

# CONNECT



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**JULY 2016**

## Weekly Connection:

### SUNDAY

- 7:07 AM Prayer
- 8:15 AM - Early Worship
- 8:15 AM - Radio Program  
WBBA 97.5
- 9:30 AM- Sunday School
- 10:30 AM- Morning Worship  
JAM Kids Hour
- 6:30 PM - Praise & Worship

### WEDNESDAY

- 6:05 AM- Men's Prayer – FC
- 6:00 PM Teens
- 6:30 PM Prayer in sanctuary
- 7:00 PM– Small Groups  
Kids Quizzing (Sept.—April)
- “Wacky” Wednesday (May-August)

### FRIDAY

- 9-11 AM Walk-in prayer—  
the Sanctuary

The inspired Jesus follower, author, missionary, church planter, apostle and disciple-maker, Paul wrote from a Roman prison these introductory words to the Church in Philippi:

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.

It is right for me to feel this way about all of you, since I have you in my heart.... all of you share in God's grace with me. God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

This will be as the Lord wills my last communique in the Pittsfield Nazarene monthly newsletter as we make our transitional move to Louisiana, MO to initiate the work of the Church there. Certainly, I am not in prison (yet) and am not even close to being an Apostle Paul. But I do share the passion he had for the Church in Philippi as for the Church in Pittsfield.

Grace and peace to you!

I thank God every time I remember you.

I pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel.

I pray Jesus Who has begun a good work in you will bring that work to completion.

My heart will always be filled with the affection of Jesus Christ for you.

My prayer is that your love will abound more and more in knowledge, depth and insight.

My prayer is that you will be able to discern what is best and be pure and blameless until the coming of Christ to the glory and praise of God.

Mary-Lou and I deeply love and cherish the Pittsfield Church and community. Marvelous memories and countless impressions will go with us into eternity having walked the road with you. We all enter into a new chapter of life, assured Christ is faithful.

Pastor Jon R Kroeze



I've carried a little pocket prayer book with me since my junior year of high school. Published in 1957, it is titled, "Youth At Prayer." Within its pages a prayer for purity is offered... "Almighty God unto whom all hearts are open, all desires are known, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen." Purity of heart and life is fundamental to the Christian walk. "The One who calls you is faithful and He will do it." -1 Thessalonians 5:24

You can be a vital part of youth ministry:

- sign-up to host an Aftershock at your home.
- share your testimony at a youth group meeting.
- ask me about ways to be involved with ministry to our youth.

Pastor Greg



## PCN Children's Ministry

**VBS** coming July 17-21; VBS is for children age 3– 6th grade; nursery will be available for the workers' children.

**A poster with the items needed for snacks is posted in the foyer; please pull off the items that you will be able to bring. Also need are clear, sturdy, empty water/soda bottles with caps 16-20 oz.**

**Summer Camp registration forms for Children's Camp need to be turned in ASAP; camp dates July 25-29 @ Lake Williamson for students entering grades 3-7 this fall.**



## Nazarene Missions International

**Missionary books/CD's are in and available for you to read/listen to. You will check them out like normal at the table in the foyer. The titles of this year's books are : *A Missions Mosaic*, the changing landscape in Canada, *Messengers of Holiness*, stories of African Missionaries, *Branching into Missions*, exploring your involvement, and *Amazon Adventure*, tales from the jungle.**

**Sunday, July 10th will be Memorial Roll Sunday. We will be memorializing loved ones that have passed away in the church year of 2015-2016. The following are: Essie Smith, "Babe" Burlend, Gearold Smith, Joe Kirk, Kenny Morrow, Jean Adams, Jake & Wilma Johnson, Lenora Barnes, and Monica Ruble.**

# Calendar Highlights

## JULY 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31						

- 3 Rachel & Matthew Grossmann speaking in PM service
- 4 Fourth of July holiday - church office closed
- 7-9 District Conventions—Decatur First
- 12 Prime Time
- 14 Church Board Meeting
- 17-21 VBS week
- 25 Children's Camp week
- 31 Adams Voice—PM service

## AUGUST 2016

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29					

- 1-2 Men's Fishing Trip
- 9 Prime Time
- 13 Sanctuary reserved
- 18-20 Church director photo



