

# South Carolina District News



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## Merry Christmas

This December we look back at the past year with a profound sense of gratitude and awe at what God has done. God has blessed the pastors and congregations of the South Carolina District with wonderful ministry opportunities and significant fruitfulness.

As 2007 draws to a close, we celebrate the 60 fully-organized Nazarene congregations in South Carolina, as well as the three NewStarts now underway. I encourage you to join me in praying for the ministry efforts of Andy and Elizabeth Bird in Indian Land, Ken and Mary Paynter at Clemson, and Luis and Dianey Valverde at West Columbia Hispanic.

Also, remember our ministers and spouses as we gather in Charleston, SC, on January 7-10 for the 2008 Ministry Team Retreat with Drs. Nina and Moody Gunter. We are following those three days up with our first-ever Bi-vocational Ministry Team Retreat, January 11-13. Seventeen of our pastors support themselves with employment outside the church. I have long admired these heroes. This year we are providing a retreat that is easier for them to attend. Please pray for all of our district ministers, and their spouses, as we meet together early next month for renewal and fellowship.

I continue to be humbled at the opportunity to serve such wonderful people in such a wonderful place. The challenges presented our missional churches are often immense, but your faith and our God are made for just such challenges.

During this season, as we celebrate the wonder of God's love as seen in Jesus Christ, please know that you are loved and appreciated. Diane and I, and Josh and Jeff, wish for you and yours the very best of Christmas.

**Eddie Estep**  
District Pastor

NOEL HALLELUJAH MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY NEW YEAR

*Noel Hallelujah Merry Christmas Happy New Year*



SUNDAY SCHOOL | DISCIPLESHIP  
MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

Make the Connection  
November 2007

CHURCH	SS	AM			
Ashwood	22	34	Lancaster SonLight Comm.	43	72
Bamberg	20	26	Laurens Cornerstone	12	19
Batesburg	34	37	Lexington Shepherd	37	42
Beaufort New Direction	70	82	Lugoff Faith	41	52
Bennettsville First	62	66	Manning NewStart	62	163
Bishopville	12	21	Midland Valley First	395	583
Camden First	82	93	Moncks Corner	16	23
Cayce	54	64	Myrtle Beach	40	70
Charleston Calvary	110	214	New Ellenton New Life	19	31
Charleston Cross Com	14	34	Orangeburg First	52	54
Charleston First	41	49	Orangeburg Memorial	123	124
Charleston St. Andrews	102	62	Pageland Rose Memorial	54	72
Chester	147	199	Pelion	125	138
Clover	51	55	Rock Hill Celebration Place	20	64
Columbia Abundant Life	34	57	Rock Hill First	109	157
Columbia Emmanuel Korean	10	30	Rock Hill Grace	121	134
Columbia First	434	615	Rock Hill Oakdale	54	68
Columbia Grace	36	34	Rock Hill Trinity	96	114
Conway - The Journey	10	18	Seneca	16	21
Florence Family Life	27	40	Simpsonville LifeSpring	71	133
Fort Mill	124	126	Spartanburg First	56	79
Great Falls	40	50	Spartanburg New Horizon	44	43
Greenville First	628	507	Summerville	85	156
Greenville Korean	10	10	Sumter Calvary	189	175
Greenwood Community	103	143	Sumter Celebration	7	8
Hartsville Calvary	32	40	Sumter First	138	225
Hartsville First	96	121	Sumter Wise Drive	65	90
			Wallace	15	15



“THERE WAS NO ROOM FOR THEM IN THE INN.”  
—LUKE 2:7B

Walterboro First	20	20
West Columbia Central	100	125
West Columbia First	103	141
Winnsboro	118	156
York	14	32
<b>Totals</b>	<b>4865</b>	<b>6226</b>

Mid-Year SDMI Rally  
January 19, 2008

Dr. Ken Hemphill

Seawell's Restaurant  
Columbia, SC

## News Across the District

- ❖ **PRAYER REQUESTS:** Please remember our retired pastors in need of prayer for physical needs. Also, Luis Valverde (West Columbia Hispanic), Trenton Rupert (Charleston First PK)
- ❖ Matthew Alexander has been called by the Winnsboro Church to be their full-time youth pastor beginning December 1.
- ❖ Congratulations to Rock Hill Grace. Recently celebrated their 50th anniversary by burning the mortgage on their property. Congratulations to Richard Coleman and congregation.
- ❖ Congratulations to Pastor Billy Williams and the Orangeburg Memorial Church Board for an excellent pastoral review.

