

Greetings to the great Illinois District Church of the Nazarene,

While it is late October as I sit down to write this, I am very much aware that it will come out in November. We celebrate several special days during the month of November; this year we have national elections. As Christians we should all exercise our privilege of voting and I urge you to observe the motto "Pray, vote, Pray".

November is also the month we celebrate our Veterans. Thank you to all of the men and women who have served and are serving in our armed forces. We all know you are why we live in a free country.

Finally, November is the month we celebrate Thanksgiving. As Christians, we should really understand what it means to celebrate this National Holiday; in fact we should celebrate it every day. The hymn that came to my mind as I thought of Thanksgiving is my mother in law's favorite: Great is thy Faithfulness by Thomas O. Chisholm. According to him there were no special circumstances that caused him to write this poem; just his "experience and Bible truth." Oh that each one of us could communicate our faith so clearly, based on our own experiences and the truths we have learned from our study of the scriptures! I pray that each of you will have a very blessed and Happy Thanksgiving; may we be truly grateful for the blessings God has poured out upon us! I close with the first verse and chorus of this wonderful Hymn:

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
 There is no shadow of turning with thee;
 Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
 As thou has been, thou forever will be.

Great is thy Faithfulness!
 Great is thy Faithfulness!
 Morning by morning new mercies I see.
 All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
 Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

In Christ,
 Jim German, SDMI Chairman

ATTENDANCES FOR OCTOBER					
Church	Sunday Morning	Sunday School	Church	Sunday Morning	Sunday School
Anna First	112	81	Highland Community	NR	NR
Arcola First	NR	NR	Jerseyville	NR	NR
Arcola Spanish	NR	NR	Laclede	21	17
Auburn	47	47	Lincoln First	27	19
Barry	NR	NR	Mahomet	44	28
Beardstown	84	75	Mansfield Community	29	25
Beardstown Liberty Hispanic	36	14	Marion First	NR	NR
Belleville Emmanuel	55	51	Mattoon East Side	72	87
Belleville First	NR	NR	Mattoon Real Life Com.	31	21
Belleville Korean	NR	NR	Monticello	19	17
Benton First	NR	NR	Mount Carmel	24	14
Bethel Community	54	33	Mount Erie	35	35
Carbondale New Begin Com.	NR	NR	Mount Sterling	22	14
Carlinville First	48	40	Mount Vernon Faith	NR	NR
Carmi	77	51	Murphysboro	NR	NR
Casey	142	95	Nebo	70	28
Centralia	NR	NR	Oakwood	NR	NR
Champaign First	NR	NR	Ogden	55	46
Champaign New Day Com.	43	43	Olivet	58	35
Chrisman	69	31	Olney	77	53
Clinton First	80	54	Pana First	NR	NR
Collinsville Good Samaritan	NR	NR	Paris First	73	48
Decatur First	NR	NR	Pittsfield	235	153
Decatur Oak Grove	52	25	Quincy Emmanuel	73	35
Decatur Parkway	NR	NR	Rantoul	80	56
Decatur Trinity	NR	NR	Roxana	NR	NR
Decatur West Side	79	61	Royalton First	99	92
Du Quoin	16	13	Salem Grace	450	228
Dupo Bluffview Christian Cntr.	NR	NR	Shelbyville	NR	NR
East St. Louis Rush Memorial	5	5	Sherman	NR	NR
Edgemont Grace	NR	NR	Sparta	NR	NR
Fairfield Fountain of Life	NR	NR	Springfield First	NR	NR
Fairview Heights Parkview	37	45	Springfield Trinity	NR	NR
Flora	180	122	Taylorville First	NR	NR
Georgetown	41	37	Tuscola	NR	NR
Glenview	72	42	Urbana Lighthouse	52	69
Godfrey	NR	NR	Vandalia	NR	NR
Granite City CTM	NR	NR	Virden	NR	NR
Griggsville	NR	NR	West Union	NR	NR
Harrisburg Oasis	NR	NR	Total	2971	2092

Just wanted to let you all know As of Monday 10/29/12 our new address will be: 1308 Ridge Pointe Drive, Monticello, IL. 61856. We will let you know our new phone number when we have it. In the mean time, we can be reached by our cell phones: (Phyllis's 217-412-2908, Jim's 217-454-4866.) or by e-mail which has not changed at this time. We will keep you updated as things move along.
 Jim and Phyllis German