

**Southern California District
Church of the Nazarene
Unified Budgets**

Received Through November 1, 2010

<u>Church Name</u>	<u>YTD District Budget</u>
Apple Valley Ch of the Nazarene	13,680.89
Banning Church of the Nazarene	3,698.30
Barstow Church of the Nazarene	1,349.06
Bloomington The Bridge	11,396.65
Bloomington Hispanic	
Blythe Church of the Nazarene	2,500.00
Brawley Church of the Nazarene	326.06
Carlsbad Las Flores	16,187.00
Chula Vista Parkway Hills	1,000.00
Clairemont Korean	
Colton	968.07
Desert Center Eagle Mountain	
El Cajon Church of the Nazarene	11,224.51
El Centro Church of the Nazarene	4,652.00
Escondido	5,656.36
Hemet Church of the Nazarene	
Hesperia Church of the Nazarene	1,980.67
Highland Community Cross	
Holtville Church of the Nazarene	862.11
Indio Las Palmas Community	5,792.25
Lakeside Community	
Menifee Valley Community	
Moreno Valley CrossPoint Community	363.00
Murrieta Gateway	23,012.48
Palm Springs	4,202.93
Palm Springs Hispanic	483.98
Phelan New Life	5,750.00
Redlands	6,702.45
Rialto	1,028.00
Riverside Arlington Avenue	4,918.00
San Bernardino Cornerstone	1,161.89
San Bernardino Master's Plan	3,697.02
San Bernardino Samoan	
San Diego Clairemont	
San Diego First	3,212.99
San Diego Linda Vista	
San Diego Mid-City Cambodian	615.78
San Diego Mid-City English	
San Diego Mid-City Haitian	
San Diego Mid-City Hispanic	
San Diego Mid-City Samoan	
San Diego Mission	32,649.83
San Diego Mount Carmel	2,881.34
San Diego Southeast	
San Jacinto Shepherd's House	3,971.21
Spring Valley Community of Hope	632.19
Twentynine Palms	1,342.08
Victorville Green Tree Community	1,341.14
Vista Hope	
Vist Hope Hispanic	
Wildomar Gracepoint	3,605.79
Yucaipa Valley	2,047.71
Yucca Valley	100.00
TOTAL	184,993.74

**Southern California District
Church of the Nazarene
Calendar of Events**

November 2010

11-12 PLNU Youth Group Preview Days. Information is available at www.Pointloma.edu/previewdays or by contacting Catherine Sales at 619-849-7051, csales@pointloma.edu.

December 2010

3 Prime Time Christmas Luncheon, Murrieta Gateway, 11:30-1:30. Special guests, Dave and Kirsten Hart. Cost is \$23.00 per person. For information call 951-506-1421, or email Tom Goble at tcgoble@aol.com.

February 2010

5 Fresh Start, Revival Christian Fellowship, Menifee, CA.

March 2011

18-20 District Women's Retreat, Riverside Marriott/Convention Center. Special Speaker: Bonnie Floyd. Information and registration forms available at www.socalnaz.com. Early bird registration deadline is November 30th.

May 2011

13-15 Caravan Roundup, Indian Hills Camp

27-30 ELEVATE @ PLNU

June 2011

1-2 District Assembly/NMI Convention, @ Hemet Church.

27-July 1 Children's Camp

July 2011

5-10 NYC, Louisville, KY. For information go to www.nyc2011.org.

24-29 Senior High Camp

October 2011

10-12 Pastors' Retreat, Pine Springs Ranch.

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Family Worship Center Church Type Mission in Spring Valley

It is a joy to introduce to our Southern California District family Pastor Mariota Sola and his wife, Bertha. A few years ago, Pastor Sola launched a new congregation in Spring Valley and this past summer, the decision was made to have this congregation begin operating as a Nazarene Church Type Mission. Pastor Sola and his wife have joined with the Church of the Nazarene and he is in the process of seeking his first District License as a minister in the Church of the Nazarene, a step toward having his ordination in another denomination officially recognized. Pastor Sola and the District Superintendent are taking the leadership of the congregation through membership training with the anticipation that by District Assembly time this new congregation will be fully organized as a Church of the Nazarene.



Mariota and Bertha Sola

Shon O'Brien Leading Moreno Valley Cross Point Church



Shon & Kathy O'Brien

With the recent resignation of Rev. Marvin Thomas from the pastorate of our Moreno Valley congregation, Shon O'Brien has agreed to take the pastoral leadership of the church as a lay pastor. Shon and his wife Kathy were active members of our church in Menifee for many years until they moved to Riverside. More recently, Shon has been assisting the Riverside Arlington Church with their contemporary worship service. Sunday, November 14, has been scheduled as a special outreach to the community. A Christian motorcycle cycle club will be featured, testimonies will be shared and a time for "blessing the bikes" of neighborhood residents is planned. The congregation will enjoy a potluck meal to welcome visiting families.