## Ladies Retreat Note:

It's been nearly a month since the South Carolina Ladies Retreat in Myrtle Beach and I'm walking in the amazement at the goodness of our God. I MISS YOU ALL!

YOU hung with me through 4 sessions: we were focused by our leader, Diane Estep. The Women's Retreat Council took on themselves so much that freed us all up to meet with God. You joined in with all your hearts and most gave it 100 percent. He met with us — He met with ME!

“Thank You” Ladies for the invitation, the accommodations, the sweet surprises, meals and honorariums, your kind words, encouragements, allowing me the privilege of sitting down and listening to things that affect your life.

I shared with Diane that I knew when I met you all that this was a Divine Setup and together whatever we endeavored to do for the Lord; it'd be launched through this time together. It's been a long time in coming — I needed to grow up!

I pray I never get over the awe of being in His presence and the blessing of being in your company. Please know my heart is to serve. If I can help, do not hesitate to contact me. We're family.

He Is Deserving,

Tina (Ti na. Coggi ns@gmai l . com)

# NMI

Nazarene Missions  
International



# NYI

Nazarene Youth  
International



## December - Nazarene Compassionate Ministries

### What A Wonderful Love Story Christmas Is!

Jesus loves us all year long, and He asks us to love others all the time too. Some people need to know you care and that Jesus loves them. Prepare Crisis Care Kits. Crisis Care Kits say "I Love You" to the world.

### THANK YOU NOTE

We want to say a big "Thank You" to those who attended the outstanding missions services on the district tour in October. Thanks for your prayers, financial gifts, and support for missions. We were overwhelmed at the wonderful reception in local churches, at the children's rally, and during stays in people's homes. One of the wonderful surprises on the district was to see how many people had been involved in Work and Witness trips over the years. This has created an interest in missions in the local churches that we could sense during our time with you. May God continue to bless in all you do!

*Terry and Joan Read*

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

From Your  
District  
NMI Council!

Check out the South Carolina NYI web site:  
<http://SouthCarolinaNYI.org>

### Upcoming dates:

Jan. 11-12 SC District TNT

Jan. 26 Quiz Meet

We just returned from our District Youth Workers Retreat in Charleston this past weekend. It was an amazing time of spiritual renewal, worship, and fellowship. Pastors, if you do not already know this, let me be the first to tell you that you have some amazing youth workers in your churches who love and care for teenagers, not just in your churches but in your communities. I am so grateful for the friendships that I was able to make throughout the weekend with this group of people. If you have not already done so, please let them know what an incredible job they are doing living out Christ's love and ministering to teenagers. I tell them time and time again that youth ministry is able to happen because of their willingness to be used by God, and God is definitely doing something through them. Please pray for these workers also as they head back into your churches renewed, refreshed, revived, and with fresh and exciting new ideas! God worked on us this weekend, and your youth ministries and churches can and will only benefit from it. I also want to encourage you to send your youth worker team to this retreat next year. Have a Merry Christmas!

In His Hands,

*Pastor Andy Barnette*



# 12.5 % Fair Share Report

Thank you for your faithful stewardship and heart for others! Remember this is an eleven-month fiscal year.  
Thank you for giving. You are appreciated!

