



SOUTH ARKANSAS VIEWPOINT

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Welcome

New SDMI Chairman

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Rev. Jon Carnes as the district's Sunday School Discipleship Ministries International chair. He replaces Rev. Ken Carney who has given outstanding leadership in this position the past 10 years.

Jon has been married for 33 years to his wife Morgan who is a third grade elementary schoolteacher at Cato Elementary in Gravel Ridge, Arkansas. Jon and Morgan have two children and five grand-children. Jon has a bachelor degree in Biblical Studies from Nazarene Bible College and a master's in Leadership from Mid-America Christian University.

He has been a minister in the Church of the Nazarene for 25 years. During those years of ministry he has been a leader and mentor. Jon has developed leadership conferences, written discipleship materials, leadership lessons, and several devotional books. He has led youth programs such as camps, retreats and special mission projects, and has spoken in revivals, men's conferences, leadership conferences, and community events. Jon has been a pastor in Indiana, Alabama, Kentucky and Florida before coming to Brockington Road Church in May of 2006.

He will be writing the SDMI column inside the Viewpoint and this month expresses our "thank you" to Ken for his years of service as District SDMI chair.

— Russ Branstetter,
District Superintendent

New Nazarenes

Little Rock First:

John A. Mills, Clarissa Smith

Top Gainers - Morning Worship

LR New Hope.....	+19
LR Good Samaritan.....	+11
NLR Jehovah Jireh.....	+11
Sunshine.....	+10
Forrest City.....	+10
Prescott.....	+8
Mena.....	+8
LR First.....	+7
El Dorado.....	+7
Greenwood.....	+6
McGehee.....	+3
Hot Springs Lake Hamilton.....	+1
Collegetown (CNC).....	+1

Ministers' Christmas Dinner

Friday, December 2, 2011
6:30 PM

Cost: \$15.00 per person

Deadline: November 18

**BROCKINGTON ROAD
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**
9860 Brockington Road
Sherwood, Arkansas 72120

MENU:

Baked chicken, rice pilaf,
green beans, cranberry pecan salad,
carrot cake, coffee, tea,
hot rolls and butter.

All active, retired, local
and district licensed ministers,
associates and mates are invited.

Registration forms are in the mail
or go online at
www.southarkansasnazarene.org
for a printable form.

Top Pacesetters - Sunday School

NLR Friendly Chapel.....	+21
Forrest City.....	+7
Sunshine.....	+5
Twin Rivers.....	+4
Ashdown.....	+4
Prescott.....	+4
Pleasant Grove.....	+3
McGehee.....	+1
El Dorado.....	+1

VAN NEEDED —

Our Glenwood Hispanic Church needs a good used van. If you can help, please contact the District Office, 501-224-4611, or ds@southarkansasdistrict.com

ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL and DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES WORKSHOP

*"Restoring God's Glory
to the Church Through
the Power of Corporate Prayer"*

January 21, 2012

Brockington Road
Church of the Nazarene

Leader: Cory Jones
Pastor Crossroads Tabernacle
Church of the Nazarene
Fort Worth, Texas

10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Cost: \$10

Includes Barbecue Lunch

Registration Deadline
January 15, 2012

Go online at
www.southarkansasnazarene.org
for registration form.



*I like Christmas! Family,
friends, joy, peace, giving,
lights, and good will. I like
it all, but most of all I love
Him—our Christ and Saviour!*

Merry Christmas

Russ and Gail Branstetter

and

Advisory Board

Wally Beckman / Ken Carney
Dan Casey / Charles Cummings
Tim Evans / Don Henderson
Donna Holderfield / Sherry Marston
SDMI Chair Jon Carnes
NYI President Parker Hull
NMI President Tim Evans



SUNDAY SCHOOL DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES



REV. JON CARNES



REV. MICHAEL ROACH



A Huge Thanks to Ken Carney



Ken Carney

How do we say thanks to a man who has given a decade of leadership into a ministry that was aimed at serving others? How do we say thanks for 10 years of service in a ministry where there is no compensation but plenty of constructive criticism? How do we say thanks to a man who truly cared enough to give his best all the time? How do we say thanks to Ken Carney, a man of integrity, of unquestionable character, of Christ-like compassion and a heart for fellow pastors? Words are not adequate enough, but let us try.