### Birthdays & Anniversaries

- |                      |                      |
|----------------------|----------------------|
| 2 Eula Morrow        | 16 Tara Ruzich       |
| Carol Gregson        | 20 Orville Glecklelr |
| 3 John Lightle       | 22 Teresa Wade       |
| Mike Braungardt      | 30 John McKinney     |
| 4 Zach Bowen         |                      |
| Gladys Clarkson      |                      |
| Natalie Hobbs        |                      |
| 6 Isaac Boivin       |                      |
| 8 Natalie Kirk       |                      |
| Selena Gomaz         |                      |
| 9 Paula James-Monroe |                      |
| Laura King           |                      |
| Fred Ruzich          |                      |
| 10 Deon Mallinckrodt |                      |
| 12 Ben Guthrie       |                      |
| 14 Matt Davidsmeyer  |                      |
| 15 Bill Shotts       |                      |

### Anniversaries

- 1 Richard & Rosalie Davis
- 1 Dennis & Debbie Galbreath
- 6 Sam & Carolyn Carroll
- 11 Deon & Chris Mallinckrodt
- 22 Steve & Kim Huddleston
- 27 Greg & Sara McClain
- 28 Fred & Jennifer Ruzich



### Nursery Helpers

- SUNDAY Nursery**
- 03 AM Emily Guthrie
  - PM Janeen Freesmeyer/Allison Kirk
  - 10 AM Emily & Ben Guthrie
  - PM David & Grace Guthrie
  - 17AM Sallie Bowers
  - PM Vacation Bible School
  - 24 AM Chad & Brandi Ruzich
  - PM Fred & Jennifer Ruzich

- TODDLER Nursery - Sunday AM**
- 3 Grace Guthrie
  - 10 Ben Guthrie
  - 17 Mikyla Collard
  - 24 Brandi Ruzich
  - 31 Macey James

- WEDNESDAY Nursery**
- 06 Susanne Curry
  - 13 Della Rush
  - 20 Vacation Bible School
  - 27 Ben Guthrie



# 73RD ILLINOIS DISTRICT COMBINED CONVENTION DAY JULY 7 - 9,

Combined Conventions Schedule—First Church of the Nazarene Decatur, IL.

**Thursday— July 7 “Tell the Story” Sessions : 9 AM—12 PM 1:30-5:00 PM and 7:00-8:30 PM**

presenters **Dr. Woodie & Cheryl Stevens**

**Friday, July 8**

Registration begins @ 7:30 AM  
 Conventions begin @ 9:00 AM  
 Lunch @ 11:30-1:00 PM  
 Conventions Reconvene @ 1:00 PM  
 Dismissal @ 4:30 PM  
 District Assembly Registration begins @ 5:30 PM  
 District Assembly begins @ 7:00 PM  
 Ordination @ 7:00 PM

**Saturday, July 9, 2016**

Registration @ 7:30 AM  
 District Assembly Reconvenes @ 8:30 AM  
 DS Report @ 10:00 AM  
 lunch @ 12-1:30 PM  
 ONU report 1:30 PM

**It's time to start collecting for Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes.** Below is a list of items needed:

- Small stuffed animals and dolls
- Hygiene items—toothbrush & paste, hair brushes & combs, soap & washcloths, band aids, and lip balm
- School supplies—pencils, colored pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, crayons, pens, markers, notepads, pencil case, stickers & calculators
- Balls—tennis, bouncy, soccer ball & pump
- Accessories—hair ribbons, barrettes, bandanas, sunglasses, flip flops or water shoes and t-shirts.
- Clothesline and clothespins, purse, and travel sewing kit for older girls
- Tape measure, compass, screwdrivers, flashlights, and small men's work gloves for older boys.

If you would like to pack your own box, decide whether you will pack a box for a girl or boy; the age categories 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14.

## MEN'S FISHING TRIP

July 31-August 2,  
 Bennett Springs,  
 MO



See Don Kirk, trip coordinator, if you have questions about the plans for this trip.

**Sunday, July 10th** we will say “goodbye” to **Pastor Jon and Mary Lou** with a combined AM service followed by 12 noon lunch. The church will furnish the meat (hamburgers, brats, hot dogs) and drinks, you bring side dishes and desserts.



## Adam's Voice Concert



**Sunday, July 31 - 6:30 PM**

A love offering will be taken. **INVITE A FRIEND!**

## Hillcrest Holiness Camp Meeting

August 1-7, 2016

Monday—Sunday 7:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning 10:30 a.m.

**Dr. Jim Diehl, speaker**

**Adams Voice, song evangelists**

Sunday Missionary service 1:30 p.m.

**(Michael & Brenda Guilliams, missionaries)**



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