Eddie Estep, District Pastor

## November 2007 Weekly Giving

CHURCH	Oct	11/4	11/11	11/18	11/25	TOTAL
Ashwood		Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
Bamberg	68.00	121.00	65.00	386.00		640.00
Batesburg		103.00	92.00	117.00	45.00	357.00
Beaufort New Direction						0.00
Bennettsville First		249.50	185.90	101.38		536.78
Bishopville		29.50	67.63	67.00	107.50	271.63
Camden First	943.42	Paid	Paid	Paid	1,102.38	2,045.80
Cayce		302.00	108.00	177.00	94.00	681.00
Charleston Calvary	301.00	1,135.00	Paid	801.00		2,237.00
Charleston Cross Comm	66.63	526.50	42.38	80.63	83.40	799.54
Charleston First	617.50					617.50
Charleston St. Andrews		109.50	Paid	540.13	69.44	719.07
Chester		818.00	685.00	748.00	402.00	2,653.00
Clemson - The Bridge (CTM)						0.00
Clover		90.00	70.00	75.00	87.00	322.00
Columbia Abundant Life	471.16	341.68	183.75	113.31		1,109.90
Cola Emmanuel Korean	330.00	90.00	80.00	80.00	80.00	660.00
Columbia First		3,175.00	3,157.00	1,916.00		8,248.00
Columbia Grace		205.62	111.71			317.33
Conway	41.52	64.88	19.25	82.00	60.00	267.65
Florence Family Life		294.00	69.00	145.00	98.00	606.00
Fort Mill	442.96	941.23	380.86	615.48		2,380.53
Great Falls		53.00	36.68	56.08	70.52	216.28
Greenville First	2,217.41	1,660.26	2,090.19			5,967.86
Greenville Korean		50.00	31.25	31.25	31.25	143.75
Greenwood Community		875.09	430.59	877.03	324.44	2,507.15
Hartsville Calvary	326.00	132.00	Paid	249.00	70.00	777.00
Hartsville First	1,004.00					1,004.00
Lancaster SonLight		316.00				316.00
Laurens Cornerstone		96.32	Paid	68.60		164.92
Lexington Shepherd	1,179.17					1,179.17
Lugoff Faith	2,541.16		94.44	106.52		2,742.12
Manning NewStart	6.86	577.31	285.48	502.30	267.19	1,639.14
Midland Valley First		2,672.00	2,574.00	2,072.00	1,448.00	8,766.00
Moncks Corner		148.69	0.00	68.52		217.21
Myrtle Beach		141.25	97.16	122.38	115.47	476.26
New Ellenton New Life		113.00	169.00	81.00		363.00
Orangeburg First	173.68	268.58		229.76	266.34	938.36
Orangeburg Memorial	246.75	501.36	264.35	358.68		1,371.14
Pageland Rose Memorial	135.00	125.00	131.00	153.00	197.00	741.00
Pelion		164.00	139.00	347.00	249.00	899.00
Rock.Hill Celebration Place						0.00
Rock Hill First	544.00	445.00	398.00	616.00		2,003.00
Rock Hill Grace	370.00	560.00	310.00	520.00		1,760.00
Rock Hill Oakdale						0.00
Rock Hill Trinity		553.02	249.23	554.71	251.00	1,607.96
Seneca						0.00
Simpsonville LifeSpring						0.00
Spartanburg First		240.84	261.01	219.99	268.87	990.71
Spartanburg N. Horizon						0.00
Summerville		722.37	344.05	289.55	344.80	1,700.77
Sumter Calvary	767.15	480.80	448.16	341.77	466.60	2,504.48
Sumter Celebration						0.00
Sumter First	977.70	1,108.33	392.95	853.62		3,332.60
Sumter Wise Drive		279.57				279.57
Wallace		96.13	174.50			270.63
Walterboro First		26.00	20.55	17.75	22.65	86.95
West Cola Central		779.09	510.42	574.41	534.26	2,398.18
West Cola First	190.00	704.00	260.00	359.00		1,513.00
Winnsboro		775.00	438.00	301.00	402.00	1,916.00
York		87.50	47.38	54.13	65.75	254.76
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,961.07</b>	<b>23,347.92</b>	<b>15,514.87</b>	<b>16,069.98</b>	<b>7,623.86</b>	<b>76,517.70</b>

### November New Nazarenes

#### Summerville

Roy Eiss

Jeremy Eiss

#### Sumter First

Jeremy and Allison Thames




Jim, Tracy, Dillan, Joseph, and  
Hannah Anderson

Brittney Geddings

Trey Anglin

Terri Talbott

Doug and Lynne Nelson

They opened their  
 treasures  
 and presented  
 him   
 with gifts of  
 gold and of  
 incense  
 and of myrrh 

MATTHEW 2:11