

## **North Arkansas NYI District Report for 2017**

### **Chairman: Pastor Peter Kline**

Dr. Berkner, Delegates & Guests of the 66th annual North Arkansas District NYI Convention, I bring you my 7th report as the North Arkansas District NYI President.

Each year as I reflect back on the events of the previous year and begin to prepare this report, **I am reminded of what a PRIVILEGE it is to serve alongside the MOST AMAZING LEADERS in our denomination**, both paid and volunteer. Each year I have started off my report with the same two paragraphs and as the old saying goes, *“if it ain't broke don't fix it”* and this year is no different. As you read this report and see the ways He is working I think it will be evident that it takes all of us working together to have the impact that we do. God is doing amazing things in the heart and lives of our students and adults and they are the reason why He is able to do what He is doing. It is because of their willingness to be used however He sees fit. It is important to note that they are the heart of the North Arkansas NYI and definitely worth repeating that each year. So here goes!

It has definitely been a learning process and I am excited about what He is doing in/on and thru the lives of our adult leaders and students across North Arkansas. This journey would not be possible without the team of adults and students that help pull everything we do together like a perfected plan. And a special thanks goes out to all our adults and students that serve on our District NYI Council and the paid full-time youth pastors/leaders that we have here in North Arkansas. Without all of their hard work and dedication, NYI would not happen in North Arkansas—THANK YOU for all your hard work, dedication, and investment in the lives of our students.

However, I also know that across our district there are many youth workers that give of their time and resources week in and week out, not because of the thanks they get, but because they have answered the call to make a difference in the lives of the students that He has entrusted to them...thank you does not seem like enough—especially when you've been at that all nighter, or driven the road to camp so many times that you can do it blindfolded, or you are privileged to teach that Jr. High boys Sunday School class, or you spent your evening going to that band concert or ball game to show your support, or \_\_\_\_\_ (you fill in the blank). If you are a VOLUNTEER youth leader I want to THANK YOU for following HIS direction in your life to make a difference!

Each year this is much thought and prayer that goes into our District and SNU field events. This past year has been one filled with many great opportunities for our students to come together in an array of different ways. Check out these highlights:

#### —Teen Bible Quizzing

Teen Bible Quizzing is competition and fellowship but more importantly it honors God through the study of His Word. This year the teen quizzers have studied the books of 1 & 2 Corinthians. However, when it comes to teen quizzing it often goes much

further than studying the book for that year. It often means that they memorize the entire book. I don't know if you've looked at these books recently, but they consist of 29 chapters and a total of 695 verses. That doesn't just happen overnight. **It takes a lot of time, hard work, and dedication** to do this.

Quizzers and coaches participated in several quiz competitions in Arkansas as well as the surrounding states. We also represented NARK in the quiz tournament at Extravaganza on the campus of Southern Nazarene University where as a team they placed 2nd. In addition to the the team accomplishment, on an individual lever we had a student crack the top 10: Congratulations to John Mark Clements who placed 3rd over all.

However, quizzing for this year is not quite over. In just a few weeks there is the Q2018 which will be held at MidAmerica University. We have a few students (JohnMark Clements and McKenna Clements) that have qualified to represent the SNU Field and several others that will be competing for either local or district teams at this life-changing event. We are excited for them, proud of their accomplishments (along with everyone who participated in quizzing), but most importantly for hiding His Word in their hearts.

For the 2018-2019 year students will be studying the book of John. Anyone interested in finding out more about the NARK teen bible quiz program may contact the district director, Melissa Mullen, at (479) 841-4404 or [themelissamullen@gmail.com](mailto:themelissamullen@gmail.com) . Melissa has been our quiz director for quite some time and does a fantastic job with it. She definitely has a passion for helping in this area. I know that she would love to talk to you and work with you to help get a quiz program up and going at your church and help your students put Psalm 119:11 into practice which says "*I have hidden Your Word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.*" And, if you are up to it I encourage/ challenge you to memorize these books (or at least the verses they are required to memorize). Several of you have children's quizzing program and this would be a great next step for helping disciple and train up our students on His Word. Any takers on this?

—Teen Camp

Teen Camp was held June 23-26, 2018 at Camp Table Rock and was definitely one for the books. CTR, over the years, has become known not only for the fun water activities and games but also for the discipleship program that they present. The mission for the camp is to effectively train students and adults in Christian discipleship, evangelism, and leadership by equipping them to be effective missionaries for Christ on their everyday mission field. During our camp experience **we were all challenged during the evening services to take steps to deepen our walk with Christ in many different ways** by Rick Pearson (owner and director for Camp Table Rock). The morning training this year was Dare To Be Bold (evangelism training). It was designed to teach our students to know how to share the life changing Gospel of Jesus Christ with everyone: strangers, close friends, and family.

