

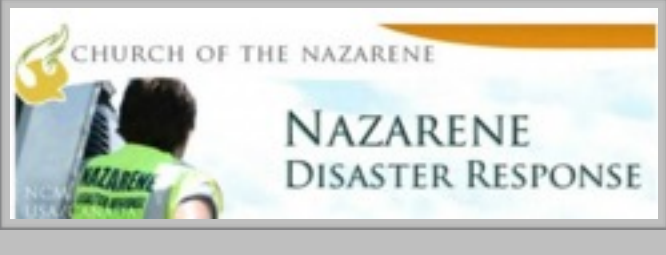
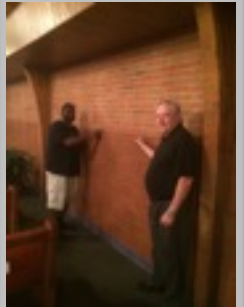
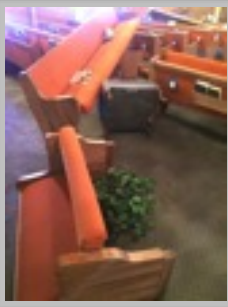
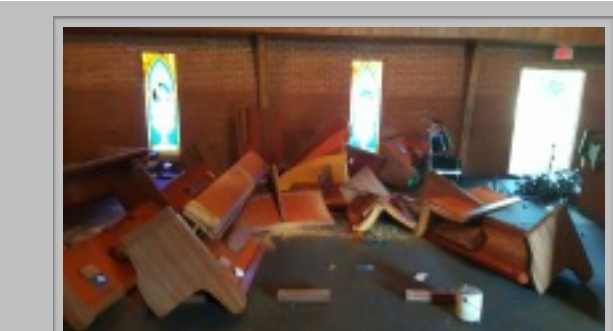
INFORMATION FROM THE LOUISIANA DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

FLOOD RECOVERY

The catastrophic flood which devastated Louisiana is now the worst natural disaster to strike the United States since Hurricane Sandy. The calamity struck quickly and ferociously, with more than 31 inches of rain falling in just 15 hours. Many areas of Baton Rouge and the surrounding parishes were under up to 7' of water. The Baker Church was under 5 1/2' of water and more than 3' of water in their adjacent modular unit (pictured to the right). The Baker parsonage was also under more than 5' of water. The Denham Springs property was under more than 7' of water and the building appears to be a total loss. Additionally many families lost their homes and most of their belongings. The Baker church, parsonage and numerous homes have been muddied out, stripped of all dry wall, treated for mold and mildew remediation, dried out and the rebuilding is in process. Your response and prayers are appreciated. Recovery may take several months.

Recovery efforts have been headed by Pastor William Bonee and the Baton Rouge First Church of the Nazarene. Hosting teams, providing warehousing for and distributing supplies, coordinating work, preparing countless meals and doing many other things that may never be known. We owe a debt of gratitude to Pastor William Bonee, the staff of Baton Rouge First, and the wonderful people of Baton Rouge First, many of whom were effected personally by the flooding.

Our thanks also to Nazarene Compassionate Ministries and the Nazarene Disaster Response teams who responded and were on the ground quickly and brought supplies, prayer, support and expertise along with finances to assist the recovery effort. We had teams from all over the country with multiple teams from Louisiana, Texas, Alabama, Tennessee Michigan, West Virginia, Oklahoma, and Mississippi. Supplies were sent from the above states and Nebraska, Rhode Island, Kansas, California, Georgia, Pennsylvania, Montana, Florida and Ohio. We are blessed and very thankful for Nazarenes across the country.





**Louisiana District NYI
President
Charlie Ashby**



PLEASE CHECK THE DISTRICT CALENDAR WHICH IS UPDATED AS ITEMS ARE CONFIRMED AND INSURE THAT YOUR CALENDAR AND YOUR CHURCH CALENDAR ARE COORDINATED. [CLICK ON THIS LINK.](#)



NazNite 2016 was awesome! There were several churches represented from Louisiana that attended NazNite. Thank you for your support. NazNite is one of only two events where the entire SNU region is invited to join together for fellowship and community (The other being Extravaganza). If you missed out this year, be sure to join us next year. For more info on NazNite, visit www.snu.edu/naznite.

