

117th COLORADO DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

The LORD replied,

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WILL GO WITH YOU,
AND I WILL
GIVE YOU REST.”**

Exodus 33:14

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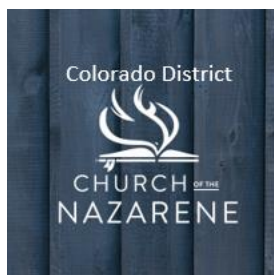
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Welcome from DS Askren.

Welcome to the District Assembly of the Colorado District Church of the Nazarene!

What a privilege to gather and celebrate the good things of God and set our sights on reaping His harvest as we “Bring People to Jesus”. It has been a joy to see us come together in unity to “Blessing Our Community”. The best is yet to come. As I have spent time this year with the pastors and people of our District, I have been impressed by the heart of the people who care about their communities and the people who we call brothers and sisters in each of our churches. We want the State of Colorado to know Jesus, the One who makes the difference in each of our lives and can in theirs, too. I am believing that the Spirit of God will continue to bring us together as one and that His Presence will go with us into our communities. I am praying that God will move on the Church of the Nazarene in ways that would be transformative in every area of ministry, administration, and worship. This 117th District Assembly is a part of the answer to that prayer, as are you. The Lord Jesus is on the move in Colorado, and we want to join Him.

This is our 117th District Assembly for the State of Colorado. As we gather during these hours, I am praying that each of us will be invited again by the Holy Spirit to a new understanding of surrender and that we would recognize His presence is not only with us but goes before us to accomplish our calling. We go with the presence of the Living God. This is a promise that enables each of us to be our best selves. I believe this assembly will be an opportunity for each of us to experience His Presence in unique, personal, and substantive ways.

I offer my thanks to our host church, One Hope Church of the Nazarene, to Pastor Jason and Rebecca Brest, and to the staff and people for their gracious welcome and their preparation. I also want to thank Dr. David Busic for his leadership and care for all of us during these days. Finally, thanks to each of you for coming, for your service to the Kingdom of God, for your willingness to be used of Him, and for your care of Judy and me.

May the blessing of God rest upon this 117th District Assembly of the Colorado District Church of the Nazarene. **And He said, My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” Exodus 33:14**

Virgil R. Askren
District Superintendent

Presiding General Superintendent

Dr. David Busic

Dr. David A. Busic was elected general superintendent in the Church of the Nazarene at the 28th General Assembly held in Indianapolis, Indiana, USA, in June 2013. At the time of his election, he had been president of Nazarene Theological Seminary since 2011.



Born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, David was ordained in 1991 by Dr. John A. Knight. After being an associate pastor in Oklahoma and Kansas, he served as senior pastor for three Churches of the Nazarene: Vineyard Community Church (Livermore, California), Central Church (Lenexa, Kansas), and First Church (Bethany, Oklahoma). During his tenure at Bethany First, Dr. Busic helped initiate and establish the Swaziland Partnership in 2007 to help reduce the HIV/AIDS rate and assist vulnerable children in Eswatini (formerly Swaziland), Africa.

Dr. Busic received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Southern Nazarene University in 1988 and a Master of Divinity degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary in 1993. Southern Nazarene University conferred a Doctor of Divinity degree upon him in 2010. He earned a Doctor of Ministry in theology and culture at Fuller Theological Seminary.

He has a distinguished tradition of service to the denomination. He has been a member of the General Board of the Church of the Nazarene, during which time he was also elected president of the USA National Board. From 2005 to 2013 he was a member of the Board of General Superintendents' Thought Partners, a think tank for critical issues facing the church.

Busic was co-editor for Preacher's Magazine from 2000 to 2007. He has also published numerous articles, book chapters, and authored five books, *Perfectly Imperfect: Character Sketches from the Old Testament*; *Perfectly Imperfect, Character Sketches from the New Testament*; *The City: Urban Churches in the Wesleyan Tradition*; *Way, Truth, Life: Discipleship as a Journey of Grace*; and his most recent volume, *The Praying Pastor: Learning to Lead from your Knees*. His preaching is widely respected throughout the church, making him a sought-after speaker and leadership advisor.

Dr. Busic and his wife, Christi, live in Edmond, Oklahoma. They have three grown children and seven grandchildren.

District Superintendent

Dr. Virgil Askren

Dr. Virgil Askren and his wife Judy joined the Colorado District in July 2021. Previously, he served as District Superintendent of the South Arkansas District 2018-2021, senior pastor of Bend Church of the Nazarene in Bend, Oregon for 14+ years. He has a Doctor of Ministry from Western Seminary. Virgil enjoys CrossFit, hiking, and spending time with his Cairn Terrier, Tavish. The Askrens have two grown daughters and two wonderful sons-in-law.



2025-2026 COLORADO DISTRICT CALENDAR

JULY 2025

June 30 - July 6 Full Week Family Camp

July 4 – 6 Weekend Family Camp

July 21 - 25 District Kids Camp (2nd grade – 5th grade)

July 23 - 25 District Kids Camp (Kindergarten – 1st grade)

AUGUST 2025

Aug. 14 District Finance Comm. Mtg.

Aug. 13-16 Prime Time Retreat at Golden Bell

Aug. 21 DAB meeting 10:00 am

SEPTEMBER 2025

Sept. 12 – 14 Colo. District Women's Retreat at Golden Bell

Sept. 8 - 9 Golden Bell Board Mtg.

OCTOBER 2025

Oct. 3 – 5 Ministers & Mates Retreat (Copper Mountain)

Oct. 16 District Finance Comm Mtg. 10:00 am

Oct. 23 DAB meeting 10:00 am

Oct. 30 Ordination Subcommittee of BOM

NOVEMBER 2025

Nov. 27 Thanksgiving

DECEMBER 2025

Dec. 6 DAB meeting

Dec. 25 Christmas Day

JANUARY 2026

Jan. 16 – 18Ministry Candidate Weekend

FEBRUARY 2026

Feb. 17Denver Mission Area Pastor's Meeting

Feb. 19District Finance Comm. Mtg. 10:00 am

Feb. 24Colorado Springs Mission Area Pastor's Meeting

Feb. 26DABmeeting 10:00 am

Feb. 28Credential Applications are due to Dist. Office

MARCH 2026

March 16-18Board of Ministry Meetings

March 4Northern/Northeast Plains Mission Area Pastor's Meeting

March 26Arkansas Valley Mission Area Pastor's Meeting

March 31Western Slope Mission Area Pastor's Meeting

APRIL 2026

April 11District Nominating Committee

April 14Golden Bell Board Meeting

April 17-19Women in Ministry Retreat

April 23District Finance Comm. Mtg. 10:00 am

April 30DAB meeting 10:00 am

MAY 2026

May 25Memorial Day

JUNE 2026

June 25-26Colorado District Assembly

Colorado District Year in Review May 1, 2024 to April 30, 2025

THE NUMBERS

(preliminary as of this printing date)

Organized Churches	58
New Starts (PAC's CTM's)	4
Preaching Points	1
New Nazarenes (POF)	283
Baptisms	318
Conversions	852
Church Membership	7,467
Average Weekly NDI Attendance	4,080
Average Weekly Worship Attendance	9,035
Money Raised	\$12,743,169
Given for World Evangelism	\$669,010 (5.25% of gross income)
Given for District Operations	\$396,827 (3.11% of gross income)
Given for Pension Fund	\$225,086 (1.77% of gross income)
Given for NNU	\$235,216 (1.85% of gross income)

THE EVENTS

4 New Starts (CTM's PAC's)

Aurora Calvary
Denver Lost and Found
Pueblo West Living Water Fellowship
Colorado Springs True Life Community Church Downtown

1 Preaching Point

Colorado Springs – Living Branches

3 Intercity/Compassionate Ministries

Food for Hope, Jesus of Nazareth, Movement 5280

1 Camp

Golden Bell Camp and Conference Center

District Assembly and Conventions Schedule

June 26-28, 2025

One Hope Church, 5301 S. Federal Cir., Littleton, CO 80123

Thursday, June 26

8:30 – NMI Convention

1:30 – Registration begins

2:00 – Kids Day Camp begins.

2:30 – Business Session: Devotional by **GS, Dr. Busic**. Voting and reports.

5:00 – Dinner: Delegates on your own. Kid's Day Camp closes. Pick up kids.

6:30 – Kids Day Camp opens.

7:00 – Opening Service: **DS, Dr. Askren** preaching.

8:30 – End of Kids Day Camp. Pick up kids.

NNU Reception

Friday, June 27

8:00 – Registration begins (if needed).

8:30 – Kids Day Camp begins.

9:00 – Devotional: **GS, Dr. Busic**.

Continued Business: Report of the District Superintendent

10:30 – Workshops

Special gathering of lead, youth, and children's pastors in the sanctuary

12:00 – Lunch: delegates on your own. Kids Day Camp closes. Pick up kids!

2:00 – Kids Day Camp opens.

2:30 – Workshops

4:00 – DAB Meeting with newly elected members

5:00 – Dinner: delegates on your own. End of Kids Day Camp. Pick up kids.

7:00 – Ordination Service. **GS, Dr. Busic** presiding.

Minister's Choir.

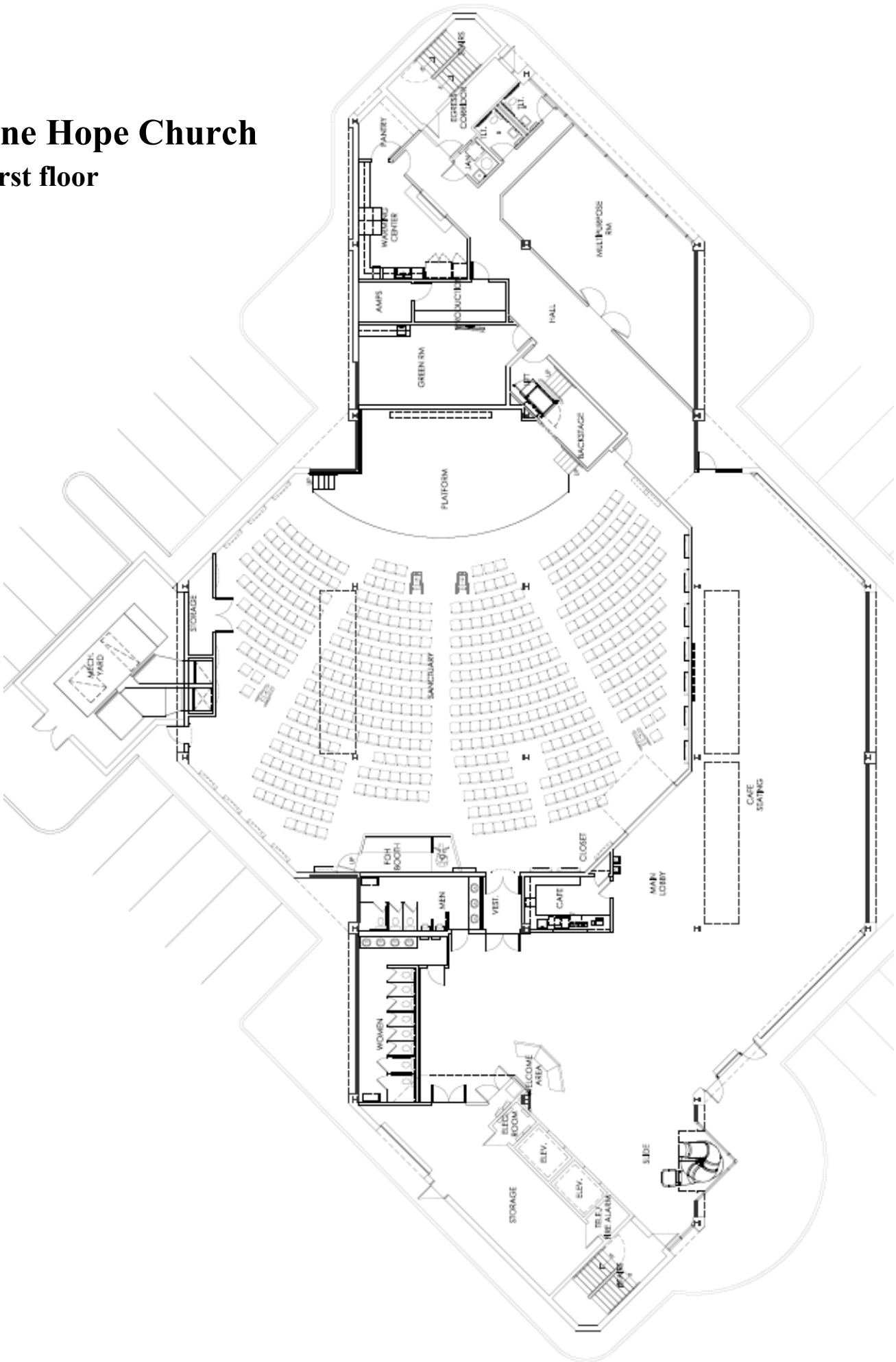
Ordinand reception following the service.

Saturday, June 28

10:00 – District NYI Convention

Note: One Hope café will be open at different times throughout the assembly

One Hope Church
First floor



Reports from District
Boards, Committees,
and Auxiliaries

2025 BOARD OF MINISTRY REPORT

A. Received and Receipted on Transfer

1. **Elders:** Michael Boswith, Anaheim; Abner Garcia, Central Gulf Coast; Lilliam Garcia, Central Gulf Coast; Lonnie Green, South Texas; Colleen McMordie, Oregon Pacific; Brian Troxell, South Texas
2. **Deacons:** None
3. **Licensed Ministers:** Bradley Erhard, Intermountain; Sarah Troxell, South Texas; Matthew Waggoner, Philadelphia

B. Granted Transfer and Receipted

1. **Elders:** Terry Douglass, Oklahoma; James Finch, Oklahoma; Sjon Green, Southwest Oklahoma; Ronald McElfresh, Missouri; Marie Perkins, Intermountain; Mark Peters, Northern Michigan; Pedro Muniz, Intermountain; William T. Umbel, Joplin
2. **Deacons:** None
3. **Licensed Ministers:** None

C. Elected to Elder's Orders: Clinton Tafoya

D. Elected to Deacon's Orders: None

E. Granted Recognition of Elder's Orders: None

F. Granted Recognition of Deacon's Orders: None

G. Granted Reinstatement/Return of Ministerial Credential: None

H. Removed from the Roster of Ministers

1. **Deceased:**
 - i. **Elders:** None
 - ii. **Deacons:** None
 - iii. **Licensed Ministers:** None
2. **Filed:**
 - i. **Elders:** James Abenroth, Kenneth Downey, Scott Green
 1. **Not reporting for two years:** David Brown
 - ii. **Deacons:** None
 - iii. **Licensed Ministers:** None

I. Granted Retired Relationship

1. **Elders:** Randy Garmon, Charles Hayes
2. **Deacons:** None
3. **Licensed Ministers:** None

J. Granted Minister's License

1. **New:** Carissa Arpelar, Brian Kennedy, Kender Smith, Colton Townley
2. **Renewed:** Medina Arpelar, Ben Beckner, Eladio Chavez, Chris Crook, Pamela Dudley, Alex Edwards, Bradley Erhard, Isaac Falealili, JanElle Hoffman, Pamela Jantz, Richard Curtis Lapp Jr., Jamie Martelle, Jerry Nelson, David Odell, Daniel Seifert, Marsha Smith, Ian Stubbs, Clint Tafoya, Sarah Troxell, Daniel Voss, Matthew Waggoner, James Young

K. Minister's License Not Renewed: Sherri Benintendi, Tara Edwards, James Profitt, Ben Rockwell

L. Granted Special Service Status: Jadalla Ghrrayeb, Tina Hayhurst, Cindy Johnson, Janine King, Alan Scott, John Watkin

M. Granted Registered Song Evangelist Status: Jerry Nelson

N. Local Licensed Ministers Reappointed to Serve as Senior Pastors: Gildardo Prieto, Colton Townley

O. Transfer of Jurisdiction: Jason Daye to the Florida District

Respectfully submitted,
Dr. Kevin Compton
Secretary of the Board of Ministry
District Secretary

2025 Finance Committee Report and Recommendations to the Assembly

We believe in responsible Christian stewardship through the payment of evangelism funds. Every dollar invested in ministry funds by the local church declares loyalty and love to the mission and message of God's kingdom here on earth. Every church should plan carefully to meet this scriptural responsibility to God and His church in reaching lost, unevangelized men and women through the district and denominational funds. The love of Christ, moving and motivating us within and without, leaves no room for unwarranted failure in this area of stewardship.

Part I. Funding the Mission

District Ministries Fund (which includes Church Development / New Start, Ethnic, NDI, NMI and NYI), World Evangelism Fund, Nazarene Benefits Fund and Education Fund

We recommend:

1. That the District Ministries Fund be set at 3% of the Adjusted Income of the Annual Pastor's Report.
2. That the World Evangelism Fund for the Colorado District be set at 5.5% of the Adjusted Income of the Annual Pastor's Report.
3. That the Nazarene Benefits Fund be set at 2% of the Adjusted Income of the Annual Pastor's Report.
4. That the Educational Fund for Northwest Nazarene University be set at 2.5 % of the Adjusted Income of the Annual Pastor's Report.
5. That our people be encouraged in the stewardship of possessions as related to wills, annuities, and legacy gifts on behalf of the church.
6. That the above ministry funds be paid monthly based on the income for the previous month with the first payment due in June each year.
7. That each local church will have pay by the time of, or bring the estimated first monthly payment of the District Ministries Fund to the District Assembly.
8. That each church make full use of the Funding the Mission and Colorado District websites to expedite participation and track progress

Part II. To the Churches

The Finance Committee has endeavored to apportion the ministry funds in the most fair and equitable manner possible in the light of the evangelism fund base adopted by the General Board.

