

JOPLIN DISTRICT 67TH ANNUAL

Assembly

July 28-29, 2024



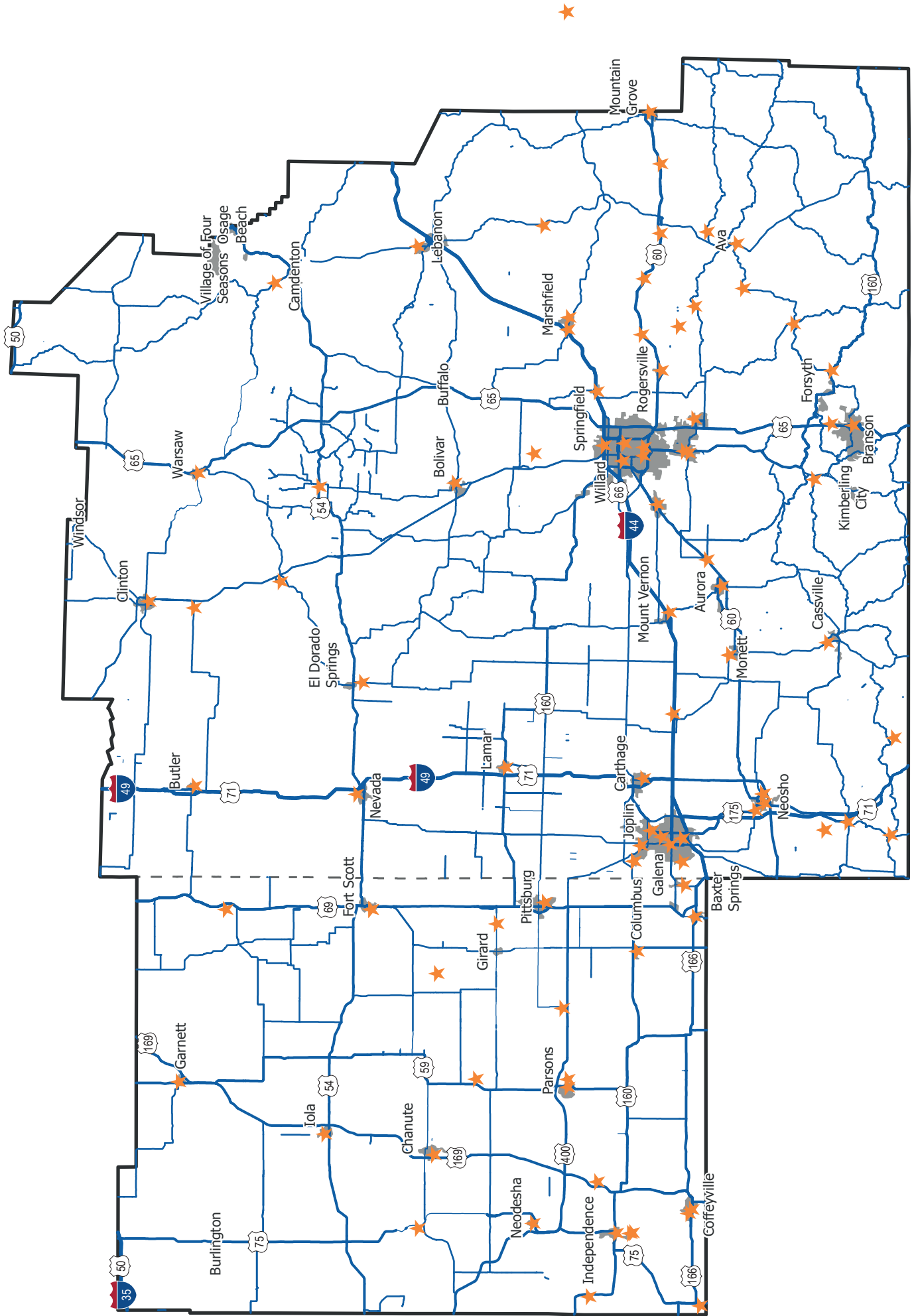
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Joplin District



Welcome to the 67th 'Gathering' of the Joplin District family. This past year, you have Advanced the Hope of Christ in unprecedented ways. Lives, families, marriages, and churches have been radically changed as Hope has been shared.

Thank you for being a group of people who will not give up, but will Advance the Hope of Christ into a hopeless world.

This year we gather to Advance the Call. I believe He is calling people to Himself in relationships, in worship, and in mentoring. Can you hear Him? In these next few hours we are going to testify to the goodness of God and as we do, I believe there will be a "shift in the atmosphere". As we speak the name of Jesus over our friends, family, and churches we are proclaiming something good is about to come.

Welcome to the 2024 Joplin District Assembly, a place where we will Advance the Call of Christ and lives will be forever changed.

Welcome to the family gathering!

July 2024

NYI Australia Missions Trip	June 28– July 14
Children's Camp 1st-2nd	13
Children's Camp 3rd-4th	14-16
Children's Camp 5th-6th	17-20
Conventions/Assembly	27-30

August 2024

PROMOTION SUNDAY

LINKS

NYI Convention	3
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September 2024

ALABASTER OFFERING

SS GROWTH EMPHASIS

New Pastors Meeting	14
District Revival	8-11
Church Board Training	21
See You at the Pole	25

October 2024

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

TEAM Days	3 or 5
Prime Time Retreat	7-9

November 2024

Set Clocks Back	3
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
NYI Leadership Conference	3-4
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	TBD
Teen Camp	9-13
	13-17
	17-21
"The Call" Sunday	22
NYI Mission Trip	TBD

July 2025

NYI Mission Trip	June 29-July 15
Children's Camp 1st-3rd	TBD
Children's Camp 4th-6th	TBD
Conventions/Assembly	26-29

August 2025

PROMOTION SUNDAY

LINKS

NYI Convention	2
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September 2025

ALABASTER OFFERING

SS GROWTH EMPHASIS

District Revival	7-10
New Pastors Meeting	13
Church Board Training	20
See You at the Pole	24
Evangelism Training	26-27

October 2025

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

Prime Time Retreat	6-8
TEAM Days	9 or 11

November 2025

Set Clocks Back	2
Encounter	7-8
Thanksgiving Offering	

December 2025

Pastors' Christmas Banquet	1
Christmas	

January 2026

Daniel Fast	2-12
Refresh Retreat (College/Young Adult)	2-4
PK Retreat	9-10
Field YES Conference	30-31

February 2026

ALABASTER OFFERING

Field PK Retreat	13-15
Ministry Assessment Center	20-21
Membership Sunday	15
Credential/Studies Interviews	26-27

March 2026

SS GROWTH EMPHASIS

Ministry Retreat	5-8
MNU Sunday	8
Empower	13-14

April 2026

MISSION EDUCATION

Ladies' Retreat	10-11
MAX	16-18

May 2026

BABY DAY

National Day of Prayer	7
Mother's Day	10
GRADUATES SUNDAY	

June 2026

MNU The Call	TBD
Teen Camp	8-12
	12-16
	16-20
"The Call" Sunday	21

Hispanic Activities Calendar 2024

February 24 - Monett MO Combine Service	6:00 pm
April 20 – Independence Combine Service	6:00 pm
May 25 - Carthage Nazarene Combine Service	6:00 pm
June 29 – Webb City MO Combine Service	6:00 pm
July 20 - Carthage Nazarene Hispanic Convention	6:00 pm
August 16-17 – Hispanic Family Camp: Camp Barnabas	
August 31 – Casa Jaziel Combine Service	6:00 pm
September 28 - Pittsburg Combine Service	6:00 pm
October 26 – Noel/Banner Combine Service	6:00 pm
December 7 - Hispanic Christmas Dinner Neosho MO	6:00 pm

Ministerial Studies Program Zoom and Presencial (District Office) Calendar 2024

January 2024 (Zoom)

Exploring Christian Ministry / Introducción al ministerio cristiano

March 2024 (Monett/Pittsburg/Zoom)

CPE

May 2024 (Monett/Zoom)

Preaching the Story of Go/ Predicación

July 2024 (Joplin District Office)

Leading the People of God/ Liderazgo

September 2024 (Monett/Pittsburg/Zoom)

Communicating with Spoken and Written Language / Comunicación escrita y oral

November 2024 (Joplin District Office)

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

January 2025 (Monett/Pittsburg/Zoom)

Becoming a Holy People / Un pueblo santo

March 2025 (Monett/Pittsburg/Zoom)

Communicating the Gospel in a Pluralistic World/La predicación del evangelio en el mundo del pluralismo

May 2025 (Joplin District Office)

Living Ethical Lives/ Etica

July 2025 (Monett/Pittsburg/Zoom)

Practicing Wesleyan-Holiness Spiritual Formation/ Formación espiritual

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 41 years. They have 4 children: Danielle (Zach), Amber (Caleb), Jacob (Alyssa), and Kaitlyn (Dan).

Five wonderful grandchildren: Finley (10), Samuel (8), Clayton (6), Genevieve (3), and Wyatt (3).

Dr. David A. Busic General Superintendent



Dr. David A. Busic was elected general superintendent in the Church of the Nazarene at the 28th General Assembly held in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA, in June 2013. At the time of his election, he had been president of Nazarene Theological Seminary since 2011.

Born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, David was ordained in 1991 by Dr. John A. Knight. After being an associate pastor in Oklahoma and Kansas, he served as senior pastor for three Churches of the Nazarene: Vineyard Community Church (Livermore, California), Central Church (Lenexa, Kansas), and First Church (Bethany, Oklahoma). During his tenure at Bethany First, Dr. Busic helped initiate and establish the Swaziland Partnership in 2007 to help reduce the HIV/AIDS rate and assist vulnerable children in Eswatini (formerly Swaziland), Africa.

Dr. Busic received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Southern Nazarene University in 1988 and a Master of Divinity degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary in 1993. Southern Nazarene University conferred a Doctor of Divinity degree upon him in 2010. He earned a Doctor of Ministry in theology and culture at Fuller Theological Seminary.

He has a distinguished tradition of service to the denomination. He has been a member of the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene, during which time he was also elected president of the USA National Board. From 2005 to 2013 he was a member of the Board of General Superintendents' Thought Partners, a think tank for critical issues facing the church.

Busic was co-editor for *Preacher's Magazine* from 2000 to 2007. He has also published numerous articles, book chapters, and authored five books, *Perfectly Imperfect: Character Sketches from the Old Testament*; *Perfectly Imperfect, Character Sketches from the New Testament*; *The City: Urban Churches in the Wesleyan Tradition*; *Way, Truth, Life: Discipleship as a Journey of Grace*; and his most recent volume, *The Praying Pastor: Learning to Lead from your Knees*. His preaching is widely respected throughout the church, making him a sought-after speaker and leadership advisor.

Dr. Busic and his wife, Christi, live in Edmond, Oklahoma. They have three grown children and seven grandchildren.

DISTRICT

Revival



Guest speaker

**LENNY
WISEHART**

SCHEDULE

Sun, 9/8: 6pm @
Joplin First

Mon, 9/9: 7 pm @
Ozark First

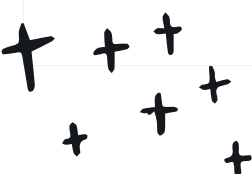
Tues, 9/10: 7 pm @
Butler

Wed, 9/11: 7 pm @
Garnett



SEPT | 8-11 | 2024

Joplin District Church of the Nazarene



Joplin District TEAM DAYS

October 3 or 5 *Better Together*

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



BIG SERVE

Joplin District

October 26, 2024

Blessing our community

July/August 2024

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 2024

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, 2024

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

October 1-5, 2024

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

October 26, 2024

DO THE WORK

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

November 2024/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. 2, 2024
Silver Spoon Barn
at 6:00 pm.



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

JOPLIN DISTRICT

Daniel Fast

1/2/2025 - 1/12/2025

MINISTRY ASSESSMENT WEEKEND

ASSESSMENT

When: February 14-15, 2025

Friday's session begins at 1:30 PM

Where: Joplin District Office

2014 Grand Ave., Carthage, MO 64836

**Who: All First District License candidates
and Ordinand candidates**

(that have not previously participated)



**MEMBERSHIP
SUNDAY**

FEBRUARY 16

**EXPANDING
THE FAMILY
OF GOD**

JOPLIN DISTRICT

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CREDENTIAL DAY

CREDENTIAL BOARD INTERVIEWS
FOR ORDINANDS.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2025
AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE
2014 GRAND AVE, CARTHAGE, MO

CREDENTIAL BOARD INTERVIEWS FOR
ALL DISTRICT LICENSE CANDIDATES.
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2025 VIA ZOOM
EVERYONE MUST BE PRESENT FOR
THEIR SCHEDULED INTERVIEW.



Ministry Retreat
Feb. 27–Mar. 2, 2025
Lodge of the Ozarks
Branson, MO

Speaker:
Rev. Jeremiah Bolich
Music:
Chad Jones

MIDAMERICA

NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

MNU Sunday

MARCH 2, 2025

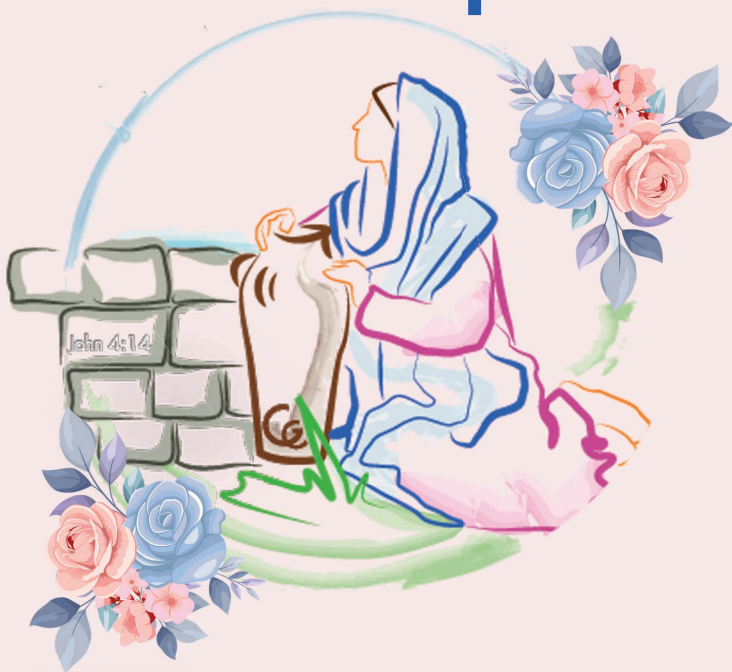
***A transformative university that
nurtures Christlike community,
pursues academic excellence and
cultivates a passion to serve.***

Come and See

**Guest Speaker:
Rev. Paige Graves**

**Testimonies, Giveaways,
breakfast and lunch on Saturday**

**at Carthage Nazarene
April 11-12, 2025**



**Fri. 7-9pm
Sat. 9am-3pm**

CONVENTION & TRAINING

Day!

Join us as we continue to learn what it looks like to be a District that embodies the “Be-Do-Go” philosophy with specific breakouts for students, leaders, and youth pastors!



2142 State Hwy 37, Monett, MO 65708

AUGUST | 3RD | 2024

9am - 4pm

Lunch Provided!





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- TBD

Carthage, Joplin Calvary, Joplin First, Monett, Marionville, Webb City

Area 2- Kyle Rogers and Virgil Peck

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

Area 3 – James Keezer

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

Area 4- Dennis Bergen

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

Area 5- Selena Freeman

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

Area 6- Jeremy Henderson

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

Area 7- Michael Seewald

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

Area 8- TBD

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

Area 9- Steve Wierman

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

Area 10- Doug Jackett

Chanute, Buffalo, Erie, Garnett, Iola, Neodesha

Area 11- Josh Griffith

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

Area 12- Jason Holt

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

Area 13- 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 14- Sandra Cordova

Neosho Casa Jaziel, Goodman Banner Hispanic, Independence Hispanic

In Memory Of...

Ava Highway – Leota Aborn, Mary Blakey, Gene Chamberlain, Danny Cutbirth, Carol Hanger, Rev. John Moles, Gary Robertson, Jerry Wagner

Baxter Springs – Bess Norman

Caney – Dorothy Bacon, Jack Hockett

Carthage – Helen Bailey, Ally Barnes, Thelma Bass, Axel Hartman, Steve Jones, Nina Osborne, Mary Valentine, Melissa Valentine, David Witt

Chanute – Joseph Turner

Coffeyville Central – Robert Harris

Deepwater Crossroads – Kris Vincent

Fort Scott – Irene Lowry, Richard Riley, Kenneth Wood

Garnett – Ray White

Goodman Banner – Valerie Coffey, Bill Hess

Goodhope – Mac Mitchell

Joplin Calvary – Yvonne McIntire

Joplin First – Alice Lundien

Lamar Living Hope – Jerry McGill

Marionville – John Tracy

Neodesha – Louise Frazier, Donna Meigs

Neosho – Marilyn Cristy, Glenn Gaches, Larry Liggett, John Sandlin

Nevada – Eve Beeman, Melissa Visser

Nixa – Bev Flott

Pittsburg – Caiden Barber, Charlotte Cook, John Fields, Donna Lyerla, Donald Rigensberg, Donna Shoemaker, Naomi Snow, Carolyn Walstrom, Susan Ward, Margaret Joann Wood

Springfield Grace – Owen Elmer

Springfield One Life – Rila Archer, Ada Lou Fenton, Delores Loving, Debbie McCall

The Well Marshfield – Charles “Chuck” Moore

Webb City – Gary Gunlock, Mary Powell

Annual District Advisory Board Report – 2023-2024

We the members of your District Advisory Board: Lay members are: Ralph Houser, Hany Mikhail, Cody Swearengin, Beth Jackett; Ministerial members are Rev. Wesley Anderson, Rev. Adam Parrish, Rev. Virgil Peck, Rev. Kyle Rogers. We have met in 10 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 – Timothy Zollars to Kansas City, Mark Davis to West Virginia South, Jade Rogers to NW Illinois, Todd Renegar to Southern California, David Warren to Kansas City, Kevin Kneisley to Nebraska (pending).
Deacon- None
Licensed Minister- Laura Gulley to Prairie Lakes
2. We approve the transfers of the following be received:
Elder: Fred Worth (S. Arkansas), Scott King (W. Virginia N.), Brianna Morrison (NW Oklahoma), Kevin Kneisley (Nebraska), Marshall Trisler (Mid-South), Allen Ardrey (Mid-South)
Licensed Minister: Carl Lavender (Kansas City), Joel Amos (Nebraska), David Schuermann (NW Indiana).
3. We recommend that the transfers In District be received: None

We recommended to approve the giving of District Licenses for the following: Joel Amos, Trevor Beaudry, Paul Steven Chunn, Lesa Claypool, Jason Cruise, Kallie Ghan, Carl ‘Andy’ Lavender, Jacob Schmidley, and Kendric Thompson.

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, Rev. 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: Mona Downs, Randy Dority, and Rick Pearson.

We approve the following ordained ministers be granted retirement status: Marilyn Baker (RA), Gloria Cariker (RA), Jimmy Cariker (RA), Gary Swearengin (RA).

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Phil Rhoades, Chairman

Adam Parrish, Secretary

Nominating Committee Report 2023

The nominating committee met on April 8, 2024. Those present were DS Phil Rhoades, Bruce McCrite, Kyle Rogers, Virgil Peck, Adam Parrish, Wesley Anderson, Beth Jackett, Hany Mikhail, Ralph Houser, Cody Swearengin, Fred Toomey (via Zoom), Dustin Ledford, and Angie Whetstone (recording secretary).

Absent: Alison Johnson

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 2028)

Ministerial: Megan Allen; Dennis Bergen; Bruce McCrite

Laity: Clyde Davidson; Mike Godfrey; Dr. Dennis Olson

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, Susan Rowe, Michael Johnson, Bryan Keith, Scott King, Kelly Klubek (Secretary), Donna Mikhail, Fred Morrison, Virgil Peck, Gary Swearingin.

