

**A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT:**

Good morning to all of you this beautiful Saturday morning-  
-already June 7th! Where has the year gone??

Mark your calendars for July 17. I would love to have you  
all spend the day at Combined Convention Day in Decatur  
with me! I look forward to seeing all of you and reporting  
mission highlights for the Illinois District. I have a mission  
packet for each of you that includes your new LINKS  
missionary.

*"Dear Illinois District NMI*

*Greetings from the Philippines. Last April 30, I went to the  
post office and received a box from you and it made our  
whole family very happy. What a wonderful thoughtfulness  
it is!*

*Thank you very much for your generosity together with all  
the local churches in your District.*

*God bless you all!*

*Sincerely,*

*Tim, Lydia, David, John, Daniel KIM"*

See you in Decatur!!!

Sandy Stickler

IL District NMI President

**20 Years of Ministry**



The Reverend Dr. Lawrence and Mrs. Lisa Lacher of  
Roxana Church, after 20 years of faithful and fruitful  
ministerial service to Roxana Church, the Illinois  
District, and the surrounding communities, accepted  
a call to Roswell First Church of the Nazarene, in New  
Mexico. As Pastor Larry said in his final report, "We  
have done a lot of life together in 20 years." And the  
numbers are impressive: 100 funerals, 80 weddings,  
108 baptisms, 242 people received into membership,

53 baby dedications, 56 people placed on the memorial roll, and 21  
Distinguished Service Awards given to folks who have exemplified service to the  
church. DSA number 22 came as a total surprise as the church recognized Pastor  
Larry and Lisa's accomplishments during their ministry that spanned 20 years of  
loving people.

Pastor Larry served the community that surrounds the church wearing a variety  
of hats: serving on the Roxana Board of Education, the Roxana Schools  
Foundation Board, East Alton Rotary Club, and the Wood River Township  
Ministerial Alliance.

Dr. Larry also served the Illinois District with distinction on the Camp Board,  
Board of Ministerial Studies, Board of Ministerial Credentials, District Advisory  
Board, and developed the District Ministerial Mentoring Program and the  
District School of Ministry, and was a member of the Olivet Board of Trustees.  
This is just a small snapshot of Pastor Larry and Lisa's years of service to the  
church, community and denomination.

Their greatest ministry across these 20 years has been with the people they  
have shepherded. Pastor Larry and Lisa have labored among the congregation in  
love, steadfast in hope, always  
mentoring before the flock what it  
means to be Christ-like. They have  
been instrumental in guiding folks  
towards growth in the grace and  
knowledge of our Lord, Jesus Christ  
and modeled what it means to have a  
servant's heart. And we, the people of  
Roxana Nazarene Church, are  
spiritually richer because of them.



We said our good-byes to Pastor Larry and Lisa at a dinner on April 6 with more than 200 people in attendance, including their three children and their families. The church gifted them with hundreds of cards filled with love and God's blessings, a Wesley bust for Pastor's office, and a basket filled with kitchen goodies for Lisa. Their first Sunday in Roswell was April 27. May God richly bless their ministry there!

## 40th Anniversary

Ed and Pam (Carroll) Sprinkle will celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 15.

They were united in marriage by Reverend Russell Downs at Southside Church of the Nazarene in Springfield, Illinois.

They have been blessed with two children, daughter, Heather (Terry) Boles of Mt. Vernon, Illinois, and son, Tim (Amanda) Sprinkle of O'Fallon, Illinois. They have two granddaughters, Lauren Boles and Larisa Boles of Mt. Vernon.

In addition to their 40th wedding anniversary, the Sprinkles are celebrating their 20th anniversary as Pastor and wife of Faith Church of the Nazarene in Mt. Vernon. Their church family surprised them with an anniversary celebration on Sunday, June 8th.

Cards are welcome. If you wish to send a card, the mailing address is 102 S. 33<sup>rd</sup> St., Mt. Vernon, IL 62864



## Rev. Michael & Shari Tapscott Retire

Rev. Michael & Shari Tapscott, currently senior pastor and wife of Parkway Church of the Nazarene in Decatur, IL, will be retiring from pastoral ministry May 25, 2014. They accepted this position in May of 2004 and have faithfully served the church for the past 10 years.



Rev. and Mrs. Tapscott have been in pastoral ministry since graduation from Nazarene Bible College, Colorado Springs, CO serving churches for 40 years in Oklahoma, Indiana, and Illinois.

A special service to honor The Tapscott's was held on Sunday, May 25th at 10:00am. The congregation of Parkway extends to our Pastor and wife our sincere thanks for all your faithful years of service and pray God's blessings on you.

## A Family Week Festival Prayer Encounter Conventions & District Assembly July 13-18, 2014 Sponsored by the Illinois District Church of the Nazarene



Dr. Jerry D. Porter  
General Superintendent



Dr. Jim Spruce  
District Superintendent



Rev. Corey Jones  
Cocomaoh Tabernacle



Revs. Doug & Darla Kearce  
Children's Evangelists



Dr. Bill Weismann  
New Church Starts



LaMorris Crawford  
Convention Speaker



Dr. John Bowling  
President, ICU

## Prayer Encounter – CONVENTIONS – DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

**Sunday, July 13**  
**PRAYER ENCOUNTER**  
9:00 AM, 11:00 AM  
& 6:30 PM  
Rev. Corey Jones  
Prayer Mentor

**Monday, July 14**  
**PRAYER ENCOUNTER**  
10:00 AM & 6:30 PM  
Rev. Corey Jones  
Prayer Mentor

**Tuesday, July 15**  
**PRAYER ENCOUNTER**  
10:00 AM & 6:30 PM  
Rev. Corey Jones  
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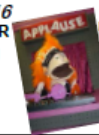
**Wednesday, July 16**  
**PRAYER ENCOUNTER**  
10:00 AM & 6:30 PM  
Rev. Corey Jones  
Prayer Mentor

**Thursday, July 17**  
**Combined Convention Day – 9:00AM**  
SDMI – NMI – NYI  
LaMorris Crawford  
Convention Speaker  
(Registration for delegates  
begins at 7:45 AM)

**DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT  
REPORT – 7 PM**  
Dr. Jim Spruce  
Reception in honor of  
Dr. & Mrs. Spruce Retirement  
following the service.  
(Registration for  
District Assembly delegates  
6-7 PM & following service)

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES**  
Monday, July 14 - Friday  
July 18

10:00 AM & 6:30 PM  
Revs. Doug & Darla Kearce  
Children's Evangelist  
Mrs. Debbie Brewer  
Children's Director



**Friday, July 18**  
**DISTRICT ASSEMBLY – 8:30 AM**  
Dr. Jerry D. Porter  
General Superintendent  
(Registration for delegates  
begins at 7:45 AM)

**O.N.U. REPORT – 8:30 AM**  
Dr. John Bowling, President  
& the Olivetians

Dr. Bill Weismann - 1:00  
New Church Starts  
**ORDINATION SERVICE – 7:00 PM**  
Dr. Jerry D. Porter  
General Superintendent

**NURSERY CARE  
PROVIDED FOR  
ALL SERVICES**

**LOCATION – DECATUR FIRST  
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**  
1177 W. Hickory Point Rd., Decatur, IL 62526  
217-875-0616

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