We recommend:

1. That the allocation of missional funds be the percentages for the World Evangelism Fund, Educational Fund, and Nazarene Benefits Fund set by the General Board.
2. That the District assume responsibility for the encouragement of full payments of all missional funds by the local churches.
3. We strongly encourage all churches to participate in missional giving.
4. That the District Finance Committee provide a proposed budget to the District Advisory Board and District Assembly.

Part III. Insurance

We recommend:

1. That life insurance be provided by the district for all Senior Pastors of local churches meeting eligibility requirements, District Superintendent, Assistant District Superintendent, and Executive Director of Golden Bell.
2. That the local church consider offering disability insurance for their pastor in addition to that provided through payment of the Nazarene Benefits allocation.
3. Out of a deep concern for our clergy, a recommendation that churches carefully review the impact of current healthcare legislation and its effects on current policy, procedures and practices at the local church level surrounding coverages and assistance for pastoral staff and insurance premiums and deductibles. Additional resources are available from the General Church and resources such as Christianity Today's Church & Clergy Tax Guide, ECFA (Evangelical Council for Financial Accountability) and others.

Part IV. Operating Policies

We recommend that each local church include in its policies the following:

1. The local church treasurer will provide an annual financial report to the board and congregation to include all incoming and outgoing funds.
2. The church board reviews its handling of funds ensuring that one person does not handle both incoming and outgoing monies.
3. The church board determines/reviews annually access to confidential information on individual contributions and on church financial reporting.
4. The church board reviews accessibility to church computers, especially those connected to the internet.
5. The church board secures and safely, electronically stores for an indefinite time all insurance policies, all legal documents that are not stored elsewhere, and all background material.
6. We recommend that all churches maintain property, liability, and sexual misconduct coverage.
7. The church board submits at the first board meeting in the fiscal year approval of housing allowances for all paid staff, part-time or full-time, and included in that action paid ministry shall be allowed to reduce reportable income by all unreimbursed business expenses under current IRS accountable reimbursement guidelines. (*This should be reviewed/acted upon when any staff changes occur during the fiscal year.)

Part V. District Staff

We recommend:

1. That payment in full for health insurance be made for the District Superintendent, Assistant District Superintendent, and Golden Bell Executive Director and their immediate families in accordance with available funding through an approved operating budget.
2. That the District Superintendent and Assistant District Superintendent be reimbursed for their reasonable professional business expenses through an approved accountable

reimbursement plan and in accordance with available funding through an approved operating budget.

3. That the District Superintendent and Assistant District Superintendent be reimbursed travel for the district at the current IRS approved mileage rate or other IRS allowable agreed upon financial arrangements and in accordance with available funding through an approved operating budget.
4. That the district consider paying a portion of medical reimbursements for the District Superintendent and Assistant District Superintendent immediate families in accordance with applicable laws and pending available funding through an approved operating budget.
5. That volunteers serving on district boards and committees be reimbursed travel for the district at a rate of \$.35 per mile in accordance with available funding through an approved operating budget. In some cases, this may cause a taxable event. Volunteers are encouraged to refer to the IRS website or consult a tax professional.

Part VI. Evangelists' Support

We recommend that local churches pay evangelists a prudent and generous provision for services rendered.

Part VII. Ministerial Support and Benevolence

That the financial support of pastors be given careful study and periodic review by the church board, giving consideration following the Department of Labor's index, being reviewed twice a year. An automatic cost-of-living adjustment should be considered in the fall of each year. In the spring, there should be a review based on merit and church progress.

1. That the pastoral remuneration comprises:
 - a. Fair and generous salary including the full amount of Social Security (based on pastor's salary, plus housing allowance and/or parsonage rental values),
 - b. Parsonage and/or housing allowance,
 - c. Utilities and parsonage expense,
 - d. Family health and life insurance premiums, insurance co-payments and/or deductibles (see III.2 and III.3 above),
 - e. Church related vehicle usage reimbursement or allowance,
 - f. Annuity allowance and/or other supplemental retirement programs,
 - g. Continuing Ministerial Education allowance, and,
 - h. Miscellaneous professional reimbursements for such things as books, entertainment, conventions, and conferences.
2. That pastors and all full-time ministerial staff members be given a minimum of two weeks paid vacation annually. We further recommend that all the above who have accumulated five or more years of salaried ministry be granted paid vacation as follows.
5-10 years 3 weeks
10-15 years 4 weeks
15-20 years 5 weeks
20+ years 6 weeks

Churches should establish the accrual limit in accordance with all state and local regulations to provide clarity of that limit to the pastor and church. Accumulated years of salaried ministry shall include service in the Church of the Nazarene prior to that accumulated at the present assignment of the minister. This vacation time should be exclusive of time spent at district and general church meetings. The pastor is advised to use discretion and wisdom in the planning of vacation to best work with the church's needs and calendar.

3. That out of a deep concern for our pastors to avoid burnout and stress and to keep a clear continuing vision for their church and ministry:

That churches and the district consider giving a sabbatical or continuing professional development leave for their pastoral staff, in accordance with available funding through an approved operating budget, as early as during their seventh year of ministry. Special care should be deliberated to include accumulated years of salaried ministry comprising service years in the Church of the Nazarene prior to the accrued years in their current local church assignment. This leave should take into consideration, as finances allow, as being with pay and benefits, and could be from 4 - 12 weeks in length and would be in addition to regular vacation time with their family. This time would be used for rest, renewal, and study. This will aid pastors in finding new creative ways to help the church accomplish its ministry vision. A rested and refreshed pastor will help build even stronger relationships with their church. We strongly recommend that each church consider implementing a sabbatical policy.

4. That the district superintendent provides a communication channel to the local church board concerning ways that they can properly care for their pastor and family, considering present high costs of living.
5. That the local church pay expenses of the pastor's spouse when their professional responsibilities require out of town trips.
6. That this entire report, with Part VII highlighted, be distributed annually to the local Church Board Secretary by the end of January.

Part VIII Support of District Sponsored Ministries

That local churches be encouraged to support through financial offerings and gifts, prayer and encouragement to Colorado Nazarene Compassion Ministries (Food for Hope, Jesus of Nazareth, Movement 5280, Nazarene Disaster Relief, etc.), New Start / Church Development Ministries, and the Golden Bell Camp and Conference Center.

Respectfully submitted,
District Finance Committee

Colorado District Church of the Nazarene

Balance Sheet

As of April 30, 2025 (Unaudited)

	Total
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
U S Bank Checking	\$ 117,419
U S Bank Money Market	\$ 99,864
WIF Savings	\$ 3,543,048
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 3,760,331
Accounts Receivable	
Accounts Receivable (All)	\$ 22,995
Total Accounts Receivable	\$ 22,995
Other Current Assets	
Long Term Investments	\$ 6,432,832
Loans Receivable	\$ 155,383
Prepaid Expenses	\$ 2,929
Undeposited Funds	\$ 10,025
Total Other Current Assets	\$ 6,601,170
Total Current Assets	\$ 10,384,495
Fixed Assets	
Net Assets-Property	\$ (390,471)
Properties held by District	\$ 3,262,635
Total Fixed Assets	\$ 2,872,164
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 13,256,658
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
Accounts Payable	\$ -
Total Accounts Payable	\$ -
Other Current Liabilities	
In & Out	\$ 56,527
In & Out - Women's Ministry	\$ 6,509
Payroll Liabilities	\$ 27,888
Funds from Churches (In/Out)	\$ 22,849
Security Deposits	\$ -
Deferred Gain (from Boulder Jay Road)	\$ -
Custodial Accounts	\$ -
Liability Attached to Property	\$ -
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$ 113,774
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 113,774
Total Liabilities	\$ 113,774
Equity	
Opening Bal Equity	\$ 5,969,836
Retained Earnings	\$ 3,925,615
Temporarily Restricted Net Assets	\$ 24,259
Net Income	\$ 3,223,375
Total Equity	\$ 13,143,084
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 13,256,858

Colorado District Church of the Nazarene

Profit and Loss

May 2024 - April 2025 (Unaudited)

	Total
Income	
Miscellaneous Income	\$ 57,922
Income from Churches	\$ 354,536
Investment Income	\$ 580,185
Total Income	\$ 992,643
Gross Profit	\$ 992,643
Expenses	
Staffing, Taxes and Benefits	\$ 356,465
Travel & Professional Expense	\$ 57,627
District Operation Expense	\$ 86,808
District Activities	\$ 68,415
District Auxillaries	\$ 76,751
Church Development	\$ 98,998
Total Expenses	\$ 745,064
Net Operating Income	\$ 247,579
 Other Income	
Gain/Loss on Sale/Transfer of Property	\$ 3,002,451
Change in Market Value	\$ 204,857
Total Other Income	\$ 3,207,308
Other Expenses	
Depreciation Expense	\$ 32,012
Inter-Company Expense	\$ 199,500
Total Other Expenses	\$ 231,512
Net Other Income	\$ 2,975,796
Net Income	\$ 3,223,375

Proposed District Budget 2025-2026

		3-yr average prior to		
LINE		2024-2025 Approved	current	2025-2026 Proposed
REVENUE				
1	District Assembly	\$ 1,500	\$ 3,600	\$ 2,000
2	Misc. Fees, Retreats, Events	✓\$ 23,000	✓\$ 44,900	✓\$ 12,000
3	From Churches	\$ 350,000	\$ 360,100	\$ 350,000
4	Investments, Rents, Interest	✓\$ 546,000	✓\$ 423,200	✓\$ 520,000
5	TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 920,500	\$ 831,800	\$ 884,000
EXPENSES				
6	Total Insurance, Staffing, Taxes and Benefits	\$ 380,700	\$ 339,900	\$ 402,500
7	Total Professional and Denominational	\$ 58,000	\$ 48,000	\$ 60,000
8	Total District Office and Legal Operations	\$ 141,000	\$ 85,400	\$ 131,000
District Committee and Assembly Operations:				
9	Boards & Committees	\$ 10,000	\$ 9,300	\$ 12,000
10	Pastoral & Ministry Development	\$ 50,000	\$ 28,400	\$ 50,000
11	Communication	\$ 2,000	\$ 700	\$ 2,500
12	District Convention	\$ 15,000	\$ 10,700	\$ 15,000
13	General Assembly	\$ 15,000	\$ 7,500	\$ 10,000
14	Total District Committee and Assembly Operations	\$ 92,000	\$ 56,600	\$ 89,500
District Auxiliaries:				
15	NMI (5.0%)	\$ 17,500	\$ 18,200	\$ 17,500
16	NYI (4.75%)	\$ 16,625	\$ 17,300	\$ 16,625
17	NDI (3%)	\$ 10,500	\$ 10,600	\$ 10,500
18	Retreat's (Women, Men, PrimeTime)	\$ -	\$ 16,700	\$ -
19	Total District Auxiliaries	\$ 44,625	\$ 62,800	\$ 44,625
20	Total Church Development	\$ 204,175	\$ 83,200	\$ 156,375
OPERATING NET GAIN / LOSS		\$ -	\$ 155,900	\$ -

The District Advisory Board strives to cover operational expenses through investments and other revenue streams while investing missional giving toward missional efforts.

2025 Nominating Committee Report

April 5, 2025

* Indicates and incumbent for all positions. Church membership listed in parentheses.

Attending: Virgil Askren (District Superintendent), Kevin Compton (District Secretary), Bette Asuega, Dee Gookin, Craig Krager, Jim Murray, Wayla Murrow, Sandy Ricicki, Renee Schmidt

The committee met online and made the nominations listed below. They also authorized District Superintendent, Virgil Askren, to fill ballot openings as needed should an insufficient number of nominees be willing to run. The meeting was held in an executive session.

Board of Ministry (Term: 2025-2029)

Standing members: DS Virgil Askren (chairman), ADS Kevin Compton (district secretary)

Current members serving through 2025:

None

Current members serving through 2026:

Ed Belzer, Joel Garcia, Mike Higley, Shari Palmer, Ken Rose, Brian Smith, Joe Warrington

Current members serving through 2027:

Don Blanchard, Chuck Hayes, Jim Lynch, Sherry Mitchem, Jim Murray, Karen Phillips, Cherie Reiter, Chris Yocom

Current members serving through 2028:

Zeida Lynch, John Prichard

No Election Needed This Year

Board of Trustees of Northwest Nazarene University (Term 2025-2028)

Current Trustees:

Ministerial Members

Kevin Compton

Jeff Alexander

None

Term Expires

2027

2026

2025

Lay Members

Bob Walker

Frank Henderson

At large member

No Election Needed This Year

District Advisory Board (Term 2025-2028 and 2029)

Current board members: DS Virgil Askren, standing chairman

<u>Ministerial Members</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Lay Members</u>
Jim Murray	2027	Wayla Murrow
Mike Higley	2026	Bob Walker
*Buddy Cook (Montrose)	2025	*John Bruneau (Denver One Hope)
*Charles Hayes (Greeley First)	2025	*Bob Hamilton (CS Trinity)

Ministerial Nominees (Elect two)

Ed Belzer (Aurora Tower Community)
Mark Callister (La Junta)
John Prichard (Colorado Springs Trinity)
Chris Yocom (Monte Vista Valley)

Lay Nominees (Elect one)

*John Bruneau (Denver One Hope)
Brenda Everett (Longmont)
*Bob Hamilton (Colorado Springs Trinity)
Tom Hassell (Westminster The Crossing)

Highest vote recipient in each category will serve four years, next highest recipient will serve three years to rotate one quarter of the board each year

Golden Bell Board (Term 2025-2028)

Dr. Kevin Compton, Assistant District Superintendent – Standing Chairman

Ex Officio members: DS, Virgil Askren; Golden Bell Executive Director, Rev. Joel Garcia

Current board members:

<u>Ministerial Members</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>	<u>Lay Members</u>
Mark Callister	2027	Dean Walker
Ken Rose	2026	Nina Rattle
Ron Bynum	2025	Stacey Fajardo

Ministerial Nominees (Elect one)

Mike Higley (CS First)
Dan Voss (CS First)

Lay Nominees (Elect one)

Ken Davis (Castle Rock The Connection)
* Stacey Fajardo (Fort Morgan)
Cliff Miller (Woodland Park)

District Court of Appeals (Term: 2024-2028)

Designated members: DS Virgil Askren, ADS Kevin Compton

Elected members: Mike Higley, Jim Lynch, Frank Henderson, Terry Nelson

No Election Needed This Year

The nominating committee recommends that all votes of the assembly be determined by plurality.

Recorded and submitted by

Kevin Compton, District Secretary

2025 Ballot

* Indicates an incumbent for all positions. Church membership listed in parentheses.

District Advisory Board (Term: 2025-2028 or 2029)

Ministerial Nominees (Elect two)

- ☐ Ed Belzer (Aurora Tower Community)
- ☐ Mark Callister (La Junta)
- ☐ John Prichard (Colorado Springs Trinity)
- ☐ Chris Yocom (Monte Vista Valley)

Lay Nominees (Elect two)

- ☐ Vince Calvert (Sterling)
- ☐ Tom Hassell (Westminster Crossing)
- ☐ Chris Maker (Sterling)
- ☐ Terry Nelson (Colorado Springs Trinity)

The highest vote recipient in each category will serve four years, next highest recipient will serve three years to stagger board terms

Golden Bell Board (Term: 2025-2028)

Ministerial Nominees (Elect one)

- ☐ Mike Higley (CS First)
- ☐ Dan Voss (CS First)

Lay Nominees (Elect one)

- ☐ *Stacey Fajardo (Fort Morgan)
- ☐ Terry Nelson (Colorado Springs Trinity)

2025 Nominee Bios

Ed Belzer is the pastor of Aurora Tower Community Fellowship. He has served in multiple roles including youth pastor, district NYI president, and lead pastor. He is married to Lori.

Mark Callister serves as the Senior Pastor of our La Junta church. He has served as Senior Pastor for over 30 years in Wisconsin, Missouri and Colorado. Mark was also Facility Director at Golden Bell for three years.

Vince Calvert spent his professional career in the Auto Finance industry for 40 years with General Motors and Ford. He is an active member and board member of the Sterling church since 2013. Father (6) Grandfather (14) husband. Life is simple when lived and viewed thru the prism of Christ.

Stacey Fajardo attends Morgan Church of the Nazarene, where she and her family have attended for the last 19 years. She has had the privilege of serving in various roles at the district level and had the honor of attending the last General Assembly as a lay delegate. Stacey has thoroughly enjoyed being part the Golden Bell board the last two years. Golden Bell holds a special place in her family's heart, and she would be grateful for the opportunity to serve another term.

Tom Hassell and his wife Stacey have been attending Westminster Crossing for over 20 years. They have served as small group leaders, taught Sunday school for the children's program, and have been involved with youth for 15+ years, the last 2 of which serving as co-directors for the youth program. Tom has served on the church board since 2012, most of which as the NYI president. He has 4 grown children and 5 grandchildren.

Mike Higley has been pastoring for over 38 years and has been part of ministerial boards for 22 years. He has a passion for developing new leaders, as well as mentoring pastors to pastor churches. Investing in others has been a joy in his lifetime in ministry and life itself.

Chris Maker has spent most of his life being part of the Sterling Church of the Nazarene, where he came to know Jesus as Lord and Savior and where he continues to serve Him today. He has taught high school and middle school Sunday school, served as NYI President, been a part of children's quizzing at the local through district level, and is currently serving on the church board. He is married to Rachelle, who is a Family Nurse Practitioner, and they have two wonderful daughters.

Terry Nelson began his walk with Christ 59 years ago and He has always been faithful. Terry served on the boards of Kailua Church of the Nazarene (Oahu, Hawaii) for 11 years and Trinity Church of the Nazarene (Colorado Springs) for 27 years with chairmanships on the Finance and Property Committees. He also served on the Colorado District Finance Committee and on the Golden Bell Board. A highlight of his secular career was as a VP of Sales for a national software company. He and his wife have three grown children and two grandchildren.