Ministerial Studies Board— Bill Knight (Chairman), Adam Parrish, Bill Whetstone (Secretary), 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, TBD (NDI Chairman), Alison Johnson (NMI President), Fred Toomey (NYI President) (all *ex officio*)

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

Nazarene Youth International Ministries—Fred Toomey, district NYI president; **Nazarene Discipleship International**—TBD, 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; Angie Whetstone, Secretary

Memoirs—Phil Rhoades; Public Worship—Dr. Busic 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:

1. Elder – Timothy Zollars to Kansas City, Mark Davis to West Virginia South, Jade Rogers to NW Illinois, Todd Renegar to Southern California, David Warren to Kansas City, Kevin Kneisley to Nebraska (pending).
2. Deacon- None
3. Licensed Minister- Laura Gulley to Prairie Lakes

We recommend that the transfers of the following be received:

1. Elder- Fred Worth from S. Arkansas, Scott King from W Virginia N., Brianna Morrison from NE Oklahoma, Kevin Kneisley from Nebraska, Marshall Trisler from Mid-South, Allen Ardrey from Mid-South.
2. Licensed Minister: Carl Lavender from Kansas City, Joel Amos from Nebraska, David Schuermann from NW Indiana.

We recommend that the transfers In District be received: None

Report No. 2

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

Jeanie Balzer, Keith Kenyeri, Kathy Kepley, Shawn Elwood, Chase Owen, David Scheurmann, and Nicholas Sprague

Report No. 3

We recommend that the following:

1. That Minister's license be Granted:

Elder Course of Study: Joel Amos, Trevor Beaudry, Paul Steven Chunn, Lesa Claypool, Jason Cruise, Kallie Ghan, Carl "Andy" Lavender, Jacob Schmidley, and Kendric Thompson

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, Hannah Allison, Cheryl Beason, Danna LaCygne Brauburger, Brian Collins, Karli Collins, Jurahee Crawford, Scott Crawford, Tony Deweese, John Erie Jr., Amanda Gilmore, John Heun, Jason Holt, Anna Marie Horne, Noah Huskey, Doug Jackett, Chris Keith, Sarah Kelly, Katie Kepley, Bethany Letsinger, Josh Lien, Giovanny Lopez, Lydia Cruz Lopez, Shirley Jean Mahan, Joshua Mitchell, Zurisadai Mitchell, Shana McGarrah, Roberto Perez, Madison Robinson, Jarod Rowley, Robert Caleb Ryman, Mike Sauerwein, Karen Smith, Chad Sturdefant, Anthony St. Yves, Jill Thompson, Susan Wendleton, John Barry Williams Jr., and Matthew Williams.

2. Deacon Course of Study—Karen Almond

3. Elders Course of Study—that license be renewed with exception: Art Black and Laurenda Ferguson

Report No.5

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, Rick A. Pearson be allowed to serve outside denomination in accordance with *Manual 225.17, 520 and 530.13* with the approval of District Advisory Board and the Board of General Superintendents.
4. That ELDERS: Marilyn Baker (R.A.), Gloria Cariker (R.A.), Jimmy Cariker (R.A.), Gary Swearingin (R.A.) be given retirement status.
5. That the following be removed from the roll of Elder, now being deceased: John Moles, Richard Riley, Ben Wayne Rose, and Ken Wood

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

Joplin District Board of Ministerial Studies

2024 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
Allison, Jacob	Allison, Hannah	Amos, Joel	Alarid, Robert	Allen, Josh
Barns, Jennifer	Beason, Cheryl	Balch, Zachariah	Almond, Karen	Balzler, Jeanie
Bausinger, Kim	Claypool, Lesa	Black, Art	Brant, Jason	Chunn, Paul Stephen
Beecham, Alisa	Crawford, Scott	DeWeese, Tony	Beaudry, Trevor	Elwood, Shawn
Benefield, Joshua	Crotinger, Austin	Capon, Dusty	Brauburger, Danna	Kenyeri, Keith
Bricker, Christian	Ferguson, Laurenda	Collins, Karli	Collins, Brian	Kepley, Kathy
Bricker, Roger	Garduno, Julia	Crawford, Jurahee	Erie Jr., John	Mitchell, Zurisadai
Brook, Alisa	Gilmore, Amanda	Heun, John	Ghan, Kallie	Owen, Chace
Cisneros, Charles	Holt, Jason	Horne, Anna Marie	Huskey, Noah	Ryman, Robert Caleb
Cornelison, Doug	Kelley, Candy	Jackson, Randy	Jackett, Doug	Rowley, Jarod
Cottle, Clayton	Martin, Joy	Keith, Christopher	Lavender, Andy	Schuermann, David
Cox, Becka	Mitchell, Bobby	Kelly, Sarah	Letsinger, Bethany	Smith, Karen
Cruise, Jason	Rippee, Steven	Kepley, Kathrine	Martin, Jared	Sprague, Nicholas
Diller, Kelly	Robertson, Ann	Lansdown, Terry	McGarrah, Shana	Sturdefant, Chad
Dorsey, Jared	Schmidly, Jacob	Lien, Joshua	Risner, Hannah	St. Yves, Anthony
Elwood, Brooke	Williams, John	Moles, Paige	Robinson, Madison	Thompson, Jill
Funderburk, Denise	Williams, Matthew	Ogle, Matthew		Wendleton, Susan
Funderburk, Joe		Pedrick, John		
Gottschalk, Ryan		Sauerwein, Michael		
Harrington, Andrea		Tipple, Bevin		
Hayes, Matthew		Mitchell, Joshua		
Hayes, Rich				
Hood, Rodney				
Howerton, Matthew				
Irick, Mike				
Jackson, April				
Jackson, Russell				
Jones, Marlisha				
Keezer, Debbie				
Keezer, Rick				
Knight, Issac				
Lien, Brooke				
Linton, Carl				
Maxwell, Brendan				
Nicholas, Noah				
Pollard, Christopher				
Quintana, Angel				
Ramos, Jose				
Rash, Christina				
Roberts, Joshua				
Roberts, Katie				
Robinson, Jagger				
Samuels, Preston				
Schmidly, Jake				
Sanders, Marvin				
Sauerwein, Mike				
Scott, Hannah				
Shank, Aaron				
Taylor, Victoria				

Thompson, Kendric
Whittington, Jason
Young, Mark

Joplin Hispanic Ministerial Studies

2024 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
Aguilar, Melvin	Araceli, Abelina	Alejo, Valentin	Lopez, Giovanni	
Agustin, Andrea	Cabrera, Ruben	Lopez, Damariz	Lopez (Cruz), Lydia	
Agustin, Carlos	Casanova, Andrea	Mateo, Angelo	Perez, Roberto	
Agustin, Luis F.	Chocop, Rvera	Montemayor, Rosa		
Cerecedo, Alma	Funes, Israel			
Estrada, Carlos	Gandara, Juan			
Flores, Maria	Martinez, Astrid			
Garcia, Gabriela	Sanchez, Zenaida			
Gonzalez, Lucero	Vences, Alondra			
Goulf, Brandon				
Goulf, Patricia				
Lemus, Emily				
Lopez, Arturo				
Lopez, Carmen				
Lopez, Jesus				
Lopez, Julian				
Lopez, Luis				
Lopez, Manuel				
Lopez, Matias				
Luz, Juarez				
Marquin, Sandra				
Martinez, Gustavo				
Martinez, Sandra				
Mejia, Salvador				
Menjivar, Nelson				
Noches, Delmy				
Perez, Emanuel				
Perez, Luis				
Perez, Luis G				
Perez, Sandra				
Perez, Steven				
Rangel, Judith				
Rivera, Jose				
Rivas, Arnold				
Salas, Eron				
Salvador, Diego				
Vaca, Elisa				

That the following are taking their study from our Nazarene Colleges: Hannah Allison (NBC), Annamarie Horn (NBC), Jonathan Melton (MNU), Steven Rippee (MNU), Madison Robinson (NBC), John Suttles (MNU),

Respectfully submitted, William Whetstone, Secretary

2024 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 Funding the Mission Report in the "District Newsletter".
11. That each church plan to provide at least annual teaching on "Family Financial Management" and "Biblical Stewardship Principles".
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 2024-2025 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:

2.0% to P&B Fund

2.5% 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 2024-2025 assembly year.

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

District Operations	73.1%
Mission Outreach	10.0%
NDI	5.1%
NYI	6.2%
NMI	5.6%

10. That the DAB review the District Staff compensation at the 6 month point of the Assembly year. For the 2024-2025 Assembly year a 2.3% Cost of Living raise was given to the Hispanic Coordinator to his salary 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 \$455,985 which is distributed as follows:

Wages and benefits:

Office Staff Salaries	156,178
District Secretary Honorarium & Travel	4,200
Payroll taxes	3,750
DS Social Security Taxes	24,000
Worker's Compensation	1,200
DS health insurance	7,150
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	36,400
DS Sabbatical	0
Total wages and benefits	226,670

Office expenses:

Accounting and legal fees	3,500
Assistant DS travel & Prof	3,500
Computers and software	3,750
Conferences	20,000
Pastors Benevolent Fund	5,000
District advisory board	
District assembly	17,500
District office maintenance	5,500
Potters House maintenance	2,400
District property insurance	14,000
District Revival	1,700
District Auto	14,200
DS professional	15,600
DS Transition	0
Equipment lease	5,200
Equipment repairs & maintenance	1,350
General assembly delegate	5,000
Gifts/flowers	2,900
Ministry retreat	12,000
Office equipment	300
Office supplies	4,000
Pastoral training	11,000
Pastor's Christmas banquet	6,000
Postage	1,225

Pre-assembly meetings	2,200
Sound/video/books	2,000
Telephone	5,000
Utilities	8,200
Web page	1,000
Pastor Spouse day	0
District Restoration Team	0
Misc. Expense	
Total office expenses	174,175

Mission Outreach	
Nehemiah Builders	5,000
MO pastor's salary	
MNU Support	1,500
NBC Presidential Partners Program	1,000
MO health insurance	
MO new works	
Local Church Assistance	7,000
MO local bills	0
Mission Area Coordinators	2,000
Hispanic works	6,000
New works	10,000
Repairs & Maintenance	
New start assessments	
Ministry Assessment Center	2,000
Total mission outreach expenses	55,140

Capital Budget

Total Budget 455,985

Balance Sheet as of 04/30/2024

Assets

2023-2024

Cash and cash equivalents	
Cash in bank - Guaranty Bank	-
Cash in bank - SMB	54,342.29
Edward Jones Investment Account 3/25/22	32,498.52
Southwest Missouri Bank Savings	65,888.35
Total Cash and cash equivalents	<u>155,729.16</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	-
Stationary and supplies	500.00
Note receivable	8,000.00
Total Other Assets	<u>8,500.00</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>12,795,769.16</u></u>

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	8,223.35
In and Out Accounts	-
Total Liabilities	<u>481,234.35</u>
Net Assets	
Opening Balance - equity	8,546,252.52
Fair Market Value Adjustment	2,429,574.57
Retained Earnings	1,400,011.00
Net Income	<u>(18,223.64)</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>12,357,614.45</u>
Total Liabilities and Members' Equity	<u><u>12,838,848.80</u></u>

Statement of Revenues and Expenses- modified cash basis

For the Assembly Year May 1, 2023 – April 30, 2024

Revenues, gains and other support:

District Budget	364,848.88
District Budget - mission outreach	69,039.74
Interest Income	134.70
Miscellaneous income	-
Total revenues, gain and other support	434,023.32

Wages and benefits:

Office Staff Salaries	148,995
District Secretary Honorarium & Travel	4,200.00
Payroll taxes	3,743.18
DS Social Security	24,000.00
DS health insurance	16,465.00
Christmas honorarium	3,500.00
District Staff Appreciation	1,098.51
District treasurer honorarium	1,000.00
DS annuity	8,422.90
DS housing	31,088.84
DS Sabbatical	2,729.86
Total wages and benefits	245,243.29

Office expenses:

Accounting and legal fees	6,814.26
Assistant DS travel & Prof	2,629.07
Computers and software	5,281.50
Advertising/PR	-
Conferences	22,424.30
Pastor Benevolent Fund	5,000.00
District advisory board	-
District assembly	17,407.46
District Promotional Items	-
District office maintenance	5,423.60
Potter's House Maintenance	2,400.00
District property insurance	12,455.15
District Revival	749.29
DS Auto	13519.39
DS professional	14137.11
Equipment lease	5,196.17
Equipment repairs & maintenance	1,235.58
General assembly delegate	(537.27)
Gifts/flowers	2,817.13
Ministry retreat	10,685.06

Office equipment	80.00
Office supplies	4,726.31
Pastoral training	22,830.29
Pastor's Christmas banquet	5,718.81
Postage	1,123.85
Pre-assembly meetings	2,432.89
Sound/video/books	1,037.64
Telephone	5,121.52
Utilities	7,811.95
Web page	359.88
Pastor Spouse day	-
District Recovery Team Expense	-
Mentor/Mentee Program	-
Misc. Expense	-
Total office expenses	176,480.94
Total District expenses	401,724.23
Mission Outreach:	
Nehemiah Builders	-
MNU Support	1,350.00
NBC Presidential Partnership	-
Local Church's bills	7,330.12
M.O. Local Bills	4,629.79
Mission Area Coordinators	159.20
Hispanic Ministries	4,201.12
Starting of New Churches	10,000.00
Ministry Assessment Center	2,000.00
Total mission outreach expenses	37,519.95
Total Expense and Losses	419,349.46
Change in Net Assets	(5,355.56)

Amounts given to other departments:

District NMI	31,527.61
District NYI	34,526.50
District NDI	24,490.70
MidAmerica Nazarene University	217,296.69
Pensions and Benefits	74,312.75

Respectfully submitted,
Weston Rea, Treasurer

Anderson Ironworks

Rev. Wendell Daniel

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

We held Vacation Bible School before the beginning of school in August. We had 10 in attendance for a high. We had 5 students raise their hands to accept Jesus. PTL!

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

We held our Annual Squirrel Derby. We had around 100 in attendance, and we had one of our men lead the devotional time. He did an awesome job! He had been asked in kind of a joking way, he replied, "sure", "I feel like the Lord has been speaking to me about doing that!"

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: 3

The goals for our church next year are...

Attendance: Increase 3 percent, pay budgets, increase giving 3 percent, salvations 5. Find one new way to minister to our community.

(ANDERSON) IRON WORKS					
Pastor Wendell Daniel (Anita) Start Date: 09/2020					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	33	33	14	16	16
New Nazarenes	6	0	0	0	0
Discipleship	28	0	0	16	6
Membership	41	23	23	25	18
Church Income:	59,286	41,690	45,004	53,701	45,168
Allocations Paid:	Yes	No	No	Yes	No



AURORA LIVING WATER

Rev. Stephen Chunn

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

I would best describe this as leading a person back to Jesus. Arletta showed up one Sunday Morning for our Morning Worship. We were excited to see someone new since we were just getting the Church back open after it had been closed for over a year. Though she had attended our church in the past she was not on any records that we were able to find. That is because there were not any records to be found. We found out that her mother was a very faithful member in the past but had passed away. Arletta has rededicated her life to Jesus and is becoming our greatest source of new growth as she is reaching her family with all the energy she has. She is faithful to bring her best friend, Suzanne, to Church as often as she can to get her there. We are working closely with Suzanne to surrender to Jesus; she is very close. We were able to win Suzanne's daughter to the Lord and see her baptized, but she is unable to attend our Church as she is under the care of doctors.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

We walked the neighborhood around our church and handed out fliers, we were able to reach one family that lives about a block from the Church that comes sporadically. We are praying and working with two others in the neighborhood with children. Our best outreach has been to those who God has just sent us whom we quickly visit and take a small gift to. We try to keep the Church looking active. We try to have a cookout about once a quarter, more often now that the weather is warmer. We had a easter egg hunt which was great with about 10 children attending. Thanks to the Garnet Church that gave us their old message sign so we can give the community messages and updates on events; it even lights up at night. We now have several new people coming so we try to have Sunday afternoon visitation to their family and friends.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 3

Number of first-time visitors this church year: 37

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

The goals for our church next year are...

Our Mission Statement is "Living Water Church seeks to Love God more every day, Love others as Jesus loves, reach the lost for Jesus, and give generously of our time, talents and resources". We have recently shortened this to "Loving God, loving others, reaching the lost, serving our community". We have discovered and learned many new things opening this Church from a start-up. Even though the Church has been here for many years it had declined to the point where no one noticed it was even there. So, this was/is like starting a new church. I am thankful for those who in the past have given their best efforts to keep it going and I hope that we have the stamina to stay the course to make it great again. So far, the Lord has given us enough that we are staying encouraged. In fact, things just keep getting better every week. Our goals this past year, in no certain order except prayer and fasting being foremost, were: 1) make the church attractive to the community (let them know we we are here), 2) seek out any past attenders that would be interested in restarting the church, 3) seek the Holy Spirits direction in everything we do, 4) pray, pray, and pray some more, 5) come every Sunday to worship no matter how many were there, 5) disciple all that come to our fellowship in the Gospel of Jesus, 6) preach and proclaim holiness, and entire sanctification without reservation or fear. All of these we have accomplished to some extent and God has blessed us with new people but only one was a past attendee. We started last September with 6, but last Sunday we had 24 and we have had as many as 35 on Sunday morning. So now we have more goals to add to our list in the year to come. We are planning to start Sunday evening small groups. We have the potential for a small group of teens, young adults, and older adults. There are at least 3 small groups that we could start right away. We have set a date for a "Children's celebration' on August 24th. We

believe that just in our surrounding community we could reach as many as 30 children. We have ladies volunteering now to cover Children’s Church. Wow! Who would have thought we would have children? We are fasting and praying for a "Revival Meeting" this fall. Everyone is excited about this. We had one lady last week walk around the Church everyday praying for revival. We continue to work on making our worship time something special that will make people want to come back for more and will tell others about the excitement of worshipping Jesus. We have made many improvements to the physical building, but more are needed. We want people to feel Jesus inside the building, but even see and sense Him as they drive or walk by. Along with all that we are doing now we believe these new goals will take us to the next year, seeing more growth both in numbers and in the presence of the Holy Spirit.

**(Aurora) Living Water
Pastor Stephen Chunn (Joyce) Start Date: 9/2023**

	Church Plant 2023	2024
Worship		16
New Nazarenes		6
Discipleship		16
Membership		9
Church Income:		9,007
Allocations Paid:		No



Ava Cold Creek Cowboy

Rev. John Williams Jr.

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

My wife and I had the great privilege of leading our 4- and 5-year-old daughters Emmy and Whitley to Jesus one evening in our home. They came to us with questions about eternity and what happens if we choose to love Jesus or not and asked us to pray with them.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

this year we partnered with Share the Harvest & Williams Meat Co. And had a meat drive. We gave away hundreds of pounds of venison and beef to those in need. We were able to pray over them and their needs and saw God move in so many ways!

Number of people led to Jesus this church year- 55


Number of first-time visitors this church year- 175

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

The goals for our church next year are...

To structure and plan for the vision we have for a family retreat on our property.

(AVA) COLD CREEK COWBOY					
Pastor John Williams (Carrie) Start Date: 11/2014					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	322	330	425	474	556
New Nazarenes	0	0	0	0	0
Discipleship	170	100	200	350	350
Membership	87	87	87	87	87
Church Income:	125,000	150,000	175,000	250,000	220,000
Allocations Paid:	No	No	No	No	No



Ava Highway

Rev. Brian Letsinger

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

A young man and his wife had been out of church for a while when they came to visit us. They began to come regularly and started to allow their kids to be involved in our kid's ministry. I found out that he likes to gig suckers in the winter, so we planned a gigging trip and fish fry and I let him be in charge. We had a great evening and stayed up till about midnight. That was a little longer than we planned but he said to me he was so glad his son got to see men on the creek having fun without cussing and alcohol. Their family has helped during Holy Week, and I have had some good talks with him and know that God is working in their lives. We are looking forward to what God will do with this family in the future.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

We gave 400 bags of free popcorn at our Senior Night football game. We purchase the popcorn from the school at full price so not to take money from them. It is good for them and enjoyed by everyone. It has helped to build our relationship with the school.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 9


Number of first-time visitors this church year: 39

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

The goals for our church next year are...

We are seeking to win 12 people next year. We are praying for God to show us individuals that we are to speak Jesus into their lives. We are learning to listen to the Spirit and realize we are who He speaks through.