Pastor Marvin and Jeanne's ministry in Moreno Valley for the past three and a half years is greatly appreciated. They are making plans to move to the mid-west for retirement.

San Bernardino Master's Plan Church Remodeling Project

The major remodeling project at SB Master's Plan Church is nearing completion. Almost all of the sheet rocked walls have been taped and sanded in preparation for texturing, after which volunteers for painting will be needed. We will then need some skilled electricians to volunteer to install fixtures, outlets and light switches. We need a floor covering contractor to assist us with acquiring good quality floor coverings at cost and help with installation. The main a.c./heating system for the worship center is being installed for wholesale cost of materials only, thanks to Joel Chamberlin of San Jacinto Shepherd's House Church. Then we want to attack the exterior. The building needs to be pressure washed, stucco patched and then a new finish coat or paint to be applied. If you can assist with any of these projects please contact Jim Dorsey at 816-769-6645. Thank you to the more than 250 different volunteers who have contributed time and effort to this project. Many have also given finances.

World Evangelism Plus Offering on Thanksgiving Sunday

Please see Dennis Bentley's NMI page regarding the WEF Plus Offering. This matter is urgent. Let's do our best to reach the goal of \$10 per person average for this very important offering on Thanksgiving Sunday.

October 2010 Sunday School Stats

Name of Church	SS 10	SS 09	SS +/-	AM 10	AM 09	AM +/-	SS Enr.
Inland Empire							
Banning	79	80	-1	97	90	7	88
Bloomington	297	309	-12	343	368	-25	252
Bloomington Spa.	0	0	0	81	77	4	100
Colton	22	20	2	37	42	-5	76
Highland CC	85	153	-68	92	197	-105	225
Hight. Sp. (closed)	26	26	0	32	32	0	80
Mor. Val. CP Com.*	21	21	0	21	21	0	70
Redlands	69	66	3	105	113	-8	162
Rialto*	29	29	0	46	46	0	54
Riverside Arling.	133	135	-2	170	168	2	317
SB Cornerstone	179	250	-71	141	166	-25	153
SB First*	115	115	0	234	234	0	187
SB Samoan*	50	50	0	60	60	0	42
SB Vid. Ab. (clsd)	75	75	0	150	150	0	200
Yucaipa	42	26	16	52	50	2	187
Totals	1222	1355	-133	1661	1814	-153	2193
Lower Desert							
Blythe	15	41	-26	55	63	-8	96
Brawley	15	21	-6	31	28	3	38
Eag. Mtn. Des. Ct.	8	5	3	8	6	2	12
El Centro	33	29	4	71	66	5	110
Holtville	20	19	1	43	32	11	75
Indio Las Palmas	152	183	-31	176	201	-25	110
Palm Springs	23	18	5	58	46	12	50
Palm Spgs. Sp.	39	39	0	53	53	0	33
Twentynine Palms	6	11	-5	18	21	-3	43
Yucca Valley*	78	78	0	53	53	0	132
Totals	374	403	-29	566	569	-3	699
Rancho Calif.							
Anza Centro Chr.*	23	23	0	41	41	0	27
Hemet	111	152	-41	200	248	-48	517
Menifee Val. Com.*	28	28	0	63	63	0	155
Murrieta Gateway	266	273	-7	335	343	-8	547
Murr. Sp.. (closed)	9	9	0	61	61	0	75
San Jac. SH	163	148	15	115	145	-30	180
Wildomar Gracept.	92	103	-11	156	118	38	166
Totals	692	736	-44	971	1019	-48	1667
San Diego Cen.							
SD Clairem. Eng.*	6	6	0	6	6	0	10
SD Clairem.t Kor.*	19	19	0	19	19	0	60
SD First*	260	260	0	499	499	0	623
SD Linda Vista	30	38	-8	58	42	16	123
SD Mid-City Cam.*	28	28	0	28	28	0	146
SD Mid-City Eng.*	49	49	0	79	79	0	107
SD Mid-City Fr.*	46	46	0	46	46	0	80
SD Mid-City Hisp.*	17	17	0	30	30	0	108
SD Mid-City Sam.*	62	62	0	74	74	0	75
SD Southeast	65	58	7	57	55	2	110
Totals	582	583	-1	896	878	18	1442
San Diego North							
Carlsbad Las Flor.	194	191	3	299	261	38	235
Escondido First	104	115	-11	132	114	18	173
SD Mt. Carmel	50	44	6	45	30	15	37
Vista Hope*	122	122	0	293	293	0	294
Totals	470	472	-2	769	698	71	739
San Diego SoE							
Ch. Vis.PWH*	100	100	0	123	123	0	190
El Cajon	182	174	8	248	240	8	227
Lakeside Com.*	42	42	0	49	49	0	60
SD Mission	468	436	32	441	477	-36	597
Sp. Val. CofH*	25	25	0	26	26	0	150
Totals	817	777	40	887	915	-28	1224
Upper Desert							
Apple Valley	413	337	76	539	478	61	830
Barstow	15	13	2	33	31	2	65
Green Tree Com.	37	25	12	109	78	31	127
Hesperia*	42	42	0	134	134	0	185
Hesperia Spanish*	0	0	0	141	141	0	84
HD Harv. (closed)	23	23	0	42	42	0	75
Phelan New Life	10	14	-4	85	82	3	72
Totals	540	454	86	1083	986	97	1438
Grand Totals	4697	4780	-83	6833	6879	-46	9402
*No report.							