John Prichard and wife Brenda (sons Joshua and Benjamin) came to Colorado after serving 12 years as the Lead Pastor of the Butler Church on the Joplin district. John has served Churches of the Nazarene in West Virginia, Missouri, California, and Oklahoma and has just finished his sixth year of service as the Lead Pastor of the Trinity Church of the Nazarene in the Springs.

Dan Voss was raised in the Church of the Nazarene. His father pastored in Indiana on the Northeast Indiana and Indianapolis Districts for over 50 years. Dan and his wife, Becky, have attended Springs First Church of the Nazarene in Colorado Springs since 1986. Dan is a 24-year Air Force veteran. After retiring from the Air Force in 2005, he served at Focus on the Family in Colorado Springs as a Family Advancement Representative. Dan earned a bachelor's degree in Defense Systems Management from Colorado Technical University and a master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Colorado Christian University. They have one son, Adam, who has been married to Jasmine since 2007. They have one son, Silvan (2016) and currently reside in Santa Barbara, CA.

Chris Yocom serves as Senior Pastor in Monte Vista and graduated from Nazarene Bible College in 2002 and 2004 with a Biblical Studies and then a Christian Counseling degree. He has served as Senior Pastor for approximately thirteen years and is married to his wife Heather. They have two children.

2025 District Advisory Board Report

The Advisory Board met six times this year. In those meetings business was conducted including review of monthly financial reports, transfer and receipt of credentials, oversight of the financial review, receiving reports on the status of churches, and oversight of the operations of Golden Bell.

SPECIFIC ACTIONS TAKEN:

Credentials - Recommended granting and renewal of a district minister's license for the following senior pastors: Ben Beckner, Eladio Chavez, JanElle Hoffman, Gildardo Prieto (local license), Colton Townley, Matthew Waggoner, and Jim Young. Approved requests for special service status for Jadalla Ghrayyeb, Tina Hayhurst, Cindy Johnson, Janine King, Alan Scott, and John Watkin. Approved the request for Song Evangelist Registered status for Jerry Nelson. A transfer of jurisdiction to the Florida District for the credential of Jason Daye was approved. Returning the credential of Allen Paris to active status was approved.

Properties and Loans – Colorado Springs Kingdom Rock Church was approved to borrow up to \$300,000.00 for building and property renovations. Security Life Community was approved, in cooperation with their lender, to skip the August 2024 payment on their mortgage loan while securing a new tenant. They were subsequently approved to lease a portion of their facility to Victory Worship of the Rockies. Denver Family Church was approved to allow the private school renting a portion of their facility to develop a new outdoor play area. A DAB loan of up to \$100,000 to the Yuma Church was approved, to be repaid from insurance funds and returned contractor fees.

Church Changes –The Colorado Springs Mighty Warrior Church was disorganized. The Golden Church was approved to sell a portion of their unused property and was subsequently approved to sell the entire campus. Brighton Chapel Hill Church was approved to enter a period of interest-only payments on their mortgage. The current, interest-only payment period on the mortgage for Columbine Hills Church was approved to be extended.

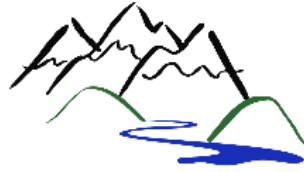
The Board approved and made the recommendation of the proposed 2025-2026 District Budget and the District Finance Committee Report and Recommendations to the district assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Kevin Compton, District Secretary

Golden Bell

A Mountaintop Experience



Greetings from Golden Bell. I am excited to share all that God has been doing and how He has protected the camp throughout the year. We are grateful for the many who have come alongside Golden Bell as we have faced trials and times of concern. However, our God is greater, and we are thankful for His presence and provision.

As many know, this past October, a neighbor in our area purposely started a fire in their own house. This fire quickly made its way onto Golden Bell property. It spread fast from the southwest side of the property to the northeast. The greatest damage occurred in the first 48 hours. The fire continued to burn for over a week. The fire was ultimately brought under control when we received un-forecasted snow. We are grateful for the prayers of so many and the hard work of over 200 firefighters. I cannot express our thanks enough for their tireless service. Shortly after the fire, the call went out to our District family to help Golden Bell with financial support for fire recovery. So many churches and individuals responded, sending over \$13,000 in support. Thank you for your generosity during this time. God used you to bring us such a blessing.

In the spring of 2024, we were undergoing our annual adventure course inspections where it was discovered that a woodpecker had made a hole in the top of one of the main poles for our 900 ft zipline, resulting in catastrophic failure for the entire zipline element and 4 elements that were attached to it. This was a great loss to the camp. However, we are excited to announce that a generous foundation has stepped in and provided a donation to rebuild the Zipline element. Preparation for this project is underway, and the new double zipline will be completed by the end of this summer.

Golden Bell's blessings continued when the Colorado District Advisory Board voted to give two grants. One to pay off our land debt and a second one to upgrade security cameras throughout the camp. Over the years the DAB has been helpful in so many ways to assist in the health of camp ministry. Thank you, Dr. Askren, Dr. Compton, and the members of the District Advisory Board for your continued support.

Throughout this year, our Leadership Team has focused on developing our Mission and Vision, improving outcomes by impacting staff goal setting and employee training. We are concentrating on the building blocks of Discipleship, Leadership, and Service. Golden Bell rises beyond these building blocks when others join us in vital roles as Prayer Partners, Volunteers, and Donors. We are excited about our future.

This summer, Golden Bell Camp has the largest number of Summer Staff since pre-COVID. Our Programming staff worked hard and has done an amazing job of following up and hiring well-qualified staff for summer ministry. We are honored to be witnesses of God's amazing plans for each of their lives as they serve with Golden Bell.

This is my 6th report to the Colorado District Assembly. My wife, Olivia, and I are thankful for the opportunity to serve as part of the team. We are blessed to be a part of what God is accomplishing at Golden Bell, and we could not do it without the partnership of great District churches and loving people. We continue to work diligently for the kingdom to see lives transformed.

Rev. Joel Garcia
Executive Director

GOLDEN BELL CAMP AND CONFERENCE CENTER EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

AS OF 4/30/2025

Money On Hand:

Cash in Checking - Unrestricted CAMP	\$9,228
Cash in Checking - Unrestricted STORE	\$7,853
Cash in Savings - Wesleyan Investment	\$37,957
Petty Cash	\$3,891

Total Cash Balance:

\$58,929

Programs 2024-2025 (Income and Expenses):

STORE

YTD Store Expenses	10,562
YTD Store Income	24,266
<u>Store Profit/Loss</u>	<u>13,704</u>

GENERAL OPERATIONS INCOME

Income Camps, Retreats, Reunions, Programming, RV Park	1,318,522
Rental Properties Income	4,620
Other Income	33,321
<u>Income (w/out Store)</u>	<u>1,356,463</u>

GENERAL OPERATIONS EXPENSES

Personnel, Finance, Office & Admin.	662,012
Facility & Utilities	365,244
Program & Guest Services	195,621
Food Service	313,006
<u>Expenses (w/out Store)</u>	<u>1,535,883</u>

Total Profit/Loss General Operations **(179,420)**

ADDITIONAL INCOME/EXPENSES

Grants Received

October 2024 Find Us Faithful	\$180,000
August 2024 Educational FUFF	\$32,000
Colorado District Grant	<u>\$250,000</u>
Total Grant Income	462,000

Donations Income 57,641

Misc Other Income 7,373

Income (non budgeted) **527,014**

Other misc/non operational Expenses 14,979

Other Expenses **14,979**

* tentative report - prior to year end adjustments (i.e. depreciation, payroll liabilities, etc.)

Note: Lost revenue due to fire **\$27,880**



Dear Dr. Busic, Dr. Askren, Local NMI Presidents, Delegates and Friends of NMI:

This is my second report as District President of the Colorado Nazarene Missions International (NMI), but first full year completed as NMI President. I would like to highlight a few of the things that the Colorado NMI has done over the past year.

- ✚ Last year in January of 2024, we had our first ever NMI District Council retreat with Dr. Askren. We had a wonderful time of fun, (Dr. Askren is very competitive in case you didn't know!) and brainstormed on how we can make NMI more visible and engaging. That is how we came up with the Reigniting/Reinvigorating NMI. We intend to carry that on this year as we will start focusing on individual areas of NMI over the next few years.

A few highlights from this year:

- ✚ The council approved to purchase a generator on 12/14/2024 for \$2,500 for the work at the border in Ukraine that Rev. Bob and Linda Skinner are involved with.
- ✚ We also approved a donation of \$6,000 on 2/4/2025 to Movement 5280 in an urgent need that they had (see below).
 - (From Movement 5280):
 - Financial Challenges and Immediate Needs**
 - While we remain deeply committed to this mission, we are facing significant financial challenges. Some of these stem from our expanded reach, while others result from broader trends, including a decline in local church support as many congregations face their own financial difficulties.
 - We urgently need **\$15,000 this month** and an additional **\$10,000 per month through April** to sustain our operations and provide these vital services.
 - Steps We've Taken to Manage Resources:**
 - We are committed to being good stewards of our resources and have implemented several cost-saving measures, including:
 - Selling two shuttles to reduce expenses.
 - Reducing staffing costs.
 - Beginning Medicaid billing in October 2024, currently generating \$6,000 per month, with expectations to double by April 2025.
 - Consolidating programs, such as moving Friday services to once a month and replacing them with billable, purposeful classes.
 - Staff members personally contribute and volunteer additional hours.
 - Despite these efforts, securing grants has become increasingly difficult, and we are at a critical juncture where we cannot continue without additional support.
- ✚ The Eastborough Nazarene Church and Palisade Nazarene Church partnered together and took a Missions trip to Peru. On July 28th, 2024, I had the pleasure of visiting Palisade church the morning the team gave their presentation to the congregation of their trip. I was proud to

be a part of this presentation and to see how God used both churches on this trip.

- ✚ On August 2-3, 2024, the Colorado District Missions team made up of twenty folks (20) mobilized to Yuma First Church of the Nazarene to partner with them in preparing for their Vision to reach Yuma Children and Families through a Children's playground. The team helped prepare the foundation for the tile as well as placing a chain link fence around the perimeter of the play area.
On October 25th and 26th, 2024, the Nazarene Mission Team put together a work weekend at Movement 5280, our Nazarene Compassionate Ministry Center to help with projects that they needed done. We had churches from all over the district bring teams to help with this weekend project. There were a total of about forty-five(45) people who came to help. What an amazing District we have!
- ✚ On December 4-7, 2024, we did our annual trip to Gallup, NM for our Christmas project. We had thirty- two people attend from the Colorado district this year to help unload the trailer, stage the area for the next day's distribution to our Native American friends. We had a church service with our Colorado team and our Native American friends, which was in Navajo and English. After service, they served us lunch and we did the distribution of food stuffs and Christmas gifts. We have eighteen (18) churches on the Southwest Native American District that we distribute to. God is Good!
- ✚ On March 15th, 2025, Eastborough Church hosted Rev. Bob and Colleen Skinner, former missionaries, current District Superintendent at Rocky Mountain District do two (2) workshops, Making THE Mission, my Mission and Lessons from Abroad that apply here at home. This was open to all churches on the District. They had twenty seven (27) people in attendance.
- ✚ On April 3rd, 2025, I, along with a couple of other council members, pastors and Dr. Compton had the privilege of having dinner with Kevin Ulmet, Pastor at Nashville First Church of the Nazarene and Founder and President of the African Nazarene University Foundation. He shared with us the work that they are doing at ANU and how the Lord has blessed them even through and after Covid. Right now they have about 1,200 students registered at the University.
- ✚ On May 17th, 2025, the council, along with some of the other churches attended the Grace and Life Ministries Fundraiser Fiesta Dinner "Precious in His Sight". All proceeds will be invested in our children and youth programs.
- ✚ Care and Connection (previously LINKS): Our Care and Connection Missionary for Colorado is Heidi Bowes from Eurasia.
- ✚ Deputations: The district helped twelve (12) missionaries book deputation services in Colorado.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sandy Ricicki

Sandy Ricicki
Colorado District NMI President

2025 NDI Report

General Superintendent Busic, District Superintendent Askren, Dr. Compton, delegates and friends:

I would like to begin by thanking Colorado Nazarene Discipleship International for electing me as President.

This year it has been a joy for me to work to help carry out the Great Commission to children, youth, and adults in preparation for a lifelong journey of being and making Christlike disciples in the nations.

I continue to have the conviction that it is our call to reach non-believers for Jesus; establish new believers in their faith in Christ; and walk with believers to a fully surrendered, heart-cleansed, fruit-bearing, and Spirit-filled life.

I would like to thank our district NDI Council, Chris and Cherie Reiter and “The Connection” team for hosting our NDI Training and Convention in October. Members of our Council were very proactive in making the event a success along with others from around the district. We had record numbers this year (at least since I’ve been on the Council), with 47 Spanish-speakers in attendance to hear from Dr. Orlando Serrano. I would like to thank Cenida Suyen for interpreting our plenary sessions with Dr. Sam Barber, Global NDI Director. And of course, Cherie did a fabulous job leading us in worship. I would also like to thank everyone who gave workshops: Dr. Virgil Askren (who also helped hosting our guests), Pastor Colton Townley, Pastor Katie Tyler, Stacey Fajardo, Pastor Craig Krager, Pastor Ed Belzer (who also helped transporting Dr. Serrano), and Pastor Zeida Lynch.

I would like to express my gratitude to Cherie Reiter and team for their planning and organization of our Women’s Retreat; Stacey Fajardo and her team for their work in organizing our Children’s Camp; Katie Tyler and her team for their work with our District Children’s Ministries; Nancy Rose and her committee for their coordination of our Prime Timers Retreat; and Chris Reiter and his team for their work on Men’s Ministries.

I want to again express my deep appreciation for the Council Members and others who made these accomplishments a reality.

Please watch for information regarding our NDI Training and Convention in October! We hope to have a wonderful speaker and workshops in both Spanish and English!

May God bless Colorado NDI as we continue to work together to make Christ-like disciples!

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Lynch

2025 District NYI Report

As we conclude an incredible year of ministry together, I want to express my deep gratitude for the privilege of serving as the NYI President for the Colorado District. This is my first report as the NYI President to this Assembly. This year has been marked by growth, teamwork, transition, and spiritual momentum as we continue to build on the legacy of leadership and faith that has come before us.



This year has brought leadership changes, we once again elected a new NYI President. We have seen some of our leaders move away, some of our leaders change roles, and some of our leaders move on to different things. While transitions are never easy, the resilience and dedication of our team shone through. We have welcomed new leaders into the fold, and we continue to seek more voices to join us in this ministry. We would love to have many more of you join us to help grow and strengthen our NYI Council, and to see many more students come to a new or deeper relationship with God.

The theme of **teamwork** has been central to the NYI Council this past year. Scriptures such as John 17:20-23 and Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 have reminded us that we are stronger together. Our success relies on our unity in Christ and each other. We have been focused on being like the disciples, working together to help the Colorado students know that Jesus loves them and that He desires to have a relationship with each of them.

Throughout the year, our strategy has remained grounded in the NYI's foundational focus: **BE, DO, GO** — emphasizing discipleship, leadership development, and evangelism. These three chords of the NYI ministry strategies will continue to be a unifying force for our students and leaders of the Colorado District. We hope to build on these and tie them into every thing that we do as the Colorado District NYI.

This year, we have aligned with the USA/Canada Regional focus on "**Bringing People to Jesus.**" We've been called to make disciples, love God, and love people—empowering both leaders and students to fulfill the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20). It is our goal that at our district events that we will see people come to know Jesus for the first time.

Major Events & Highlights:

- **Camp:** Once again, our NYI camp at Golden Bell was a spiritual high point. Thank you to Ken and the team for making it impactful. We had 230 students and adults registered as of the time I write this report. Ken and his team did a great job once again of building a large team of leaders to work together to make this weekend a success.
- **Water World 2024 :** Sunburns, there were many sunburns. It was a fun and memorable time of connection and relationship building with the 313 people in attendance. Thanks to Alex Edwards for leading this great day in the sun.
- **PowerSurge 2024:** Despite the challenges of the snowy weather, this was still a powerful weekend thanks to the dedication of Eric Arpelar and the backup team. We had 266 registered for the weekend prior to the snowpocalypse that kept many of our churches

from being able to attend. The Holy Spirit was present and moved all weekend. We had a lot of people come together to be able to pull off this weekend.

- **Main Event (March) 2025:** We saw a strong increase in participation. There were 200 people in attendance this year. The success was the result of collaboration between our seasoned and new leaders—highlighting the strength of our team-based approach. The weekend was focused on Bringing People to Jesus through the unique talents that God has provided. During our three worship services we heard the Word of God preached and capped off the weekend once again with a powerful student led service.

- **NYC 2026:** This will take place in Salt Lake City, UT June 29-July 6 2026. This is an experience that you don't want your students to miss out on. We will have many more details to share with you in person. Start fundraising now! NYC is worth every penny spent to help our students have a great encounter with God while gathered with 10,000 other students.

As the NYI Council looks to the future, we are committed to: 1. Growing our leadership team by reaching out to new churches and leaders. 2. Fostering a culture of **professionalism**—leading with integrity, grace, and servant hearts. 3. Staying aligned with the Regional Church to **bring people to Jesus**. 4. Relying on the Holy Spirit to empower every step we take as a district.

This year has confirmed what I've long believed: we are part of one of the best NYI districts in the Church of the Nazarene. We've overcome challenges, grown stronger in unity, and seen the hand of God in our work.

Let's continue this journey—encouraging one another, building on our legacy, and faithfully leading the next generation to Jesus.

Thank you for letting me lead.