Thank you, Ken, for being who you are as a person. It was never a strain for you to get in front of us because you are always real. You did not put on a show because your life was without exception, a model of consistency. Your honesty about life, with its struggles and successes, inspired us. Thank you, Ken, for being a man we could and can always look up to.

Thank you, pastor, for being a servant. You exemplified serving others through your strengths and gifts that are obviously anointed by God. You are a pastor at heart and it shows through every time you are around people. Pastor is usually a noun when people carry it as a title, but for you it is an adjective for it describes your passion and life. We honor you as a pastor who has given much over the last decade to offer encouragement and tools for every church in South Arkansas.

Thank you, Reverend Carney, for being a person to be respected. Reverend is never a title you demanded, but it is one you earned. It is a title of respect and honor. It is a title given by others because of what is seen in your life. It is a title you have earned in your city for your work and participation in community activity. It is a title you earned at your church for serving with distinction. It is a title you earned as District SDMI Chairperson for your tireless ministry for others. So we thank you, Reverend Carney, for holding the example of holy living and service to such a high standard.

Thank you, Ken, for being a friend. Your years of service in the church have given you a special perspective into the life of ministry. Many of us can point to moments where you took time to listen and then offered encouragement to a pastor seeking counsel. All of us can say we left the training you gave with tools for ministry. Some of us spent enough time around you to catch your heart for God and that was always encouraging. Several of us have sat in meetings with you and heard your words of compassion, some tough mixed with tears and love, others as a brother who gave God-ordered words for that moment. So with the deepest of gratitude we say thank you, Ken Carney, for 10 inspired years of service as our Sunday School and Discipleship Ministry Chairperson.

DISTRICT STATISTICS

OCTOBER 2011

	SS Avg.	+/-	MW Avg.	+/-
HOT SPRING ZONE —				
Benton First	61	-1	111	0
Glenwood	54	-14	81	-20
Glenwood Hispanic	NR	0	NR	0
Hot Springs First	226	-27	270	-147
Hot Springs Hispanic	33	-1	36	-2
Hot Springs Lake Hamilton	62	-6	42	1
Malvern	4	0	6	0
Sunshine	36	5	54	10
Twin Rivers	27	4	34	-1
LITTLE ROCK ZONE —				
Brockington Road	NR	0	185	-10
Collegeville (CNC)	32	-1	38	1
LR Calvary	117	-14	165	-21
LR Cornerstone	73	-7	121	-4
LR First	117	-5	159	7
LR Good Samaritan	37	-3	51	11
LR New Hope	118	0	210	19
LR Rose Hill	37	0	47	-7
LR Springlake	59	-2	72	-12
NLR Friendly Chapel	387	21	555	-7
NLR Grace	37	-2	61	-1
NLR Jehovah Jireh	70	0	50	11
NLR Rose City	NR	0	NR	0
Perryville	18	-4	28	-1
SOUTHEAST ZONE —				
Forrest City	26	7	30	10
McGehee	9	1	15	3
Nady	17	0	18	-1
Pine Bluff Oak Park	NR	0	NR	0
West Helena	6	-2	9	-4
TEXARKANA ZONE —				
Ashdown	77	4	43	-15
Bells Chapel	21	-1	26	-9
Camden	19	0	24	-1
El Dorado	15	1	21	7
Hope	NR	0	NR	0
Hope Liberacion Y Poder	18	0	24	-2
Liberty	NR	0	NR	0
Prescott	41	4	50	8
Texarkana Cathedral Hgts.	42	0	54	-9
WEST ZONE —				
Danville	NR	0	NR	0
DeQueen	11	-42	11	-42
Greenwood	89	0	89	6
Mansfield	12	0	14	-1
Mena	13	-5	32	8
Pleasant Grove	40	3	51	-2
Waldron	73	-20	109	-30
Waldron Cristo Vive	19	-4	32	-2
Wickes	23	-13	50	-45

CHILDREN/YOUTH MINISTRIES



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S.P.A.R.K. SPIRITUALLY PREPARING AND REACHING KIDS

*Do you need new ideas?
Do you want to connect with
other Children's Leaders
from SOAR?*

Coming this February ... our first annual retreat for Local Children's Directors/Pastors/Leaders/Team Members in South Arkansas! This is a great time of equipping, connecting, fellowshiping and learning.

