

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

Received Through August 31, 2011

Church Name	YTD District Budget
Apple Valley Ch of the Nazarene	9,380.00
Banning Church of the Nazarene	1,470.19
Barstow Church of the Nazarene	541.95
Bloomington The Bridge	7,751.05
Bloomington Hispanic	
Blythe Church of the Nazarene	1,669.08
Brawley Church of the Nazarene	300.00
Carlsbad Las Flores	9,547.00
Chula Vista Parkway Hills	
Colton	807.10
Desert Center Eagle Mountain	
El Cajon Church of the Nazarene	7,809.80
El Centro Church of the Nazarene	3,312.00
Escondido	
Hemet Church of the Nazarene	58.00
Hesperia Church of the Nazarene	3,756.37
Highland Community Cross	1,038.40
Holtville Church of the Nazarene	289.04
Indio Las Palmas Community	2,323.72
Lakeside Community	
Menifee Valley Community	1,143.23
Murrieta Gateway	16,301.13
Palm Springs	3,997.00
Palm Springs Hispanic	
Phelan New Life	2,123.38
Redlands	5,727.94
Rialto	1,499.00
Riverside Arlington Avenue	3,284.00
San Bernardino Master's Plan/Cornerstone	2,513.39
San Bernardino Samoan	
San Diego Clairemont Celebration	
San Diego First	6,250.00
San Diego Mid-City Cambodian	295.00
San Diego Mid-City English	393.28
San Diego Mid-City Haitian	
San Diego Mid-City Samoan	
San Diego Mission	22,320.64
San Diego Mount Carmel	2,956.98
San Diego Southeast	1,000.00
San Jacinto Shepherd's House	
Spring Valley Community of Hope	1,341.07
Spring Valley Family Worship Center	309.73
Spring Valley Iglesia Del Nazareno	200.00
Twentynine Palms	1,061.10
Victorville Green Tree Community	282.00
Vista Hope	
Wildomar Gracepoint	1,806.00
Yucaipa Valley	1,382.34
Yucca Valley	
TOTAL	126,240.91

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

September 2011

- 16 Christian Family Night at Magic Mountain, 6 p.m. - midnight.** To purchase tickets online, go to www.pointloma.edu/Christianfamily night or call 619-849-2664.
- 23-25 District Men's Retreat, Cedar Lake Camp, Big Bear.** Jack Eyestone, speaker. Sign-up information at www.socalnaz.com.
- 25 Jesus Film and Dinner, Apple Valley Church, 5-7 p.m.**

October 2011

- 4-7 Prime Time Smokey Mountain Retreat, Music Road Hospitality Hotel and Inn Resort, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee.** Speaker: Dr. Reuben Welch. For information call 877-240-2417 or email prime.time@nazarene.org.
- 10-12 District Pastors' Retreat, Pine Springs Ranch.** Registration deadline is September 23rd.
- 16-25 District Haiti Work and Witness trip.**

November 2011

- 3-4/10-11 PLNU Fall Preview Days.** For information go to www.pointloma.edu/previewdays.

December 2011

- 2 Prime Time Christmas Luncheon, Murrieta Gateway Church, 11:30 a.m.**

February 2012

- 4 Fresh Start**

March 2012

- 5-14 Holy Land Pilgrimage for Nazarene clergy and church members led by Darrell Rotz, Prime Time Ministries Director.** For brochures and detailed information contact Darrell Rotz at Darrell.Rotz@msn.com or call 951-694-6256.

June 2012

- 6-7 District Assembly/NMI Convention**

- 25-29 Children's Camp/Jr. High Camp**

July 2012

- 8-13 Senior High Camp**

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From Your District Superintendent



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Return from Sabbatical

Sabbatical rest is a biblical principle and a wonderful gift when given. Thanks to our District Advisory Board, Zone Leaders, Dr. Tom Goble and our extended District Family I was privileged to take ten weeks this summer for rest and renewal. My first official day back to duties was September 1st. Many have asked what I did over the ten weeks and how am I doing now? My goal was to disengage from the usual burdens and tasks of superintending as much as possible. My phone and e-mail dispensed a polite "away" message and left instructions on what to do regarding urgent matters. I did stay somewhat in touch with a couple of matters but not to the degree to distract from my sabbatical.

During the time off I attended a week long Master's class on the Old Testament at PLNU, read several books, and sat by the ocean on The Strand south of Coronado for a week (except when I was cycling the bike lanes). I spent a week in my home town, Reno, NV, to visit family and look at 7000 classic cars during Hot August Nights. Sheree and I also spent a week in Porterville visiting our daughter and two grandkids. I rested at home and completed several deferred maintenance and improvement projects on our house. One of my sabbatical goals was to experience "boredom," which I succeeded in doing. This certainly is not a part of my life as a district superintendent. I've returned rested, renewed and ready to get back to the ministry of leading the district. Again, thank you for allowing me this much needed time for sabbatical.