Craig Krager President, Colorado District NYI

Reports from Churches

Directory information may be found at:

<http://www.conazarene.org/church-directory/>

Budget participation information provided on the following pages



Aurora Kingdom Rock

Pastor Tony Falealili

Bring people to Jesus.

The first thing we do is pray for God's wisdom, and for the conviction of the Holy Spirit as we share the gospel with others.

One of the ways we been sharing the gospel is by visiting people in their home. Most of the family we visit are very welcoming and very receptive to the message of the gospel. Our gathering always begins with praise and worship, then we share the Word and give people opportunity to receive Christ.

The recent home gathering we had last month was very emotional because one the lady was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. Her name is Ann Andres. In spite of what she was going through, we were so blessed because our gathering that day assured her of her salvation. When we ended our gathering that evening, she was in good spirit. Please pray for God's healing upon Ann Andres and her family.

Worship and Discipleship		Funds Raised \$24,000	
In Person Attendance	30	Budget	Amount Paid %
Online Attendance	60	District	\$182 25%
Conversions	5	World Evangelism	\$334 27%
Baptisms	0	Pension Fund	\$137 29%
		Education	\$0 0%



Aurora Tower Community Fellowship Pastor Ed Belzer

Our continued vision statement is to work with Jesus in helping to “Transform Aurora One Life at a Time”!! We set out like every other church to just bless people in our community. One of our key ideas was to have Spanish as a second language. We thought, what if a dozen to 20 people could carry on a hallway conversation with our Hispanic guests? What would that change for us? So, we had these classes and over 25 people attended. We came out of that with the vision to possibly start a Spanish speaking SS class.

Sometimes a seed has to be planted, and you have to allow it to grow. Early in April a Mom and her two teenage daughters walked to church from the new apartments just north of our church. The Mom speaks very little English; the daughters are bilingual. They have come now for 5 Sundays, and the girls come to youth group. They have only been in a church 3-4 times and they like this church because “nothing is forced on them.” They volunteered for our Easter Egg Hunt outreach event. And the older daughter helped us come up with a Mother’s Day gift and led the teens in knowing how to make them. On Mother’s Day their Dad came to church! Blessing our community is now turning into distinct opportunities to Bring People to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

We keep track of the names of visitors that come to our church. This past church year we saw 68 visitors.....there were a few more, but 68 is the number of names we received. At least 36 of them are still coming at least once a month.

We believe that this coming year is going to be a harvest of bringing people to Jesus that was started with the idea of blessing our community.

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i> \$695,438	
In Person Attendance	203	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i> %
Online Attendance	38	District	\$19,783 95%
Conversions	5	World Evangelism	\$37,070 102%
Baptisms	8	Pension Fund	\$14,354 109%
		Education	\$16,486 100%



Brighton Chapel Hill
Pastor Nathan Blanchard

At Chapel Hill church in Brighton, we've gotten creative this year in reaching our community. Something new we've started is Service Sunday, a quarterly service project that our whole church participates in as part of our usual Sunday service. Kids and their parents love to hang out at our local splash pad, so we've started barbecuing there on Saturdays during the summer and just talking with people. We also want to deepen our members' understanding of Jesus. We did a Passover seder-inspired Good Friday supper that was very meaningful for a lot of people.

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i> \$199,000	
In Person Attendance	60	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i> %
Online Attendance	10	District	\$0 0%
Conversions	33	World Evangelism	\$500 5%
Baptisms	21	Pension Fund	\$500 13%
		Education	\$0 0%



Brush First

Pastor Rick Davis

At the beginning of this year, our church family experienced an unexpected and heartbreaking loss. Christi Boettcher, a deeply loved and faithful member of Brush Church of the Nazarene, went home to be with the Lord. Christi served faithfully on our worship team, led with

passion as our NDI (Nazarene Discipleship International) president, and was instrumental in helping shape the vision for our new outdoor event space. Her heart for ministry and her love for people continue to inspire us every day. It is with her spirit and legacy in mind that we move forward in building the outdoor space, made possible through the Resurgence Grant.

This space will soon become a hub for connection, celebration, and outreach in our town. We will host a wide variety of events aimed at bringing people together. From outdoor family nights and live concerts to community meals and seasonal celebrations, we'll have a place where everyone can feel welcome and experience the love and hospitality that define our church. It will be a space where relationships are built, where joy is shared, and where we can serve both our congregation and the broader community in fresh, meaningful ways.

Our vision has always been to be a church that is more than just a building—one that reaches outside its walls and into the heart of the community. This outdoor venue will give us the opportunity to do exactly that. We'll be able to invite families who may never have stepped into a church before to come and enjoy a movie night or a free meal. We'll have space for local musicians and performers to share their gifts. And during times of need, we'll be able to use the area as a gathering spot for prayer, support, and service. I can't wait to see how God will use this new space to build stronger connections, lift spirits, and introduce people to the love of Jesus in Brush.

Worship and Discipleship		Funds Raised		\$98,792
In Person Attendance	68	Budget	Amount Paid	%
Online Attendance	36	District	\$2,893	98%
Conversions	5	World Evangelism	\$6,444	128%
Baptisms	1	Pension Fund	\$1,996	109%
		Education	\$2,171	95%



Buena Vista High Country
Pastor Ken Rose

High Country Church of the Nazarene in Buena Vista, CO, is known for its counseling and divorce recovery ministry causing many to have victory and freedom through forgiveness of others as well as supports several groups outside of the church walls, The most fruitful has been the local off-road club that holds its monthly meetings at our facility, and several of our people lead the rides and activities. A local doctor uses our fellowship hall once a month to give talks on health issues, CO Prime Time committee gathers annually for a Prayer and Fasting Retreat for three days, and every fall and winter a women's Bible study is conducted to enhance learning of God's Word. As a result, many lives are being reached for the sake of Jesus and His Kingdom.

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i>		\$160,612
In Person Attendance	42	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i>	%
Online Attendance	55	District	\$3,650	76%
Conversions	0	World Evangelism	\$9,812	121%
Baptisms	1	Pension Fund	\$3,012	102%
		Education	\$2,914	79%



Calvary

Pastor Hyun Soo Park

No report provided.

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i> \$32,150	
In Person Attendance	13	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i> %
Online Attendance	0	District	\$0 0%
Conversions	0	World Evangelism	\$0 0%
Baptisms	0	Pension Fund	\$0 0%
		Education	\$0 0%



Castle Rock the Connection

Pastors Chris and Cherie Reiter

At The Connection Church, we are passionate about being a blessing to our community—not just in word, but in action. In 2025, we’re stepping forward with renewed vision and purpose, eager to be the hands and feet of Jesus right where He’s planted us. One of the beautiful opportunities God has placed before us is the connection we have with the daycare next door. Every day, parents walk through our parking lot to drop off their little ones. We see that as a chance to show them the love of Christ in tangible ways.

One simple but meaningful idea we’ve embraced is offering free espresso from our new machine. It may seem like a small gesture, but once the machine is plumbed and running, we believe something as simple as a warm cup of coffee and a friendly smile can open doors to deeper relationships and spiritual conversations. Our hope is that as these parents experience unexpected kindness, they’ll sense that our church is a place where they—and their families—are welcomed and valued.

More than coffee, though, our mission in 2025 is to bring people to Jesus. We’re praying and working toward building authentic relationships, creating inviting spaces for connection, and sharing the hope we’ve found in Christ. Whether it’s through community events, Bible studies, or everyday conversations, we want people to see that Jesus is alive and transforming lives.

As we have been studying as a church the practices of Jesus, one gentleman named John has found a restored relationship with Jesus following the tragic death of his adult son. After years of battling anger and grief, John came with his wife Ronda to our church. John now comes on Wednesday evenings to learn about the practices of Jesus and desires to be free from everything that hinders him and his relationship with Christ.

We believe God is doing something new in our church. Through simple acts of service, like offering espresso, and bold steps of faith, like sharing the gospel, we are trusting Him to use us to reach hearts. Our dream is that every interaction—no matter how small—becomes a seed of hope and a path to Jesus.

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i>		\$149,114
In Person Attendance	35	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i>	%
Online Attendance	2	District	\$6,955	155%
Conversions	1	World Evangelism	\$10,043	132%
Baptisms	0	Pension Fund	\$3,652	132%
		Education	\$5,033	145%



Cedaredge
Pastor Sherry Mitchem

Cedaredge Church of the Nazarene was able to serve our eldest member as he moved from this life to the next. John was physically unable to attend worship at the church, so we took worship him. The day before the arranged Saturday day of worship arrived, we became aware of the fact that John would not be with us very long. We went anyway. We worshiped John anyway. Even though John was not able to respond, we sang songs about heaven, read scriptures about heaven, and said our goodbyes. This worship time felt like we were ushering John to the gates of heaven. Indeed, he passed from this life to the next within 30 minutes after we left. This was a hard task. But we all agree this was a privilege the Lord gave us to usher John to heaven.

A second highlight to note: Thanks to the faithfulness of a person in the congregation who tithed on the sale of some property, we have been able to get a new roof put on the church. We anticipate being able to do a few more necessary building upkeep projects this summer.

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i> \$9,547	
In Person Attendance	6	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i> %
Online Attendance	2	District	\$322 113%
Conversions	0	World Evangelism	\$618 127%
Baptisms	0	Pension Fund	\$0 0%
		Education	\$252 114%



Clarkville Buffalo Grass

Pastor Jon Shaw

It has been a good year for Buffalo Grass to increase our depth of love and concern. We keep planting seeds hoping the some will be sown in good soil and see something grow and bear fruit. We were able to have two celebration of life services for people in the community that do not attend and continue to bless their life so that they may come to know Jesus personally. We also had a baptism service. We baptized one young man and had one who confirmed her baptism. Looking forward the celebrating God's Goodness to us as He sends us new members.

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i>		\$47,627
In Person Attendance	6	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i>	%
Online Attendance	4	District	\$1,248	87%
Conversions	0	World Evangelism	\$4,305	200%
Baptisms	1	Pension Fund	\$904	116%
		Education	\$1,142	117%



Colorado Springs Eastborough

Pastor Jim Lynch

In 2024 Eastborough Church of the Nazarene blessed our community with Wednesday Night Alive, a free meal at 5:30 followed by Bible Studies, which brought a number of community kids and teens through our doors. Some of them have given their lives to Christ! At Christmas we gave clothing to 21 children at Roosevelt Elementary, the school across the street. This was in addition to clothing we gave to 16 children and teens from the congregation who live close by, many of whose parents do not attend the church. Our Fall Fun Fest provided a safe environment where families could play games, get candy, receive door prizes and hear the Gospel in creative ways. 450 community members attended, aside from 57 volunteers from our congregation. 2025 kicked off with a Teen Lock-In with 23 kids in attendance with an evangelistic message from Pastor Bailey Arnold. Our Easter Eggstravaganza gave children the opportunity to hunt for 8000 eggs, but only after they and their families heard the Good News at craft stations presenting Christ's story at the Last Supper, in Gethsemane, at the Cross and through the empty tomb. Our 51 volunteers hosted and shared the Gospel with 150 children and their families that day. We also hosted 87 at our Easter breakfast where Pastor Jim shared the Good News and gave an invitation to conversion. We thank God for these opportunities to bring people to Jesus. Nathan came to Eastborough wondering whether he would be treated kindly by our teens. He was embraced, mostly because the teen leadership council, composed of 5 teens, Pastor Bailey, and Dusty Stevens (an adult sponsor), had recently decided they had to do better welcoming newcomers with love and kindness. Last November Nathan was baptized and his grandfather read his testimony. He has grown in Christian conviction, is continually ready to serve (even running our sound system), has developed leadership skills and is now a member of the teen leadership council himself. We thank God for the fruit of evangelism that He has given us in Nathan!

Worship and Discipleship		Funds Raised		\$210,994
In Person Attendance	90	Budget	Amount Paid	%
Online Attendance	6	District	\$6,330	100%
Conversions	13	World Evangelism	\$11,605	110%
Baptisms	3	Pension Fund	\$4,220	110%
		Education	\$5,275	110%



Colorado Springs First

Pastor Mike Higley

SFC has been able to pour into our community in several ways thanks to the generosity of the district grant. Our first and foremost desire was to pour into a local school-Giberson Elementary. We began with a “Funday BBQ and Games.” The entire school was invited as well as anyone in the community. It was a beautiful turnout of community. I believe our 25 or so volunteers had a greater time serving than the families had!

Our continued efforts to help this elementary school included a designated ‘playday’ at SFC. Games, inflatables, and food brought in many families. These were great connections from around our community. An unexpected result was during the Easter time, when our children’s ministry event (Egg Hunt) saw several of the same community people attend. Many connections to bless our community is happening.

In addition, we began to assist a local High School—Sierra, with their formation of a food pantry. Investing in this project has been a great connection. Our goal to get food to the needy out and beyond our own doors has been successful and in surprising ways.

While ‘Blessing our Community’ has been at the heart of our ministry, finding ways to meet people have included the summer “Picnics in the Parks.” These events are very easy and allow SFCer’s to meet their communities.

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i> \$780,868	
In Person Attendance	230	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i> %
Online Attendance	60	District	\$22,034 94%
Conversions	20	World Evangelism	\$27,298 67%
Baptisms	14	Pension Fund	\$0 0%
		Education	\$0 0%



Colorado Springs Genesis

Pastor Gwen Henderson

The Lord reminded me of the time 10 years ago when He said to me, “Preach the word, Love on my people and I will bring the increase”. These words have become my mantra when I need to be reminded of what I need to do. Genesis Church is excited about what God is getting ready to do. We’ve loved on so many people, planted so many seeds (faith believing they fell on good soil). 1 Corinthians 3:6-8
⁶ I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase. ⁷ So then neither he who plants is anything, nor he who waters, but God who gives the increase. ⁸ Now he who plants and he

who waters are one, and each one will receive his own reward according to his own labor. A story, we prayed and suffered alongside two people this year. We prayed for others, but these two particular people are an answer to prayer. Person #1, backslide to the place of their life spiraling out of control with drugs and bringing homeless people to his home which caused a number of problems. This situation grew so out of control that the police had to be called, and this person was arrested. While in jail for over 3 months, he talked about the people he was in jail with and how he knew he had to change his life around. He knew when he got out of jail, he would be on probation, go to a sober home and get back in church. It’s been several months since he’s been out and has made a significant difference to those who saw him several months prior. What a change... No desire to do drugs again and couldn’t believe the choices he made. God added the increase. Yes, he is on the right track but it’s a different journey now. Thanks to the Lord.

Person #2. Hurt, neglected, taken advantage of, beat up, life spiraled out of control. This person would always say, “I don’t want to go to hell”. Constantly saying that. We encouraged her by scripture as we loved her and showed her tough love at the same time. After 90 days in a sober home this past year. She has renewed her faith and now able to sing again and grow in the grace of God.

In the meantime, we pass out cards, and books of John making connections with the community and people we come across during the day. This summer we are planning prayer walks and canvassing areas by passing out literature and cards wherever we go. Kids are included. This is our heartbeat. Our kids sang in a community choir for MLK breakfast in January at the Antler’s hotel. Their picture was posted in the Gazette newspaper.

The leadership is finishing up the People of Grace. Starting BLESS and will implement any changes as necessary to win soul for Christ.

Worship and Discipleship		Funds Raised		\$27,282
In Person Attendance	18	Budget	Amount Paid	%
Online Attendance	366	District	\$838	102%
Conversions	0	World Evangelism	\$1,987	145%
Baptisms	1	Pension Fund	\$613	123%
		Education	\$699	112%



Colorado Springs Grace

Pastor Joe Warrington

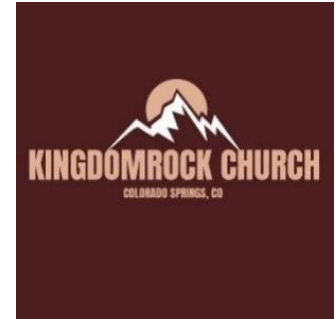
Four adults and two teenagers were baptized. Five new members by profession of faith were added. 'Blessing the Community' allowed the congregation to be more outward focused. Events included medical wellness check-up for the community. Automobile oil change for dozens, and spiritual wellness check. These events were conducted over two Saturdays in June and July. The impact of these events are still being felt in the life of the congregation.

Food security is addressed on a weekly basis through the food pantry. Many families receive food, both housed and unhoused are served.

Jesus Molina was a volunteer at both events of 'Blessing the Community', giving many hours. I had the opportunity to witness to Jesus and pray with him to have a relationship with Christ. He has been coming to church since that first event last June. The Lord is at work in transforming Jesus into his image for the sake of others and the glory of God.

We are on the cusp of starting two new Sunday School classes, one adult and one youth. One life group (Discipleship) was recently started, we would like to add a few more this coming year. We are praying for a 25% increase in Sunday morning and Wednesday evening services.

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i>		\$96,017
<i>In Person Attendance</i>	60	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i>	%
<i>Online Attendance</i>	15	District	\$3,628	126%
<i>Conversions</i>	4	World Evangelism	\$6,536	133%
<i>Baptisms</i>	4	Pension Fund	\$2,723	152%
		Education	\$2,723	121%



Colorado Springs Kingdom Rock

Pastor Ritchie Asuega

It has been an amazing year for Kingdom Rock Church since our relocation. We are still the new kids on the block, but we are working on creating an inviting space for our neighbors to come and be a part of something great. Our goal as a church this year is to intentionally create opportunities through outreach efforts to reach our surrounding community with the love of Jesus. Pray for us as we navigate through some major changes that will prayerfully win more souls for the kingdom of God!