AVA HIGHWAY					
Pastor Brian Letsinger (Cindy)		Start Date: 10/2020			
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	146	117	130	162	157
New Nazarenes	10	3	7	0	0
Discipleship	235	52	35	137	145
Membership	321	128	135	134	128
Church Income:	242,800	274,221	267,215	290,770	300,132
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

I have a man who came to a wedding in our Church, months later he showed up at our service, and told me God woke him up and he needed to be at our church that morning. He came over the next few weeks and God saved him. His whole life totally changed and was transformed. He came from a deep life of sin! I have been discipling him and to my, and others great joy we see God transforming his life. Praise God! Just yesterday he asked to join the church. God is still transforming lives.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

We were able to show the current season of the Chosen in our Church. We have a meal, fellowship, and present the video. We have a time of prayer and discussion on the video presentation. Great outreach!

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 10

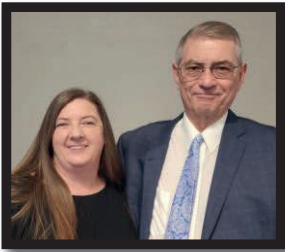
Number of first time visitors this church year: 36

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 20

The goals for our church next year are...

Working on Growing in Christ & and outreach! The Church to be the Church

BAXTER SPRINGS					
Pastor Bill Whetstone (Angie)			Start Date: 12/2022		
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	17	17	17	20	33
New Nazarenes	4	0	0	0	0
Discipleship	11	0	0	28	51
Membership	22	25	25	27	26
Church Income:	39,064	63,046	39,722	30,493	29,379
Allocations Paid:	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No



Bolivar Family
Rev. Rod Campbell

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

This would be my 29th report to the district for the Bolivar Church!

This has been a great year for us. We have seen many people come and share in our services. God has been extremely good, leading us through times that have been rough. We have been in a holding pattern but not giving in. We as a church body have been seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we advance forward to reach out.

One instance I wanted to share with you. On Wednesday nights before we start our services our young people like to go out and shoot some hoops and just mess around. I noticed that there were two boys, about middle school age, that passed by the church several times a week sometimes carrying groceries or just on their way back from school.

One Wednesday evening while the youth group happened to be playing basketball the boys passed by. I'm so glad that I was out there with them so I could watch the Holy Spirit at work! One of the boys ask, "how does a person get to be a part of this?" Our youth leader Gina told him that all they had to do was join in. I thought that the boys would leave when the kids quit playing basketball, but after service how things when in teen group that night Gina told me that the boys had come in and participated in everything that evening. Then the next week the boys were back, and the next week and so on.

We found out that the boys are from Puerto Rico, they live in some of the rougher apartments here in Bolivar, and their mother does not have a car that is why they walk.

God is so good!

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

Celebrate Recovery is always a major outreach along with VBS

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: 11

The goals for our church next year are...

As a Church Board - praying for a fresh anointing of the Holy Spirit, doing purposeful outreach, determined to see 20 new faces in our congregation in 2024-25.

BOLIVAR FIRST					
Pastor Rodney Campbell (Tricia)					Start Date: 05/1996
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	118	112	82	70	68
New Nazarenes	2	0	0	3	2
Discipleship	112	30	28	83	87
Membership	117	117	117	117	117
Church Income:	10,840	127,428	123,506	119,814	124,764
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No



Bradleyville
Rev. Ed Hunsaker

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

His name is Michael Anthony, and he was a drug addict. I have been working with him for 18 months and he's been in and out of rehabs. He would only attend church occasionally and this particular Sunday he came to me and wanted to talk. So, after church we visited about his problem, and I mentioned he should let me pray for him and he was really receptive. I didn't see him for a few weeks and then one Friday afternoon he came to my house. The first thing he said to me was "I'm tired of driving" and I didn't catch on and had to ask him to explain. He said he was tired of being in control of his life. Long story short, he asked Jesus into his heart and then said he wanted to be baptized. I told him the water in Beaver Creek was cold this time of year, but if that's what he wanted that's what we would do and did. He's come to church as much as he and his wives schedule will allow.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 8

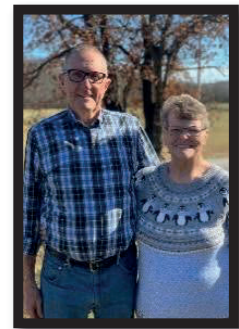
Number of first-time visitors this church year: 25

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

The goals for our church next year are...

We're still working on our goals!

BRADLEYVILLE					
Pastor Ed Hunsaker (Leona) Start Date: 11/2021					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	40	33	31	31	45
New Nazarenes	5	1	3	0	0
Discipleship	28	0	0	28	26
Membership	45	43	39	38	38
Church Income:	35,370	36,636	32,670	32,670	51,403
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

I made a challenge for salvation one Sunday morning. A nine-year-old girl raised her hand among 50 others. I sat with her. We had been pouring into her family for a few months. It was a total church effort. She knew what she knew because of our children's team. She was serious and wanted a relationship with Jesus. We gathered around and prayed for her. This gave me an opportunity to talk to the parents. The father had rededicated his life recently. His son wanted to be baptized. However, his wife was not a believer. That week I was able to visit. I must keep much of the conversation private, but as a result of the whole church loving this family with the love of Jesus and a nine-year-old girl's boldness, the stepmother made a commitment to Christ in her home when I visited the family. She then made a public confession of faith to the church, was baptized and we had the opportunity to see her put an end to things of her past. The whole family is walking in the newness of life... three were baptized the same day. All praise to Jesus.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

Neighbor to Neighbor Outreach happens every month. The outreach allows us to serve up to 90 families with groceries monthly. In November 2023, we moved the event to our church location for multiple reasons. We began to envision how we could minister differently to the people we served monthly. We now serve a hot meal, hand out groceries, sometimes other items like socks, etc. This event has become a catalyst for our people to sit and minister to people directly. This is not an assembly line, drive through food give away. Our people share life with the people that come. As a result of this outreach, we ended up baptizing 5 people, several being new converts. They are all a part of our ministry now and they are now inviting many to our Sunday services. We now have people coming from a women's crisis, from various other neighborhoods and a few sober living homes.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year- 3

Number of first-time visitors this church year- 255

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

The goals for our church next year are...

OUR GOAL: God will add 20 people to regular attendance by the end of the fiscal year (20 new visitors retained, 50% growth). Time frame for goal: October 1, 2024 (goal set forth October of 2023). We will focus on these aspects of ministry: Spiritual Growth, Leadership Growth, and Discipleship

PRAYER INITIATIVE 1: Pray for the growth of a healthy and mature core that will invest in others outside the church and pursue intentional growth. When they come, we need to be prepared to receive people well.
-INITIATIVE: Creation of first impressions team (greeting team).

PRAYER INITIATIVE 2: Pray that God calls 2 people (or couples) and place a burden on them to walk in leadership to launch a new life/ growth group by the fall of 2024. **-INITIATIVE:** Launch 2 new small groups.

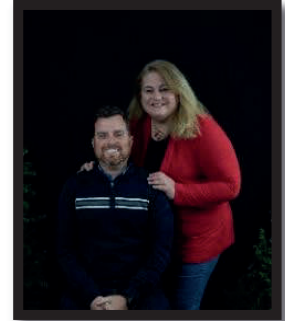
PRAYER INITIATIVE 3: Pray for a ministry minded family to come and connect to families, growing a ministry and for Children's ministry family/leader. **-INITIATIVE:** Raise up 2 new leaders.

PRAYER INITIATIVE 4: Pray for God to show us where we are to be located within the community and for our faith community to be generous in giving. -INITIATIVE: Start a Church Building Campaign/Property Search in preparation for growth.

(BRANSON) CITIZENS

Michael Seewald (Brenda) Start Date: 08/2020

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	45	35	39	37	50
New Nazarenes	4	0	15	6	2
Discipleship	32	27	11	53	22
Membership	37	23	40	47	47
Church Income:	55,207	62,492	108,005	95,775	89,974
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

We have had four salvations this past year, some of which have an incredible testimony and miraculous transformation involved. One person who was running from God for 40 years finally submitted to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. Another saw God restore and redeem a relationship in the face of impossible odds by allowing Christ to transform them and their life choices. The one that is most dear to my heart though happened at the beginning of December. I was sitting with my youngest daughter (5) on our couch talking about Christmas, church and everything else. When I simply asked her if she understood the meaning of Christmas. My five-year-old responded that she did and that we celebrate Jesus' birthday when he came to die so he could live with us and help us. I asked her simply if she had ever asked Jesus into her life and if she wanted to follow him. She looked at me with a smile and replied that yes, she has indeed been wanting to live for Jesus. We prayed that Jesus, her loving Savior, would enter into her life and forever guide and direct her. This testimony is a powerful statement both to my wife teaching and imparting the truth each day and also to her Sunday School teacher Nancy who faithfully has taught her, often just the two of them each Sunday, that prepared her heart and mind to know the truth of Christ so confidently even at the age of five.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 4


Number of first-time visitors this church year: 16

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

The goals for our church next year are...

1. To increase our average attendance by 10 people by May 1, 2025.
2. Develop an alternative worship and fellowship service for our international members and their family, friends, and co-workers that will be held on different day and location.
3. Have 5 people come to know the Lord this church year.

BRANSON					
Pastor Dan Leibbrand (Lori)					Start Date: 01/2022
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	69	69	56	62	57
New Nazarenes	1	9	4	4	2
Discipleship	69	8	26	40	72
Membership	128	132	129	130	103
Church Income:	204,462	203,737	196,398	182,854	143,897
Allocations Paid:	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes



Buffalo

Rev. Art Black

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

Early last year, I received a phone call from a woman who lived out of state. She informed me that her son was moving to Garnett and needed some things. He was no longer getting along with his father and didn't have anyone to lean upon. Through the course of the year, I met with him almost monthly to give him food. We slowly began to discuss his views on God. Just before this past Christmas he finally admitted he needed God and early this year he surrendered to the Lord. We're now beginning the search for a church home, but he is in the way toward a better life, and most assuredly a better eternity.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

Our annual Easter egg hunt is one of our biggest events of the year. Typically, it begins and ends outside of the church on grounds. However, this past Easter we began in the sanctuary. I had the opportunity to speak about the true nature of holiday. It's always a blessing to reach the youth with the Word.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 5


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...

We have two new ministries we're starting. We've set a goal of doubling the size of our normal Sunday service.

BUFFALO					
Pastor Art Black Start Date: 07/2018					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	19	22	22	36	20
New Nazarenes	0	4	0	0	0
Discipleship	34	7	7	30	14
Membership	41	45	46	46	39
Church Income:	10,705	17,992	17,000	1,792	8,328
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No



Butler

Rev. Jeremy Henderson

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

I'd like to tell the story of a person I'm working on leading to Jesus. Her name is Cassie. She's lived next to my family and me for a year now. I've sensed that the Lord wanted me to reach out to her from the time she moved in. Cassie is recently divorced and is working through a lot of emotions - grief, anger, sadness, disappointment. My family and I have been reaching out to her through concrete acts of kindness. My sons and I have been mowing her lawn. My wife and I have been inviting her over to share a meal with us. She's been resistant and closed off, but God is working. We're praying for Cassie and of late, she has been opening up about her struggle with her divorce and the great sadness she's feeling. We've been offering a listening ear and friendship. Please join us in prayer for Cassie and that the Lord will give us the opportunity to minister to her and share the Gospel with her.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

I'd like to share some good news about our Easter Eggstravaganza! This outreach event targeted families with children. The day before Easter we welcomed our community in for games, crafts, food, giveaways, an easter egg hunt AND a presentation of the Gospel. I was blessed to present the Gospel to 50 people (both kids and adults). Thanks be to God, the Holy Spirit moved in the hearts of those in attendance and we saw 26 people, comprised of kids and adults, ask for forgiveness of their sins and receive Jesus Christ as their Savior.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 39

Number of first-time visitors this church year: 50

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

The goals for our church next year are...

Salvation Decisions - 45

Sanctification Decisions - 4

Baptisms - 6

New Members - 10


Average Worship Attendance - 80

Average Discipleship Attendance - 40

Participating in Ministry at Church - 38

New Lay Leaders - 5 100,000 raised in tithe / All allocations paid Minimum of 6 Outreaches

BUTLER					
Jeremy Henderson (Zandra) Start Date: 01/2022					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	62	62	49	63	60
New Nazarenes	0	2	0	5	3
Discipleship	23	23	0	39	48
Membership	122	120	121	125	127
Church Income:	111,771	92,594	89,170	102,799	105,454
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes



Camdenton New Life

Pastor Jason Holt

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

Avery came to know the Lord this year at New Life. He was invited to join us during a difficult time in his life. He had been diagnosed with a terminal illness and had struggled with addiction for much of his life dating back to early teenage years. Avery responded to a call during a Sunday morning message to follow Jesus. I was able to baptize Avery, spend time with him in the hospital and be with him as he passed on to eternity. I also had the honor of preaching his funeral and cherish my time with him and praise God for what He did in Avery's life.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

This year we launched New Life Dinner Church. This is a fresh expression of the church in a neighboring community that is for those who wouldn't consider a traditional Sunday experience. Through this ministry we have seen lay leaders step up, preachers emerge and grow, and the body of Christ strengthened. We have also forged relationships with those who were far from God and His Church. We have been a blessing to those in the community and richly blessed in launching this new work.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 7

Number of first-time visitors this church year: 41

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 29

The goals for our church next year are...

1. To see 20 professions of faith and baptisms.
2. To develop 2-4 new leaders on the pastoral track.
3. Develop relationships with 20 new youth and young adults in our community.

(CAMDENTON) NEW LIFE					
Pastor Jason Holt (Amy) Start Date: 11/2021					
<i>PAC: Camdenton Hispanic</i>					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	139	0	72	114	158
New Nazarenes	0	0	6	3	9
Discipleship	99	0	51	80	99
Membership	145	141	72	125	82
Church Income:	220,477	227,000	195,522	221,975	252,498
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No



Caney

Dr. Russell Hosey

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

Steve and Stacia moved from Hawaii to Caney this past fall. They began attending Caney Naz at the invitation of family. Steve testified that his life was dark and filled with sadness as he headed down a path that wasn't healthy to my family; but at the encouragement of his wife, they became involved with the Christian community in Hawaii. It was there he gave his life to Christ and moved shortly after that to Caney. Stacia was still filled with questions, however. Her mother-in-law, Trudy, was there to counsel her and lead her to pray and give her life to Christ. Steve and Stacia were baptized the same day at Caney Naz, testifying to how the Lord has made their lives to flourish under His grace.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

For Holy Week, our youth ministry held a special outreach event they called, "Setting the Table for the Lord's Supper." Families and friends were invited to a special meal and a presentation on the Lord's supper involving the teens. More than 50 first time visitors attended, and a dozen people gave their lives to Christ.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 23

Number of first-time visitors this church year: 103

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 58


The goals for our church next year are...

See at least 10 new believers baptized

Increase membership by 10% this year.

Increase volunteers by 10%

CANEY					
Pastor Russell Hosey		Start Date: 10/2021			
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	26	26	46	81	103
New Nazarenes	0	5	4	7	11
Discipleship	70	10	10	58	75
Membership	30	34	38	42	52
Church Income:	33,451	36,370	99,431	153,220	145,285
Allocations Paid:	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes



(Carl Junction) The Table

Rev. John Erie Jr.

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 held a couple of paint classes with low turn out.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 0

Number of first time visitors this church year: 32

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

The goals for our church next year are...

Move from the rented room to our own Church building.

The Table was dropped from the new start rolls and Carl Junction has merged with (Joplin) Traders Church.

Carthage

Rev. Dustin Ledford

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

We have had the privilege of journeying with Uriel this year. He first learned of our church through receiving a Celebrate Recovery Bible in our county jail. Upon his release, he recognized our logo and name as being the sponsor of the bible. The first Sunday he attended we closed the service with spontaneous baptisms. I simply said, "If you have had a change of heart - we have a change of clothes." God was moving in that service. Uriel did not come forward - but we had a long conversation following the service and that is when the journey began. It has been a group effort - many of us have poured into his life. Sometimes life get messy. I had the privilege of baptizing him one afternoon. Although only a few of us got to witness the baptism - a great celebration took place in heaven. We continue to journey with him, and it is so good to see him growing in the Lord.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

It's hard to list one event - it feels like most of the events we host all work together in building relationships in order to share Jesus. Whether it is connecting with our schools through Sonic drinks, cinnamon rolls, take and bake meals and prayer; or hosting first responders and police in our building during a community weeklong event; or our seniors lunch and laugh monthly meal (300 attend most months); or the Easter Egg Hunt to welcome young families; or the Teen Color war to bring students in; or ministering to our kids, zone 56, and teens with exciting focused ministry - we believe our community service impacts lives on a personal level. We work hard to have a presence in our community through Food Truck Fridays, Chamber of Commerce Business Expo, Hosting meals for the Sheriff, Oil changes for single ladies, Funeral Dinners being offered to every funeral in town, S'mores on Grand -Halloween host, or community partnerships funded by our Legacy Offering (100% given away to others) - we pray every touch is received as a touch of Jesus. Our goal is to share Jesus. We believe the best way to ultimately share, and disciple is to get people to visit church. We put much focus on Sundays, Connect Groups, and Serving the community. We want people to know God and find freedom in Jesus. We want to become friends so that we can grow together.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 75

Number of first-time visitors this church year: 210

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 102

The goals for our church next year are...

School Impact: 6 events to minister to teachers, 3 meals for sport teams, FCA support, 12 classroom sponsors.

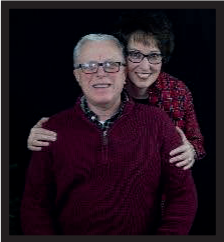
Community Service: 10 touch points in the community.

Visitors: 100 family unit guests Salvations: 102 - One a week, in addition to outreach events

Baptisms: 52 - one a week

Hire an associate pastor to help with teaching and outreach

CARTHAGE					
	Pastor Dustin Ledford (Kara)				Start Date: 01/2006
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	542	542	452	489	481
New Nazarenes	8	12	23	18	51
Discipleship	358	92	78	383	443
Membership	410	369	345	350	331
Church Income:	733,650	721,730	763,799	753,608	637,559
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 regularly give rides to those who need it. This man came to our door pretty late one evening when a man showed up needing a ride home; his car was at a gas station miles from the church. I love these moments for our discussions, and our discussions led to life personally for myself and his life. Before we departed to his house, I asked to pray for him, and he accepted. After my prayer for him and his family. After the prayer, before he walked away, he turned around and said he would like to have what I had. I led him to accept Christ. We texted back and forth for a few months, and he and his family moved away to move closer to his grandmother, who was ill. His family was attending a church in Arkansas.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

Our church has teamed up with another ministry to lead services at one of our nursing homes in town. Our church handles two weeks, and someone else handles the other two weeks. This has allowed great relationships to build between our church and the residents. My daughter regularly reminds me during our church services to pray for the nursing home.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 4

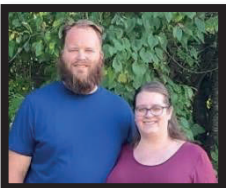
Number of first-time visitors this church year: 25

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

The goals for our church next year are...

1. Goal for the year.
Win 25 souls to the Lord.
Action steps
 - a. Street Ministry begins this summer.
 - b. Community prayer events.
 - c. Events to walk the streets and intentionally share our faith.
2. Goal for the year.
10 Baptisms
Action steps
 - a. Discipleship classes are ongoing; those won to the Lord from goal 1 will be moved to our discipleship class.
 - b. Will be discussed in discipleship class.
 - c. Baptism class scheduled this summer.
3. Goal for the year. Expand Discipleship.
Action steps
 - a. Weekly discipleship class.
 - b. Accountability and mentorship will be a part of this class.
 - c. "Mommy and Me" small group beginning soon for discipleship with young mothers in our community.

CASSVILLE					
Pastor R. Caleb Ryman (Kirith)			Start Date: 08/2021		
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	21	21	17	11	17
New Nazarenes	5	0	0	0	3
Discipleship	17	0	4	14	16
Membership	32	28	5	4	7
Church Income:	18,368	13,415	13,443	9,366	13,520
Allocations Paid:	Yes	No	No	No	No



Chanute

Rev. Doug Jackett

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

Over the past several months, I have been nurturing relationships and offering prayers for two specific individuals. One has been consistently attending church, while the other is gradually becoming more engaged. As they become more involved in church activities, I've noticed them opening up more in our personal conversations. I have a strong belief that in the coming months, they will feel compelled by the Lord to make a significant change in their lives, potentially committing themselves to Christ. Witnessing this transformation unfold will undoubtedly have a profound impact not only on them, but also on their families, friends, and our church community. I'm eagerly anticipating the wonderful things that God has in store for us!

