



THE Harvester

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The Story We Are In

John Eldridge in his book **The Sacred Romance** has a chapter entitled: “A Story Big Enough To Live In!” In it he talks about how we find ourselves in a “tournament of narratives” - that is stories that compete for our attention, time, resources and our very lives. **Eldridge believes we have settled for “smaller stories” of our own making rather than the great story of God. I agree with him.**

I love this time of year! It is March Madness! It is time for the NCAA basketball tournament. Even small colleges and universities have been hoping to be invited to the Big Dance. They dream of not only being in the tournament but actually winning it. Pundits and sports commentators have been analyzing and talking about who should have made the tournament and who should win. This year, the team I root for, the Illini (University of Illinois), and IU (who many of you root for) are not playing in the Big Dance but rather the NIT. Of course we have a few wayward SWID Nazarenes who are drinking from the blue Kool-aid as they root for that team south of us. We certainly need to be praying for them. Sorry I was straying . . .

As I have been thinking about what John Eldridge has said I started thinking about how we could help people within our churches and communities see God's story and how we can all be a part of it. So often we are focused on surviving day after day and if we are not careful just doing what we have always done.

How do we connect people to the greatest story of all time? Have we so lost focus on what God has done and is doing and longs to do that what we have done is minimize His desires, hopes and even plans for us? Proverbs 29:18 in The Message states: **“If people can't see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; but when they attend to what He reveals, they are most blessed.”**

Are you looking at what God is doing in Southwest Indiana? Do you realize you are a part of this story? Imagine if all of us, over 75 pastors and over 5,000 Nazarenes would see ourselves as missionaries to our part of the world offering hope, forgiveness, grace and mercy! Imagine what we might do together, in the next three months, the next year, even the next decade and beyond. We are even now writing a chapter of God's great story. May it be filled with faith, vision, sacrifice, and love for God and the people who are all around us. **God is counting on us to do more than keep the doors open! We are meant to thrive! Just imagine what God wants to do with you in the days ahead! My prayers is that we will work together giving ourselves fully to the work of the Lord all around us. Imagine churches helping churches. Pastors helping pastors. God's people thinking not of themselves but of those missing a relationship with their Creator!**

I really believe God can do more than we might imagine! Who knows maybe next year the Illini may actually make the NCAA basketball tournament. They could even win it all! I sure hope so! May God help us share His story!

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P.S. Check out our new District Website - www.swidnazarene.org
Join us on the SWID Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/swidnazarene/>





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earn lifelong
learning
hours by
attending!



SCHOOL OF STEWARDSHIP

The Southwest Indiana District is hosting a School of Stewardship event: a day of training for all pastors, staff members, local treasurers, church board members and interested church attenders.

Saturday, April 8 | 9 am-3 pm
Valley Mission Church of the Nazarene
110 Hillcrest Way, Bedford, IN 47421

Cost is **\$10** to cover a meal and refreshments for breaks.

Please pre-register with your pastor no later than Sunday, April 2.

Questions? Contact your district office at **812-279-6621**.

WORKSHOPS

Presented by Dr. Mark E. Lail, Director of Stewardship Ministries



From Zero to Steward in Seven Difficult Steps

Learn about Funding the Mission, the denomination's funding plan, resources available from Stewardship Ministries and how to create a church culture that nurtures generosity and tithing.

Best Practices in Financial Stewardship

Good financial practices are essential to a healthy church, but it takes effort to maintain a system of checks and balances. Learn about audits, transparency, how to report to the church board, and fraud prevention.

More Resources for Kingdom Work

Gain tips for generating resources for the local church and practices that build great stewards and increase the resources they give. We'll also cover using a church budget, receiving funds electronically, harvesting legacy gifts and choosing the right accounting software for your church.



“An Invitation To Imagine” DISTRICT ASSEMBLY/CONVENTIONS LODGING

Our District events begin on Monday, July 17 at 7 p.m.

District Assembly begins Tuesday night, July 18, and concludes Wednesday afternoon, July 19.

Location: The Point, Seymour, IN

Here are the lodging rates (2 double beds) at some of the local motels:

Hampton Inn	(812) 523-2409	247 N. Sandy Creek Drive	\$124
Holiday Inn Express	(812) 522-1200	249 N. Sandy Creek Drive	\$124
Fairfield Inn	(812) 524-3800	327 N. Sandy Creek Drive	\$124

Please let the motel know you are with the Church of the Nazarene.