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i> \$111,750		
In Person Attendance	120	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i>	%
Online Attendance	1000	District	\$3,988	119%
Conversions	12	World Evangelism	\$7,634	134%
Baptisms	0	Pension Fund	\$3,123	151%
		Education	\$2,991	116%



Colorado Springs Trinity

Pastor John Prichard

Blessing our community is at the heart of the Trinity family. Touching our neighbors by giving away the grace God pours into our lives freely is a joy we gladly embrace. When one of our local middle schools (Jenkins) needed to move the entire student body out of its facility due to structural instability, the need to help ease the stress felt by the faculty and support staff was clear. We reached out to the administration of Doherty H.S., Russell M.S., and Jenkins M.S. to ask how we could bless the teachers and staff. On three separate occasions we took breakfast and/or treats to bless the faculty and let them know we see them and are praying for them. This was in addition to the multiple times a year we bless our local elementary school Fremont. We also partnered with the girl's varsity volleyball team at Doherty to offer our gym for the months of March and April to help ease the facility burden due to the extra usage. By creating avenues of grace to bless the coach and players, we are showing Christ's love in tangible ways. In all loving our schools has been a privilege and a blessing.

Through Trinity Cares, we have been blessing our community monthly for 10 years. Brian is one of our neighbors who has received help consistently. This year Brian began dropping by the office to talk and on a couple of occasions allowed us to pray with him for needs in his life. When he inquired about attending our Wednesday night bible study I was thrilled and happily welcomed him. Brian faithfully attends each week and has taken it upon himself to bake muffins or cookies each week to share with the other attenders. Having been blessed over the years and welcomed, he is now seeking and asking questions. I believe we are seeing Brian come to Jesus and I am thrilled to see his eyes and heart opening to new possibilities found in Christ and his church through the ministry of Trinity.

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i> \$731,626	
In Person Attendance	249	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i> %
Online Attendance	59	District	\$23,403 107%
Conversions	10	World Evangelism	\$39,326 104%
Baptisms	1	Pension Fund	\$16,102 118%
		Education	\$17,477 102%



Colorado Springs True Life Community

Pastor Keith Morgan

This past year was an unusual year for us as we really thought we would be in our own facility by now. We are still waiting on God's opportunity and timing. Yet, that did not keep us from achieving some amazing things. We blessed our community over and over again, celebrated our 20th anniversary, raised \$50,000 for a future facility, and even added a community with the launching of our Downtown Campus. The impact our little community center, The LIFE Center, is having on our community, and our church, is simply amazing! Pastor Drew Romero is our LC Director, and under his leadership we gave away 152 tons of food in 2024, averaging 158 visitors to our pantry every week, and providing food for nearly 28,000 people. In addition, we added 26 new people to True Life through the LIFE Center. The LC has become the primary "front door" of our church. In fact, two of our recently elected board members first came to TLCC through the LC! This past year we began partnering with Celebrate Recovery and every Friday Pastor Darrell Smith takes a group to participate and lives are being changed. We are watching lives be transformed again and again. Many that we meet come to us with a kind of "folk theology" that includes a hodgepodge of beliefs about God. People want to know God but they are gathering information from everywhere but the Church. We are cutting through this by valuing and befriending folks, accepting them right where they are, meeting their needs, and then gently and slowly introducing the God of the Bible and truth. I am so blessed to be joined in this endeavor by a team that also includes Pastor Pam Jantz (women's min & soul care), Keenan Morgan (youth), and Grace Williams (worship), along with a congregation that gets it! Pastor Garry McGlinchy is following the same model at our Downtown Campus and beginning to see people added to their congregation through their food giveaways and loving their community.

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i> \$161,895	
In Person Attendance	101	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i> %
Online Attendance	21	District	\$5,279 109%
Conversions	26	World Evangelism	\$8,145 96%
Baptisms	4	Pension Fund	\$2,962 96%
		Education	\$4,399 114%



Colorado Springs True Life Community Downtown

Pastor Gary McGlinchy

Since launching on June 2, we have experienced a year full of growth, connection, and community impact. We've faithfully held our monthly food giveaways since last May, offering both practical support and a warm welcome to our neighbors. One of the highlights was our Trunk or Treat event, which drew over 300 people from our community. Throughout the year, we've also invested in discipleship and the next generation. Our weekly discipleship group has provided space for spiritual growth and encouragement. We have started a children's Sunday school class, and we also hosted a VBS. A special joy was our monthly Sunday lunch on the last Sunday of each month. These meals have become a time of fellowship, where new relationships have been formed. We invite guests from our food giveaways to join us, and from these meals, several families have begun regularly attending. We are grateful for all God has done this year and excited for what's ahead.

Statistics included with Colorado Springs True Life Church



Commerce City Iglesia

Pastor Eladio Chavez

No report submitted

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i> \$28,934	
In Person Attendance	36	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i> %
Online Attendance	15	District	\$0 0%
Conversions	2	World Evangelism	\$0 0%
Baptisms	0	Pension Fund	\$0 0%
		Education	\$0 0%



Cortez
Pastor JanElle Hoffman

“How big IS your church?!” the fellow volunteer asked me after she saw all the items we had donated and all the people who had shown up to help at a community event. “We’re a family of about 50,” I told her. A family with a big heart. A family who has embraced the vision of blessing our community. In 2024 with the help of several grants including one from our district, we created “Jim’s Place,” a safe, fun backyard space to better serve our Mamas & Littles group as well as the four scout groups we host. Our youth packed emergency cold weather kits for our unsheltered neighbors, we made and served soup one Sunday as worship, we have written encouraging cards to teachers and first responders - we have loved our little city with the enormous love of Christ. As our “CNaz” family considers how to build on the foundation of blessing the community, we have concluded that the best way for us to bring people to Jesus is to bring Jesus to people. CNaz is prayerfully looking for ways to BE the church around others; to go to people with the gospel. One way we have done so is adopting “The Gathering Place” as an extension of our church. The Gathering Place is a simple coffee-shop setup where friendship evangelism happens on a daily basis. For example, *Brian* came into the Gathering Place while one of our CNaz family was there to volunteer. “I’m so lost,” he eventually declared in the course of the conversation. The volunteer was able to explain the gospel and Brian prayed to trust Jesus for salvation and the direction of this life. He started coming to our church. We were able to help with his job hunt and eventually help him to relocate to be near family. God willing, *Brian’s* story will be one of many as we partner with the Lord, by the power of the Spirit, to preach, live, give, love, embody the gospel in our Cortez community.

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i>		\$92,766
In Person Attendance	50	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i>	%
Online Attendance	0	District	\$2,782	100%
Conversions	6	World Evangelism	\$5,970	126%
Baptisms	1	Pension Fund	\$2,443	141%
		Education	\$2,301	106%



Delta Gunnison Valley Pastors Charlie and Barb Bechtold

At Gunnison Valley Church of the Nazarene - Delta (GVCN) we often close each Worship service with this prayer, “Abba, put us in the right place, at the right time, with the right Words and the right person to bring glory to Your Name.” God is faithful and has answered that prayer hugely!

GVCN has embraced the second year of Feed My Sheep Food Pantry (FMS) and our community has too!! Our doors are open twice a month (or more if needed) and 1320 families have shopped the FMS Pantry! That’s 3751 people last year!!!!!!

One of those ladies is Lynn- standing at the front door waiting to shop, it was apparent that She was broken. Through tear filled eyes she began to complete her form. She wrote down her name and she wrote down her phone number and then quickly left. We called her, wanting to hear her story and if we could help. Recently widowed, a grandmother to two Elementary age children of which she is raising, and elderly parents that she is caring for who suffer from Alzheimer’s, dementia, and other ailments. Our church family embraced them and the spiritual growth of this family has God sending them hugs beyond hugs!!-We are praising God for 11 baptisms that happened on Palm Sunday! It was a beautiful time of testimony and God giggles!

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i> \$54,307	
In Person Attendance	26	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i> %
Online Attendance	4	District	\$2,632 161%
Conversions	3	World Evangelism	\$1,743 63%
Baptisms	11	Pension Fund	\$631 61%
		Education	\$1,052 82%



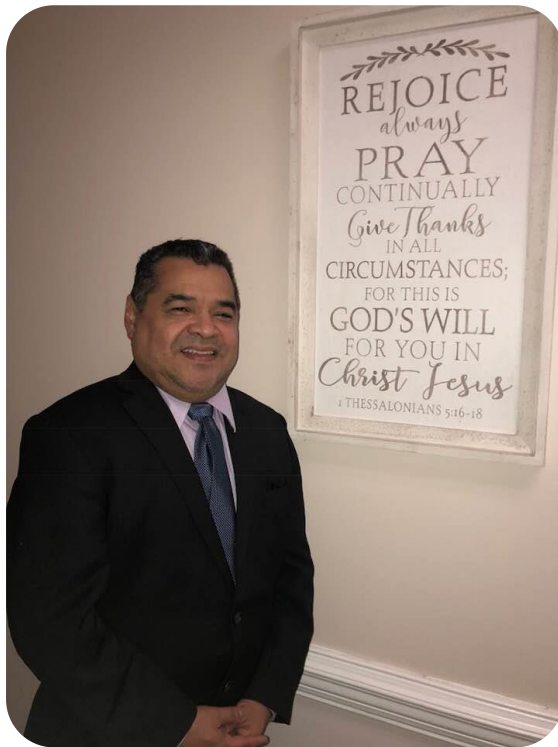
Denver Bear Valley

Pastor Jordan Serracino

One of the ways that we focused on blessing our community in the last year was by giving away grocery gift cards. Each month we purchased 4 gift cards for \$100, and we asked the Spirit to give us opportunities to give these cards away to neighbors, friends and family members within our congregation. This gave us a great opportunity to respond to God and to bless the people he brought into our lives for that purpose.

In the year to come we are hoping to create a children's ministry that will reach out to the children in our neighborhood, teaching them about Jesus and helping them to form a relationship with God.

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i> \$89,815	
In Person Attendance	15	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i> %
Online Attendance	2	District	\$1,651 61%
Conversions	0	World Evangelism	\$0 0%
Baptisms	1	Pension Fund	\$0 0%
		Education	\$1,043 46%



Denver Family

Pastors Abner and Lilliam Garcia

In 2024, Denver Family Church, the Church of the Nazarene, did not remain confined within its four walls. Inspired by a renewed vigor and this year's Cycle of Resurgence, we moved forward to better serve our Hispanic community. We didn't just share provisions; we also listened to stories, offered a prayer, and often a word of encouragement, of love that resonated far beyond physical need. In this way, we planted genuine seeds of hope in hearts that perhaps hadn't felt sincere love in a long time.

In 2025, our efforts to bring people closer to Jesus are based on the vision of creating a safe space for dialogue about life, purpose, and, in essence, introducing Jesus. These are not impromptu sermons but rather establishing human connections that open the door to deeper questions. We have planned the "Praying Neighbors" project, where small groups visit homes to offer prayer for the families' needs, thus building bridges of trust.

The story of an elderly Ukrainian couple is a vital part of the joy that comes from serving God and their neighbors. They stated in a beautiful testimony that they had never experienced so much love in a church. Immediately, we all stood to applaud and go over to hug them. Richard always called after 6 a.m. to ask permission to park his truck on the church grounds; there he found water and energy to get through his cold nights. A genuine hug from a man from Guatemala made him shyly lower his head and begin to cry, which deeply moved us. He wasn't sad; he simply said, "I needed a hug," and stayed, never to leave. What can we say? We will do whatever brings joy to our blessed God's heart here at Denver Family Church.

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i> \$45,000	
In Person Attendance	41	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i> %
Online Attendance	25	District	\$0 0%
Conversions	15	World Evangelism	\$500 22%
Baptisms	0	Pension Fund	\$230 26%
		Education	\$0 0%



Grace and Life Church
Iglesia Gracia y Vida

Denver Grace and Life

Pastor Scott Carranza

Grace and Life Church (Iglesia Gracia y Vida) participated in the 2024 Bless Our Community grant. With our grant, we partnered with Lupita's Camino a la Esperanza, a community nonprofit organization, and distributed more than 100 boxes of food. The most significant outcome from our endeavor has been our relationship with Lupita's Camino a la Esperanza. Through this partnership, we are offering our community many free resources that we would not be able to provide on our own. These resources include family and parenting support, employment and financial assistance, housing and shelter referrals, legal services for immigrants and refugees, healthcare services, and English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. Since we have two apartments in our church, Lupita's Camino a la Esperanza referred a family to us for housing. This family moved in, and the grandmother, Maribel, along with her grandchildren, started attending our church. After a couple of months, Maribel joined our church. She has an incredible testimony of being raised as an orphan after her family was massacred in a family feud in Mexico. Now, her grandchildren are fully integrated into our Sunday children's church and our after-school program, the Academia Mauricio Saravia. Maribel leads our prayer time before our Sunday worship service. Sister Maribel is a highly valued and beloved addition to our church, sharing with us a gift of faith, her grandchildren, and the wonderful fruits of service.

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i>		\$93,834
In Person Attendance	54	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i>	%
Online Attendance	0	District	\$3,530	125%
Conversions	21	World Evangelism	\$3,100	63%
Baptisms	0	Pension Fund	\$4,500	248%
		Education	\$765	33%



Denver One Hope Pastor Jason Brest



I am extremely excited to share One Hope's journey into the Cycle of Resurgence. I became the Interim Pastor on June 9th and we hit the ground running.

Starting with the official grand opening of our new building and location by hosting District Assembly and we are excited to do it again this year.

We jumped into "Blessing Our Community" by hosting a free community picnic in our neighborhood. This consisted of a BBQ, meet and greet, bounce houses and other fun activities for both adults and kids in the community. We then held our Grand Opening Celebration

with food trucks, a Brazilian Style Barbeque and both indoor and outdoor activities. Both of these community events helped us bring new people to our church and begin to introduce them to Jesus. Many of whom have now given their lives to Christ and been baptized.

We didn't stop there. On top of those things, we continued to bless our community by hosting and providing several services and events to include a Free Thanksgiving Dinner for the community, started a monthly community outreach by giving away food, clothes, and household items the 3rd Saturday of each month, ESL classes for our Spanish community, a new Spanish translation ministry during services, added 3 new community mission partners: Alternatives Pregnancy Crisis Center, Love INC (in the name of Christ), and Faith Bible Chapel South Foodbank, started Alpha Ministry, Celebrate Recovery, Free Trunk or Treat community event, Family Movie nights on our Big Screen, Friday night viewings of The Chosen, School Supplies Drive, Participated in the Western Welcome Weekend Littleton Parade, hosted our first annual Craft Fair, Women's Ice Cream Social, Women's Christmas Event, and Bi-Monthly Men's Breakfast just to name a few.

As we have gotten into 2025, we have continued these outreach efforts with an emphasis on Bringing People to Jesus. We firmly believe that in everything we do the ultimate purpose is this. We want to be the examples of Christ's Love, Mercy, and Compassion so that others would be drawn to Him. We have already seen many come to a new relationship with Him through these efforts.

In September 2024, I was officially elected the Lead Pastor at One Hope. We are excited to continue fulfilling our God given mission to serve the community around us and bring people to Jesus.

Worship and Discipleship		Funds Raised		\$985,164
In Person Attendance	250	Budget	Amount Paid	%
Online Attendance	160	District	\$27,873	100%
Conversions	10	World Evangelism	\$51,100	100%
Baptisms	2	Pension Fund	\$18,582	100%
		Education	\$23,227	100%



Denver ThornCreek

Pastor Ruben Villarreal

On April 20, 2025, ThornCreek Church turned 22 years old. It started in my living room with three complete strangers. God can use anyone! Glory to God!



How has ThornCreek blessed our community? ThornCreek started a backpack food program called Food For Hope (FFH) in 2014. It's a backpack program that partners with schools. It has grown significantly. This last year, FFH fed 1,500 people every week. We are in over 30 public schools. It also operates four grocery stores within four schools. In partnership with FFH, ThornCreek also does our annual FEED 5000 event every November. Last Thanksgiving

season, we fed almost 10,000 people a full Thanksgiving meal. Every September we also have "Hope Week". During Hope Week we partner with organizations for five consecutive days. It's an exhausting week, but fulfilling! Additionally, we do one outreach project every month, with one of our year-long ministry partners: Hope House (Serves Teen Moms); Beyond Home (Helps Families become self-sufficient); Urban Farm (Serves urban youth through agriculture); Synergy Village (Helps families that have experienced setbacks); Re-Fined (Ministers to survivors of sexual exploitation); Growing Home (Ensures the equity in food, housing, parenting education); Save Our Youth (A mentoring program for teenagers); and Foster Source (Ministers to foster families). We also continue to partner with Compassion International, and sponsor almost 100 children through a Nazarene Church in Negritos, Peru.

How are we bringing people to Jesus? Well...This is ThornCreek. All our worship services are purposefully designed by our Creative Team to engage the unchurched and introduce them to Jesus. Every sermon is culturally relevant, raw, and ends with an invitation to know Jesus. We highlight a God-story every weekend. Our worship is passionate, Spirit-driven. Everything is about Jesus. What's the fruit of this intentionality? We have had more than 200 conversions, and we had 90 baptisms in the year. On Easter weekend, we had 65 baptisms! Praise Jesus! We also disciple people using a program called, "SmallCircle", and through our small groups.

What's a God-story from ThornCreek? Lots of God-stories. We have several types of people that come to ThornCreek, including gay couples. One of our gay couples, who weren't Christians, approached me after a Saturday night service and told me that they had been praying. They have been in a romantic relationship for four years. But, after attending ThornCreek, and sensing a stirring from God's Holy Spirit, they have made a decision to not be in a romantic relationship any longer. They will continue to be friends in a platonic relationship. They were moving out from the bedroom they shared and will now be in two separate rooms. They also said they would be announcing this decision to their family. They attend church every weekend...literally. All three services, every weekend. Jesus is still changing lives!

All the glory belongs to Jesus Christ!

