New Passion... New People... A New Illinois

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Pastors and Leaders,

When we see a butterfly flying, we rejoice in the beauty and promise of



creation. Yet, we should also be reminded of the difficult, uncomfortable necessity of change. The creature who so freely flutters before us has been through a transition that seems anything but joyful. One might

wonder if the caterpillar had a choice, would it choose to go through the process?

Our churches must expect God's creative and redemptive power to transform us. Though the process is exhausting, and its purpose not always evident to observers, the transition is necessary for new life to spring forth from our midst. This Team Day, as we gather to worship, learn together, and be challenged. Remember the butterfly, and the beauty transitions can bring.

We are looking forward to an exciting time together.

Blessings, Mark Copley Mission Strategy Director

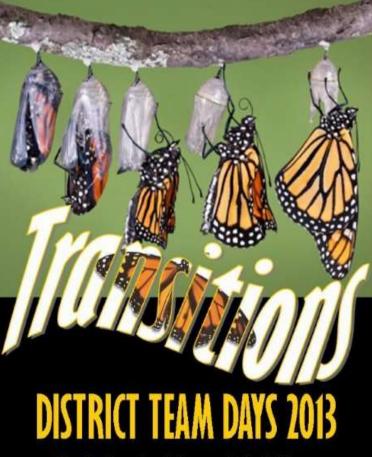
Special Speaker: Pastor Mark Bane

Mark is currently senior pastor of the Gracepointe (formally Atlanta First) Church of the Nazarene. After graduating from Trevecca Nazarene University he continued his education at Nazarene Theological Seminary. He is a graduate of the Billy Graham School of Evangelism, the School of Large Church Management (tract 2) and is a certified Personality Trainer. He has pastored for 24 years in Arkansas, St Louis and Albuquerque before his current assignment in the Atlanta area. He has been honored to speak at a variety of public speaking venues from Youth camps to Sunday School conventions to revivals from as far east as the Caribbean to Hawaii in the west. He has been blessed with excellent growth in every ministry position he has been placed. He has planted six new start churches while pastoring existing churches. He loves preaching, teaching, developing leaders

and is highly committed to Evangelism. Making Christ-like Disciples is a vital part of his ministry as 1300 souls have joined the church by profession of faith in his pastoral ministry and 10 of those are now in full time ministry as a result. His motto is "win as many people to Jesus as possible and then die."

Mark is happily married to Cheryl his wife of 31 years and has two adult children, Katie and spouse Mike Finn (Albuquerque) and Kelley (Georgia.)





North: Saturday, February 16th, 9:00am Decatur First Church of the Nazarene South: Saturday, March 9th, 9:00am Salem Grace Church of the Nazarene Workshops featuring ONU Professors, District Pastors, and Leaders Guest Speaker: Pastor Mark Bane, Gracepoint Church of the Nazarene, Atlanta, GA