There are additional nice motels in Columbus, near I-65, about 25 minutes north of Seymour.

CHURCH	SDMI	Worship		CHURCH	SDMI	Worship
Bedford Davis Memorial	215	147		Mackey	208	296
Bicknell	43	25		Mitchell	41	70
Bloomington Eastview	24	42		MTR Cowboy - CTM		27
Bloomington First	141	132		Nashville Parkview	148	191
Boonville	10	19		NA Christ's Comm	147	202
Brazil	77	91		Newburgh	11	22
Brownstown	90	122		Newburgh NewLife	66	116
Calvary Community	38	64		Oakland City	71	128
Carbon	5	8		Oasis of Hope	15	15
Cayuga	51	43		Odon	54	48
Chandler	30	44		Orleans	19	32
Clarksville Parkwood	30	33		Owensville	47	49
Cloverdale	58	36		Patricksburg	13	13
Columbus First	306	271		Peter's Switch	73	72
Community of Hope	46	77		Petersburg	35	58
Cory Community	148	165		Point Township	351	130
Crossroads Community	70	126		Princeton New Life	82	168
Crothersville	13	38		Rockport	132	194
Dale	9	23		Rockville	NR	NR
Dana	NR	NR		Salem	12	33
Evansville Beacon	30	15		Shalom Hisp - CTM	15	15
Evansville Faith/Haitian	47	70		Shoals	NR	NR
Evansville First	68	100		Simple 1 - CTM	**	**
Evansville Grace	39	70		Spencer	52	86
Fort Branch	18	23		Springs Valley	34	37
Francisco	NR	NR		St. Bernice	22	33
Freedom	22	44		Stinesville	65	94
Freetown	20	20		Sullivan	30	50
Georgetown	10	17		Tell City	35	32
Grandview	16	19		Terre Haute First	NR	NR
Greencastle	57	68		Terre Haute South	12	17
Greene County	6	6		The Point	358	682
Haleysburg	26	27		Turning Point	28	41
Harmony Chapel	27	37		Union Chapel	64	51
Heartland	NR	NR		Valley Mission	73	111
Huntingburg	66	89		Vincennes First	99	84
Jasper/La Vina	28	28		Washington	40	28
Jordan	11	11		Winslow	46	57
Kurtz	69	63		Zion Community	120	99

NR signifies the church did not report

To Nazarenes Around The World:

Easter reminds us of the new life we enjoy as Christ's disciples and the future we anticipate as we anxiously await the eternal joy of living with Him forever. Jesus rose from the grave, and that changes everything. His resurrection validates our belief that Jesus is Lord of all!

Nazarenes around the world will celebrate the "Lord of All" in a few short weeks through the Easter Offering for the World Evangelism Fund (WEF). God has blessed the Church of the Nazarene for more than 100 years as we have shared the gospel globally. The impact has been incredible, but the potential for reaching more people with God's message of love and transformation is greater than it has ever been.

God is providentially opening doors to reach those who have not yet heard, so we go. We live the message of Jesus Christ as we share the story that leads tens of thousands to accept Christ as Lord and Savior each year. We start new churches, offer Christ-centered education, give a voice to the voiceless, and rebuild homes, communities, and lives after natural disasters. We participate in this divine mission as we offer our resources to share in ministry.

The World Evangelism Fund offers a tangible way Nazarenes around the world can join in these ministries. The fund offers all of us a voice in declaring to our world "Jesus is Lord of all." In the last 30 years, we have more than doubled the number of new Nazarenes who come to Christ annually, we have more than tripled our full membership, and the number of ordained ministers has nearly doubled. Even greater days of ministry lie ahead.

Romans 10:12 reminds us, "For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'" These words challenge us as we continue to participate with God in His divine mission to share this good news with the world.

We call on you to pray and prepare for this Easter Offering emphasis. The offering will be received globally on April 16, 2017.

The Board of General Superintendents, Church of the Nazarene

Rita Stanley, SWID NMI President



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Resources are available to share the offering with your people through devotionals, children's activity sheets, bookmarks, bulletins, a poster, and many more. Be sure to like Stewardship Ministries on Facebook and Twitter so you can share posts about the offering with your social media followers.

You can also use the hashtag #EasterOffering to tag your posts and see how people everywhere are celebrating our risen Lord this Easter.