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i> \$800,845	
In Person Attendance	477	Budget	Amount Paid %
Online Attendance	184	District	\$24,025 100%
Conversions	250	World Evangelism	\$41,687 100%
Baptisms	96	Pension Fund	\$15,248 100%
		Education	\$0 0%



Durango Faith Community

Pastor Rick Williams

What specific ways did your church bless your community in 2025? We have committed to prayer, which includes praying the scriptures, and we are seeing God move mightily! Through a grant from the District, we were able to purchase all the supplies that were needed to start our “Blessing

Basket” outreach to our community. The baskets included food and toiletry items as well as a Bible and information about our church. It has become an amazing evangelism opportunity for us to invite people to church as well as build relationships with them. God is good!

Tell of a life that was changed through the ministry of your church? This is a brief share of a life changed by the ministry of this church - Chantell. “March marks a year since God saved me, and this last year, I have seen God working and moving in my life. God is so good. When God called me by name, I had never heard His voice clearly. I experienced a divine encounter with God, and He instantly changed my life. It was a process, but I had left my live-in boyfriend at the time because he was unwilling to walk this walk with me. I continued to experience deep spiritual development in my relationship with Jesus, and God put it in my heart to start blessing bags with my mom. After being led by the Holy Spirit to Faith Community Church, asking God what His purpose was for my life, I knew there was something more. Pastor Rick has given me this incredible opportunity to lead a Bible Study and has helped guide me in ensuring the right doctrines are being taught. All of this happened because I listened. I was obedient and followed God where he was leading me. I knew from the beginning that Pastor Rick was my mentor, and that God put me under his wing for a reason.”

How are you working to bring people to Jesus in 2025? This year, I shared with the church board a book delivered to me from the District office. It was a required reading for pastors and a recommendation to share with the board. This is in hopes that we can prayerfully adopt the **B.L.E.S.S.** framework by Dave and Jon Ferguson as our church’s discipleship rhythm and missional strategy for this coming year. As a growing church, our desire is to thrive in both number and God’s power. We are asking the Holy Spirit to lead us with vision, boldness, and humility as we step into the new ministry year. Our goals are both tangible and spiritual—and rooted in the mission of Christ. So, we are going to be—praying, listening, eating, serving, and sharing. We will **B.L.E.S.S.** Durango. We will **B.L.E.S.S.** the nations. And most of all, we will **bless** the name of our God.

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i> \$110,093	
In Person Attendance	36	Budget	Amount Paid %
Online Attendance	8	District	\$3,310 100%
Conversions	3	World Evangelism	\$700 12%
Baptisms	4	Pension Fund	\$2,205 101%
		Education	\$350 13%



Emmaus Road Church

Pastor Daniel Pape

You've heard the question before — a kind of gut-check for the Church. *If our church were to close its doors, would our community notice?*

Of course, those of us who gather here each Sunday would notice. Our congregation, our neighbors across the street, maybe a few who walk their dogs past our building. But would the wider community feel the absence?

Like many churches, Emmaus Road has had long stretches of quiet in recent years. Aside from the stirrings of small groups and the occasional rehearsal or meeting, the building was mostly still. It was easy to wonder if our presence stretched beyond our own circle.

But in 2024, we began to pray — alongside many of you — for new ways to open our lives and our church to the community around us. We asked the Spirit to stir us, challenge us, and make space for connection. And the Spirit answered.

Without any flashy initiative or campaign, we found ourselves hosting three different recovery groups who were looking for a stable and welcoming place to meet. Now, Emmaus is home to daily 12-Step meetings — sometimes multiple meetings a day — providing a healing space for more than 140 people on the path of recovery.

I've come to know Nic Bossard, a leader in the local Narcotics Anonymous community. Over lunch recently, Nic shared his gratitude for what Emmaus is providing. He said, "Every time we meet, there are new faces. These are people choosing to gather in community instead of getting high. They're carrying pain and struggle, but they're choosing life. We are literally saving lives every time we meet."

Sometimes, when the Gardener prunes, it is so our branches will bear fruit. But sometimes, we are trimmed simply to become strong enough to hold a life-bearing nest for others — to become a host for the new life God is nurturing through them.

If Emmaus closed its doors in 2025, our community would notice. Our prayer is that the Holy Spirit would continue to heal, restore, and breathe life into the hundreds of new friends who've found a place to belong here.

Worship and Discipleship		Funds Raised \$171,140		
In Person Attendance	63	Budget	Amount Paid	%
Online Attendance	10	District	\$5,135	100%
Conversions	6	World Evangelism	\$9,413	106%
Baptisms	0	Pension Fund	\$3,851	119%
Sanctifications	8	Education	\$3,851	95%



Falcon Cornerstone Community

Pastor Matthew Waggoner

At Falcon Community, this past year has been one of transition, trust, and fresh beginnings. In October, our family moved from the Philadelphia District to Falcon—responding to a calling, not just to lead, but to walk alongside a church with a heart for its people and its place. From the very beginning, we sensed a shared conviction rising among us: that God is calling us not just to gather inside the church, but to go out and be the Church. Not just to build attendance, but to bless the community around us. Through each step,

we've been learning that outreach isn't about plans or performance—it's about presence. And presence isn't a task; it's a privilege. Falcon Fest was one of the first moments where we lived that conviction out together. Armed with graham crackers, chocolate, and marshmallows, we handed out over 200 free s'mores to families from all over our community. But more important than what we gave was what we received: conversations that mattered, connections that lingered, and a surprising depth of sacred trust. We didn't just see adults coming forward—we watched children and teens approach our prayer wall, write out honest requests, and ask for prayer with sincerity and hope. It was humbling. It reminded us that people are searching. And sometimes, all it takes is showing up—being available, being present—for hearts to open. Yes, it requires vulnerability. But this is the kind of vulnerability that love demands: a willingness to step out, listen well, and let people know they're not alone. Falcon Fest wasn't about getting people into our doors. It was about getting us out of them. It was about learning to live out the gospel in a way that is relational, not just invitational. That experience has helped shape our vision for 2025: *New Life, New Beginning... FLOURISH!* We believe that flourishing begins with surrender, is nourished by renewal, and is sustained through community. And as we walk into this new season, we are praying and preparing for more relational evangelism opportunities—places where we can be present, plant seeds of hope, and trust God to bring the growth. The Cycle of Resurgence has reminded us that revival isn't always loud. Sometimes it starts with a s'more, a prayer, and a relationship built one step at a time. Turns out, the Spirit moves just fine over sticky fingers and simple faith.

Worship and Discipleship		Funds Raised \$404,174	
In Person Attendance	45	Budget	Amount Paid
Online Attendance	10	District	\$34,267 283%
Conversions	0	World Evangelism	\$5,747 28%
Baptisms	0	Pension Fund	\$4,563 57%
		Education	\$0 47%



Florence Faith Journey

Pastor Colleen McMordie

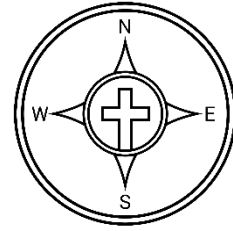
God's Spirit is moving in powerful ways at Florence Faith Journey Church of the Nazarene. This past year, with a renewed focus on prayer, this faith community has reconnected through outreach events like Church in the park, Thanksgiving dinner, and a Christmas craft fair. Although initial outreach efforts may seem modest, loving God by loving our neighbors has fostered growing relationships between Gods people and the community.

Witnessing these small acts of service, I am honored to watch as these folks strive to grow in grace.

There are so many examples I could give of this. There was the woman, who wandered into our thanksgiving dinner asking for dinner for her family gathered at a local hospital. There is the member who always hung back but is now actively engaged in more than one ministry. He even asked to be baptized. There are the meals delivered, cards written and all the little moments of responding to the nudging of the Holy Spirit and reflecting the heart Of Jesus into our neighborhoods.

This renewed excitement brings with it new and returning faces to services and has grown the weekly Bible Study to 11 people on a regular basis. With a visible impact on the church's faith, special services held this year during Advent and the Lentin season were intimate and the movement of the Spirit in the faith filled hearts of those present was visible. More and more I am finding people are asking questions and stepping up to serve. We welcomed four new members and baptized six people on Easter Sunday, including a young man in hospice. To God be the glory!

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i>		\$34,914
In Person Attendance	25	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i>	%
Online Attendance	4	District	\$374	36%
Conversions	0	World Evangelism	\$159	9%
Baptisms	6	Pension Fund	\$61	9%
Sanctifications	0	Education	\$187	22%



Fort Morgan

Pastor Kent Davenport

Morgan Church of the Nazarene seeks to bless our community. In the summer of 2024, we ministered in a manufactured-home community in our town for several weeks. We had crafts, games, and activities for children, as well as free clothes, shoes, and other items for adults. We did not have a VBS at our church but did a 3-day

Bible camp in that community. Most of that community is Spanish speaking. By the grace of God, through 4 years of ministering in that community and making connections, we were able to launch a Spanish worship service in September, and the leader of our Spanish ministries came from that community outreach. As a result of the Spanish service, several people have made new or renewed commitments to Jesus and have found a loving family.

One exciting example of a renewed commitment to Jesus is a man named Sergio. Sergio is a single dad working multiple jobs to provide for his kids. His kids had been participating in our midweek activities for children and youth for a year and a half, but Sergio had never come to church. One Sunday last summer his daughter was to sing in the praise team at church, so Sergio came. On that particular Sunday, I was sharing about the doors God was opening to new ministries and new possibilities through our community outreach. After church that day, Sergio told me that he hadn't been in church for 20 years, but God spoke to his heart that day, and if we were going to start a Spanish ministry, he wanted to be part of it. Sergio only made it to church one other time that summer, but again, felt God pulling on his heart when he was here. By the grace of God, Sergio came to the Launch of our Spanish worship service in September. At that service, he recommitted his life to Jesus. He has become a vital part of the ministry as a translator, participant in the worship band, and just through the power of a living testimony to the grace of God. He plays in the band now for both English and Spanish services and is actively inviting others to come experience the grace of God like he has.

Thanks be to God for the great things He has done!

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i> \$155,300	
In Person Attendance	95	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i> %
Online Attendance	6	District	\$4,382 94%
Conversions	15	World Evangelism	\$8,065 100%
Baptisms	13	Pension Fund	\$2,970 102%
		Education	\$3,652 100%



Golden
Pastor Shari Palmer

Blessing our community by giving access to fresh, local produce has impacted our neighbors in a positive way. While our outdoor food pantry has served the community for several years, we were happy to continue our partnership with a local farming co-op this year to introduce fresh produce to our neighbors through a community fridge located outside our building and accessible 24/7 (just like our pantry). People often help with the fridge, leaving boxes of veggies and bread. In addition, a local fresh food pantry donates their excess, so it doesn't go to waste sitting on shelves. We added to our impact by joining Hunger Free Golden in 2024 to work with our community partners in fighting food insecurity. They gave us a much-needed grant to sustain this important ministry.

We hope to continue to live into this identity of feeding the hungry in 2025 as we look towards our upcoming move through the lens of welcoming people to the table, sharing meals both in and outside the church.

One life that has been changed through our church is a young adult who attended here as a child and teen. After life circumstances kept her from attending church for a few years, God eventually led her back to this place where she feels so loved. She attends with her boyfriend and they both play on our worship team. They are eager to serve and hungry to learn more, participating in Sunday school and a new young adult group we just started. Our Easter service was full this year because they both invited all their family and friends. Many of our senior members said... "the new people brought new people!". Yep, that's how it works. Let's keep it up!

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i>		\$42,548
In Person Attendance	21	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i>	%
Online Attendance	1	District	\$1,281	100%
Conversions	0	World Evangelism	\$2,364	109%
Baptisms	0	Pension Fund	\$858	108%
		Education	\$1,078	109%



Grand Junction Pastor Wayne Spencer

This last year we have seen the congregation of Grand Junction reach out in our community in ways not seen for many years. We had groups make blessing bags to hand out to homeless and pray with them. We were able to help multiple people with rent for multiple months. We donated to and blessed the local pregnancy center with a pickup truck full of diapers and formula as well as providing Thanksgiving food boxes to multiple families in the community. A Sunday school class also bought Bibles for every child at the Good News Club afterschool program our church sponsors. These are just a few of the ways we have begun to bless our community.

However, the incredible thing about all these blessings is the lives we have been invited into during that time. I wish I had one person's life I could use as an example but there are too many to choose from. We have seen so many opportunities to see lives changed this last year. Some were in a more dramatic way than others, but one example is how we have begun a spiritual journey with over 15 of our childcare teachers. We have got to see their hearts soften as they have witnessed a changed and compassionate church trying to have a heart like Jesus. I have sat with women who were in abusive relationships and had to fight for their lives to survive. I have sat with single mothers as they open up about their struggles and hurts. We've had a layman get to pray with a homeless woman 2 weeks before she was hit and killed by a vehicle. Altogether, our church has got seen lives impacted and changed because of the love of Christ we have tried to share.

This all helps lead us to a final step, bringing individuals to Jesus. We don't ever know how many we will see come to Jesus, but every Faith Promise we also promise to pray for a certain number of people we already know and those we don't yet know to come to Jesus. This last year we had a number of 124 people. I don't know what the actual number will be promised this September during Faith Promise but we do know that we just have to keep loving, blessing and when the doors open because of it, we can and will share with them about a life changing friend we have encountered in our own lives, Jesus!

Worship and Discipleship		Funds Raised \$221,040	
In Person Attendance	66	Budget	Amount Paid %
Online Attendance	7	District	\$6,238 100%
Conversions	0	World Evangelism	\$11,348 100%
Baptisms	5	Pension Fund	\$4,159 100%
		Education	\$5,198 100%



Greeley Celebration Pointe

Pastor Gary Haddix

The people of Celebration Pointe Church are determined to impact our community in greater ways in the years ahead and we are constantly seeking out new ways to do so. Our most recent efforts have been focused on Birchwood, a senior living community, where we provide a monthly Sunday afternoon service, and then hang out to eat desserts, play games, share Jesus, and pray for individual needs. This has led to others in our congregation seeking out seniors who are lonely and need the love of our Lord as well. One of those is Pat, who is fighting kidney disease has not only made a connection with our people, but with Jesus as well. She has become a regular attender who always sits near the front absorbing all she can each week. As we seek new ways to reach our neighbors, we are aware that there are many seniors seeking a relationship with Jesus, just waiting for us to come and share Him!

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i> \$37,203	
In Person Attendance	38	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i> %
Online Attendance	10	District	\$2,117 190%
Conversions	1	World Evangelism	\$2,895 153%
Baptisms	0	Pension Fund	\$1,053 153%
		Education	\$1,518 177%



Greeley First
Pastor Charles Hayes

We had a great year at Greeley First working across cultural lines to bring people to Jesus and disciple them in the paths of holiness. We have six main language groups attending our worship services and we provide services in three of these languages. Much of our work involves congregational cultural integration as we seek unity in the bond of love. With people singing the same song at the same time but in multiple languages, our worship services sometimes feel like a little taste of Pentecost. We thank God for what He is doing.

Our church endeavors to love people to Christ by blessing them as they struggle to live in an unfamiliar culture. Our ministry to immigrants and refugees includes weekly ESL classes. We offer advocacy in terms of helping people navigate government forms, job applications, and their pursuit of citizenship. We open places of leadership for them and utilize their talents in the work of the church to affirm their value as persons for whom Christ died. Together we pursue holiness.

The mission field has come to our front yard! It has been most gratifying to hear people thank us through tears for not just letting them come to church but inviting them to join us and be one of us as we pursue Jesus together. Multicultural ministry comes with big challenges, but it comes with even bigger blessings. We are experiencing both at Greeley First. All for Jesus!

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i>		\$384,542
In Person Attendance	159	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i>	%
Online Attendance	266	District	\$12,226	106%
Conversions	5	World Evangelism	\$22,414	114%
Baptisms	3	Pension Fund	\$8,151	114%
		Education	\$10,188	114%



Karval New Day Community

Pastor Enola Leonard

Far away on the eastern Plains in the land called Colorado lays a community of farmers and ranchers found near a road less traveled. Many would call it a God forsaken land, yet one can find gold in such a place as this. Beautiful sunrises, inspiring sunsets, a distant view of America's majestic mountain, cattle grazing in the green pastures, and the chance to breathe in fresh air on a daily basis reminds us of God's presence, grace, and faithfulness to His people. Life is far from easy on the eastern plains as storms rise up against us in many facets, yet each one draws us to a deeper relationship with our Lord and Savior. The congregation remains faithful to that which God is doing within this widely spread mission field, and we rejoice in the opportunity to be part of the Kingdom work. We celebrate within our congregation 100% giving, meaning every family is financially supporting the church's ministries and mission through their giving. God has been faithful to meet our needs. Our people continue to grow in their relationship with Christ, and extend their hands in service to our community on a regular basis. Additional interest in the church is beginning to blossom in our community and we are responding faithfully. To God be the glory in all things!

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i>		\$9,377
In Person Attendance	12	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i>	%
Online Attendance	0	District	\$300	107%
Conversions	2	World Evangelism	\$490	100%
Baptisms	0	Pension Fund	\$190	107%
		Education	\$215	97%



La Junta First Pastor Mark Callister

It was just a short while ago that I received one more thank you from one of our neighbors. The occasion of the thank you was a family memorial dinner. Their loved one had passed away and in looking for a location to host that memorial dinner they came to the church and asked if they might be allowed to have the dinner at our church. They don't attend, they had come to a funeral here years ago, but have never attended. I encouraged them to fill out the requisite forms and in the course of time their family had a wonderful time remembering their loved one in our fellowship hall. That heartfelt thank you was just one of many that I have received this past year.

With the largest and nicest church in our community we have been allowed to host everything from the larger funerals from all denominations, to a Community Concert Association event, to Special Olympians practice sessions, to a local elementary school "Safe Place" parent pickup location after a threat event, to a large local inter-faith bible study group, to numerous community sports team practices. We feel that our facility is a blessing to the community, and we are simply stewards of the resource.