October

October 10-12 is the annual Youth Worker Summit at Southern Nazarene University. The registration fee is \$30 per person. Contact Pastor Charlie Ashby for housing information. All youth workers are invited to this event. It's a great time of fellowship, learning, and being with like-minded individuals who are kingdom focused in their approach to youth ministry. This year, Josh Griffin, co-founder of Download Youth Ministry ([website](#)), will be the speaker. Josh was the youth pastor of Saddleback Church and has been in youth ministry for over 20 years. You don't want to miss this event! For more info and to register, visit <http://rcpl.snu.edu/events/youth-ministry-summit/>.

October 14 and 15 is the first NextGen training on the Louisiana District. NextGen training is part of DCPI and is designed to "inspire next generation leaders to embrace church planting to reach the world for Christ." All teenagers and pastors are encouraged to join this training. The cost breakdown is \$30 per room up to two (2) people if staying in the lodge, \$15 per person if staying in the dorm, and \$15 per person for food. The event will be held at Rocky Creek in Pineville, LA. Contact Pastor David Hater for more information or any questions about the event. Contact Charles Faust at Rocky Creek to reserve your room and/or bed. To find out more information on NextGen, you can visit <http://nexgenchallenge.org/english/what-is-dcpis-nexgen/>.

November

November 11-13 will be this year's Revivalution. Our District NMI President Cori Chesson will be speaking and worship will be lead by district youth workers. This event is being led by our Student Leadership Team. They have done an outstanding job of leading and directing this event. We are looking forward to an awesome time in November! The cost is \$55. Visit <http://ladistrict.org/youth/revivalution/> to register and for more information.

Church Planting Essentials has been rescheduled for September 23 & 24 and September 30 and October 1. It will be held at Nouvelle Church in Lafayette. Registration is \$35. Contact Pastor Dale Hoffpaur for more information or to register for this event. Nouvelle Church P O Box 82561, Lafayette LA 70598

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OCTOBER NMI EMPHASIS -Mission Priority One

Why Mission Priority One?

God's desire to draw all people to Himself is our mission. When we lovingly, intentionally live out that mission, we are obedient to Christ.

Sometimes we need ideas on how to live a mission-centered life. We need clear, realistic direction to help carry out God's mission. That's the reason for Mission Priority One (MPO).

While there are countless ways to share Christ's message of hope, MPO has goals that help churches accomplish two things:

1. Increase church members' passion for God's mission.
2. Assist churches in taking the message of Christ to the world.

What is Mission Priority One?

NMI has four objectives in which every local church can participate:

Praying—Interceding for leaders and churches and for the Holy Spirit to draw all people to Christ.

Discipling—Involving and mentoring future missions leaders, especially youth and children, to make Christlike disciples for God's mission in the nations.

Giving—Devoting ourselves and our resources, especially the World Evangelism Fund, to extend Christ's kingdom.

Educating—Informing people of the World's needs and enabling our church to meet those needs in Christ.

We offer mission activities based on these objectives to ensure a church's involvement in God's global mission.

By making mission a priority, a congregation demonstrates God's passion for all people. Churches involved in mission attract people who want to be part of something bigger than themselves.

What are the Mission Priority One Requirements?

Local Mission Priority One requirements are:

1. The church prayed for missions.
2. The church disciplined and involved children and youth in local and global missions.
3. The church gave at least 5.5 percent of current income for the World EvanEF.
4. The church participated* in each of the four education categories that follow:
 - a. NMI missions books/tapes/CDs
 - b. Missions service projects and/or hands-on missions activities
 - c. Missions speakers
 - d. Multimedia missions resources and/or missions publications/communications

* "Participate" is defined as involvement in one or more activities in each category.

Through MPO, a congregation extends Christ's message around the world. Pastors are educated, and mission workers are supported. New believers come to Christ through prayer. Children, youth, and adults hear and obey God's call to cross-cultural ministry.