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Have you ever tried to fix a current problem with an old remedy and it didn't go over well?

I came across an insight in my reading this week. I'm a fan of Tim Keel, former pastor of Jacob's Well in Kansas City, MO, and lately I've been reading his book *Intuitive Leadership: Embracing a Paradigm of Narrative, Metaphor and Chaos*. It's a wonderful book, full of insight, and I've found myself challenged to be a more thoughtful Christian because of it.

The part I want to call your attention to is Keel's discussion on "Success, Power and Presumption." If you remember, in Numbers, Israel has a big problem with complaining too much. As a means of judgment, God sent serpents. After they finally repented of their behavior, God decided to save them from the serpents and God did so by having Moses put together a bronze serpent and attach it to the end of his staff to scare the other serpents away (Numbers 21:4-9). At this point, one might think, "Hopefully Israel learned their lesson." As the story goes, though, rather than turn to God, they turned to the means by which God saved them. They were more enthralled with the bronze serpent than they were with God and even began to worship it. If you're like me, at this point you're thinking, "How dumb can a group of people get." Fortunately, Hezekiah, privy to the problem of misplaced attention and worship, decides to have the symbol of God's past salvation, the bronze serpent that God used to scare the serpents away, destroyed.

One might state the moral of the story in this way, "Don't worship/focus on/depend on the means by which God has saved you in the past, but rather always stay focused on God and what God wants to do now." It's an easy enough lesson to learn, right? We want to say "yes" and yet how many times do we try to apply a past remedy to a current problem because of what that remedy meant to us the first time we experienced it. On a broader level, Keel puts it like this, "Often it is our power, our previous successes, and the very ways in which we have heard and observed God's activity in the past that become stumbling blocks for engaging God in the present...It is powerful that the brass serpent must be destroyed for the nation to become attentive again." (Keel, 98).

What stories of God's faithfulness in the past are impeding your ability to hear and respond to God now? Is it an old way of doing church? Is it an idea of how ministry has to look? When's the last time you gave a new curriculum a shot? Perhaps it has more to do with how you personally experience God? Is God trying to speak to us through another means, but we can't hear God because we're waiting to hear God speak the way God did in the past? Being present with God and people takes work. May God give you the wisdom, discernment and courage to listen and respond to what God is doing now and refrain from the temptation to limit God to your experiences, even salvific ones, of God in the past.



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3 Important Things To Consider

1st - Thanksgiving Offering for World Missions

Many of our churches are using Faith Promise to raise Missions Giving. Even if that is so, the Thanksgiving Offering is a good time to encourage people to...

- Give a little extra for missions
- Get caught up on their Faith Promise
- Give for missions if not doing Faith Promise

So, don't let this special giving opportunity pass your church by... give people the chance to give!

2nd - WEF Plus Offering - Challenge 2010

In November, Nazarenes from all over the world are being challenged to give the single largest offering for World Evangelism in the history of our church, a **WEF PLUS** offering.

Prevailing Prayer—this will not happen by human strength—"Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD Almighty," Zech. 4:6.

Love Offering—this is above any obligation or commitment. It must come from a heart of love and desire to fulfill the mission of God.

Unanimous Participation—we need every Nazarene in every church around the world to participate.

Strategic Sacrifice—every adult giving an extra \$10 and every child giving 40 coins.

3rd - Nazarene Compassionate Ministries

From the very beginning, our church has had a heart for the needy around us and around the world.

There are sooo many ways to "give"...

- Give special offerings to NCM
- Give food baskets to needy during holidays
- Collect food & clothing for shelters, etc.
- Help serve meals at Compassion Centers
- Put together Crisis Care Kits

Let's not just talk about caring... Let's DO IT!
We CAN make a difference... TOGETHER!!

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Socal NYI!!!

Registration for NYC has begun and the numbers are adding up fast. Please make sure you get your forms filled out and mailed to Steve Cobbs. You can find all the details at www.socalnaz.org/youth. This is going to be a great event, so make sure you start fundraising and the registration process now.



Also, stay up to date with regional NYI events at the Southwest Regional NYI website - www.swnyi.com.

ELEVATE is a regional event for teens from California, Arizona, New Mexico and Hawaii and we are making major changes this year so save the date of May 27-30, 2011 for a life changing event.

Other Dates to get on the calendar:

Junior High Camp

June 27 - July 1, 2011

NYC

July 5 - 10, 2011

(NYC dates do not reflect travel)

Senior High Camp

July 24 - 29, 2011