VJ came to us one Sunday and tried to hide in the shadows. He had been wounded deeply in a church before and was drawn, but reluctant to consider connecting to any church ever again. Over time, and the love and grace of our congregation, VJ began to make himself vulnerable again. VJ now regularly attends Sunday School, is a part of the worship team, occasionally sings specials and just made the jump to church membership. His unique personality is a joy to us all. We have prayed for more VJ's, but God has chosen to send us a TJ instead.

Worship and Discipleship		Funds Raised \$258,171		
In Person Attendance	125	Budget	Amount Paid	%
Online Attendance	65	District	\$7,745	100%
Conversions	12	World Evangelism	\$11,888	89%
Baptisms	0	Pension Fund	\$4,323	88%
		Education	\$6,454	105%



LAKWOOD NAZARENE CHURCH

Lakewood
Pastor Brian Troxell

Lakewood Church has really shifted in the last 6 months. After Sarah and I began our ministry here in October, God opened a door for us to launch a Micronesian Congregation, along with our English and Spanish congregations. We also have made connections with a sober living home, as well as, we have begun ministering to homeless folks on our streets twice a month. We have become a much more multi-ethnic congregation with a real openness to those that are struggling in life. Because of this, we have seen 8 accept the Lord and become baptized in the last 6 months. One of those guys is Lance. He is from our sober living home we are connected to. He has been a hard-core addict for decades, and since coming to the Lord and sobering up, he has started making amends with family members that he hasn't had contact with for decades.

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i> \$450,520		
In Person Attendance	117	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i>	<i>%</i>
Online Attendance	799	District	\$14,517	107%
Conversions	11	World Evangelism	\$25,327	109%
Baptisms	8	Pension Fund	\$9,045	107%
		Education	\$11,307	107%



Lamar Crosswind
Pastor Roy Gueswel

Psalms 127: Unless the Lord builds the house, its builder labors in vain.

On June 28, 1981, I attended my first district assembly as a pastor. Over the years I have learned that Psalms 127 is so true. I believe beyond a shadow of doubt that God has a plan for Crosswind Church of the Nazarene in Lamar. There is a great harvest waiting. I am praying He will show the way into the future.

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i>		\$52,897
In Person Attendance	15	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i>	%
Online Attendance	5	District	\$1,582	100%
Conversions	1	World Evangelism	\$2,751	100%
Baptisms	0	Pension Fund	\$1,056	106%
		Education	\$1,319	106%



Las Animas First
Pastor Carlton McKay

Throughout this year, our church has attempted to reach our community with the "good news" of salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. We have hosted three community meals and the community Vacation Bible School. We have also hosted two concerts attended by several people who don't regularly attend. Our church also hosted a Pentecostal Service on Pentecost Sunday. Several churches took part in this united effort. We were privileged to have our first Good Friday service, which was well attended. Our highest attendance was on Resurrection Sunday, 68 in attendance.

It was exciting to baptize three people—a dad, his son, and his daughter. Another young boy gave his heart to Jesus following a Sunday morning service. We have also been blessed with an older gentleman attending the services who had not been in church for a long time. It is not uncommon for us to have visitors several times a month. Much work is needed, but God is working here in the Arkansas Valley. To Him be the glory!

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i>		\$74,185
In Person Attendance	36	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i>	%
Online Attendance	50	District	\$2,151	100%
Conversions	1	World Evangelism	\$3,958	104%
Baptisms	3	Pension Fund	\$1,627	118%
		Education	\$1,726	100%



Longmont
Pastor Lonnie Green

BLESSING OUR COMMUNITY IN 2024-2025 The church has ongoing community ministries such as contributing food and funds to the OUR Center, a local organization dedicated to serving the impoverished people of Longmont. We also participate by doing a couple of days of bell ringing for the annual Salvation Army Kettle Drive. New community ministries we've added this year have been providing Thanksgiving dinners for 20 low-income families with students in a nearby middle school.

HOW WE PLAN TO BRING PEOPLE TO JESUS IN 2025-2026 Among our goals for the new church year is to establish an effective children's ministry. The B.L.E.S.S. approach to reaching our neighbors for Christ strikes me as an effective, authentic means of evangelism and we will be encouraging small groups in the church to study the B.L.E.S.S. book and commit to its methods.

A LIFE THAT HAS BEEN CHANGED THROUGH OUR MINISTRY A man who has had an alcohol addiction problem that created severe problems in his family is now two months sober. A man who had been separated from his wife and living hundreds of miles away has now moved back to be with her. A young man who only recently began making attending church a part of his life will be baptized in our church on Pentecost Sunday.

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i>		<i>\$253,564</i>
In Person Attendance	65	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i>	<i>%</i>
Online Attendance	48	District	\$6,229	82%
Conversions	2	World Evangelism	\$10,416	82%
Baptisms	0	Pension Fund	\$3,680	79%
		Education	\$4,951	85%



Loveland

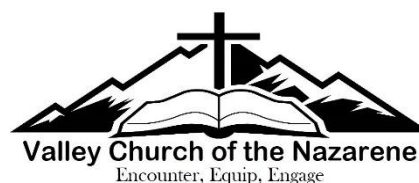
Pastor Brian Smith

Loveland Nazarene has experienced a blessed and exciting year. A few of the things we were a part of to be a blessing to our community were conducting a food drive for House of Neighborly Service, Easter Fest for the families of our community, Family Movie Nights for the community and our Student Ministry was involved in Serve 6.8, an organization that meets needs in Loveland. We are also looking forward to being in our new building sometime around the later part of October which will increase our ability to reach our community for Jesus. Our partnership with Lionheart Children's Academy will provide us the opportunity to minister to the families of 152 children with a goal of one half of those being from unchurched homes. It has been an 11-year journey that is finally coming to

fruition. We are very grateful for God's faithfulness and I am grateful for the unity and perseverance of the body of believers called Loveland Church of the Nazarene.

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i> \$429,169	
In Person Attendance	97	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i> %
Online Attendance	16	District	\$14,374 112%
Conversions	2	World Evangelism	\$29,062 135%
Baptisms	2	Pension Fund	\$8,023 102%
		Education	\$11,307 115%





Monte Vista Valley

Pastor Chris Yocom

Last Fall we blessed our community with a block party. We called this the “Fall in Love with Jesus” block party. Monte Vista is situated in an area surrounded by low-income folks. We provided free food, free coffee, bouncy houses, a chili cookoff and other fun things. We had a booth for evangelism, a prayer booth, and a booth for Bible distribution. We had over 200 people attend our block party. Everyone had a wonderful time, and we met so many great people from our community. Even the new police chief and a couple of officers showed up and had some fun. We had dozens of people pray to receive Christ and many who just asked for prayer. Our church has struggled with outreach, and this was a great success.

For this coming year, we plan to have our second annual “Fall in Love with Jesus” block part and make it even more successful by God’s grace. Our church continues to help all those who come by asking for food and other help. The Gospel is presented to as many people as is possible. We give out dozens of Bibles and Gospel tracts. Our surrounding communities have been having regular prayer gatherings at various churches, and we are seeing fruitful results. I plan to teach the B.L.E.S.S. principle that I learned from the book we were given to read by Dr. Askren. This will give our people an easy and tangible way to be Gospel minded every day.

One person who has been helped by our efforts is Darlene. She first came to us needing a place to stay for the night. We later helped her with items for her to stay in a homeless encampment managed by a neighboring city. Darlene prayed to receive Christ and has been working hard to overcome her alcohol addiction. She is currently living in a camper, and she has begun to attend college. Darlene has come to our Wednesday night mealtimes and has attended a few of our other activities. Like so many of these situations, Darlene is making incremental changes, and we hope and pray for good things.

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised \$377,363</i>		
In Person Attendance	91	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i>	<i>%</i>
Online Attendance	93	District	\$12,800	113%
Conversions	64	World Evangelism	\$35,255	201%
Baptisms	5	Pension Fund	\$6,830	107%
		Education	\$0	0%



Montrose First Pastor Buddy Cook

I am extremely grateful to have served as pastor of the faithful people of Montrose for these last 20 years. God has blessed this church with opportunities to reach people for Jesus and serve as a lighthouse in our community. Our 3 B's ministry (Bless others, Bring people to Jesus, Become Christ-like disciples) is the guide for what we do. Through this ministry individuals who are recovering from brokenness (addiction, divorce, poor choices etc.) so that they can rebuild their lives. Having found Christ, they are learning to live according to his teaching. By ministering to the people Jesus spoke of in Luke 4:18-19 we not only share the gospel and care for those who are struggling but seek to shine a light of love into our community demonstrating that Jesus and his church care about the lives of our neighbors especially those who have been impacted by addiction and other life altering circumstances. This support may come in the form of financial grants to assist with immediate needs such as rent, utilities, food etc. as well as spiritual counsel by individuals from the church who have been equipped to walk this road with individuals struggling with addiction and brokenness. This "breathing space" demonstrates the love of Jesus to individuals who are struggling by giving them time to focus on strengthening their relationship with Jesus. This year we have baptized 7 people, brought in 3 new members, and gave \$20,800 to meet the needs of people through our 3B and Benevolence ministries. This is close to the amount we have spent in budgets. While Kim and I will be moving on to work in a different field in God's Kingdom we look forward to what God is continuing to do in Montrose and across the Colorado District. To God be the glory great things he has done!

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i> \$158,385		
In Person Attendance	60	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i>	<i>%</i>
Online Attendance	2	District	\$4,475	100%
Conversions	10	World Evangelism	\$8,762	107%
Baptisms	10	Pension Fund	\$2,985	100%
		Education	\$3,725	100%



Palisade

Pastor Don Blanchard

It has been a privilege my 47th pastoral report to the Colorado District, my 39th report for Palisade. I thank God for every victory of the past year. The wonderful people of our church have given of themselves and their resources sacrificially in service to our mutual King Jesus Christ. We have seen God consistently move in our services and in our efforts to impact our world for the gospel. We participated in a work and witness trip to Trujillo Peru. We sent approximately 100 Crisis kits out this year. Our church sponsors 25 children through Nazarene Compassionate Ministries. We were privileged to have Stanley and Grace Usho with us this past summer, the East Africa Regional Director. We sponsored a successful VBS with a number of children making first time decisions for Christ. Our food pantry ministry served 2,456 families representing 5,726 individuals. We have had a physical and spiritual impact on many and a number of clients now attend church. With God's blessing, we have helped numerous families with utility bills, rental assistance, prescription drugs, doctor's fees and vehicle repairs. We have organized a visitation program that is operating, but not yet at full speed. Several small groups were initiated with positive results. I thank God for the leadership team in our church. They are hardworking, creative and want to make a difference for the kingdom. We are looking forward to the year ahead with faith and expectations.

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i>		\$293,428
In Person Attendance	101	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i>	%
Online Attendance	170	District	\$8,734	100%
Conversions	13	World Evangelism	\$15,494	104%
Baptisms	4	Pension Fund	\$5,393	100%
		Education	\$7,278	107%



Paonia
Pastor Sherry Mitchem

The Paonia church has been blessing our community by providing the leader of a community youth group with housing that is at a much lower cost than market value. Even though this ministry is a para- church ministry we are hoping lives of the youth that attend are being changed.

A second item of note: The church was able to replace the old single pane, used putty to keep the pane in the frame, and windows in our basement. We now have double-pane vinyl windows. This was made possible at least in large part because of the faithfulness of a person in the congregation, who is a contractor, donating his labor.

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i> \$16,408		
In Person Attendance	12	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i>	<i>%</i>
Online Attendance	2	District	\$554	113%
Conversions	0	World Evangelism	\$937	111%
Baptisms	0	Pension Fund	\$0	0%
		Education	\$460	120%



Primera Iglesia del Nazareno
Lay Pastor Gildardo Prieto

This past year we had an all-church retreat to strengthen our fellowship. We dedicated children to God in our services. We also have children's church, Mother's Day celebration, Christmas Celebration, monthly vigil services, ladies, men's and youth meetings, prayer cells every two weeks, home visits, and prayers for the sick. We invite people outside of our church for all our events and services. We celebrate birthdays and have fellowship and lots of good food. We are repairing our church's front fence. It has not been an easy year, and we continue to learn. We pray for God's guidance and plan to work on more outreach. A couple of young men accepted Christ. One of them is baptized and is very actively coming to our church's Prayer Meeting. The other continues to attend faithfully and there are evident positive changes in his life. I also thank God that this year I was approved for my Local License.

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i> \$8,470	
In Person Attendance	60	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i> %
Online Attendance	0	District	\$0 0%
Conversions	20	World Evangelism	\$0 0%
Baptisms	4	Pension Fund	\$0 0%
		Education	\$0 0%



Pueblo First
Pastor James Murray

“Go and Tell” – Bringing People To Jesus! Following Jesus’ resurrection from the grave, we read in **Matthew 28:10**, where He greeted Mary Magdalene and said, *“Go and tell His disciples that He is alive...”* In **verse 19**, Jesus tells His disciples, as well as you and me, *“to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit...”* The Great Commission, given to us from our Lord and Savior, is not a suggestion, but rather, a command to *“go and tell”... Mark 16:15* these words written to God’s people, *“Go into all the world and preach (tell) the good news to all creation.”*

Jesus has risen! We are not only to celebrate that fact but communicate that to all the world. Our mission statement at PFC is, “To Introduce People to a Growing Relationship with Jesus Christ.” This past year we have not only sought to know our mission statement, but to communicate it and live it out by blessings our community by being the hands and feet of Jesus. We, as a local community church, still prayer walk our streets, serve our community, and reach the lost. We continue to serve the Lord along-side Crazy Faith Street Ministry, preparing breakfast and serving the homeless community in downtown Pueblo on a rotating basis with other local churches. We continue to reach people for Jesus through one-on-one evangelism, our Good News Club ministry that provides after school programs in seven of our local elementary schools, ministering to 199 children on a weekly basis. We provide a very welcoming environment with biblical teaching and quality worship services to help believers of all ages grown in their relationship with Jesus Christ. PFC is being used of the Lord to shine His light and make a difference in our community and world by sharing the greatest message in the history of the planet... The Gospel message of Jesus Christ.

Worship and Discipleship		Funds Raised \$380,984		
In Person Attendance	174	Budget	Amount Paid	%
Online Attendance	54	District	\$13,180	115%
Conversions	19	World Evangelism	\$48,101	275%
Baptisms	8	Pension Fund	\$7,599	120%
		Education	\$10,907	137%



Pueblo West
Living Water Fellowship
 Pastor Jim Young

In 2024, our church dedicated itself to serving and uplifting our community. One, we provided shelter and support to a homeless, couple for a few weeks. Living Water Church demonstrated faith through compassion and aid. It was amazing to witness this couple grow spiritually because of God’s faithfulness through us.

Another significant undertaking was our community book fair, where many people from all over town brought Christian books. This event created an outreach community and provided people with knowledge and resources to support their well-being.

As we move into 2025, our church remains steadfast in our mission to bring people to Jesus. We have launched several outreach programs designed to touch hearts and transform lives. These initiatives include inviting speakers to share their testimonies, organizing worship nights, and offering Bible study groups that cater to various age groups and interests.

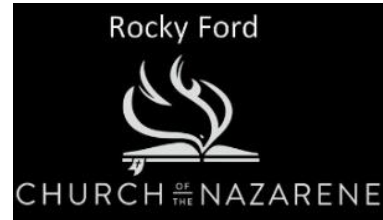
Pat, a long-time resident of our town, faced numerous challenges, from financial instability to personal loss. In 2024, she. started attending Living Water Church and was deeply moved by the compassion and support she received. She began attending our church services regularly and found a renewed sense of purpose and joy.

In 2025, her transformation is a powerful reminder of the impact a church can have when it comes together to serving a community. Pat became very ill with a digestive disease and passed away 2 months ago. I will never forget what she said to me as I visited her in the hospital. She said, “Pastor” as she pointed to family members standing in the hallway. “They aren’t ready for me to go, but I am ready to go to Jesus.”

Worship and Discipleship		Funds Raised		\$86,000
In Person Attendance	35	Budget	Amount Paid	%
Online Attendance	250	District	\$6,300	244%
Conversions	5	World Evangelism	\$0	0%
Baptisms	0	Pension Fund	\$0	0%
		Education	\$0	0%



Rocky Ford
Pastor Paul Farrell



Our Rocky Ford Church congregation has experienced an intimate, communing spiritual growth in discipleship by focusing on the power of prayer and communion with the Father, the Life of Christ, and the sanctifying power of the Spirit.

We have sought to bless our community through practical, healing, and compassionate ministry. First, we bless our community with a few congregants who volunteer in providing meals and food boxes to those in need of extra assistance through a local Food Kitchen and the Rocky Ford Food Share Project. This Project often provides our church with excess foodstuffs to hand out throughout the month. Second, a few congregants assist in local addiction and recovery programs which focus on substance abuse and crisis centers. Third, a few congregants provide local ride share assistance in programs for vets and low-income patients. Fourth, one member takes Celebrate Recovery into prisons, providing redemptive hope in Christ. Fifth, for over six years, our church has sponsored its own Celebrate Recovery group which has been instrumental in providing conversions to Christ, baptisms, and new additions to church membership.

This year, our church experienced 13 conversions to Christ, 5 new disciples baptized, and 6 new members. In the last nine reports, Rocky Ford membership has included four years of 20%+ growth and 3 years of at least 9% growth, including 10% this year.

One father was on the precipice of losing his family because of his alcohol addiction, severe depression, and struggle sustaining his marriage relationship. After recommitting his discipleship journey with Christ, which included CR, he experienced a transformative, life-altering encounter with God and His sustaining, sanctifying grace. His family has been restored and is more whole and healthier than ever before. Even his little son often helps begin our worship services by sounding a small shofar! This is why the Rocky Ford Church proclaims the saving, sanctifying, and sustaining power of God's love – all to usher us into a deep, intimate, abiding, communing fellowship with Him!

