

What is Alabaster Offering?

The Alabaster Offering provides funds for property and buildings around the world. While we understand the church consists of the people of God and not a building, buildings erected for the purpose of ministry help provide a sense of permanence, functionally enhance ministry efforts, and convey an attitude that the Church of the Nazarene intends to "put down roots." Alabaster funds help provide land for many Work & Witness projects, and the entire Alabaster Offering goes toward the purchase of land and construction of churches, schools, medical facilities, and homes for missionaries and national workers.

How Are Alabaster Offerings Received?

The Alabaster Offering gets to the mission field via several avenues. The most widely used is the Alabaster Box. Individuals are challenged to regularly contribute the cost of items they desire but do not need. The boxes also serve as reminders to pray for those people who will benefit from Alabaster buildings.



presence; however, it is always accompanied with a spirit of rejoicing.

Many churches receive regular offerings throughout the year that are designated as Alabaster funds. (This is often a part of the Faith Promise plan for missions giving.) However, the semi-annual offerings should still be received, allowing opportunity for giving by those not participating in other ways.

Alabaster should be well-publicized. All ages are encouraged to participate with leaders educating local churches as to the need for centers of holiness evangelism around the world.

Illinois District Pastor & Spouse Retreat October 20-22, 2013



Guests
Dr. Michael Benson
Dr. & Mrs. Jim Spruce



Pere Marquette Lodge
& Conference Center
Grafton, IL

**Reservations Due by
September 20, 2012**

Cost:
Double Occupancy - \$350 Retiree: \$ 250
Single Occupancy - \$300 Retiree: \$ 200



Illinois District Church of the Nazarene

2013 Laymen's Retreat

"In the hands of God"

Bob & Jennifer Wilkerson

Speaker & Singers

Who: All Laymen

What: Weekend Retreat

When: September 13, 14 and 15

Where: Camp Warren, Decatur, IL

(Anderson Church of God, Campgrounds)

Cost: \$95.00 per person

Registration forms and room information will be forthcoming

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Evangelist: Bob & Jennifer Wilkerson

Bob and Jennifer have dedicated their lives to helping the multitudes come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ and are pouring their lives into proclaiming the Gospel and declaring that "Everybody needs Jesus".

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