Offering envelopes are available through Nazarene Publishing House at no cost to churches. Call 1-800-877-0700 or visit nph.com to place an order.

Stewardship Ministries will print and ship any of the interactive materials, as well as the planning guide, free of charge. Call 1-800-544-8413 or email stewardship@nazarene.org.

Use the following video to promote the World Evangelism Fund Easter Offering: <https://vimeo.com/202970845>

SWID SDMI Chairman

Dr. James Hicks

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District SDMI Training Day 2017

'A New Look This Year'

'A New Date This Year'

Saturday, May 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Valley Mission Nazarene Church

It is estimated that as many as 75% of all people learn, gather information, and live their daily lives without reading. They do so by listening and watching rather than by reading.

Rev. Ray Neu, Director of Orality Coaching for T4Global, created 'Tell The Story' teaching model for the Church of the Nazarene. He has travel through numerous countries demonstrating that 'story telling' is an effective tool for evangelism, discipleship, preaching, and even teaching theology.

Tell the Story is a powerful way for Teachers to teach

Tell the Story is a powerful way for Pastors to preach

Tell the Story is a powerful way for everyone to reach the unchurched

You will learn through active demonstration a simple way to engage others in casual Bible story telling aimed at inviting them into the faith -- as Jesus did, through telling stories while meeting people right where they are. You will experience a method everyone can learn to do with just a bit of practice.

My wife and I have been through this training. It is a great tool to get those inside and outside the church engaged in the Bible -- through stories. You will not want to miss this year's District SDMI Training Day.

Registration for this event will be limited to 250 people.

You must register no later than May 1.

NO COST!

We will need the name of your church and how many people will be attending from your church. Send this information to:

Dr. James Hicks

4010 S. Falcon Dr. -- Bloomington, IN 47403

or register by email at bfcn@me.com

World Evangelism Fund (WEF) Unified Ministries Fund (UMF) Update 2/24/17

CHURCH	WEF	UMF		CHURCH	WEF	UMF
Bedford Davis Memorial	9,594	15,108		Mackey	12,665	23,990
Bicknell	1,427	2,979		Mitchell	1,460	2,050
Bloomington Eastview	2,623	4,784		MTR Cowboy -CTM	0	0
Bloomington First	10,975	16,767		Nashville Parkview	7,132	4,160
Boonville	1,235	1,834		NA Christ's Comm	10,798	23,525
Brazil	8,649	13,230		Newburgh	1,290	1,018
Brownstown	9,390	17,738		Newburgh NewLife	5,004	10,401
Calvary Community	2,673	4,319		Oakland City	46,169	12,141
Carbon	241	822		Oasis of Hope	300	478
Cayuga	848	424		Odon	5,396	5,255
Chandler	2,297	4,866		Orleans	1,800	3,050
Clarksville Parkwood	1,758	2,647		Owensville	470	0
Cloverdale	2,825	6,755		Patrickburg	629	700
Columbus First	10,011	29,849		Peter's Switch	4,140	4,434
Community of Hope	5,615	8,430		Petersburg	5,961	5,682
Cory Community	8,796	1,557		Point Township	5,686	8,169
Crossroads Community	3,062	5,304		Princeton New Life	8,254	11,570
Crothersville	1,435	0		Rockport	2,802	4,715
Dale	619	415		Rockville	543	1,014
Dana	0	1,068		Salem	398	687
Evansville Beacon	143	234		Shalom Hisp - CTM	287	223
Evansville Faith	2,737	4,534		Shoals	1,833	2,191
Evansville First	6,008	5,455		Simple 1 -CTM	**	**
Evansville Grace	3,357	5,481		Spencer	8,856	13,582
Fort Branch	1,130	1,770		Springs Valley	3,066	4,079
Francisco	2,400	1,921		St. Bernice	685	600
Freedom	1,829	3,620		Stinesville	3,971	6,734
Freetown	675	2,141		Sullivan	1,415	3,600
Georgetown	988	1,614		Tell City	2,289	3,412
Grandview	850	1,366		Terre Haute First	7,740	14,082
Greencastle	4,382	7,461		Terre Haute South	0	0
Greene County	0	0		The Point	26,150	9,600
Haleysburg	928	2,790		Turning Point	248	0
Harmony Chapel	2,753	3,910		Union Chapel	2,951	4,333
Heartland	3,499	5,979		Valley Mission	8,971	14,622
Huntingburg	3,600	6,081		Vincennes First	4,622	8,281
Jasper/LaVina	954	3,407		Washington	2,405	3,359
Jordan	0	0		Winslow	2,508	3,579
Kurtz	3,012	5,000		Zion Community	3,861	8,823