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

Our church dedicated significant effort to connect with the families of our church daycare through two special events. First, in December, we transformed the sanctuary into a Christmas store where each daycare child could select gifts for their entire family. Volunteers assisted them in wrapping the gifts and adding name tags. Secondly, in March, we hosted a family fun night for all daycare families, complete with food and bounce toys. Both events were enthusiastically attended and enjoyed by all. Additionally, we took the opportunity to inform the families about worship services, activities, and upcoming events at our church. I have faith that the Lord will continue to use such events to advance His Kingdom!

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 11


Number of first-time visitors this church year: 128

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

The goals for our church next year are...

The Chanute Church of the Nazarene is committed to expanding our impact in the community and beyond. Our goal is to increase our average Sunday morning worship attendance by 50 individuals through targeted outreach, community engagement, and personal invitations from our congregation members. We're focused on effectively communicating the message of salvation through various channels, including church services, outreach programs, small groups, and one-on-one discipleship. Additionally, we plan to use mentorship principles to ensure all newcomers feel connected and supported as they journey with us. With faith and determination, we look forward to witnessing lives transformed and our church family growing stronger together!

CHANUTE					
Pastor Doug Jackett (Elizabeth)		Start Date: 12/2018			
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	135	85	85	86	88
New Nazarenes	10	5	12	13	15
Discipleship	96	32	40	110	87
Membership	220	211	220	224	235
Church Income:	118,498	136,194	141,000	134,330	146,895
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

Chrissy and her boyfriend began attending with one of our church families. Our adult Sunday School class took them in and began loving them. Chrissy had a medical emergency and was hospitalized briefly. My wife and I were able to visit her in the hospital. Chrissy was very open to us, and she responded to an invitation in a worship service to receive Christ as her savior. She testifies, "God is really looking out for me. I'm exactly where I'm supposed to be. Huge steps forward just when I thought I was going backwards."

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

We honored people who serve our community with "goodie" bags each month. (i.e., police, fire, school personnel, medical persons, city workers, etc.).

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 5

Number of first-time visitors this church year: 15

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

The goals for our church next year are...

Increase of 5 in average attendance and 4 new members by profession of faith.

CHERRYVALE					
Pastor Jerry Richards (Esther)			Start Date: 03/2017		
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	19	19	23	25	30
New Nazarenes	2	0	3	3	2
Discipleship	19	0	0	17	22
Membership	16	16	18	21	23
Church Income:	28,444	27,173	44,665	57,746	90,883
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No



Clinton

Rev. Marshall Trisler

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

I got a call a couple of weeks ago from a friend I've been working with for ten years. He used to lead worship with me when I first got started in ministry as an associate at my home church. Long story short, he ran. He left the church and Jesus for over a decade, but we never lost contact. I was over at his house from time to time and spent time with him as the Lord directed over the last ten years. As I left to come up here, I felt God directing me to go talk to him about going back to church. I didn't see much change until he called me two weeks ago crying because he didn't like the person he was becoming, and he was afraid of what he was turning into. He gave it all back to Jesus and has fully dedicated his life to God in a way that he wasn't doing even when I knew him at first. This man has been a brother to me over the years and I'm so grateful that God didn't give up on him and that I got to be a part of his redemption. He and I are meeting every week to continue his growth in Christ over video calls. He has also plugged back into our home church and is growing in Christ daily.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

I was invited by a church member to be interviewed by a room full of junior high students for career day. This teacher wanted me there because not only could I describe to them what it was like to be a pastor, I could minister to the class in ways that she was not allowed to in her position. Halfway through the interview, I opened it up for theological questions and I got everything from "Why do bad things happen to good people" to "Didn't Indians kill God?". I still don't understand that last question by the way but it just showed me the depth of misunderstanding that is communicated about Jesus and who He is. It was wonderful to get to talk to those students and let them see that their faith does have a solid foundation and also if they didn't have faith then (Good Lord willing) I gave the Holy Spirit some compelling material to work with in their lives.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 1

Number of first-time visitors this church year: 4

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

The goals for our church next year are...

Good Lord willing, to continue creating and then build upon a solid spiritual and cultural foundation by discipling the community to live life together both in and outside the church as a witness to the world.

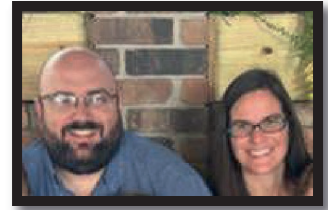
1. Build Trust – Further Structure
 - a. Worship
 - b. Finance
 - c. Team Meetings (Structure under board meetings)
 - d. Real Community
2. Coaching the Leadership (Discipling Leaders A)
 - a. How to Reach Your Own Communities
 - b. How to Discern a True Christian
 - c. How to Disciple/Evangelize
3. Practice w/ Leadership (Discipling Leaders B)
 - a. Pray and Try
 - b. Share Experiences/Learn
 - c. Repeat

Details to follow in the Goals and Objectives Report 2024-2025 after May Board Meeting.

CLINTON

Pastor Marshall Trisler (Ashton) Start Date: 01/2024

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	41	28	50	36	20
New Nazarenes	9	2	7	4	0
Discipleship	37	10	16	36	19
Membership	52	48	54	52	17
Church Income:	48,900	53,304	48,781	30,428	41,475
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

One of the most valuable resources we have is our time. It really is not an exaggeration to say that when we witness to people, we are investing in them. Often, we don't see the fruits of our labor. It can cause us to get frustrated or disheartened. We might even start to feel taken advantage of. Being like Jesus never fails. You know Jesus is working in someone's life when they start asking questions. Would you join me in prayer for this person as God continues to work in their life?

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

For one of our outreach projects this year we put together snack break bags for the staff at one of the local care facilities. Together as a church, we wrote notes of encouragement and scripture that we put in the bags along with some items that hopefully blessed their day (bottled water, a pack of trail mix, a ballpoint pen saying "Jesus loves you", etc). The kids had a great time decorating the bags. Every bag and its recipient was prayed for. It was a wonderful time that we came together and worked as one to bless others.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 2

Number of first-time visitors this church year: 15

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

The goals for our church next year are...

- Outreach project every 3 months.
- 100% participation in programs such as outreach projects, alabaster, or VBS.
- Fill a need in our community.

COFFEYVILLE CENTRAL					
Joel Thompson (Jill) Start Date: 09/2020					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	37	37	52	51	49
New Nazarenes	0	0	2	2	0
Discipleship	28	0	25	51	49
Membership	65	25	27	29	28
Church Income:	49,018	53,368	73,048	39,123	62,107
Allocations Paid:	No	No	Yes	No	No



Coffeyville First

Rev. Luke Letsinger

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

Tim has been coming to our church for the last 5 months or so. He was going through some personal struggles when a person from our church invited him to come. After his first Sunday Tim has been coming every Sunday. He desires that his sons come to church and grow in a relationship with the Lord. Tim and I have had multiple conversations where he has talked about how God is working in his life. I am reminded through Tim that God is a God who saves TODAY!

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

This last year we went to our local college and handed out cookies and played nine-square. We were also able to make some other connections at the college through their community job fair.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 11

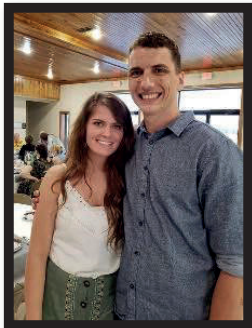
Number of first-time visitors this church year: 153

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 40

The goals for our church next year are...

- Start Outreach at Local Park this Summer
- Start one new Adult Sunday School Class
- Start one new Adult midweek discipleship program

COFFEYVILLE FIRST					
Pastor Luke Letsinger (Bethany) Start Date: 06/2021					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	128	128	88	104	120
New Nazarenes	2	3	3	4	2
Discipleship	72	36	55	77	65
Membership	147	83	84	90	87
Church Income:	169,599	162,212	167,869	195,465	219,826
Allocations Paid:	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes



Deepwater Crossroads

Rev. Bryan Keith

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

Shawn Several years ago, Shawn came to the church and was raging with anger. He felt the pastor had said something wrong about his drug addicted sister. He burst into the sanctuary cursing the pastor as the pastor was about to serve communion. The pastor told him he would give all the time he needed as soon as he had finished the service. Fear fell over the sanctuary of people and several leaders of the church escorted Shawn out. The situation became more heated, the law came, and Shawn and his sister were banned from the church. BUT there were two young children involved and the church remained open for them and loved on them even though the adults were not able to come. Eventually it was rare that the children came, and the situation drifted somewhat far away. The mother is constantly in and out of rehab and jail. She is awful to the children. The Uncle "Shawn" cannot work and was evicted from the abandoned home they were squatting in. A man in our church brought it to our attention that they would soon be homeless. Shawn asked if we "the church" would consider allowing him to attend. After much prayer and consideration, we said sure. He comes to church every chance he gets. He is more than happy to pray over anything we ask him to. A man in our church bought an old camper and renovated it to living quarters and Peggy made arrangements for the trailer to be parked at a local trailer park. We considered paying his rent etc. but wanted him to be able to maintain his current living situation and he does. Shawn does not currently have a legal vehicle and so transportation for him and the kids can be a problem. But many in the church try to help. The kids love sports and many people in the area know their story and try to help. Sometimes the mother shows up and is violent and destroys things and literally beats them and robs them. Shawn sometimes misses church to protect his belongings. But a few weeks ago, he said I'm giving it all to God and I'm coming to church no matter what. Last week was the first week that Shawn passed the offering plates at church. We love him and he loves Crossroads. We are praying for a miracle in his sister's life. He has said numerous times.... how can you all forgive me? We simply reply how can we not? We want to be forgiven as much as you do. His eyes are often filled with tears of joy!

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

VBS and our Fall Harvest Celebration

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 9

Number of first-time visitors this church year: 127

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 35

The goals for our church next year are...

Increase our outreach to our community, average over 50 for worship, reach out to the children that fall in the marginal areas.

DEEPWATER CROSSROADS					
Pastor Bryan Keith (Peggy) Start Date: 11/1996					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	50	50	38	46	40
New Nazarenes	4	0	11	3	0
Discipleship	33	0	0	32	26
Membership	60	55	68	69	69
Church Income:	53,219	41,383	44,083	49,066	47,799
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

I have lately been working to build a basis for personal influence with two young men who are on the fringes of our congregation. They both come from believing homes, and I am deliberately building relationships with them in order to be able to know the quality of their conversion, and what I may be able to do to encourage them forward. They both think of themselves as being in some kind of relationship with God. However, I do not think either of them can presently testify to a clear experience with God.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

We had Ted Pearce in for an evening concert. The fellowship and camaraderie around that was very good for our congregation, but our fall camping event was particularly significant this year. The bulk of our decisions and baptisms this year came out of that.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 7

Number of first-time visitors this church year: 156

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 43

The goals for our church next year are...

Professions of faith/baptisms: 10


Enrolled in weekly local discipleship to be equipped for local ministry: 3

Continue building internet program, develop to weekly impact target of 50 people (not counting people who also attend in person.)

Raise weekly attendance to the monthly average of 150.

Build small group/weekly class involvement to 85.

DOGWOOD					
Pastor Michael Peebles (Diane)			Start Date: 03/2003		
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	151	137	133	97	111
New Nazarenes	0	0	6	4	2
Discipleship	151	52	71	97	111
Membership	37	37	39	37	39
Church Income:	22,640	32,503	40,826	33,020	31,139
Allocations Paid:	Yes	No	No	No	No



El Dorado Springs

Rev. Chris Keith

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

I have been able to start building a relationship with a couple men that were very hardened to the idea of church, not only are they attending regularly, but heard one refer to it as "HIS" church. Just trying to love on them where they are at and be that encouraging Godly influence.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

We offered a safe indoor place for the kids to get some candy and different lessons from the Bible this fall. We had approx. 300 come through and we were able to love on them and share the Gospel with them.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 4

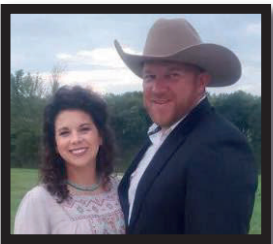
Number of first-time visitors this church year: 4

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

The goals for our church next year are....

Here in Eldo our mission is simple, "For the Son of Man came to seek and save the lost." Luke 19:10

EL DORADO SPRINGS					
Pastor Chris Keith (Amber)		Start Date: 04/2023			
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	90	85	89	60	40
New Nazarenes	5	4	6	6	2
Discipleship	135	40	40	36	18
Membership	73	78	84	88	91
Church Income:	121,434	93,380	83,195	61,030	66,272
Allocations Paid:	No	No	No	No	No



Erie

Rev. Chris Diller

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

An older couple came to our church in 2022. They became regular attenders and joined our small group. Through the trusting environment of small group, the couple began to open up about their lives. We grew close to this couple who were senior to everyone else in our church. Trust developed, and one day the Mrs. contacted my wife and I to meet with us. Through this meeting we learned what a difficult and traumatic life she had lived through. Multiple marriages, an early homelife of trauma in the upper Midwest, with a very disconnected but prideful father. Her relationship with the Lord was alive and moving forward through small group and discipleship going on with a couple of the women in church. Through this discipleship, and through messages preached about the sanctifying power of our Lord, she reached the place that she could give all of her life, her past, her trauma, and her failures with her children and others to the Lord. Her life changed, she became a prayer warrior, and one of the most exuberant voices of invitation for people to come to 'Her Church'. In a few short months she made a mark on the people at her work, in her community, and at her church. She received her sanctification in October of 2023, and slipped into eternity in February of 2024. Oh, how we miss her. But we are rejoicing that she is with her Lord, and she is at peace.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

We held our VBS late in the summer of 2023. We had nearly ninety percent of our adult regular church attenders involved in every day of the week. One of the children's family came to the Sunday morning VBS program and has become regular attenders at church. The mother is now working at the church daycare center.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 1


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...

We are planning a "Water Wars" event at our new building during the county fair in July. Our goal is to gain three new families, three new salvations, two regular attenders becoming sanctified, and take in three new members through this and additional tag along events designed to encourage attendance to our church. 1st event: Waterwars event: We will provide meal & drink (hotdog, chip, water). At the free meal there will be a giveaway registration for Air Pods or another Apple product to attract community attention. For the giveaway people will provide phone/email. 2nd event: raffle drawing/meal at church the following Sunday (emails will be used for events/outreach) 3rd outreach and giveaway announced at this second event. 3rd event: back to school event another give away

ERIE					
Pastor Chris Diller (Kelly)			Start Date: 05/2017		
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	21	21	24	38	34
New Nazarenes	0	0	0	0	2
Discipleship	24	0	23	37	26
Membership	10	10	10	10	12
Church Income:	27,808	33,045	32,272	37,487	47,794
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

My wife leads two ladies to Jesus, one of the ladies now her husband is coming and they both are plugged in and their daughter is asking how to get baptized and saved, so we are working on that. The other lady, her and her daughter were baptized at the same time, now her parents are coming, and we are working on the husband.

That's a story for next year!!!

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

Trunk or treat and pancake breakfast on Easter

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 8


Number of first-time visitors this church year: 20

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

The goals for our church next year are...

See 20 saved and baptized, work and focus on discipleship for all ages! More in life groups.

(FORDLAND) FAITH JOURNEY					
		Pastor Steve Wierman (Tina)		Start Date: 03/2019	
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	82	82	76	82	55
New Nazarenes	3	5	6	8	8
Discipleship	82	16	32	53	73
Membership	30	40	46	55	52
Church Income:	42,149	55,033	54,694	139,178	42,000
Allocations Paid:	Yes	No	Yes	No	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

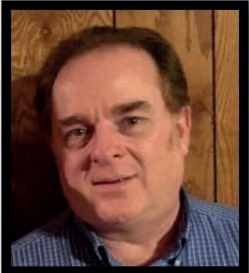
Number of first-time visitors this church year- 17

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

The goals for our church next year are...

1. Add 2 new families
2. Increase Sunday morning worship attendance by 50%.

(FORDLAND) Union Chapel					
Pastor Robert Parker Start Date: 11/2021					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship		12	10	13	13
New Nazarenes		0	0	0	0
Discipleship		14	0	13	13
Membership		10	11	11	11
Church Income:		19,256	24,985	10,578	17,621
Allocations Paid:		Yes	No	Yes	No



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

James was our drummer and used to play for Elvis. He would cry through the altar calls. One day he was in the hospital, and I asked him how did you wind up in our little church you could play for any church around? He said I guess it is just the friends that I have made over the years that got me here. I told him God put him in our church to get saved before he died. He got saved in the hospital. what a changed life!!! Two months later he started living a perfect Christian life in heaven.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

We have several activities through the month and throughout the year that we put a powerful emphasis on bringing people into the church.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year- 6

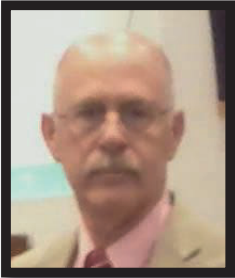
Number of first-time visitors this church year- 9

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

The goals for our church next year are...

Our goal is to preach the Word of God and to make Worship every Sunday better than the one before.

FORSYTH TRINITY					
Pastor Dan Paxton (Ella) Start Date: 07/2002					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	25	25	4	28	31
New Nazarenes	0	0	0	1	0
Discipleship	25	10	4	18	34
Membership	50	16	14	17	17
Church Income:	60,275	69,195	59,451	76,083	63,801
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

A few years ago, Nathan found himself sitting on the tailgate of his pickup truck sharing with his seed distributor, who was out of Nebraska, the struggles he was having in his marriage. The seed distributor asked him if he had tried Celebrate Recovery and encouraged him to find one and attend. Nathan searched and found that the only CR in his area was at FSN. Through that first meeting Nathan attended, God began to do a work in Nathans life. It took him a while to start attending FSN regularly on Sunday mornings, as he had experienced an unhealthy church in the past. I really began to get to know Nathan when he reached out to grab lunch. He told me about his past and struggles in his marriage and family. He said his daughter would not have a relationship with him because of past mistakes. Over the next few months, I began to see an incredible life change in Nathan and have seen a desire to use whatever God has blessed him with to be useful for ministry. Nathan and his wife still have their ups and downs, and I am praying that God would be able to heal that relationship completely. About his daughter...after knowing Nathan for about 6 months, I was able to put two and two together and realize that his daughter and her family attended our second service. Neither of them knew that the other was attending since they went to different services. There are still some hurts to heal and forgiveness to be given but again, I am praying that they will allow God to heal the relationship enough so that he can get to know his granddaughter.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

Through the last few years, FSN has had a desire to do whatever we can to curb generational poverty. Through a connection from our community, CORE Ministries out of Greensburg, KS, wanted to start a para-ministry in Fort Scott. CORE's mission is to engage and equip the community to lift families out of generational poverty. With our previous work of poverty alleviation in other avenues, we were invited to attend an interest meeting and have a voice at the table. Very quickly, myself and a core leader from FSN, saw CORE Ministries as something we wanted to get behind. Since CORE has come to Fort Scott, we have done whatever we can to support, recognize and empower them in our community. We have had opportunities to give resources, serve meals, sit down to a meal, pour life into kids, show life skills, mentor, and watch firsthand as God transforms families and see them have hopes and dreams that they never thought were possible. It was amazing to be a part of the graduation of the first class of CORE Leaders. We have seen several families come to FSN through the support and efforts given to CORE. Several have joined, some have been baptized and others now serve on our Serve Teams. Bringing CORE to our community has truly been an inter-denominational effort, and it has brought a sense of oneness to several of the churches in Fort Scott.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 35

Number of first-time visitors this church year: 125

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 64

The goals for our church next year are...