WHEN: Thursday-Saturday,
February 2-4, 2012

WHERE: Heath Valley
Campgrounds
Mena, Arkansas

FEE: \$60 postmarked by
Jan. 12, 2012
\$75 postmarked after
January 12, 2012

Registrations, fliers, information has been emailed to all churches. Regular mail packets were sent out.

For questions, please email or call:

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Extreme Reality North and South Arkansas NYI

December 30-31, 2011 Little Rock First Church of the Nazarene
\$25 per person Registration begins at 9:00pm

Free iPod drawing give-a-way to those registered by December 19, 2011.
Price includes: Lawrence Cheatham Band, Speaker, Dodgeball, Ice Skating, video games, pizza and drinks for dinner, donuts and drinks for breakfast, don't miss it!!!



FIRST EVER TURKEY BOWL Ultimate Frisbee Style



Saturday November 19, 2011 at Cornerstone Nazarene 12:00pm

Cost: Free Bring: Sack Lunch, Ultimate Frisbee gear, etc.

Each church brings their own team. 10 students/youth leaders on the field at a time. 3 must be girls. See SOAR NYI Facebook page for more details.

NOVEMBER

11-12 SNU College Days (FREE)
12 Fall Quiz at Greenwood Nazarene
19 SOAR NYI Council Meeting 11am at
Cornerstone Nazarene
19 TURKEY BOWL 12pm at Cornerstone

DECEMBER

10 Christmas Quiz at New Hope Nazarene
27 Commission Unto Mexico
30 Extreme Reality 9:00pm at Little Rock
First Nazarene

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COME JOIN OUR WORK • WITNESS ADVENTURE
DECEMBER 27TH, 2011 - JANUARY 3RD, 2012

\$529 FROM EAGLE PASS, TEXAS INCLUDES

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TRANSPORTATION

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WORDS FOR THE WORLD

DISTRICT YOUTH MISSION PROJECT: With over 6,000 different languages in the world, bringing the "Words to the World" becomes a difficult task for the Global Church. SOAR NYI has decided to help provide the translation of ministry tools and resources for our NYI Leaders worldwide as they seek to spread the message of Jesus Christ.



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NOVEMBER

Emphasis: **THANKSGIVING OFFERING**

10 Six Month Report Due
 (Mail to District NMI Secretary)

13 International Day of Prayer
 for the Persecuted Church

20 Thanksgiving Offering Sunday
 (Report to Zone Coordinator, mail to Kansas City)

DECEMBER

Emphasis: **NAZARENE COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES**

12 Birthday, Wayne Hill

27- Jan 3 SNU Commission Unto Mexico

Promote the Compassionate Ministries Fund
 (To be received the second Sunday in January)

Here's a GREAT Compassionate Ministries
 December Calendar Resource:
<http://home.snu.edu/~hculbert/december.htm>

JANUARY

Emphasis: **VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES**

7 Youth Project Money Due
 (Report to Zone Coordinator, mail to District NMI Treasurer)

8 .. Receive the Compassionate Ministries Fund
 (Report to Zone Coordinator, mail to Kansas City)

**Promote Alabaster
 (February Emphasis)**

PERSECUTED CHURCH

Their only crime is following Jesus.

By praying, stand alongside our brothers and sisters who are persecuted for their faith.

**International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church—
 Sunday, November 13
www.idop.org**



Nazarene Compassionate Ministries www.ncm.org

Compassion as a lifestyle



The SOAR SIX Award

Honoring churches who **Sacrifice & Invest Xtra** for World Evangelism Fund.

Each church's WEF goal is 5.5%
 This award will recognize those churches that achieve 6% payment to WEF. A letter will be coming soon to explain the award in further detail.



They have your fingerprints all over them.

Ask your mission leaders about opportunities and how you can be involved.

Volunteer Ministries

Find us on Facebook

South Arkansas NMI
<http://tinyurl.com/3J2VQ86>



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It's not too late...but you must start the process soon (you'll need a passport)

District Scholarships are available on a first come basis. Up to \$250 may be available for first time youth attendees.

Contact Jane Sanders at 501.821.3241 or tjsanders1975@sbcglobal.net

Welcome to Our Newest South Arkansas District NMI Council Members!

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