2016-2017 TEEN BIBLE QUIZ FINALS

March 10-11, 2017

Gold Division trophy: "Vessel"

Silver Division trophy: Bloomington First

Bronze Division trophy: "Braz Naz"

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Conventions Assembly

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An Invitation To Imagine

Monday, July 17
7:00 p.m.

NMI/NYI Conventions

Morning &
Afternoon of
July 18

Ordination

Service

The evening of
July 18th

District

Assembly

July 18th at
6:30 p.m.
and concludes the
afternoon of the
19th

DCPI

Valley Mission
May 23-25

Top Quizzer Award (Gary Hartsook Memorial ONU Scholarship, \$400): Adam Lee, (St. Bernice)

Top Senior Award (ONU Scholarship, \$200): Kami Minnich (Bicknell)

Coach of the Year Award: Ian Hartsook, Brazil

Our all-star teams compete next at Celebrate Life at Olivet Nazarene University, May 11-13:

All-Stars "A" Team

Adam Lee (St. Bernice)

Kael Marvel (Mackey)

Kami Minnich (Bicknell)

Tori Strickland (Mackey)

Caleb Schenetzki (Jasper)

All-Stars "B" Team

Ashley McKinney (Mackey)

Neely Strickland (Mackey)

Emma Martin (The Point)

Mareena Bailey (Brazil)

Kaden Martin (The Point)

The 2017-2018 season begins with our September meet over 1 & 2 Corinthians.

Please contact Garrett Lee (765-832-3113 or glee@truevine.net)
for information about fielding a team or about hosting a meet next year.

Mark Thompson, SWID NYI President pastormark@davismemorial.org

District Ladies Day: "Arise & Sparkle"

Saturday, April 1 at 10 a.m.

Vending Booths open @ 9:00 a.m.

The Point - 311 Myers Street, Seymour, IN 47274

Includes 2 speaking sessions & meal by one of our SWID ladies.

Dr. Carolyn Johnson
will be our special speaker



Register & Pay Online-Deadline March 20, 2017
@ www.swidladiesday.com

Make checks payable to SWID and mail to:
SWID Ladies Day
625 S. Hickory Drive, Bloomington, IN 47403

Contact: swidladiesday@swidnazarene.org
More Information: www.swidladiesday.com

DISTRICT MEN'S BREAKOUT

Saturday, March 18, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Registration 8:30- 9:00 a.m.

Enjoy coffee, donuts, and juice

Nashville Parkview

Speaker: Dr. Gary Henecke

Cost: \$25, includes catered lunch

DISTRICT BOARD OF MINISTRY

Saturday, April 29, 8:00 a.m.

Valley Mission Church of the Nazarene

Interviews will begin at 8:30 a.m.

The Following People Need To Meet With The Board:

Those who are seeking a district license for the first time.

Those seeking renewal of their district license who have NOT met with their mentor and gained his/her recommendation.

Those seeking to be ordained.

If the candidate seeking ordination is married, the spouse will need to come also.

To make an appointment, please contact swidoffice@swidnazarene.org

PRIME TIME BANQUETS

Cory	May 1, 6:30 pm, EST	(Postmark by April 24)
Columbus 1st	May 8, 6:30 pm, EST	(Postmark by May 1)
Mackey	May 15, 6:30 pm, CST	(Postmark by May 8)

Cost: \$17 per person until registration deadline; \$19 after registration deadline. 1/2 price for Senior Pastor and Spouse; Free for retired pastors, spouses or widows, & missionaries.

Make checks payable to SWID Primetime and mail to: Ross Kirkman, 76 Ridgeland Rd., Greencastle, IN 46135 Phone: 765-653-7352 or 765-721-1296 (Country Meal Menu)

Baptisms
Huntingburg
Pastor William Covey



Trystan Armstrong, Cody Beadles, & Emily Lynch

New Nazarene
Jasper
Pat Schuetter with Pastor Jared Young



Local License
Jason Hernandez with Pastor Jared Young

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