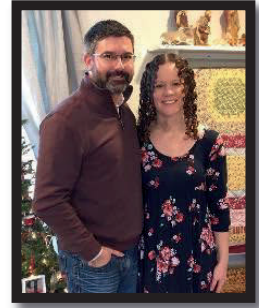
Finalize verbiage, communication, and action plan for our new vision...Encounter God-Pursue Jesus-Make an Impact. Review and adjust systems and processes that help move people from first time guest to fully mature followers of Jesus. Focus on intentional "neighboring". (Creating individual opportunities to serve in daily life.) Further develop the Love Fort Scott initiative. (Corporate opportunities to serve our community.) 80% of worship attendance in discipleship groups, 75% of worship attendance on a serve team, retention rate of first-time guest at 60%, increase attendance by 15% and encourage giving by 10%. 50 Salvations and 50 Baptisms.

FORT SCOTT

Pastor Virgil Peck (Lisa) Start Date: 06/2016

PACs: Hepler CrossTrails Cowboy Church; The Fort Outdoors

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	333	230	302	314	348
New Nazarenes	2	6	12	7	14
Discipleship	178	106	211	291	256
Membership	363	363	377	380	393
Church Income:	307,527	297,224	340,319	380,717	387,040
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

Sally, (not her real name) is a single mother of 2 boys with different fathers. Life had dealt her a hand filled with struggles and pain, but she carried on, determined to provide the best life she could for her sons. Sally's journey had been fraught with hardships from the very beginning. She grew up in a tumultuous household, witnessing domestic violence and feeling the sting of neglect. As she ventured into adulthood, she found herself repeating patterns she swore she'd never follow. She found herself in abusive relationships, each one chipping away at her spirit, leaving behind scars both visible and hidden. One fateful day, tragedy struck Sally's life once again. The man she had hoped would bring stability to their lives, was taken away unexpectedly. It was a blow that shook her to the core, leaving her feeling lost and alone in the world. Amidst the darkness, a glimmer of hope emerged. Through the support of a friend, Sally found herself stepping into the doors of our church. There, she encountered a community unlike any she had known before. They welcomed her with open arms, offering not just sympathy but genuine empathy and love. As Sally became more involved in the church, something remarkable began to happen. She found solace in the teachings of the Bible and the companionship of fellow believers. Through their guidance, she discovered a faith she never knew existed—a faith that offered healing and redemption. Sally's journey towards faith was not without its challenges. There were moments of doubt and fear, times when she felt overwhelmed by the weight of her past. But through it all, she held onto the promise of a brighter tomorrow, trusting in a God who loved her unconditionally. With the support of her newfound church family, Sally began to heal from the wounds of her past. She sought counseling and therapy, confronting the trauma that had plagued her for so long. And as she embarked on this journey of healing, she found the strength to break free from the cycle of abuse and create a new legacy for her sons—one rooted in love, forgiveness, and faith. Today, Sally's story serves as a testament to the transformative power of faith and community. Though her journey may have been marked by pain and adversity, it has also been defined by resilience and hope. And as she continues to walk this path of redemption, she does so with a newfound sense of purpose and joy, knowing that she is never alone, for she walks hand in hand with the One who has always been by her side.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

This past year, despite the rainy weather trying to dampen our spirits, our annual trunk or treat event at the church was a resounding success, reaching out to over a hundred families in our community. It was truly a testament to the dedication and passion of our church members to spread joy and love, even in the face of adversity. Despite the challenges posed by the weather, our volunteers went above and beyond to ensure that every detail of the event was taken care of. From decorating their tables (since we had to move inside) with elaborate themes to preparing an abundance of treats and activities, everyone came together with a shared goal: to create a safe and enjoyable space for families to come together and celebrate. As the rain poured down, the fellowship hall transformed into a vibrant carnival of colors and laughter. Children darted from one table to another, their faces lit up with excitement as they collected candy and played games. Parents mingled with one another, forming connections and building friendships that extended beyond the event itself. But perhaps the most beautiful aspect of the evening was the sense of community that permeated the air. Despite the differences that may exist between us, we all came together under one roof, united by a shared sense of belonging and acceptance. In that moment, it didn't matter who we were or where we came from; all that mattered was the joy we found in each other's company and the joy of the Lord! As I reflect on our trunk or treat event, I am reminded of the true spirit of outreach and service that defines our church. It's not about the number of attendees or the weather conditions—it's about the impact we have on the lives of those around us as we share the Joy of the Lord! And this year, despite the rain, we succeeded in spreading a little bit of light and warmth to over a hundred families in our community. And for that, I am incredibly grateful.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 6

Number of first-time visitors this church year: 20

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

The goals for our church next year are...

Goal: Facilitate Authentic Encounters with God Leading to Confession and Conversion Objective: Our goal is to create an environment where individuals are encouraged to engage in deep introspection, leading to the confession of sin and the decision to become a Christian. Strategies: Cultivate a Culture of Vulnerability: Foster an atmosphere of authenticity and transparency within the church community, where individuals feel safe to acknowledge their struggles and shortcomings without fear of judgment. Provide Opportunities for Personal Reflection: Offer regular times of prayer, meditation, and reflection during worship services, small group gatherings, and other church events. Encourage attendees to examine their hearts and confront areas of sin and brokenness. Offer Support and Guidance: Provide resources such as counseling, pastoral care, and discipleship programs to assist individuals in navigating their spiritual journey. Equip leaders and mentors to walk alongside seekers, offering guidance and encouragement as they explore the Christian faith. Share Compelling Testimonies: Create platforms for members of the congregation to share their personal testimonies of confession and conversion. Highlight stories of transformation and redemption to inspire others and demonstrate the power of God's grace. Preach the Gospel Boldly: Deliver biblically grounded sermons that clearly articulate the message of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. Present the gospel in a compelling and accessible manner, inviting listeners to respond with repentance and faith. Extend Invitations for Decision: Create intentional moments in worship services and special events where individuals are invited to make a public profession of faith in Christ. Provide opportunities for prayer, counseling, and follow-up for those who respond to the invitation. Foster a Discipleship Pathway: Develop a structured process for new believers to receive ongoing support and discipleship as they begin their journey of faith. Connect them with mentors, provide resources for spiritual growth, and encourage participation in church ministries and community outreach. By implementing these strategies, we aim to lead people into a deeper relationship with God, where they can experience the transformative power of confession and conversion. Ultimately, our desire is to see lives changed, hearts renewed, and souls saved as individuals encounter the love and grace of Jesus Christ.

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

I was blessed to work with a young couple who came to me with marriage issues. They were referred to me by a member of the church. The sessions started out focused on repairing issues they had been dealing with for some time. After a few weeks of meeting together, I had earned the right to speak honestly to them about faith. I challenged them that they needed to restore their relationship with Christ if they wanted to fix their marriage. It wasn't immediately, but within a couple of weeks, they both came to a point where they started asking more questions and over two separate weeks, they both gave their hearts to the Lord. The exciting part is that they committed their lives to the Lord and began attending church; through this, their love for each other has grown immeasurably.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

An event that we started in the previous year and has grown this year was the Christmas lunch for the schools. In our first year, we adopted the elementary school and provided a Christmas meal for them, and this year, we have added the middle and high schools. The appreciation that the teachers and staff express to us clearly shows the impact that we are making in connecting to our community. This meal had opened the doors of the school to the church to become even more involved.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 9


Number of first-time visitors this church year: 57

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 22

The goals for our church next year are...

To develop the Children's Department and improve facilities for youth and children, develop a deliberate Discipleship plan, incorporate an evangelistic perspective to church events, and continue to build the relational piece of the church.

GARNETT					
Pastor Scott King (Esther) Start Date: 08/2022					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	191	191	125	134	145
New Nazarenes	1	0	0	4	5
Discipleship	110	42	58	77	102
Membership	174	171	136	146	150
Church Income:	368,161	323,330	310,304	331,442	319,942
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

There have been many this last year that I have worked on to come to a relationship with Jesus. The one that best stands out is a young man who still struggles with addictions but desires not only a clean life but also a complete life with Jesus. Every day, he prays for sobriety and his relationship with Jesus. The story is incomplete, but we are working together to see him be free from the demons that haunt him and the freedom he desires from the Lord.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

This last year, we honored all of the fire departments and first responders of Crawford County, Kansas. We had close to 500 people on a Sunday morning service on the Court House Square with 16 different fire departments for the blessing of the First Responder Trucks and the First Responders themselves. A helicopter flew over, and bagpipes were played. Many from the District 4 Volunteer Fire Department that day now call our church their church. We could see the Lord remove barriers many felt in a disagreement between the City of Girard vs. the District 4 department. We plan to do this event annually to help bring recognition to those who put their lives on the line daily for our community without much thanks. Another event that we help host is the local Chamber of Commerce banquet. We did this for the 2nd year in a row with the opportunity to have many business leaders come into our church for a time of thanks for the blessings the Lord has brought to our community. Even when there seems to be no spiritual value, the Lord builds bridges to help the church reach into the community to show people that we live out our purpose: "To Live, To Move, and To Be Christ." On that night, we were able to minister to several families and see them start coming to the church through the efforts of our volunteers who helped and our church staff. Each year, we find new ways to reach outside our walls and regular services to reach people with the gospel.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 52

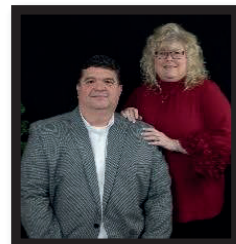
Number of first-time visitors this church year: 174

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 64

The goals for our church next year are...

- 65 Saved
- 45 Baptized
- 25 new members
- \$215,000 raised in tithes and offerings
- 210 in regular attendance

(GIRARD) LIVING FAITH					
Pastor Michael Johnson (Diane)			Start Date: 02/2021		
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	230	131	144	179	181
New Nazarenes	0	21	22	6	7
Discipleship	205	46	23	79	131
Membership	40	60	82	89	104
Church Income:	150,904	137,948	164,155	192,860	201,290
Allocations Paid:	Yes	No	Yes	No	No



Goodhope

Rev. Cheryl Beason

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

I have been working on leading an 80-year-old couple to the Lord. They are the parents of two people in my congregation. I visit them monthly at their home and attend every family event when I am invited. We have a monthly fellowship dinner on Wednesday evenings, and they have been attending. I feel they are close to attending Sunday morning worship service. I feel they are close to making a commitment to Christ. I also have been working on my nephew who is still bitter about his father's death 10 years ago. He has attended a couple of Bible study sessions recently. I am hopeful he will return to God soon.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

We had a back-to-school bash. We had several attend. We had inflatables and a dunk tank with the local principal and the pastor were dunked. We also served food and gave away water bottles with the church name and logo on them.


Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 0

Number of first-time visitors this church year: 10

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

We would like to see someone receive salvation and one new church member. We want to continue our outreach.

GOODHOPE					
Pastor Cheryl Beason (Pete)			Start Date: 04/2022		
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	35	35	32	30	28
New Nazarenes	0	0	0	4	0
Discipleship	36	36	30	22	44
Membership	26	26	23	27	26
Church Income:	45,321	43,083	32,701	31,733	37,309
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

We had been working with her for over two years - helping with finances, gas, electricity, food, counseling, etc. She was in an unhealthy relationship with a live-in boyfriend. She went through numerous setbacks - lost her dad, moved to a camper, lost her job, had heart surgery, and other health issues, etc. - over an extended period of time. Wanting to "do what is right," she and her boyfriend got married, but it didn't seem to help. Her controlling, abusive husband has drug issues, among many other problems. She reached a point of desperation and prayed the "sinner's prayer" on April 7th of this year. She was baptized on April 14th and has been in church ever since. This week, she brought a guest with her.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

We packed and distributed a complete Christmas Dinner to area families. We fed both Neosho and McDonald County athletic teams. We hosted a Ladies' Expo for local vendors. Attendees then went to the sanctuary for a speaker. We collected Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes. We held 2 revivals. We hosted VBS. We serve at a local Hope Kitchen.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 22

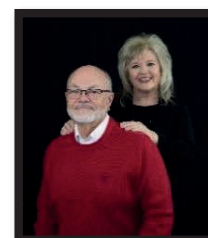
Number of first-time visitors this church year: 177

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

The goals for our church next year are...

1. We will increase "Assembly Handbook" stats by 10%.
 - a. Salvations - at least 13
 - b. 1st time visitors - at least 166
 - c. Return visitors - at least 65
 - d. Worship avg. - at least 166
 - e. New Nazarenes - at least 18
 - f. NDI avg. - at least 136
 - g. Membership - at least 350
2. Our vision is to Exalt Christ, Equip Believers, Evangelize Our World (E3)
3. Our motto is: Significant in the world; Essential to our community.

GOODMAN BANNER					
Pastor Dennis Bergen (Charlene) Start Date: 10/1996					
<i>PACs: Goodman Banner Hispanic</i>					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	170	119	123	151	164
New Nazarenes	2	4	5	16	12
Discipleship	172	17	21	124	146
Membership	296	298	300	318	328
Church Income:	217,390	262,784	231,186	292,650	465,163
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



Hartville Solid Rock Cowboy

Rev. James Hammons

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

working on couple boys right now from drug background ...had 2 get saved recently from drug background one has amazing testimony

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

School outreach bounce house to school for fall festival was able to connect with many families.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 5


Number of first-time visitors this church year: 60

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

The goals for our church next year are...

we are averaging in 50s i pray our goal would be to reach a 100 to be faithful to the gospel.

(HARTVILLE) SOLID ROCK COWBOY CHURCH					
Pastor James Hammons (Lisa)			Start Date: 06/2023		
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	28	23	34	48	60
New Nazarenes	9	0	6	6	11
Discipleship	28	0	0	32	65
Membership	20	20	20	14	21
Church Income:	24,227	24,713	28,804	38,464	62,692
Allocations Paid:	Yes	No	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

The day we got back from pastor's retreat, there was a young man named Trevor who asked my nephew how to become a Christian. Shaun didn't feel comfortable doing it, so he asked me to meet with him. Trevor knew nothing about it, only that he was tired of living the life he had been living and wanted something better. So, I talked to him about what it means to be a Christian and he prayed the sinner's prayer. At first, he was really on fire for God, he was into the bible app., but I haven't been able to get him into church, so he has seemed to drift away. I am doing what I can to help him get back on track. Pray for Trevor.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

We had a Kids Missionary Fun Day at our church. We talked about Guatemala and made food from that country, had bounce houses, played games and had a movie. We were able to attract some new families. We started and participated in children's quizzing with the district. This exposed families that are unchurched to quiz meets and the joy of their kids studying the bible and learning scripture

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 1

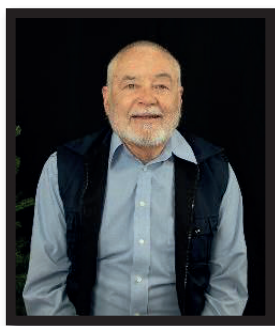
Number of first-time visitors this church year: 12

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

The goals for our church next year are...

- 1 Increase our average attendance by 20%
2. Start a teen ministry

HOUSTON NEW HORIZON					
	Pastor Ken Lawson (Jeretta)		Start Date: 03/17		
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	30	28	28	26	35
New Nazarenes	4	2	2	1	1
Discipleship	30	9	4	19	13
Membership	27	27	28	28	29
Church Income:	24,682	44,630	32,767	37,659	40,803
Allocations Paid:	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No



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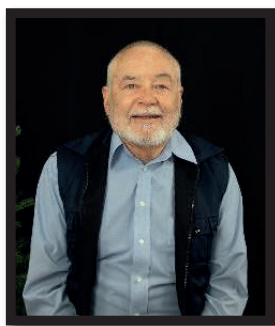
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Membership	27	27	28	28	29
Church Income:	24,682	44,630	32,767	37,659	40,803
Allocations Paid:	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No



Independence

Rev. Willima Knight

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

This is my first report as the lead pastor of Independence Nazarene Church. When asked to report on a person or story my mind went to a bride and groom. Specifically, the bride. I have watched them since I have been here and watched their relationship. The groom has provided everything she needs but it seems his bride has wanted more. She has often been disappointed when she did not receive the things she wanted, when she wanted them. And while she never strayed there were many times, she was not fully committed to him. However, lately I noticed the bride began to realize the sacrifices he was making for her. She began to spend more time with him and rekindling their relationship. I now see a stronger more committed relationship between them. This bride is the Independence Nazarene Church. I have watched her grow and become stronger and a desire to reach others for Christ. I am excited to be their pastor and to see where God leads us as we are all in for Him.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

We again had an Evening of Hope where we distributed food, clothing, and had other services available.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 25

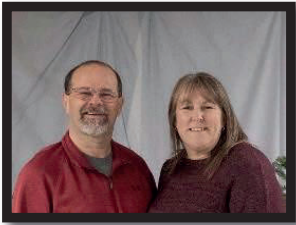
Number of first-time visitors this church year: 20

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

The goals for our church next year are...

To become a church that is "all in" for reaching others for Christ.

INDEPENDENCE					
Pastor Bill Knight (Emma) Start Date: 10/2023					
<i>PAC: Axis, Independence Luz del Mundo</i>					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	340	340	271	242	256
New Nazarenes	0	12	22	6	7
Discipleship	244	44	40	183	270
Membership	402	336	348	350	354
Church Income:	520,413	529,397	533,841	590,337	475,283
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



Iola Community

Rev. Kelly Klubek

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

We have been praying for a member's son who has in the past had major issues with alcoholism. He is a believer but has back slidden. We have been praying for him for a long time now, trying to get him to step foot in the doors of the church, but had not seen him. We were blessed on Easter Sunday when his mother with a huge smile on her face announced that Brent was not only thinking about coming but was here for service. We are very happy to have seen him that Sunday morning and I have had contact with him since letting him know that we are going to help him and that he is worthy to be saved by the grace of God.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

For the past two years we have had an event on the town square where we preach the gospel through loudspeakers, some say they can hear us for several blocks. We are trying to raise awareness that the only way to true happiness is through the saving blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This year we named the event "Antioch Iola" and three different pastors spoke through one full week from 6pm to 8 pm every night. We have had new people come, and we feel that the message is not only working but is reaching people we don't even know.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 1

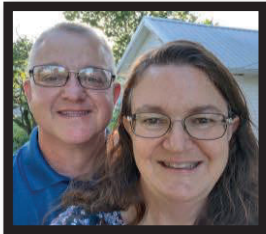
Number of first-time visitors this church year: 15

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

The goals for our church next year are...

Bring in at least 5 new members, Start a new Discipleship program for young adults, and bring up a new leader from our new members.

IOLA					
Pastor Kelly Klubek (Natalie) Start Date: 06/2022					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	33	34	45	39	28
New Nazarenes	2	4	7	1	3
Discipleship	27	0	12	38	17
Membership	27	30	39	24	41
Church Income:	39,272	42,793	302,454	91,894	68,257
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes



Joplin Calvary

Rev. Wesley Anderson

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

We have had a bus ministry for many, many years- used primarily to bring teens and children to Sunday morning and Wednesday evening services. Like many churches, we've never had a lot of success attracting the families of our bus kids to engage in the life of our church. This year, we've finally started to see some hope. A father of one of our teenagers has had a pretty difficult year- but has recently started attending our services. We are working with him on truly giving his life to the Lord, and being the strong man of faith that his household needs him to be. For any other churches who might be discouraged by slow results from bus ministries- hold on! God is still working!

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

This year, some of our outreach events included: a backpack and school supply giveaway that served about 200 people, a Fall Festival/Indoor Trunk or Treat that welcomed about 300 people into our doors, 2 sessions of our Free Guitar Classes that brought 20 people into our church for a 6 week guitar course, and we helped establish a new Celebrate Recovery with a couple of our sister Nazarene churches here in town.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 11


Number of first-time visitors this church year: 44

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

The goals for our church next year are...

We are trusting God to increase our corporate worship attendance by 10%, add 2 more life groups, reach at least 2 more families from our bus ministry, and continue to use outreach events to make contacts in our neighborhood.

