	159	141	139	550
PittNaz	424	250	767	735	0
Pleasanton	12	12	22	22	39
Powell Twin Springs	9	9	15	17	40
Reeds Spring Community	6	6	19	19	65
Republic	13	15	31	30	29
Rogersville Harvest Community	13	14	52	51	100
Sarcoxie New Beginnings	14	12	20	21	0
Seymour Real Love	231	231	358	358	800
Springfield Dayspring Assisted Living Outreach	0	0	16	21	6
Springfield Grace	32	30	74	69	124
Springfield One Life	113	108	146	144	200
Springfield Sanctuary	25	25	145	149	180
Springfield Scenic	0	0	16	19	63
Strafford	15	15	15	17	45
The Well	534	534	1349	1306	2000
Warsaw First	17	12	21	18	34
Webb City	39	29	65	63	250
Wheatland	0	15	23	27	35

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