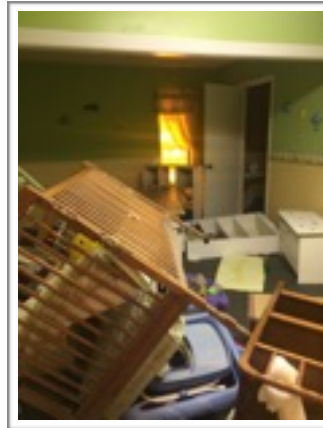
For more information visit the website:

<http://nmi.nazarene.org/10086/story.html>



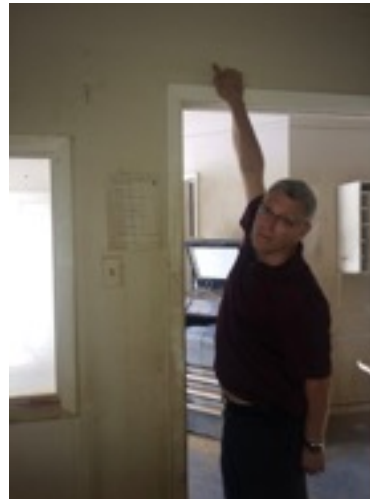
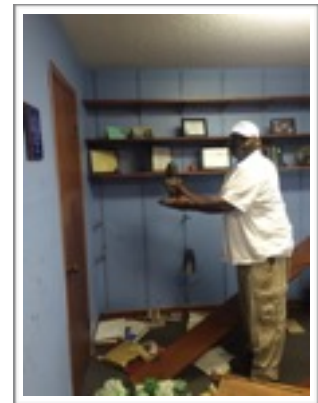
LOUISIANA DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT						
Aug-16	RESP	No	Sunday	Morn.	Disc.	
	LIST	Report	School	Wor	Groups	Converts
Acadian/Capital						
Baker	40	NR				
Baton Rouge First	142		78	86	59	0
Crowley First	25		0	33	9	0
Ebenezer	210		76	129	0	1
New Iberia	80		15	62	3	0
Nouvelle	186		0	85	80	0
Central						
Cenchrea	70		25	33	18	
Friendship	108		36	42	0	0
Holly Grove	40	NR				
LightWay (Natchitoches)	58	NR				
Many	48		25	45	77	0
Marksville	117		40	95	13	0
McVay Memorial	31	NR				
Pineville Freedom	65		0	34	2	0
Trout	30	NR				
Vida Eterna	10	NR				
Northeast						
CrossPoint Community	178	NR				
Family Community	61	NR				
Monroe First Hispanic	13	NR				
WM Faith Community	165		79	49	12	1
WM Faith Hispanic	35	NR				
Northwest						
Blanchard	220		40	104	79	1
Torre Fuerte	21	NR				
Bossier	195		0	6	0	0
Roca De Salvacion	33	NR				
BC Red River Korean	5	NR				
GracePointe	180		71	107	48	0
McCoy	32		12	13	64	0
Punto de Gracia	0		0	0	0	0
Shreveport First	145		34	36	13	0
Fuente de Vida	35		23	24	15	0
Vivian	90		39	60	42	0
Southeast						
Camino de Santidad	79		24	41	8	0
Kenner First	11		6	6	0	0
Koinonia	50		16	51	134	0
Mana Slidell	16	NR				
NO Filadelfia	15	NR				
NO First	44		8	28	12	0
NO Restoration	130		34	97	99	0
Nueva Vida (New Life)	79		52	56	15	2
Pearl River	138	NR				
Restoring Hope	24		22	24		
Slidell First	63		18	22	15	0
Southwest						
DeRidder	41		10	18	0	0
Lake Charles First	154		30	50	14	0
West Lake Mt Olives Hisp	15		21	20	17	1
Trinity	67		18	18	0	0
TOTALS						
	3594		852	1474	848	6
Responsibility	3594					
SS / Small Group	1700					
Mworship	1474					
# Not Reporting	16					

**District SDMI Chair
Pastor David Craig**

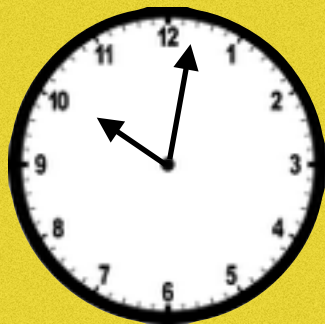


Nursery of the Baker Church following the flood. (left).

Pastor Victor Boyd in his office following the flood. (Below)



Pastor William Bonee showing water level in Denham Springs Church



JOIN US IN PRAYER

At 10:02 Each morning / evening pause to pray with us that the Lord of the Harvest will raise up laborers across the state of Louisiana. This emphasis is from Luke chapter 10 verse 02.