JOPLIN CALVARY					
Pastor Wesley Anderson (Candice) Start Date: 11/2014					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	101	101	90	93	98
New Nazarenes	12	2	10	8	3
Discipleship	102	60	13	68	109
Membership	190	195	202	208	213
Church Income:	137,980	154,865	141,172	135,455	133,276
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No



Joplin First

Rev. Shana McGarrah

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

Micayla is a lady we served through The Naz Homeless Shelter and Outreach Center. She came to us in July 2023 actively on heroin and whatever else she could get her hands on. She was living on the streets. She had also lost her 6-year-old daughter to the state. She was so desperate and so lost. I began to mentor her and pray with her. She went to jail in August and after much pleading with the judge, they released her on the condition that she would start drug treatment and continue her mentorship with us. At the end of September, she completed her drug rehab and continued her mentorship with us. Micayla gave her heart to the Lord October 6th and began working a job October 21st. Fast forward to today, she is 9 months clean and sober, has her own house, got her daughter back, got a car, and continues to serve at the church. She is such a positive role model and mentor for some of our ladies that are served through the shelter. She is not afraid to share her testimony with anyone. Through her redemption and her willingness to be used by God, we have had several other women that were in similar situations, give their hearts to the Lord and get off the drugs. She was recently asked how she was able to do everything she has done in just a short amount of time, she said, "it started with Pastor Shana loving me when I couldn't even love myself. She was persistent in loving me through my addiction. I got a glimpse of what Jesus looked like and I wanted that more than I wanted drugs."

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

One of the greatest outreach events this year was our Easter celebration. We had a BBQ, egg hunts, bounce houses, and lots of fellowship and worship. There were 883 people in attendance for this event.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 157

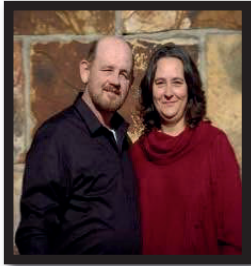
Number of first-time visitors this church year: 835

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 340

The goals for our church next year are...

30% growth in every area (SS, Worship, membership, tithing, salvations), start several small groups, continue in a greater capacity going outside of the church building walls to meet the needs of people, praying in a full worship team

JOPLIN FIRST					
Pastor Shana McGarrah (Denver)			Start Date: 10/2022		
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	31	26	23	36	88
New Nazarenes	1	3	0	9	3
Discipleship	25	0	0	32	44
Membership	39	41	38	29	34
Church Income:	46,658	49,264	72,253	58,639	72,578
Allocations Paid:	Yes	No	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

I have daily discussions with my son Cyrus about how Jesus loves us, what it means to accept Jesus as our savior, learning Bible stories, how to pray and/or doing memory verses.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

We started a Celebrate Recovery on April 2nd.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 0

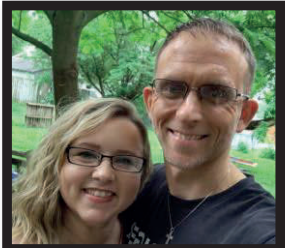
Number of first-time visitors this church year: 73

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

The goals for our church next year are...

Complete the Great Commission plan.

(JOPLIN) TRADERS					
Pastor John Erie (Stephannie) Start Date: 06/2022					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	18	7	7	7	7
New Nazarenes	2	0	0	0	0
Discipleship	12	8	4	4	6
Membership	15	12	8	10	12
Church Income:	26,448	27,028	17,187	35,315	42,174
Allocations Paid:	No	No	No	No	No



Lebanon Freedom

Rev. Mark Eigsti

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

We launched a ministry a while back to where we take over a local laundromat for the night and pay for folks' laundry. Among those who have come by for free laundry, we have had a man and a woman that we made contact with, and they have come back several times over the months. They know we are not only from the local Nazarene Church but also that GOD sent us. They have talked to us about 3 crises in their lives, including a surprise pregnancy. While they have not made a commitment to GOD yet, the other night they brought over their new bundle of joy (Wyndham) and allowed us to pray over them. We have offered to help them in the future and are staying in contact with them even as they live a transient life. They know who we are, and they know that GOD loves them. Helping folk come to know and experience GOD's love one laundry load at a time.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 2

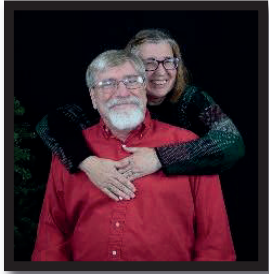
Number of first-time visitors this church year: 14

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

The goals for our church next year are...

- 1.) Do a VBS (not done one for a number of years)
- 2.) Get back on-line on a regular basis

(LEBANON) FREEDOM					
Pastor Mark Eigsti (Linda) Start Date: 05/2019					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	26	26	21	29	24
New Nazarenes	0	0	0	0	4
Discipleship	25	20	0	25	33
Membership	191	188	189	189	195
Church Income:	106,103	106,103	126,990	113,824	117,433
Allocations Paid:	Yes	No	No	No	No



Mansfield

Rev. Justin Colston

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

About a month ago, my wife and I went to have dinner with another couple from church that I am currently disciplining. We went out to dinner, before heading to Menards to get a few supplies. While in Menards we decided to go to Braums for ice cream afterwards. On the way to Braums I realized that I had got caught up in talking and was not sure where we were. I had asked my wife to pull up the GPS so that we could find Braums before they closed. My wife told me that there was one a few minutes away, so we decided to head there instead of our original Braums location. When we arrived at Braums and began to head inside, I noticed a woman sitting on the sidewalk outside with her head down crying. I stopped and asked her if she was okay, she stated no, not really. I began to talk to her about her situation and quickly learnt that she was indeed homeless. She had told me that she was an addict and had also lost her kids. I then asked her if she knew Jesus and if she had asked for forgiveness. She said no. She asked how He could forgive someone that's done all that she has. I explained the plan of salvation to her and was able to walk her through the sinner's prayer and pray over her along with others who were with me. I asked her to stay here and that I would be back with a Bible. We got in the car and went to a nearby Walmart, we were able to find her a Bible, notebook, pens and highlighters for her new journey. I got back to Braums and gave her new things with her name inside the Bible and contact information for a Nazarene Church in the area she was in. We then bought her dinner and ice cream and were able to sit down with her and enjoy a time of fellowship and encouragement with her before heading home.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

We were asked by our local community to set up a hospitality booth at Wilder Days. We had a nursing tent, baby changing station with diapers and wipes. At our booth we offered basic first aid and had a nurse there in case of emergency. We also were able to partner with Convoy of Hope, this gave our church the opportunity to not only offer services to help parents, but also hand out free drinks and snacks over the 2 days. We handed out over 1000 drinks and 3500 snacks to our community! This was a huge outreach for our church. Our ladies ran the booth while our men volunteered to drive tractors and vans to transport individuals to the different areas. By doing this outreach event, we were able to help our community, not only with tangible things but also through prayer and encouragement. The Wilder Days Committee have already reached out this year encouraging us to do this once again.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 5

Number of first-time visitors this church year: 103

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 64

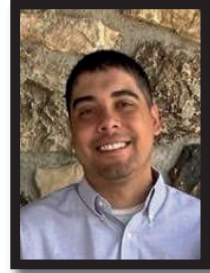
The goals for our church next year are...

Our goals for next year as a church is growth- physically and spiritually. Engage more in our community, connecting them to God through prayer, preaching/teaching the Word, activate faith through discipleship, deploy them in the mission of the church and allowing them to act in their calling. Our goal is to have 7 baptisms, 7 salvations, 7 sanctifications.

MANSFIELD

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

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	35	35	30	50	61
New Nazarenes	0	0	0	3	10
Discipleship	42	0	0	39	78
Membership	26	29	31	29	40
Church Income:	63,099	70,835	61,243	85,463	106,249
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No



Marionville

Rev. John Conn

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

Karen Fearl

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

We held our 50th Anniversary and Convoy of Hope Giveaway. We have also participated in the Marionville Applefest Celebration, Christmas on the Square, Angel Tree Ministries, Manor Services, Aurora Nursing Home and Hospital ministry. We have helped in the back-to-school programs.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 3


Number of first-time visitors this church year: 30

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

The goals for our church next year are...

To lead more into a living relationship with the Lord. Strengthen our walk and sanctify hearts and souls for the Lord.

MARIONVILLE					
		Pastor John Conn (Barbara)		Start Date: 04/1997	
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	35	25	27	29	42
New Nazarenes	0	3	2	0	1
Discipleship	22	0	0	46	32
Membership	48	50	48	40	39
Church Income:	49,989	61,450	56,620	56,899	47,581
Allocations Paid:	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes



Marshfield Hope

Rev. Fred Morrison

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

Melanie came to our church after moving to our community. She had spent several years in a marriage where drugs were the common ground. She was looking to change the choices she was making in life. Our church family immediately welcomed her and her daughter. Soon she was attending a Sunday School class and home group, learning and growing in her knowledge of God. She committed her life to Christ and was baptized this year. What a change her life shows! She is now serving on our worship team and helping with children's ministry.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

On the Wednesday of Holy Week, we held a "Party in the Parking Lot." Because it was on Wednesday night, we found that families from other churches were attending their own churches. That was a good thing, because 75% of the people attending were unchurched families we had never had contact with before. 150 people attended. 12 families indicated they wanted more information about our church, or they are looking for a church home. 5 of these families came back on Easter Sunday.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 9

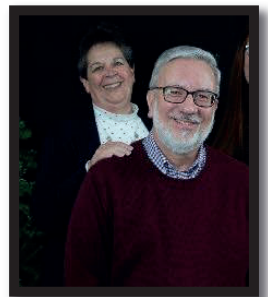
Number of first-time visitors this church year: 81

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

The goals for our church next year are...

1. To lead 24 people into a relationship with Christ.
2. To average 150 in worship attendance and 90 attending Sunday School.
3. To increase involvement to 50% of regular attenders in ministry - attending home groups, helping with service projects and mission projects.

MARSHFIELD HOPE					
Rev. Fred Morrison (Cheryl) Start Date: 06/2021					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	215	166	132	137	132
New Nazarenes	6	0	9	2	5
Discipleship	134	50	43	94	112
Membership	141	109	116	115	116
Church Income:	420,735	380,607	345,002	353,571	366,717
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

It was an amazing occurrence. I felt led by the Lord as I was entering McCune to stop by Marilyn's apartment. We talked outside about her tough past of homelessness, addiction to drugs and the removal of her child. I shared that there was One who could empathize what she was going through, and His name is Jesus. I told her that, as she would probably still have difficult circumstances, Jesus would be there with her through it all. He could be leaned upon through all those circumstances. He would help her, through the holy spirit and other believers, to keep off drugs and would help her have a better relationship with her son and provide a better atmosphere for her new baby yet to be born. I asked if she would like to receive Jesus into her life as Lord and Savior. She said she did, but she did not know what to do. So, I led her through the prayer of salvation, which I emphasized that, if she was to truly accept Jesus, she must say and mean everything she said and prayed. At the end of the prayer, she started crying uncontrollably. She said, "I do not know why I am crying." I said, "I know why. It is because of the Holy Spirit coming into your life and your life changing from now on for the better." She did receive her son back permanently. She praised God alone for that. She was able to get a job. She was also able to get an apartment.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

We had Bob Durham, from Traders' church and Mt. Vernon, and his friend Larry come over and perform a Christmas concert. We had 23 in attendance with 17 of those being from outside our church. Of those we had 12 from the community, one of whom we have been working really hard at trying to attend our church.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 2


Number of first-time visitors this church year: 4

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

The goals for our church next year are...

We will reach out to our community with the love of Christ, share the gospel, and make disciples through our monthly family fun night events, 5th Sunday fellowship dinners, quarterly Convoy of Hope commodity giveaway, involvement in our communities annual Fall Festival by participating in the community worship service, involvement in our communities annual community garage sale by hosting a free hot dog lunch, annual Thanksgiving/Christmas dinner, and our annual Christmas box giveaway. We will have 1 salvation, 1 baptism and 1 membership by next May. We will restore lives, marriages, and families and remain in His love, care and protection through weekly sermons, Sunday school, and personal discipleship.

MCCUNE					
Pastor Joseph DiVall (Tiffany) Start Date: 06/2022					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	18	13	12	12	15
New Nazarenes	2	0	1	0	0
Discipleship	17	4	2	6	10
Membership	49	44	39	41	39
Church Income:	32,930	30,449	27,805	35,527	23,804
Allocations Paid:	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes



Monett Fuente De Agua Viva
Rev. Sandra Cordova (Interim)

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

Eron a young man who arrived as a guest at united service. Jesus spoke to his life, was baptized actively participates in the church, he loves the church, and has a desire to prepare to serve and teach I can see in Eron the desire to walk with Jesus.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

our church has a great event with an attendance of more than 180 people after that, families come back to church, 5 accepted Jesus and the community know better Fuente de Agua Viva Iglesia del Nazareno

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 12

Number of first-time visitors this church year: 25

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

The goals for our church next year are...

Plant 3 new churches Aurora, Coffeyville, Webb City, growth in the membership to 150, to have 2 new local licenses, have 2 outreach events at town, 4 outreach events outside the church, form more leaders

(MONETT) FUENTE DE AGUA VIVA					
To be supplied					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	100	103	115	87	142
New Nazarenes	8	3	9	6	27
Discipleship	109	45	45	76	71
Membership	90	93	102	96	118
Church Income:	58,230	57,628	85,647	61,182	36,744
Allocations Paid:	No	No	No	No	No

Monett

Rev. Josh Lien

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

Our story at MNC is about brothers Angel and Victor. Over the past year, these two boys have dedicated their lives to Jesus, been baptized, become members of the church, and are actively serving both at the church and in the community. They are both in the process of exploring their calling to ministry. Watching these young men flourish in their relationship with Jesus has been a privilege and a joy.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

Last year, our church organized an outreach event on Good Friday. The event featured dinner, service, and a communion ceremony. Most notably, twelve individuals dedicated their lives to Jesus during the event. This moment of commitment and renewal of faith was a testament to the powerful presence and work of the Holy Spirit throughout the evening. Being a part of this incredible event was a privilege for our church. The combination of fellowship, worship, and the sacraments provided a holistic and deeply touching experience for everyone involved. The dedication of twelve individuals to Jesus is a significant milestone for our outreach efforts and a source of great joy and encouragement for our congregation. The Good Friday Service was not just an event but a transformative experience that reinforced our mission of spreading the love and message of Jesus Christ. We look forward to continuing our outreach efforts with the same passion and dedication, inspired by the success and impact of this evening.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 58

Number of first-time visitors this church year: 210

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 121

The goals for our church next year are...

165 in regular attendance


40% connected.

1000 reached through outreach. 8

0 salvations

25 baptisms.

MONETT					
Joshua Lien (Brooke) Start Date: 05/2021					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	38	45	128	148	132
New Nazarenes	1	2	28	16	14
Discipleship	15	8	30	223	183
Membership	127	123	161	172	179
Church Income:	52,804	65,234	268,000	284,090	231,610
Allocations Paid:	No	Yes	No	Yes	No



Mount Vernon First

Rev. Tim Hardyman

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

A couple began attending our church a couple of years ago. This past year they asked for resources for Bible Study. They are working on the Basic Bible Studies for New and Growing Christians by Chic Shaver. It is fun to see them growing in their Christian Walk

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

We had a back-to-school event and invited the community. We had approximately 50 people attend.

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...

1. Disciple 5 new people to Christ.
2. Start Church website and increase social media presence in our community.
3. Engage 75% of the congregation in a church communication app.

MOUNT VERNON					
Pastor Tim Hardyman (Penny)			Start Date: 03/2021		
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	38	38	26	29	30
New Nazarenes	2	0	0	0	3
Discipleship	36	0	0	37	33
Membership	33	31	29	23	26
Church Income:	53,603	71,272	74,285	102,958	84,535
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes



Mtn. Grove Faith Community

Rev. Josh Griffith

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

This past year we saw a man by the name of Kenny come to know Jesus. Kenny is the father of our youth leader and walked away from the Lord for years. He is an ex-police officer and has struggled since an accident took place while on duty. Kenny had a regular traffic stop turn into what should have been his death. This man got his arm stuck in his car door and proceeded to drag Kenny for miles at speeds reaching up to 50mph. Kenny sustained a few injuries, but the biggest was psychological. He has struggled with alcohol for year, and even has tried to drink himself to death thinking that's not really suicide. To put it plainly Kenny faced a lot of uphill battles, but God. We have been praying for Kenny for years. And let me tell you God is faithful. This past year after one of the times trying to drink himself to death Kenny came to a Sunday Morning service. Ever since being dragged, and because of his police background, Kenny has struggle with crowds, but God helped him. While he was at church God was working on his heart. His son, our youth leader, would talk with me and then to his dad and share biblical truth with him. It took a few months, but Kenny's heart started to soften and one night he surrendered his life to Jesus on his own. Since then, Kenny has seen victory in his life. God has given him peace in coming to service, and Sunday School now, and he has started to serve. He is our main cook for dinners for Men's group, and because of his background is helping us with our security team. God has redeemed his prodigal again and is now using his life to impact others. Kenny is probably one of the greatest witnesses in our church family. He shares his faith with everyone he can, and he challenges all of us to push our comforts zones for the sake of God's Kingdom!

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

One of the best things we did as an outreach event was buying popcorn for little league games. Our church paid the concessions so much, and we bought people popcorn and handed out fliers. We were able to use popcorn as a tool to share the Gospel and invite them to be disciples to VBS!

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 10

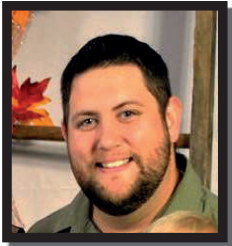
Number of first-time visitors this church year: 30

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

The goals for our church next year are...

1000 people witnessed to 5% growth All Debt paid off

(MOUNTAIN GROVE) FAITH COMMUNITY					
Pastor Josh Griffith (Lacey) Start Date: 03/2019					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	68	59	71	98	124
New Nazarenes	3	3	14	6	0
Discipleship	48	36	96	68	86
Membership	118	121	110	115	114
Church Income:	95,576	96,419	134,554	111,748	139,022
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No



Neodesha

Rev. Jay Reed

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

The story starts with a young man who comes to our youth group. This young man knows Jesus and confesses Him but has had a hard road. This year he tried to commit suicide. He is getting help for this, but we also meet once a week to talk about life and Christ's plan for his life. As a result, his dad has started attending church regularly and has even volunteered to mow the churchyard for one month this summer.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

We have been part of our city events happening on Main St. uptown. We join in on the city's sidewalk sale, Christmas parade, etc. At this time, we sell cookies and just love on people.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year- 0


Number of first-time visitors this church year- 26

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

The goals for our church next year are...

We are planning a monthly outreach at a local motel in town that is known for drugs. We plan on cooking hotdogs and having chips and water to hand out. Our plan is to tell them that we care about them, and that Jesus loves them.

NEODESHA					
Pastor Jay Reed (Vicki) Start Date: 06/2020					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	60	64	77	76	73
New Nazarenes	0	8	0	2	2
Discipleship	43	10	16	49	43
Membership	76	86	71	74	64
Church Income:	111,123	130,489	145,689	134,227	132,716
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

Hernández family come to church just to visit and to check what kind of church we are, during the service they listen to the sermon that speak holiness and to be entirely sanctified after that they take the decision to become member of Casa Jaziel, we start visiting them, on Fridays we have discipleship, and they will be married.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

Christmas outreach event was amazing!!

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 35

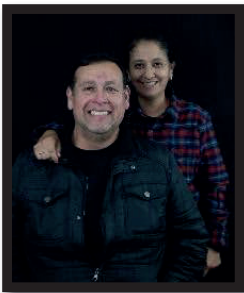
Number of first-time visitors this church year: 18

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

The goals for our church next year are...

Grow church, 3 outreach events next year, to have a new start next year, to have a new candidate to District license, pay budgets, pay the building.

(NEOSHO) CASA JAZIEL					
Pastor Sandra Cordova (Samuel) Start Date: 07/2014					
<i>PACs: Miami OK Hispanic, Seneca Hispanic</i>					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	167	167	159	179	97
New Nazarenes	22	27	19	25	22
Discipleship	167	25	40	78	134
Membership	188	214	226	249	267
Church Income:	9,430	15,264	18,996	21,000	24,487
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

Adam Helton:

I meet Adam this year through working at Black Rian Ordinance where I discovered that Adam had been in Special Forces Delta and had been medically discharged (honorably) after receiving a "glancing blow" to his head from a rather large caliber round which has a significant amount of head trauma. Today Adam battles with seizures almost daily and intense headaches, but Adam most difficult battle is with guilt. Adam struggles with his past and the "things" that he was called upon to do during his time as an operator. In recent months Adam had begun to open up to me a great deal, and I have had many opportunities to speak to Adam about the Grace of God and our complete inability to "earn" it. Though Adam still struggles with forgiving himself, He is beginning to see how and why Grace is the "unmerited favor of God" as He begins to understand how that pertains to him.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

Health Worker Appreciation Day at Neosho Freeman, an event where we provided a really nice meal for ALL staff of the entire hospital.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 27


Number of first-time visitors this church year: 42

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 40

The goals for our church next year are...