Redlands, The Ark Church

Pastor Kevin O'Connor has led the good people of the Redlands Church in several weeks of celebrating their centennial. The celebration culminated Sunday, September 11th in a great celebration of the covenant relationship that God has established with His people and the covenant that we share in the Church, the Body of Christ. A baby was dedicated, twelve new members joined the church, communion was shared. The worship and message seemed elevated to new heights. Over 240 attended and most stayed for a wonderful tri-tip dinner.

The church is in the process of changing their name to The ARK. The whole church is committed to living out Acts of Random Kindness in the name of Jesus. Some of the new members' first contact with the church was as a result of an "ARK." Congratulations to Pastor O'Connor and Mindy for their effective leadership during these days.

Southern California District Pastors' and Spouses' Retreat

Information has been sent to each Pastor regarding our upcoming retreat at Pine Springs Ranch, October 10-12. Our guest speaker will be Dr. Ron Benefiel, who has recently resigned his post as President of Nazarene Theological Seminary to accept a position at PLNU as Dean of the School of Theology. Dr. Benefiel is a former faculty member at PLNU, and has a long history as an effective pastor and leader in some of our larger cities urban core. He was one of three pastor/leaders who planted the San Diego Mid-City Church of the Nazarene. Registration deadlines is September 23rd. Pastors, please contact the district office to register.

Hemet Church

Rev. Michael Hull concluded his ministry in Hemet on July 31st. On September 18th, he begins a new pastorate at the Christian Life Center in Merced, CA. On September 4th, the district superintendent introduced Rev. Jim Dorsey to the congregation as their interim pastor for at least a year. We welcome Pastor Dorsey to our district pastoral team.

August 2011 Sunday School Stats

Name of Church	SS 11	SS 10	+/-	AM 11	AM 10	+/-	Enr.
Inland Empire							
Banning	65	83	-18	74	103	-29	88
Bloomington	285	308	-23	399	365	34	252
Bloomington Span.	0	0	0	65	72	-7	100
Colton*	35	35	0	37	37	0	76
Highland CC*	98	98	0	148	148	0	200
Redlands	86	79	7	148	196	-48	174
Rialto	22	24	-2	55	40	15	61
Riverside Arl.*	142	142	0	176	176	0	317
SB Cstone/MP	109	297	-188	348	331	17	340
SB Samoan*	0	0	0	60	60	0	42
Yucaipa*	35	35	0	53	53	0	187
Totals	877	1101	-224	1563	1581	-18	1837
Lower Desert							
Blythe*	28	28	0	48	48	0	96
Brawley*	18	18	0	26	26	0	38
Eagle Mtn. DC	9	2	7	12	6	6	12
El Centro	26	24	2	63	64	-1	110
Holtville	29	21	8	38	33	5	75
Indio Las Palmas	186	143	43	202	201	1	110
Palm Springs	19	17	2	45	56	-11	45
Palm Springs Sp.*	23	23	0	48	48	0	33
Twenty-nine Pal.	8	6	2	16	19	-3	33
Yucca Valley*	96	96	0	62	62	0	132
Totals	442	378	64	560	563	-3	684
Rancho Calif.							
Anza Cen. Ch.*	12	12	0	54	54	0	27
Hemet	109	104	5	174	235	-61	517
Menifee Val. Com.*	32	32	0	73	73	0	155
Murrieta Gateway	223	223	0	351	328	23	547
San Jacinto SH	70	116	-46	95	108	-13	180
Wildomar Gpt.	108	92	16	162	173	-11	166
Totals	554	579	-25	909	971	-62	1592
San Diego Cent.							
SD Clairmt. Cele.*	28	28	0	57	57	0	133
SD First	259	391	-132	606	527	79	623
SD Mid-City Cam.*	32	32	0	32	32	0	146
SD Mid-City Eng.*	40	40	0	108	108	0	107
SD Mid-City Fr.*	29	29	0	59	59	0	80
SD Mid-City His.*	11	11	0	21	21	0	108
SD Mid-City Sam.*	65	65	0	70	70	0	75
SD Southeast†	57	57	0	53	53	0	110
Totals	521	653	-132	1006	927	79	1382
San Diego North							
Carlsbad Las Fl.	177	194	-17	270	265	5	235
Escondido First	130	100	30	166	122	44	173
SD Mt. Carmel*	49	49	0	43	43	0	37
Vista Hope*	61	61	0	229	229	0	294
Totals	417	404	13	708	659	49	739
San Diego SE							
Chula Vista PWH	130	123	7	154	150	4	190
El Cajon*	130	130	0	244	244	0	227
Lakeside Com.*	35	35	0	51	51	0	100
SD Mission Valley	425	383	42	435	437	-2	566
Sprg. Val. C od H*	24	24	0	28	28	0	150
Spring Val. FWC*	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	744	695	49	912	910	2	1233
Upper Desert							
Apple Valley	333	350	-17	634	530	104	830
Barstow	14	11	3	28	26	2	65
Green Tree Com.*	34	34	0	132	132	0	127
Hesperia*	41	41	0	81	81	0	185
Hesperia Spanish*	0	0	0	0	0	0	84
Phelan New Life*	16	16	0	78	78	0	72
Totals	438	452	-14	953	847	106	1363
Closed/Inactive	0	36	-36	0	71	-71	190
Grand Totals	3993	4262	-233	6611	6458	224	9104
*Indicates no report							



