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Greetings to the great Illinois District Church of the Nazarene; after a long, hot, dry summer we are now officially into fall with some accompanying cooler weather and much needed rain.

Fall is always a good time to look at our programs; see what is working and what is not; see what needs tweaking and maybe even ch-ch-ch-change some things. (I know that is not always easy!) For example, in our church the local SDMI Board made the decision to try something new for the adult Sunday school classes. We will have one class that will study the regular Curriculum while the other adult classes will study from the dialog series. All the adults signed up for the class they wanted to participate in and we start them the last Sunday of this month. It may not be earth shattering but it's a change of pace and people are excited about it.

The month of October brings Columbus Day, more fall weather and Come to the Fire for our ladies; which happens October 11 thru the 13<sup>th</sup> at ONU. If you cannot make the trip to ONU, Decatur First church will have the sessions streamed live, for more information call: 217-875-0616. If you cannot gather with either of these groups go to: <a href="https://www.cometothefire.org">www.cometothefire.org</a>; where you can watch it on your own computer. Please understand; I am not promoting this as "another program". I have talked with ladies who attended last year, including my wife. They will tell you their lives "will never be the same". Also be in prayer that the Lord will impact more lives as a result of His presence in this event.

October is also Pastor Appreciation month. I know we all appreciate our pastors and families so please take this opportunity to show them your appreciation for all they do.

## Finally, continue to:

- 1. Pray for your churches and leaders.
- Pray Ephesians 6:19 for your pastor, that whenever he/she opens his/her mouth words will be givenhim so that he will "fearlessly make known the mysteries of the gospel".
- Pray for God's manifest presence in your own personal life and in your churches.
- 4. Pray for our district leadership, as well as the boards and auxiliaries.

Have a great fall...catch you next month. - Jim German

Church	Sunday Morning	Sunday School	Church	Sunday Morning	Sunday School
Anna First	105	78	Highland Community	NR	NR
Arcola First	35	24	Jerseyville	NR	NR
Arcola Spanish	NR	NR	Laclede	NR	NR
Auburn	45	43	Lincoln First	NR	NR
Barry	NR	NR	Mahomet	45	26
Beardstown	71	68	Mansfield Community	28	NR
Beardstown Liberty Hispani	c 37	17	Marion First	NR	NR
Belleville Emmanuel	48	46	Mattoon East Side	80	95
Belleville First	NR	NR	Mattoon Real Life Com.	29	15
Belleville Korean	20	2	Monticello	NR	NR
Benton First	38	29	Mount Carmel	29	12
Bethel Community	54	31	Mount Erie	40	20
Carbondale New Begin Com	. NR	NR	Mount Sterling	23	14
Carlinville First	40	37	Mount Vernon Faith	NR	NR
Carmi	NR	NR	Murphysboro	NR	NR
Casey	147	90	Nebo	57	28
Centralia	63	45	Oakwood	6	
Champaign First	NR	NR	Ogden	61	51
Champaign New Day Com.	NR	NR	Olivet	73	60
Chrisman	69	31	Olney	75	51
Clinton First	76	55	Pana First	122	71
Collinsville Good Samaritan	NR	NR	Paris First	73	48
Decatur First	596	436	Pittsfield	245	158
Decatur Oak Grove	49	26	Quincy Emmanuel	64	36
Decatur Parkway	69	55	Rantoul	77	54
Decatur Trinity	NR	NR	Roxana	NR	NR
Decatur West Side	81	60	Royalton First	99	91
Du Quoin	NR	NR	Salem Grace	433	235
Dupo Bluffview Christian Cr	ntr. NR	NR	Shelbyville	NR	NR
East St. Louis Rush Memoria	al 6	5	Sherman	75	61
Edgemont Grace	NR	NR	Sparta	NR	NR
Fairfield Fountain of Life	27	19	Springfield First	NR	NR
Fairview Heights Parkview	47	41	Springfield Trinity	NR	NR
Flora	160	119	Taylorville First	NR	NR
Georgetown	45	35	Tuscola	35	8
Glenview	67	39	Urbana Lighthouse	79	69
Godfrey	39	34	Vandalia	NR	NR
Granite City CTM	NR	NR	Virden	NR	NR
Griggsville	NR	NR	West Union	NR	NR
Harrisburg Oasis	NR	NR	Total	3881	2667