Reach More People for Jesus through our small group ministries.

NEOSHO					
Pastor James Keezer (Kelly) Start Date: 01/2011					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	127	120	147	167	168
New Nazarenes	15	13	7	38	34
Discipleship	98	68	20	167	147
Membership	177	181	191	211	238
Church Income:	204,689	258,562	281,632	229,950	251,813
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 we have seen God move in mighty ways - especially in our age level ministries. Personally, the most exciting thing this year has been to watch God work in the lives of two young men. Both became connected to our church through their girlfriends and have become a consistent part of our young adult ministry. Through the year we have witnessed them take steps forward in their faith, get baptized, start serving, and even bring others as well. They are changing the trajectory of their families! To see these young men become committed to both Christ and the church this year has been such an encouragement and we can't wait to see how God will continue to work in their lives and use them in the lives of others.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

Last year, we made the transition away from a traditional VBS to try something that was more manageable for our congregation regarding volunteers and resources. We hosted a "Family Sunday Fun Day" the first Sunday of every month in the summer. Our Sunday morning worship included a family friendly lesson and theme. Each of these included an outreach activity that included locations available to us in the community. Through this transition, we were able to interact with more families, have consistent outreach to them throughout the summer, and build strong relationships with both new families and parents of kids/teens that attend our church.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 7


Number of first-time visitors this church year: 30

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

The goals for our church next year are...

1. We will add one additional ministry to our Wednesday night programming. We are currently in preparation to begin Celebrate Recovery in the fall!
2. We will establish a defined discipleship process for our church that moves from visitors all the way through membership.
3. We will begin outreach and relationship building with our soon to be neighbors at Weber Elementary.
4. We will prioritize strengthening the financial health of our church, including increasing the number of givers by 10%.

NEVADA					
Pastor Megan Allen Start Date: 03/2021					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	60	60	45	52	65
New Nazarenes	4	3	0	1	6
Discipleship	57	10	12	58	67
Membership	157	156	156	155	159
Church Income:	66,270	78,931	69,268	70,028	180,622
Allocations Paid:	Yes	No	No	No	Yes



Nixa Organic

Rev. Fred Toomey

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

We continue to provide ministry to our local community and the surrounding area. Two young ladies in our youth group were invited to church about 18 months ago. This last year I had the privilege of leading one of these girls to the lord at church camp while the other was sanctified. The young lady that was saved lives in a home where neither parent or older sibling attends a church. But she continues to come to church, local youth events, district and Field events, NYC and will be going with us to the district NYI Mission trip to Australia. She still is pulled both directions by family, school, friends and the world. She loves to sing and now has joined our worship team when another church member can pick her up and bring her. She wants to grow and be able to lead her family to the Lord and to the church. It has been an amazing journey with her. The teen that got sanctified is the one that invited her and is also called to ministry. As we journey together these broken teens don't care how much you know until they know how much you care.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

Game night with Family Feud, Let's make a deal and the price is right. it was an awesome night for the family of the church, guests and the local Disability group home.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 6


Number of first-time visitors this church year: 20

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

The goals for our church next year are...

Membership of 40 people. Regular attendance of 45. A strong biblical Tithing church.

NIXA ORGANIC					
Pastor Fred Toomey (Angie) Start Date: 06/2014					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	35	39	35	33	32
New Nazarenes	3	8	1	0	0
Discipleship	40	39	20	38	37
Membership	33	41	38	38	35
Church Income:	67,927	94,019	97,451	104,000	99,166
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



Nixa

Rev. Gary Swearengin

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

Chad was a young man who grew up in church but got involved in a lot the world was offering during his high school years. This past year he came to me and began to talk about spiritual things off and on and then allowed me to pray with him one day to give his life to Christ. He soon contacted me and wanted to be baptized right away. So, on a Friday morning we filled the baptistry and I baptized him. He wanted it to be just me and him, but he also videoed it so his family could see it later.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

We have some soccer teams that used our field last year for weekly practices. On the last week of their spring and summer sessions we set up a tent and gave out information about the church as they left their practice. We also gave every person a Braum's card to get a cold treat on their way home or later.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 6


Number of first-time visitors this church year: 84

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 11

The goals for our church next year are...

- 1) Establish short term and long-term goals with new pastor.
- 2) Increased social gatherings for church families.
- 3) Have all first-time guests plugged in within 30 days of first visit.
- 4) Increase regular volunteer numbers by 25% within the year.
- 5) Hire youth or children's workers within the year. 6) Budget up to \$15,000 to increase benevolence work (specifically meals to International students at POHO and regular meals served to the homeless at the church).

NIXA					
Pastor Gary Swearengin (Jennifer)			Start Date: 05/1986		
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	98	98	96	100	101
New Nazarenes	5	0	5	5	5
Discipleship	110	74	32	77	65
Membership	248	247	251	258	262
Church Income:	257,973	246,076	228,997	276,419	270,216
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



Noel

Rev. Randy Lopez

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

He is my buddy of the work, he have to much problem on the life, Luis he is nice person now i pray for hem, to because he open the heart to Jesus.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

At the fall parade, free cups of coffee and free cookies and treat were handed out.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year- 2


Number of first-time visitors this church year- 4

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

The goals for our church next year are...

For this New year the church looking visit home neighbors, preach about Jesus.

NOEL					
Pastor Randy Lopez (Edith) Start Date: 02/2021					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	32	19	25	19	18
New Nazarenes	10	0	4	0	2
Discipleship	27	0	5	26	27
Membership	68	60	39	33	34
Church Income:	1,850	13,497	26,959	10,357	8,401
Allocations Paid:	No	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 begins with a young woman who came to church with her Aunt Jolena. Her name is Kylee. Kylee is a young single mother. The father of her child and his family do not help Kylee in any way. I asked Kylee to be a part of our young adult class. It is a class that I teach. There are 7 class members, 2 young men and 5 young women. Kylee started coming to class and you could see how much she desired to know Jesus. Her life was not always easy. Like many of us she partied and had some anger issues. She shared with me and others how she was ready to fight at any moment. She also was in an abusive relationship at one point in her life. She also shared the story of how drinking and partying led to her getting pregnant. She said it was not a good situation, but the blessing God gave her through a daughter is an amazing gift from God. The class was a new believer's class and after a few weeks the question about salvation came up. Kylee said she was not saved in the way we were talking about. She knew there was a God but didn't understand about the mercy and grace that God offered her for free. This led to a few conversations over the next few classes and Kylee accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior. I can see the Holy Spirit working in Kylee as she has the best attitude towards others. She has thanked me for helping her know Jesus and she is a leader already in our class. I can't tell you how much of a blessing Kylee has become to our church, myself and our class. We are now getting ready to move to the next step and next the class will move into a membership class.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

4th of July bash. We are a small church, and our one big event is our fireworks, hotdog dinner and slip-in-slide event. We serve over 100 hotdogs. We invite people to church and minister to the needs of the community.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year- 5

Number of first-time visitors this church year- 10

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

The goals for our church next year are...

To add 10 people to membership, and to add two new major outreach events. We also plan on revamping our food bank. The plan is to bring convoy of hope in so we can feed the community..

NORWOOD COUNTRYSIDE					
Pastor Keith Kenyeri (Tammy)			Start Date: 02/2017		
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	38	38	16	38	45
New Nazarenes	0	5	0	0	15
Discipleship	55	20	2	10	53
Membership	17	22	21	20	34
Church Income:	32,177	27,685	27,956	29,748	276,850
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No



Osceola

Pastor Jarod Rowley

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

No story of leading anyone to Christ have a wonderful story of a man who is learning to give it All to Christ. He is slowly understanding sanctification. He has had several stories over the last year of how he is learning to live a holy life and how it is affecting his daily life.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

Christmas on the Square we had almost 200 kids come to our booth to make crafts each year the event almost doubles in size. Despite poor weather conditions the day of the event it was still a hit.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 0

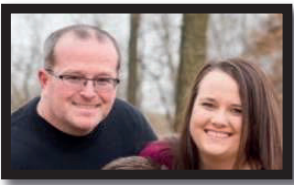
Number of first-time visitors this church year: 4

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

The goals for our church next year are...

Be a part of the Rodeo in Osceola, planning on providing appreciation gifts for the teachers and staff at Osceola schools.

OSCEOLA					
Pastor Jarod Rowley (Lindsey)					Start Date: 07/2021
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	16	16	19	18	14
New Nazarenes	0	0	0	2	3
Discipleship	14	5	4	11	14
Membership	21	23	21	21	24
Church Income:	22,120	23,735	28,116	26,143	23,858
Allocations Paid:	Yes	No	Yes	No	No



Ozark First

Rev. John Heun

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

Out of ashes, comes beauty. I had the honor of doing a funeral service in our church of a wife of a man that was very active in our church. Every time I would visit Sherry before she passed, she always wanted me to pray not only for her but her granddaughter Emily. After the funeral, Emily shared how she remembered coming to our church as a child and had felt the love that was there. She was given her grandmothers Bible with her notes, and now brings her husband and two kids to church (and has invited many others to our church). I was honored to pray with them, and we had a celebration Sunday and dedicated their two kids, and I baptized both Emily and her husband Colton.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

We do a monthly outreach we call Fellowship and Fire with games, food, and weather permitting have a firepit.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 6


Number of first-time visitors this church year: 28

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 16

The goals for our church next year are...

- 1) Church growth by 10% in 1 year
- 2) Seek the Lost by equipping leaders, discipleship, outreach, and preaching the Word.

OZARK FIRST					
Pastor John Heun (Amanda) Start Date: 05/2022					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	44	32	35	31	40
New Nazarenes	3	2	2	0	0
Discipleship	70	22	30	20	35
Membership	54	56	58	56	56
Church Income:	66,084	71,600	66,722	55,904	48,900
Allocations Paid:	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes



(Parsons) Remnant

Rev. Jake Blankenship

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

This year we have several ladies that have come to the Lord as an adult. One of those had come for a couple of weeks and then came forward during the commitment time. Praying with her at the altar she confessed and cried out for help with her life. God has done a great work in her and she continues to grow and see God answer her prayers!!!

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

Convoy of Hope is a great ministry to our community! We touch approximately 6,000 homes as we distribute to the community around Parsons. We have 40+ groups - schools, churches, ministries, after school groups and other groups that pick up a truck or two full of things to touch people. One of the most rewarding is supplying the local factories with break room snacks for a week. The reports flood in of how people want to know more about who would do such a thing. The college dorms are always appreciative of a bag of goodies given by the church. Each of the approximately 150 students receive a bag or a box. This has helped us grow our college ministry and this year several accepted Christ and found help and freedom in their lives!

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 35

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...

Add 25 more in worship and add 25 in discipleship, long range plans re-addressed, building fund continued, new bus purchased, continue refurbishing the church

(PARSONS) REMNANT					
Pastor Jake Blankenship (Becky)		Start Date: 03/2018			
<i>PACs: Remnant Coffeehouse</i>					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	214	214	143	133	148
New Nazarenes	2	2	2	8	9
Discipleship	236	87	45	109	120
Membership	485	483	476	476	476
Church Income:	308,770	269,225	240,687	272,045	322,341
Allocations Paid:	No	No	No	No	No



Pittsburg/Columbus Connecting Point/Pittsburg Hispanic

Rev. Kyle Rogers

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

PittNaz- (Kyle Rogers) Madison Collins is a person whose life has been changed this last year. She testified that prior to coming to PittNaz she had all but given up on church and was ready to walk away from her faith. After attending our church for a while, she gave her life to Christ, feels led into full time children's ministry, she was issued a local minister's license recently, serves in our children's ministry and our Celebrate Recovery ministry weekly. She is also an active part of our college ministry through the Homestead. God is doing big things in Madison since she said "yes" to Jesus.

Connecting Point Columbus- (Mike Sauerwein) We had a baptism Sunday and there were 5 people that were supposed to get baptized. One young man that was supposed to get baptized ended up getting up and walking out towards the end of the sermon. I thought that he had left and would not be baptized that day, so we went ahead with the other 4 baptisms and thought the service was completed at that time. About 5 minutes after saying the blessing together as a church, this young man came running back into the sanctuary asking if it was too late to be baptized. Turns out he had his change of clothes in another person's car that had to leave early, so he took it upon himself to run home on foot to get more clothes because he wanted to be baptized that day. So, we baptized him with most of the church still there and his tenacity has stuck with me to this day.

PittNaz Hispanic- (Roberto Perez) April 17th, we had a bible study scheduled at a person's house. They canceled on us, and we didn't have a place to have our Bible study. We asked another person if they would be willing to host our Bible study that night and she agreed to host. She ended up accepting Jesus into her heart that night. God works in mysterious ways! Celebrate Recovery- (Mark Kimrey CR Director) We have a couple who both recently received their one-year clean token together in our chip ceremony who were homeless 18 months prior. She began attending CR shortly after we launched, and many services would FaceTime her husband who was in jail so he could participate. We were able to get a Bible for him in jail as well. He was released on Christmas day and has been attending ever since and both are leading newcomers 101, small groups, and serving wherever they can. They and their daughter attend Sunday mornings regularly and all were baptized recently! The entire family has a growing relationship and dedication to Jesus and serving the Kingdom. God is good!

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

We partnered with several other churches in our community in August for a back-to-school event at the park. A couple thousand people came through and they were given food, haircuts, backpacks, and allowed to swim at the Aquatic Center.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 47

Number of first-time visitors this church year: 516

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 35

The goals for our church next year are...

GATHER/WORSHIP GOALS- Attendance 800- Salvations 100- Baptisms 75 GROW/DISCIPLESHP- 10 additional small groups and add 50 additional volunteers GO/OUTREACH- Planting a satellite service in jail/prison.

*Strategize for new lobby and sanctuary.

PITTSBURG

Pastor Kyle Rogers (Whitney) Start Date: 04/2014

PAC: Pittsburg Hispanic- Roberto Perez; Columbus Connecting Point

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	620	620	443	515	636
New Nazarenes	22	8	7	29	24
Discipleship	286	220	100	664	656
Membership	503	503	506	530	525
Church Income:	648,585	723,419	779,829	937,128	804,078
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes



Pleasanton

Rev. David Schuermann

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

I have been talking to Zach, a young adult that I have been working on leading into the faith for some time. He made a commitment to the Lord last August but has since fallen away and I have been continuing to encourage him and lead him in our recent conversations. I also had the opportunity to minister to a man named Cody until he moved away. We even provided him a new study bible on his last day here in town.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

Since we have come to PNC, we have had a monthly fellowship time planned that is open to the community.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 0

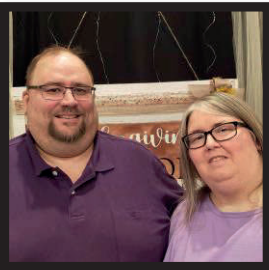
Number of first-time visitors this church year: 3

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

The goals for our church next year are...

We are currently focused on looking at participating in community events. We will be engaging the community at the local Stars and Stripes festival on June 29th, we are also having a block party celebration in front of the church where the whole community will be invited with bounce houses, games and food on July 20th. We are also looking forward to having a Halloween event as well but that is still in the planning stages.

PLEASANTON					
Pastor David Schuermann (Missy) Start Date: 12/2023					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	36	36	23	36	20
New Nazarenes	0	0	0	1	0
Discipleship	20	10	7	28	15
Membership	81	80	78	81	51
Church Income:	79,413	81,512	86,455	69,231	69,594
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



Reeds Spring Community

Rev. Jeff Stull

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

I met Dennis at a local restaurant and started talking about church. He had been looking for a church to recommit his life to Christ. I invited him to church, and he began attending about 5 months ago. He has recommitted his life to Christ and is growing in a relationship with Jesus. He continually meets with me to discuss his questions, explore the Bible, and discover the answers.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

We held a Trunk or Treat community event in October. We had over 200 children attend.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 1

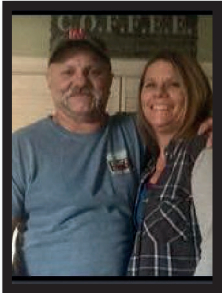
Number of first-time visitors this church year: 44

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

The goals for our church next year are...

To reach 5 souls for Christ. To increase worship attendance by 3%. To participate in 2 community activities.

REEDS SPRING COMMUNITY					
Pastor Jeff Stull (Lisa) Start Date: 04/2018					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	13	19	29	30	28
New Nazarenes	0	2	1	0	0
Discipleship	7	0	11	15	26
Membership	25	27	31	29	29
Church Income:	20,434	27,298	50,204	66,665	65,960
Allocations Paid:	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes



Republic First

Rev. Michael Richardson

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

Laurie and I reached our neighbor, Bea, that lives 2 doors down from us a couple of years ago. I shared her story back then. Her husband has been coming to church with her ever since she started coming. He has actually been there even more than her. He loves visiting with the men during donuts and coffee. If his wife has to miss for some reason, unless he is out of town with her, he is at church anyway. He is a little bit of a quiet man, I so what I did not know is if he had made a salvation decision since coming. On Easter Sunday he raised his hand, along with 2 others, that he prayed the prayer with me to accept Christ.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

None

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 3


Number of first-time visitors this church year: 14

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

The goals for our church next year are...

Add more musicians and singers: We recently did so. Add a kids Sunday School: We recently did so. We do it at Sunday morning music practice. We are still talking about adding a Sunday School for adults. We are also praying each Sunday over names the people submitted in our prayer box who they want to see saved.

REPUBLIC FIRST					
Pastor Michael Richardson (Laurie) Start Date: 08/2008					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	29	10	9	14	25
New Nazarenes	0	0	0	3	4
Discipleship	18	0	0	0	25
Membership	44	18	13	14	22
Church Income:	49,689	28,974	27,678	32,992	62,502
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

Emerald and her family had been attending the church for some time, but she had made no move to accept Christ. The Sunday morning, she accepted Christ was ordinary except for one thing. She told me she felt an unexplainable drawing or pulling of her very soul, and she knew that it was God. She said yes to Jesus and as the song says. "There' a new name written down in glory" This coming Sunday May 12th Emerald along with one other will be baptized and it will be a good time!! Our congregation will rejoice!!!

Pastor Doug

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

"Done in 21" 21 hours of intense training, Worship, Swimming. Pizza, object lessons. trying to sleep, snake lady etc., our version of V.B.S.

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: 0

The goals for our church next year are...

To allow our Church to be more accessible to the community of Rogersville which is growing so fast!!! Thinking outside the box for new ways of ministry.

(ROGERSVILLE) HARVEST COMMUNITY					
Pastor Doug Zimmerman (Judy) Start Date: 08/2003					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	47	83	76	50	83
New Nazarenes	7	5	5	4	4
Discipleship	98	38	20	87	101
Membership	136	139	134	124	115
Church Income:	164,083	85,269	85,873	100,053	136,943
Allocations Paid:	No	Yes	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

Darcy and I have befriended a couple who are not Christians. We have board game Fridays where we talk about life and share in community which often leads to discussions of faith. We have volunteered to assist them with work needed around their home and in general try to love them where they are at while pointing them towards Jesus. We pray that our lives will reflect Jesus and they will come to know the Lord.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

We participated in our town trunk or treat and get to know our neighbors.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 0

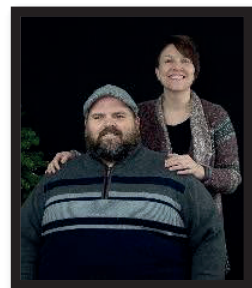
Number of first-time visitors this church year: 4

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

The goals for our church next year are...