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INTENTIONAL DISCIPLESHIP

When I think about strategizing discipleship ministries I usually think about three things. How can I more effectively reach people with the message of Jesus Christ? How can I be intentional about helping people understand what it means to grow and walk with God? Who am I taking with me on a journey of leadership?

There is no greater joy that I've experienced as a leader than seeing someone around me come to understand what it means to be loved and forgiven by God. When it truly hits them that all the "yuck" of their life has been forgiven simply for the asking it is amazing. In Luke 7:36-50, Jesus commends a woman for her tears of gratitude saying, "The one who has been forgiven much, loves much." Sharing in the joy of a person who knows that they know they are loved and forgiven is such a blessing.

Walking with such a person, as they begin to live in that love, is also amazing. When the light bulb goes on about the hope and transformation God can and does work in our lives by the Holy Spirit it is simply fun to see. There is an excitement for God's Word, a passion for being around other believers, and a vulnerability to God's work in their lives. We, who work in Sunday School and discipleship ministries, have the privilege of being a part of this process.

Then, as we invest in their lives, we see their transformation from seeker to leader. It is Paul telling Timothy to pass on truth to faithful people who will be able to teach others. I planted a church right out of seminary. Now I go back to that church 27 years later and see people like Karen. At first she wanted nothing to do with God or the church but she has become a faithful leader in her church. She has raised faithful children, one of whom is in the ministry. It is very fulfilling to know you've been a part of the next generation.

All this is to say that what we do in discipleship ministries makes a difference in the lives of people around us and provides incredible fulfillment and joy for our lives. But, if you are like me, we're always looking for ways to do it better. That's why I am so excited about this year's Fresh Start. It is another opportunity for inspiration and training in practical tools that will make a difference in how you do ministry.

Our team needs your help! If you have a practical tool or strategy you are using in your area of discipleship, we'd love to hear about it. On the other hand, if you have a specific training need you'd like to see addressed at Fresh Start, we'd like to hear about that as well. Send me an email at drunion@missionnaz.org. You are on an amazing journey. Fresh Start will come alongside you in that process.

Save the Date!
Fresh Start - Saturday, February 4, 2012

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SO CAL ALABASTER OFFERING



September is Alabaster Offering month (and so is February). Now is the time to start your planning AND getting collection boxes into the hands of your people. "Alabaster Offering" is THE most efficient contribution we make. EVERY dime goes to fund needed buildings.

Here are some interesting "facts" about the loose change in your pocket or purse from Discover Magazine...

According to a Coinstar National Currency Poll, 73 percent of Americans use coins to scratch off lottery tickets, 29 percent use them in magic tricks, and 7 percent use them to steady table legs. Among men, 65 percent use coins as makeshift tools or screwdrivers. (They forgot to check how many Nazarenes give their change to Alabaster.)

Change in My Pocket

- About \$600 worth of coins pass through the hands of a typical American each year.
- More than \$10 billion in coins is sitting around in drawers, cans, bottles, and bins in American homes. About 80 percent of adults say they save loose change rather than try to spend it.
- Another \$13.5 billion in coins is in circulation.
- About 90 percent of people over 65 say they have never thrown away a penny. About half of all people between 18 and 34 say they have.

I encourage all churches to allow yourselves the opportunity to experience the value and impact of giving to Alabaster.

Someone who has not heard about Jesus is depending on you. We CAN make a difference... TOGETHER!!



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**16th Annual
Christian Family Night at
Magic Mountain**

September 16, 2011

7 p.m. - midnight

Tickets may be purchased online at www.pointloma.edu/christianfamilynight. For additional information, visit the website or call 619-849-2664.

Cost: Adults \$29 general admission (\$39 w/picnic dinner)
\$19 Children 48" and under (\$29 w/picnic dinner)

PLNU Fall Preview Days

November 3-4/10-11, 2011

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Junior High Camp

June 25-29, 2012

Senior High Camp

July 8-13, 2012