

District Prayer Encounter Springfield First Church of the Nazarene

5200 S. 6th St. Rd., Springfield, IL 62703

July 31 - August 2, 2013

Day Sessions: 9:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.

Evening Sessions: 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Speakers: Rev. Corey Jones and Rev. Maria Durso

Worship Leader: Gregg Sowards

"The church always fails at the point of self-confidence. . . . The root trouble is that the church has more faith in the world and the flesh than in the Holy Ghost. The church is powerless without the fire of the Holy Ghost. Destitute of fire, nothing else counts; possessing fire nothing else matters."

--Samuel Chadwick, The Way to Pentecost

Maria Durso:



Maria and her husband Michael co-pastor at Christ Tabernacle, the first church to be birthed from the legendary Brooklyn Tabernacle in New York City where Jim Cymbala serves. God miraculously saved Maria from years of abuse and drugs, and has given her a ministry of intercessory prayer which encourages women through fellowship, worship and scripture.

Corey Jones:

Corey, pastor at Crossroads Tabernacle Church of the Nazarene

in Forth Worth, TX, has been to our district several times for prayer encounters. A number of years ago Crossroads was ready to close. But at a Tuesday night prayer service God changed Corey's heart with a vision for intercessory prayer. Please read his story at www.ctgiveshope.com.



Registration Online:

Registration is done online at www.illinoisnaz.org; follow the link to "prayer encounter". **There is no charge – love offerings only!**

Salem Grace Mission Trip

About 25 people from Salem Grace are on a mission trip right now to Monterrey, Mexico. They met Kurt Warner at the airport and he said a blessing for them. If you remember, please keep them in your prayers.



District NMI President Goes Home To Be With The Lord

William "Bill" Ralph Brandon III, 62, of Troy, IL, was called Home to Eternal Glory at 10:40 p.m. Mon. July 22, 2013 at Relais Bonne Eau Hospice Home in Edwardsville, IL after a valiant 15 month battle with cancer.

He was born Sept. 16, 1950 in Carbondale, IL to the late William Ralph & Doris Marie (Stanley) Brandon.

On Jan. 19, 1973, he and Deborah Lynn Lewis were married in Murphysboro, IL. She survives in Troy.

Bill led a life of service unto others. He was a U.S. Army veteran serving with the Military Police as a dog handler from 1970 to 1972. Upon his return home, he began a career as a police officer, with Murphysboro P.D. from 1972 to 1977, Carbondale P.D. from 1977 to 1987, IL State Police from 1987 to 2002 and Washington University P.D. from 2002 to 2005. He then worked as an Investigator for Metro Investigation from 2005 to 2006. In 2006 he joined the Madison Co. Coroner's office where he worked as a Deputy Investigator until illness forced his retirement. He was a Past President and member of the State of IL Division of International Assoc. for Identification and was an Internationally certified Senior Crime Scene Analyst as well as being a certified Diplomat with the American Board of Medicolegal Death Investigators. He was a Lay Pastor of Highland Church of the Nazarene and member of Belleville First Church of the Nazarene. He actively served the Lord in the Nazarene Church, especially in mission work as IL District Nazarene Missions International President, where he participated in mission work around the world, including such locations as: Jordan, Israel, Guatemala, Mexico, Brazil, Sri Lanka, India, Kenya and Ethiopia. He loved his Lord, his family and his friends.

In addition to his wife of 40 years, he is survived by: 2 sons and daughters-in-law, Robert William & Susan Elizabeth Brandon of O'Fallon, IL and Timothy Lewis & Teresa Amy Brandon of Pittsburg, IL, a daughter and son-in-law, Amanda Lynn & Brady Smith of Troy, IL,, 5 beloved grandchildren, Caleb Robert Brandon, Avery Elizabeth Brandon, Mackenzie Lynn Brandon, Audrey Marie Brandon and Jovey Lynn Smith, a brother and sister-in-law, Scott & Joyce Brandon of Murphysboro, 3 sisters and 2 brothers-in-law, Nancy & Lonnie West of Dongola, IL, Susan & Wayne Chamberlaine of Carbondale and Beth Brandon also of Carbondale, a brother-in-law, Warren Owens of Virden, IL, many nieces and nephews and dear friends and CSI partner, Al & Linda Busch of Fairview Heights, IL.

Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Karen Owens.

Visitation will be from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Sun. July 28, 2013 at Belleville First Church of the Nazarene, 1901 Lebanon Ave., Belleville, IL with a law enforcement walk through at 4:00 p.m. Visitation will continue Mon. July 29, 2013 from 10:00 a.m. until time of services at 11:00 a.m. with Dr. Craig Dillman officiating. Burial with military honors will be at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Nazarene Compassionate Ministries or Relais Bonne Eau Hospice Home.

Arrangements with online information and guestbook through Wojstrom Funeral Home & Crematory may be found at www.wojstrom.com