This year, we desire to dig deeper into the BLESS outreach concept, enabling our people to present the life, salvation, and blessings of Christ Jesus by drawing our friends, families, and neighborhoods into God's Kingdom by His love! As Christ, we will seek to bring change to our part of the world through the transformative gift of BLESSing others.

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i>		\$47,761
In Person Attendance	44	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i>	%
Online Attendance	14	District	\$1,435	106%
Conversions	13	World Evangelism	\$2,630	106%
Baptisms	5	Pension Fund	\$955	106%
		Education	\$1,195	106%



Security Life Community

Pastor Curtis Hight

This past year, we've been blessed with incredible opportunities to serve and connect with our community in meaningful ways.

Over the summer, we spent our Wednesday evenings in local parks, grilling hotdogs and handing out drinks and snacks—all free of charge. These evenings gave us the chance to meet new people, share smiles, and even feed those experiencing homelessness. It was a simple act of kindness that opened the door for genuine conversations and care. It was just one way we were able to Bless our Community.

In the fall, our annual *Pumpkin Bash*—a safe, family-friendly alternative to Halloween—saw one of our best turnouts yet! Children laughed, played games, and left with bags full of candy, while parents connected and caught a glimpse of God's love in action.

We've also stepped out in boldness with "cold call" evangelism. One Sunday after church, a few members went for a walk around a nearby lake in Colorado Springs and shared about our church with those they met. One conversation led to prayer. Another allowed us to speak with a man who took a flyer home. Later that day when he went to see his girlfriend, she shared that she had just decided to go help him find a church to attend because she knew it was important to him, even though she had always had reservations. When he showed her the flyer, they realized the church was only five minutes from her house. They visited the next Sunday and have been faithfully attending ever since. Praise God for divine appointments!

Looking ahead, we're preparing to run the concession stands at our local youth activity centers. With multiple baseball, softball, and soccer fields within walking distance of the church, this is a unique opportunity to serve families in our neighborhood. We're also seeking permission to set up a prayer tent beside the concession stand—offering prayer and encouragement to anyone who might need it.

We believe the best is yet to come. God is moving, and we are excited to see how He will continue to use our church to bring people to Christ.

To God be the glory for the great things He has done!

Worship and Discipleship		Funds Raised		\$36,242
In Person Attendance	35	Budget	Amount Paid	%
Online Attendance	2	District	\$0	0%
Conversions	5	World Evangelism	\$0	0%
Baptisms	4	Pension Fund	\$0	0%
		Education	\$0	0%



Sterling
Pastor Chris Rose

God is good...all the time, and ALL the time...God is Good. Over the past year, the Sterling Church of the Nazarene has participated in and blessed many in our community through various initiatives. One way that we have and continue to bless our community is by partnering and participating in different established ministry resources throughout our community. There are several in our congregation who help distribute and deliver food to those in need every month. We also participate in the Baby Bottle Fundraising and provide support for the Caring Pregnancy Center. This year, we also provided dinners a few different times to groups throughout the community. This year, in order to further bless our community by Bringing People to Jesus, we are partnering with Iliff HeadStart to provide dinners to families as well as building relationships by shepherding, guiding, teaching, and leading them into having relationships with Jesus by meeting them where they're at and loving them to see who they are and whose they are. This will be done through several nights of family dinners and family night ministries throughout the summer. We will also be determined to further God's reach into the community by participating in various community events.

Worship and Discipleship		Funds Raised \$287,103		
In Person Attendance	99	Budget	Amount Paid	%
Online Attendance	22	District	\$8,095	100%
Conversions	5	World Evangelism	\$14,841	100%
Baptisms	3	Pension Fund	\$5,397	100%
		Education	\$6,746	100%



Thornton Hope Hacienda

Pastor Mark Runner

Hope Hacienda is privileged to have people from many different and diverse backgrounds. The ages span the spectrum and are from varying backgrounds and tax brackets. While we're not breaking any attendance records, and our core group of regular attendees is quite small, we are united and accomplish some great things in our midst. We continue to minister to the Annual Navajo Nation project, and serve at the annual Movement 5280 workday. This year, for the first time, we started accumulating and preparing distribution boxes of Crisis Care Kits.

For our immediate community we do have compassion funding available to minister to those experiencing some temporary financial struggles by providing food, paying an electric bill, or a portion of their rent for the month. This ministry doesn't always reap the numerical rewards of filling seats in our church, it definitely spreads the Word of God into the lives of those ministered to. Just over the last month, the men all came together to meet at a senior person in the community to tear down a shed and remove a fallen tree in the backyard. Many hands made short work of the project and those who helped, plus the unchurched senior were blessed by the service.

The single most impactful thing that has impacted me personally, is a story about a young unwed mother that contacted someone in our church. With permission to share her story, I proceed. She had recently discovered that she was pregnant again. Knowing how hard the first child was to take care of, she was unable to see a way forward and was going to terminate the pregnancy. With counsel, and the assurance that our church would be there for her and help her every step of the way, she felt touched by God and agreed to have the child. That beautiful little girl was born early this year and is doing well. Glory to God!! We're thrilled to say, "Hope Hacienda made a difference in that precious life!"

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i> \$87,191	
In Person Attendance	37	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i> %
Online Attendance	0	District	\$2,925 112%
Conversions	1	World Evangelism	\$4,708 104%
Baptisms	0	Pension Fund	\$1,731 105%
		Education	\$2,114 102%



Trinidad
Pastor Becky MacLearn

Here in Trinidad, we had the opportunity to bless the community with an Easter Egg hunt where we had over 300 in attendance, including parents. We had the opportunity to share the resurrection story to over 100 children. We ministered to the community through Wild Horse Ministries after feeding over 100 people. After dinner was served the community responded to an altar call of about 45 surrendering their lives to the Lord. During the summer we loved our community with a BBQ in front of Big R, with free hot dogs, hamburgers, chips, drinks, and encouragement. In the fall we fed our community during a Harvest Festival and showered the kids with candy and games. We look forward to the next year in growing ministries that will help us disciple believers in our community.

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i>		\$18,682
In Person Attendance	13	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i>	%
Online Attendance	2	District	\$560	100%
Conversions	0	World Evangelism	\$904	93%
Baptisms	0	Pension Fund	\$391	98%
Sanctifications	0	Education	\$420	105%



Westminster Iglesia del Nazareno

Pastor Omar Gurrion

No report submitted.

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i> \$38,297	
In Person Attendance	60	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i> %
Online Attendance	0	District	\$698 61%
Conversions	10	World Evangelism	\$0 0%
Baptisms	3	Pension Fund	\$0 0%
		Education	\$0 0%



Westminster The Crossing

Pastor Colton Townley

It has been a year of transition and transformation at The Crossing Church. The year began with our church in the middle of a pastoral search that lasted 9 months. My wife, Jessica, and I officially joined the team beginning in August. As we work through the cycle of resurgence regionally, it has certainly

been a resurgent time locally. 2024 was a year focused on blessing our community, and we did that through multiple outlets. From our Inspire ministry in the park where we love on the unhoused, to our partnership with our local schools, we made every effort to be the church outside of our four walls. And now, in 2025, as we seek to bring people to Jesus, it is so exciting to see the move of God currently unfolding through our church. We are seeing new families, new growth, new baptisms, and most importantly, new salvations! One of my favorite stories is of a man named Gabe who we met and connected with through our Inspire ministry. Gabe was going through a hard season in his life and marriage, but he found community in the park. Those relationships led to him checking out our church, falling in love with Jesus, reconciling with his wife, and he is now considering a call to ministry. He and his wife attended nearly every night of our 21 days of prayer and fasting and it is so clear that God has done, and is continuing to do, a transformative work in Gabe! Looking back on this year, I am so grateful for the evidence of God's presence, and so expectant for the promise of the future!

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i> \$1,184,624	
In Person Attendance	430	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i> %
Online Attendance	210	District	\$33,114 100%
Conversions	162	World Evangelism	\$62,921 104%
Baptisms	47	Pension Fund	\$22,077 100%
		Education	\$29,595 107%



Woodland Park

Pastor Dale Butler

The Cycle of Resurgence created a hole in the time/space continuum for us this year and we were able to both **bless our community** AND **bring someone to Jesus** simultaneously.

We launched Upward basketball this year and had 22 families from our community (not our church) participate, with 9 of those families self-identifying as not being connected to any faith community. We had a great season (if you want more details you should attend the breakout session on Upward Sports). We were flooded with gratefulness from children, parents, grandparents and friends of each family, who were all impacted by this league.

At the end of the season celebration, we shared the Gospel and offered the opportunity to choose Jesus. We had one young man indicate that he made that decision for Christ. We're working hard at creating ways to disciple that family, and to keep the other eight 'on the hook'.

It wasn't easy. It required a lot of work. It took time away from other things. It was sacrificial for our church family. It was 1000% worth it.

I believe that we pushed the door open a little wider for those in our church to get the bigger picture of serving our community and for being willing to be a part of the evangelism string in the lives of those who surround us.

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i> \$323,242	
In Person Attendance	80	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i> %
Online Attendance	9	District	\$8,607 93%
Conversions	1	World Evangelism	\$15,780 94%
Baptisms	0	Pension Fund	\$6,456 105%
		Education	\$6,455 84%



Wray

Pastor Ben Beckner

No report submitted

<i>Worship and Discipleship</i>		<i>Funds Raised</i> \$413,482	
In Person Attendance	67	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Amount Paid</i>
Online Attendance	8		%
Conversions	1	District	\$12,718 103%
Baptisms	5	World Evangelism	\$23,355 110%
		Pension Fund	\$9,116 118%
		Education	\$9,538 99%



Yuma First

Pastor David Martelle



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This year has been the most challenging year of our ministry to date: yet it has also been our most fruitful. On May 20th a relentless 100-year storm hit Yuma. Most of the church building had to be mitigated down to bare studs. The damage was not limited to the building alone; the hearts of our people and the community were broken as well.

We made the horrible mistake of signing with a contractor that not only took the church for a significant amount of money, they advised us to sign with other companies that took us for more and delivered less. Our huge deductible and crooked contractors left Yuma Naz with over a quarter million-dollar deficit to overcome. Thank the Living God our story does not end there. **1 Peter 5:10 And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.** With the help of great contractors, donated labor from the district's work and witness team, the stained-glass company, material sold at cost, the generosity of our folks and the help of this great district, we can now finish the construction with a mere \$45,000 (not \$265,000). We will make it through this storm without borrowing a dime. We had countless reasons to report significant decreases in every aspect of ministry. What Satan intended for evil God in His grace has used it for our good and His glory. The increases include:

- Our average attendance increased from 47 to 56.
- We baptized 6 folks, dedicated 2 babies and had 21 folks accept Jesus as their Savior.
- Our youth group average attendance increased to 32 teens. They have over 20 sponsors and teens signed up for NYC, sent 25 to Main Event, 35 to the Faith Day at the Rockies, 120 attended our local Friendsgiving event and over 90 our Christmas Night of Worship. Praise the Lord, our youth group has gone from zero to hero!
- Our Kingdom Kids After School Club average attendance increased to 25 kids.
- We have not had a VBS in years. This summer we are expecting well over 150 kids.
- Our total giving increased from about \$162,000 last year to well over \$184,000.

This year Yuma Naz was able to *Bless Our Community* by hosting other local churches who were under construction. In spite of the storm, we blessed our community with a new Kingdom Kids Program and a playground. While everyone else were forced to cut programing, we increased it. Many of our people helped with boarding windows and clean up in our neighborhoods. Yuma Naz was indeed blessed to fulfill the role as a wounded healer to our community.

Worship and Discipleship		Funds Raised \$160,850		
In Person Attendance	56	Budget	Amount Paid	%
Online Attendance	19	District	\$5,364	111%
Conversions	21	World Evangelism	\$8,467	101%
Baptisms	6	Pension Fund	\$3,072	101%
		Education	\$4,064	107%

2025 Memoirs

The Church Triumphant

Aurora Tower Community Fellowship: *Donna Cardin*

Brighton Chapel Hill: *Sharon Luthey, Charlene Miller, Jim Reid, Lucile White*

Brush: *Christi Boettcher*

Clarkville Buffalo Grass: *Carroll Harding*

Colorado Springs Eastborough: *Matthew Jones*

Colorado Springs First: *Cynthia Jane Davis, Villie Quinton, Rex Roby Jr.*

Colorado Springs Genesis: *Rose Hollis*

Colorado Springs Grace: *Anetta Jackson, Jeannette Wilson*

Colorado Springs Trinity: *William Gay, Randy Rucker, Esther Wilbanks*

Denver One Hope: *Donna Arnold, Dee Brinley, Ann Challis, Jan Smith*

Durango Faith Community: *Eugene Arpelar*

Fort Morgan: *Mary Lou Hammer, William “Bill” McCracken, Donald Snider,
Margaret Timpe, Constance “Connie” Westley*

Grand Junction: *Faye Drinnen, LeRoy Jenson*

Greeley First: *Kevin Hollis, Barbara Lewis, Helen Stone*

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Yuma: *Darlene (Perry) Young*

Workshops for District Assembly 2025

FRIDAY June 27

Workshops will be presented at 10:30am and repeated at 2:30 pm, with the exception of the Pastors Gathering which will be at 10:30am only.

Pastors Gathering in the Sanctuary at 10:30

All lead, youth, and children's pastors and leaders are requested to join DS Askren and GS Busic for a time of challenge and conversation in the sanctuary.

Alpha – Richard Gazotti - Youth Room (2nd floor)

How God Pointed me to Alpha – see below for details

College Connection – Chris Bean – Youth Auxiliary Room (2nd floor)

“Partnering with Parachurch to Bring More College Students to Jesus”

Chris Bean has been in youth and college ministry for over 30 years, working mainly through NYI. For the past 4 years, he has been working with InterVarsity Christian fellowship to help churches collaborate with parachurch to reach college students for Christ. Participants will learn how to identify potential partners, build relationships, and develop strategic plans to engage students and foster spiritual growth. Out of the 58 college campuses in Colorado, 29 of them have No Known Ministries active on campus. We can change that together!

Oikos – Rev. David Ralph - Rm 302

OIKOS/OUTWARD FOCUS; How can we, the laity, move our relational world toward the church and the gospel in our “daily goings” Mt 10:7. Oikos is a biblical word for “household”. The N.T. uses it for our relationships, friends and extended connections. God has “strategically & providentially” placed from 8 to 15 people in every believer's life. The longstanding obstacle for the church is to have tools and mechanisms to get out of the 4 walls in incremental ways to detect and move our OIKOS in baby steps toward Christ & His church. This is a pre-evangelism technique to move the church 1 degree toward their outward connections without conflict or confrontation in our daily routine; “As you go make your OIKOS aware of me!” This is what Jesus challenged Zaccheaus to do with all his rowdy friends. This simplifies the Great Commission in “do-able” bite size increments that any laymen or pastor can do.

Outreach – Rev. Matthew Waggoner - Rm. 301

A workshop on how Outreach.com can help your church connect with your community using postcards, banners, invite kits, and digital tools. Whether you're planting or established, this session will give you simple, cost-effective ideas to promote events, increase visibility, and invite people into the life of your church.

Hispanic Ministry – Rev. Leonel DeLeon - Rm. 304

Evangelization, the imperative call of the Church, and discipleship: the character that strengthens the body of Christ.

Upward Sports - Rev. Dale Butler - Rm. 303

Are you considering using Upward Sports to engage your community? This breakout will cover some of the initial issues that churches sometimes face when starting an Upward Sports program. We'll cover the history of Upward, how we started, what we did well, and what we didn't. We'll leave some time at the end for any questions that you have (no guarantees that we'll be able to answer them).

Alpha – Richard Gazotti

Class Title: "How God Pointed Me to Alpha?: A Testimony of Faith and Direction"

Class Description:

In this 45-minute session, I will share the powerful testimony of how God not only showed me that He was real but then led me personally to the Alpha Course - as a divine assignment that transformed my view of Christianity and set me on my new path in life, His path.

This is more than a testimony—it's an invitation. You'll walk with me through the moments of prayer, uncertainty, confirmation, and divine timing that pointed unmistakably to Alpha? as the next step God had for me. I'll share how the Lord revealed not only the power of Alpha? in my own life, but how He began to show me its potential to bless and revitalize the **local church**.

Together, we'll explore:

- **The Journey to Belief:** How God's direction led me to the TRUTH.
- **The Encounter with Alpha:** What Alpha is, how I discovered it, and why it resonated deeply with my calling.
- **Spiritual Confirmation:** The prayers, Scripture, and “God moments” that made it clear Alpha was the tool God wanted me to use.
- **Learning to Use Alpha:** How God equipped me to lead—not just with content, but with compassion, humility, hospitality, testimony and the Holy Spirit.
- **Alpha's Power in the Church:**
 - How Alpha fosters **a culture of invitation** where everyone is welcome.
 - How it **equips your congregation** to confidently share their faith.
 - How it creates **safe spaces for honest questions**, especially for seekers and skeptics.
 - How Alpha builds **community and connection** that strengthens the body of Christ.
 - And most importantly, how it becomes a **tool for spiritual renewal**—not just for newcomers, but for the whole church.

I'll share examples of how Alpha has helped churches just like ours grow in unity, outreach, and spiritual depth—and how it's not just a program, but a **movement of hospitality and Holy Spirit-led conversation**.

We'll close with a time of Q&A and prayer—for anyone feeling stirred to take a step of obedience, whether that's running Alpha, attending, or simply asking God, "What's next for me?"



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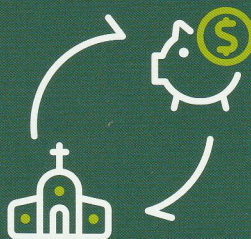
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