This year will actually be a year of transition for teen camp. After much discussion and prayer we will be making the transition to Camp Barnabas which is actually not too far from CTR. There were several reasons for this change, but the main things revolve around cost as well as involvement from SNU. Going to Camp Barnabas

has allowed us to lower the cost significantly and at the same time has allowed us to bring in a top notch speaker (LaMorris Crawford [www.lamorriscrawford.com](http://www.lamorriscrawford.com)) in addition to have both the music group, Remedy, from SNU as well as the SNU Crew to help with games and other activities. We are super excited with what God has in store for our students and adults this year. The dates for camp are June 29 thru July 2, 2018. Don't miss it!

#### —SNU Recruitment

Over the years we have seen several different recruiters. That has changed recently with our very own Daniel Hillian (SNU alum) serving as the youth pastor @ Greenbrier as well our SNU recruiter in a joint effort between North Arkansas NYI and SNU. This is no easy task and yet for 4 years Daniel has embraced it and worked hard to pour into his students there in Greenbrier as well as to help the students across North Arkansas see how SNU, their university, is a great option for them to further their education. Southern Nazarene University is Your University and a place that is like no other. They offer programs to help students flourish inside the classroom while also giving them opportunities to grow as they explore their gifts and talents outside the classroom. Their services range from career advisement and a tutoring/writing center, to a student health center, and an on-campus counseling center -- all of this in a Christian environment where individuals are valued and every student's success matters. Make sure you that you are doing everything to help your students learn that SNU is there for them.

One of the new things that Daniel has help to implement is the SNU Party which is combined with the South Arkansas District. This was the second year for this event and was held at the Brockington Road Church of the Nazarene on Saturday, April 14. After talking with Daniel and the Admissions team from SNU they felt that this was a great event to help expose our students to Southern Nazarene University and the plans are to continue to build on this event.

#### —EXTRAVAGANZA 2018

From March 15-17 over 1,000 students and adults converged on the campus of SNU for EXTRAVAGANZA, a regional competition in art, sports, music, drama, and a myriad of other things. This was our fourth year to be in March. The weekend was a little earlier due to Easter and yet we were well represented as a district. **Thanks for embracing this change** and making it possible for your students to share their talents and experience SNU at the same time. It was a great time of competition, worship by Chad Dorough (who is the worship pastor at Bethany First), and challenging messages brought to us from Selena Freeman (who is co-pastor of The Well Church in Springfield, MO). Those that were able to participate this year did an amazing job in representing our district. It wasn't hard for everyone to know that NARK was in the house whether it was at the sporting activities like volleyball, soccer or basketball, to quizzing or talent competitions, or even in the worship services. And I'm proud to say that this year we were able to bring the Crimson Cup back to North Arkansas—we already have our eyes on a repeat for 2019. Get it on your calendar now for next year—March 28-30, 2019.

As you can see there are many different activities and ways for you to be involved in and deepen your walk with Christ here on the North Arkansas District, both students and adults. And as I mentioned before, none of this would be possible without all the great students and adults across our district. And again, we are thankful for all the time that is put into these events. Many sleepless nights, phone calls, Conference call, Google+ Hangout chats, etc. go into these events to make them happen. But sometimes in the midst of all the busyness of putting these events together and attending them we can lose sight of why we are doing these things because we take our focus off of Him and put it on ourselves or the programs /activities we are doing. This happens at all levels, whether that be at the local church, here on the district church, or even our field and global church.

We do not take lightly the awesome privilege and responsibility we have been given to help train, mold, and shape the students that are here in North Arkansas. Often times we look at teens as those that we are preparing to take over the church sometime in the future. However, we believe that our students need to be used today and not wait for tomorrow. Give them a chance. Undoubtedly they will make some mistakes and things may not always go just the way we planned and that's okay. Let it be an opportunity to help them learn and prepare them for the next time they have an opportunity to serve. Let's not get stuck referring to them as the church of the future, but instead **give them opportunities** to be the **CHURCH of TODAY**.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter A. Kline

# District NYI Treasurers Report

5/16/18

Opening Balance \$38,037.31

## Income

### Events

Camp	\$38,590.00
Passion	60.00

Administration Budget \$16,716.03

Total Income: \$55,366.03

## Expenses

### Events

Camp 17	\$38,170.00
Camp 18	62.50
Kickstart	679.67
Passion	6,227.60

### Administration

District	1,710.49
Field	623.73
Leadership Conference	4,774.52

### Ministries

Quizzing	2,500.00
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General Assembly 7,493.16

### Giving

Field Dues	850.00
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Total Expenses: \$63,091.67

## **Final Balance**

**\$30,311.67**

General Assembly Savings Balance \$8,076.96

NYC Checking Account Balance \$5,660.33

Checking Account Balance (5/16/18) \$33,178.67

Respectfully Submitted,

Daniel Hillian