-We will have 2 outreach events directly in the community we serve. A board game night at the local coffee shop and a fun day for the community. -We would like to grow by 10% -We would like to see more than 75% participation in discipleship

SARCOXIE NEW BEGINNINGS					
Pastor James Humphrey (Darcie)			Start Date: 10/2021		
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	36	31	20	19	18
New Nazarenes	3	2	4	0	0
Discipleship	40	0	5	12	12
Membership	42	44	24	24	23
Church Income:	70,619	48,578	51,234	55,641	51,322
Allocations Paid:	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No



Seymour Realove

Rev. Johnathon Barlow

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

I have a lifelong friend who got deep into drugs. 5 weeks ago, I challenged the church to pray for prodigals to come home. When I got down to my seat, I began to pray for my friend. A few minutes later I saw my phone lighting up on my chair. It was him messaging me. I had not spoken to him for 3 years. At the end of service, my phone lit up, and he is calling me. We have connected weekly since and the Lord is drawing him in.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

My favorite is a monthly outreach that our team does on Tuesday morning. They make breakfast bags and take them to our "Steel Plant" factory. It's a hard job over there and a lot of people that have tough lives.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 63

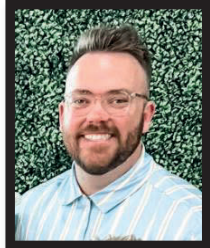
Number of first-time visitors this church year: 200

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

The goals for our church next year are...

To expand our "realife group" system to include specialty groups (right now we only have family/couple groups) like men, women, youth, etc.. Our goal is to have 80% of our people in a realife group. We are finding most of the new people that have stayed, landed in a group.

(SEYMOUR) REALOVE					
Pastor Johnathon (Kayla) Barlow Start Date: 05/2022					
<i>PACs: Fordland Union Chapel</i>					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	325	260	250	353	380
New Nazarenes	2	7	15	49	23
Discipleship	240	170	30	444	630
Membership	351	335	356	160	183
Church Income:	406,800	460,674	491,856	397,392	457,749
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



(Springfield) Dayspring Assisted Living Outreach

Rev. Bill Hungerford

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

his year, we moved our church to a nursing home as a full-time ministry presence. We hold services every Sunday at Springfield Villa Nursing Home and have permanently relocated our church family to that location. We have gone from a congregation of about 6 to around 25 in our first year. There is such a desire to hear the Good News and to participate in worship. We have seen several residents give their life to the Lord and several more re-commit their lives to the Lord. We are excited to see how God is moving!

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

We are working with the nursing home to be involved in several events throughout the year including sponsoring gifts for all residents.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 3

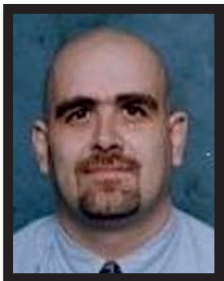
Number of first-time visitors this church year: 20

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

The goals for our church next year are...

To expand our outreach to all 100 members of the nursing home and the staff.

(SPRINGFIELD) DAYSPRING ASSISTED LIVING OUTREACH					
Pastor William Hungerford (Jennifer) Start Date: 04/2013					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	22	22	8	7	22
New Nazarenes	2	0	0	0	0
Discipleship	10	6	8	14	22
Membership	28	28	22	9	6
Church Income:	40,650	33,486	33,979	24,553	16,764
Allocations Paid:	No	No	No	No	Yes



Springfield Grace

Rev. Scott Crawford

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

We had a family that had moved into our neighborhood that came from Africa. When they first came it was very difficult to communicate with them, since they spoke mainly Swahili and very limited English. The family consisted of a mother, her two daughters and a grandson. Grace was able to assist them with some of their needs and they were faithful in their church attendance. They seemed to stay engaged in the services and sang with the music, but I often wondered how much they actually understood. The younger of the daughters whose name Kamama, who was growing in her ability to speak English gave her life to the Jesus. It was an exciting day, and I had the privilege of baptizing her, it really blessed me and our church as a whole.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

Last fall in the month of October we did a free drive thru coffee and donut hour before church on Sunday mornings. During this outreach we had the opportunity to meet people and we even had the opportunity to pray for an individual who was on her way to the hospital to be with her mother who had a heart attack. It was very exciting for our church to know that a simple act of free coffee gave us an opportunity to touch a woman in need.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 1


Number of first-time visitors this church year: 81

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

The goals for our church next year are...

1. Grow church in the young families and young adults.
2. Focus more on impacting our community
3. Expand the tech portion of our services

(SPRINGFIELD) GRACE					
		Pastor Scott Crawford (Jurahee)		Start Date: 12/2020	
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	38	39	49	52	40
New Nazarenes	2	0	7	5	4
Discipleship	25	5	22	38	40
Membership	46	49	60	61	63
Church Income:	102,150	151,241	78,786	65,839	70,298
Allocations Paid:	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes



Springfield One Life

Rev. Bruce McCrite

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

Brendan is a young man in his early 20's. He began attending our church this past year. His life has not been an easy one, but you could see him striving to rise above his circumstances. During a sermon series on Experiencing God, Brendan responded to the call to salvation and accepted Christ as Savior. I have taken on the responsibility of mentor and meet regularly with him to enjoy a meal and good conversation, but also to help him navigate this new life in Christ. It has not always gone to plan or been easy, but I am determined to not let him slip away.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

Rather than an event, we have begun two points of community engagement: a ministry to the families of the staff and students at a neighborhood elementary school and a partnership with an outreach organization ministering to new mothers and fathers needing a helping hand to establish healthy families. These are inclusive of meeting material needs, relational engagement and appropriate mentoring/coaching.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 5

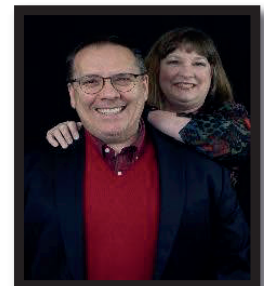
Number of first-time visitors this church year: 180

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 46

The goals for our church next year are...

We seek to encounter the presence of God in our midst. To this end we will maximize the ministry of prayer, developing new opportunities and equipping for intercessory prayer. We strive to bring the transformational hope of the gospel to the community around us engaging the larger community in which we exist. To this end we will further expand our reach into the households (600+) of our larger neighborhood, focusing on Horace Mann Elementary, creating connections and opportunities for direct ministry.

(SPRINGFIELD) ONE LIFE					
Pastor Bruce McCrite (Connie)		Start Date: 06/2019			
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	201	201	130	136	148
New Nazarenes	0	6	8	4	7
Discipleship	121	60	15	85	104
Membership	192	183	184	158	163
Church Income:	410,052	405,256	414,601	408,505	416,923
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

This year at Scenic Church we have had several new families that have come through the doors. It is hard to pinpoint one family as each family that has come through has been ministered to. There was the Cady family that came because they saw our breakfasts that we were doing during the summer. They came because of what we were doing. They stayed for a couple of months and then because of family issues, moved back to Wyoming. They were ministered to. There was the Cutbirth family that came during the winter months. They were a local family from the neighborhood. They were young and had children, who were also struggling with addictions and family issues. While there they were at Scenic, they counseled and ministered to. They moved to another city because of housing issues. Finally, there is the Bliss family that are part time attenders. We have ministered to them and counseled them. We hope that as they mature, they will become the regular attenders we desire them to be. Scenic has ministered to families this year, and while some have moved on, we know that while they were with us, they were loved and cared for.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

Foster Family Fun Fest had over 100 people in attendance which made it our largest event of the year. Designed to celebrate the foster/adoptive/guardianship and biological parents in the Springfield area, we were able to provide food, games, giveaways and give out food and other products to the families.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 13

Number of first-time visitors this church year: 100

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 20

The goals for our church next year are...

Increase our respite care monthly numbers to 50 kids per month, have 150 at our Foster Family Fun Fest and 175 for our Easter Weekend Celebration. We also want to have an increase in our discipleship classes each Sunday.

(SPRINGFIELD) SCENIC					
Pastor John Kouts (Betty) Start Date: 12/2018					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	18	18	20	23	31
New Nazarenes	0	1	0	0	6
Discipleship	20	3	2	37	23
Membership	63	63	63	63	69
Church Income:	30,379	26,214	24,912	36,458	52,732
Allocations Paid:	No	No	No	No	Yes



(Springfield) The Well

Rev. Selena Freeman

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

Amy came into my life several years ago, as the girlfriend of one of my husband's close friends. Last year I had the opportunity to marry the couple and they started attending our Life Group. While Amy has been a believer for many years, this past year she has truly surrendered her life to Christ and has become a true Follower of Jesus. I will get to baptize her at our next Celebration Sunday.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

Good Friday Worship Service with an Easter Egg Hunt and Fish Fry.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 222

Number of first-time visitors this church year: 600

Number of people who came back (were retained) this church year: 321

The goals for our church next year are...

FOUND in WORSHIP

- Worship Attendance – 1,600
- Salvations - 400
- Baptisms - 300
- Givers – 800
- 21 Day Fast - 400

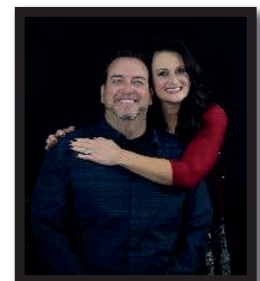
FILLED through DISCIPLESHIP

- Well 101 Completers - 200
- Life Group Attendance - 800
- Life Group Leaders - 100 • Life Groups – 70
- New Believers Class – 200
- Well Rooted Class - 100
- Monthly Prayer Service - 200

FREED to SERVE

- Serve Well Team Members - 800
- Community partnerships – 10
- Community Outreach – 10,000
- Personal Evangelism – 600 first time guests
- New Campus – 1

(SPRINGFIELD) THE WELL					
Pastor Selena Freeman (Jon) Start Date: 03/2016					
<i>PACs: The Well- Marshfield, Sunday Night Live</i>					
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	791	756	801	1,003	1,371
New Nazarenes	45	65	120	143	171
Discipleship	791	460	450	677	890
Membership	263	297	401	544	717
Church Income:	638,958	743,420	990,899	1,249,962	1,887,608
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

I'd like to tell you about Joey and his endeavors to seek the Lord. I met Joey through one of our church members, but he was also one of my wife's nurses while she was in the hospital. As we talked, he began to show an interest in getting his life straightened out and to "get right with the Lord." As we began the mentorship process, the struggles of Joey's lifestyle really struck hard. He got mixed up with the wrong girl, had a few altercations with the law, and ended up in jail for several months. Between drugs, alcohol, and being bi-polar, he really needs a touch from the savior. He is out of jail now and trying, once again to straighten things out. He knows of God, but he really just needs to know and experience God. I'm praying for, working toward, and hoping that Jesus will heal him as He did the Gerasene demoniac.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

This year we participated in our town's Route 66 car show. We set up a church booth to promote the ministries of our church and invite people to be a part of what we are doing locally and around the world. We set up a radio-controlled car exhibit where kids, teens, and parents could play with our hobby cars while we struck up conversations. We also brought in the Combat Team to demonstrate martial arts, present the gospel message and invite the crowd to come be a part of a new karate class offered through our church. We had lots of exposure and now have a karate class where kids learn self-discipline, self-defense, and self-confidence through martial arts and the word of God.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 1

Number of first-time visitors this church year: 24

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

The goals for our church next year are...

Reach 10 souls for Christ in a years' time.

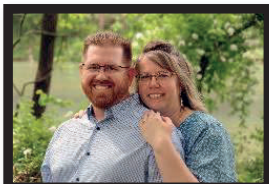
Add 2 people in membership

Increase worship average by 3%

Increase NDI average by 3%

Balance the budget

STRAFFORD					
Pastor Chris Bartholomew (Tiffany)					Start Date: 06/2015
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	35	35	25	34	22
New Nazarenes	0	0	0	0	0
Discipleship	26	26	0	19	23
Membership	33	32	32	27	27
Church Income:	102,274	102,129	96,158	60,614	70,458
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



Warsaw

Rev. Carl 'Andy' Lavender

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

Leading an individual to Jesus is more than a single encounter in that person's life. Warsaw First, over the past year, has been seeking restoration and renewing spirit through prayer and by giving of self to others. Randy is just one of those individuals who was on the receiving end. Where is he today in his faith journey? Struggling, maybe a bit anger for his journey is indeed a rough path. Reflecting on Randy's walk allows us to see how God uses the entire Church body to minister to a single individual. Over eight months ago, Randy met an elder couple from our Warsaw body of believers in the Lee Summit's hospital emergency room. Eighty-eight miles from the church in Warsaw. It was in this encounter the elders walked across the room and asked if they could pray for him. They did and within a few minutes Randy's pain diminished, allowing him to have a normal conversation with the couple. They soon discovered he was from Warsaw and they were sent to the ER in error. Yes, a divine encounter that led Randy to worship with us a few months later. In short, we were able to help him after losing his job due to failing health. Through conversations, Sunday School, and worship Randy revealed that he struggled in his faith since his childhood. He made a stunning confession one day in Sunday School by claiming he feared surrendering to God because he did not trust the Holy Spirit. Lost and scared, Randy's attendance at church was unpredictable, yet he shared that he loved attending and worshipping with us. That is until one Sunday. At the end of service one Sunday in January, I felt the Holy Spirit leading me to state to those present that someone needs to come forward and surrender their life to the Lord. This is something I had never done before or since. I was a bit disappointed when no one came forward. As the people began to breakup and head towards the exit, Randy came forward and said, "I am the one who needs to surrender." As Oswald Chambers describes in his teachings, Randy experienced his 'White Funeral' by surrendering self to the Lord.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

Through a collective effort of four different churches to include the Warsaw Church of the Nazarene over 300 children received the message of Gospel at a community Easter Egg hunt. By networking resources with other community agencies, over 60 underprivileged children received new bicycles. Hope and love were on display in our efforts to promote healthy lifestyles through outdoor activities and the knowledge of Christ. I am not sure who received the most blessings, the volunteers or the children? Watching a child's face glow after being told that they were able to pick out a new bicycle was amazing and full of delight. To receive a gift because someone wants to say they care about you sure lifts up the Gospel message to that child and their family. Before the egg hunt began, a short message was given by a local pastor while giving thanks to all the volunteers and those who made the gifts possible. From the beginning to the end, Christian volunteers witnessed to the world.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 1

Number of first time visitors this church year: 60

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

The goals for our church next year are...

G1: Establish a new Celebrate Recovery group of ten or greater members in the Warsaw community by opening our church building for a group service within six months of completing the leadership training. G2: Grow our youth involvement and ministry through corporate efforts with the Benton County Youth Coalition by attending and planning eight county wide youth events that provide one-on-one encounters to witness and disciple youth in Christ. G3: Increase our compassionate care group numbers by 50% for the elderly by scheduling an additional

weekly service in the city of Cole Camp. G4: Improve community awareness of Warsaw Church of Nazarene within the local neighborhoods surrounding the church building by inviting families to three open house events (fish fry, ice cream social, and BBQ) to increase our weekly worship attendance by 5%.

WARSAW					
Pastor Carl 'Andy' Lavender (Rown)					Start Date: 07/2023
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	33	33	20	9	18
New Nazarenes	2	2	1	0	3
Discipleship	25	12	0	9	36
Membership	79	81	70	68	27
Church Income:	30,703	27,890	43,075	15,280	19,273
Allocations Paid:	No	No	No	No	Yes



Webb City

Rev. Chad Johnson

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

Devan is a young man who grew up in a Christian home but has recently accepted a truth other than God (of the Bible) and a Jesus who will judge the world. He seems to have adopted a universalist view of faith and that all roads lead to enlightenment and love. Whenever I get a chance to show love to Devan and his new wife, I desperately try to have Jesus shine through me to him. Devan does show genuine gratitude for my involvement in his life and the times I am able to assist him. He does ask for prayer every now and then but has not made any hint that praying to Jesus and adopting the Christian faith is anything he desires to do. I am praying for time, and that Jesus would reveal himself in Devan's dreams, just as He has been doing to some of the Muslims in Iran and other places in the middle east.

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

We held a "backpack giveaway" the week before school began. The theme for the event was "Created for a Purpose." The attendees went through a series of stations that shared the creation story along with the desire for God to have a relationship with each person and that each person had a unique purpose. The final station was where each child received a bag of school supplies specific for the Webb City School District as well as a backpack of their choice. Altogether, around 200 people participated, resulting in almost 100 backpacks given away. Some of the families now allow their kids to attend Kingdom Kids on Wednesday nights. The parents have yet to attend, but one father has attended Adult Bible study for a couple of nights thus far.

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 7

Number of first-time visitors this church year: 146

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

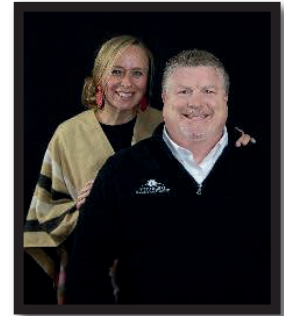
The goals for our church next year are...

Our goals for 2024-2025 is based on John 21 where Jesus tells Peter to "feed my lambs, shepherd my sheep, and feed my sheep: 1. Welcome new lambs: utilize our various age-group ministries to schedule at least 2 events each, connecting with like community members and gain their return attendance to worship events within the next 12 months. We will also begin a small childcare center called Kids' KINGdom, to welcome new young families. 2. Shepherd/teach the sheep: We will form Leading in Fellowship & Experience (LIFE groups) that provide pastoral care and discipleship to every church member. Each member will be assigned a leader/facilitator and group. That group leader will disciple and care for the members in his/her group each month. An overall Care Team will respond to the greater church family needs for those who seem to operate outside a group. This is how we will accomplish "Shepherd my sheep." 3. Feed the sheep: we accomplish this via community space, special events, and worship. We need to graze together and invite the next generation to rule the pasture. In the next 12 months, we will renovate the old section of the church and create more community space. We will renovate our old bathrooms and create a family restroom. And we will finance it all via a great special offering day with consulting from INJOY financial services. 4. Create a 2nd Campus that is based on cafe/paid services model (sales support the ministry). This goal needs to become more specific...

Pastor Chad Johnson (Alison) Start Date: 10/2020

PAC: Webb City Hispanic

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	161	70	90	82	81
New Nazarenes	16	2	13	2	7
Discipleship	134	13	50	55	56
Membership	140	142	153	150	155
Church Income:	201,345	159,022	123,649	107,906	134,798
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes



Wheatland

Rev. David W Stewart

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

Sandi Nelson called us on August 13, 2023, seeking healing, deliverance, and a relationship with The Lord. My wife and I invited her to the Pastor's Study, and there we laid hands on her anointing with oil, and the Holy Spirit did a miracle within her body plus reunited her in a loving relationship with Jesus!

Description of an outreach event our church completed this last year

Special Renewal Services in August 2023

Number of people led to Jesus this church year: 1


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...

1. To see new believers have a personal encounter in their heart with Jesus Christ
2. Facilitate new disciples in making progress through their Faith journey.
3. Participate and exercise Koinonia through Communion and Table Fellowship Luncheons.

WHEATLAND					
Pastor David Stewart (Amelia)					Start Date: 07/2017
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	23	18	18	23	24
New Nazarenes	2	0	1	1	0
Discipleship	35	10	6	15	37
Membership	30	27	18	16	8
Church Income:	50,919	48,571	38,854	39,856	35,113
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

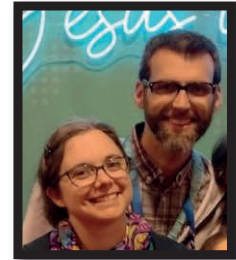


**ELK CITY
To Be Supplied**

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	47	42	47	47	34
New Nazarenes	10	4	0	0	1
Discipleship	14	0	0	0	0
Membership	47	41	41	41	40
Church Income:	73,917	87,659	85,819	85,819	51,628
Allocations Paid:	No	No	No	No	No

**LAMAR LIVING HOPE
Pastor Allen Ardrey (Janelle) Start Date: 06/2024**

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	28	30	25	30	27
New Nazarenes	2	0	0	3	0
Discipleship	25	25	29	26	22
Membership	24	21	21	23	19
Church Income:	41,744	51,409	32,697	41,958	41,743
Allocations Paid:	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes



**POWELL TWIN SPRINGS
To Be Supplied**

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Worship	36	36	31	31	29
New Nazarenes	0	2	5	10	1
Discipleship	32	12	40	30	24
Membership	20	22	26	33	34
Church Income:	31,595	31,535	39,699	37,404	44,963
Allocations Paid:	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes