



SUNDAY SCHOOL & DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES

2018
USA/CANADA REGION

The mission of Sunday School & Discipleship Ministries International (SDMI) is to "make Christlike disciples in the nations." Our passion is to serve you with resources that reach from children's ministries through Prime Time. For a full list of ministry resources, Discipleship Place Webinars, online training resources and ministry partners, visit sdmiusacanada.org, email sdmi@nazarene.org, or call 913-577-2802.

By signing up for a free copy of the SDMI e-newsletter *Connection*, you and your church will have access to conversations about discipleship at every age level. Every other month SDMI *Connection* provides articles on up-to-date ministries and resources making an impact on local church discipleship. Be sure to share relevant articles with your SDMI leaders, and encourage them to sign up for their own copy at sdmiusacanada.org.

Thank you for responding to God's call on your life by being involved in SDMI. We are your partner in ministry. Please contact us with your suggestions, questions, and ideas. Join us as partners in prayer as we encourage every Christian to be engaged in the Word and to lead others to salvation and fulfillment in Christ.

Serving together,

Larry R. Morris
USA/Canada SDMI Regional Coordinator



THE DISCIPLESHIP PLACE

TheDiscipleshipPlace.org is designed to equip laypeople for ministry in their family, local church, neighborhood, workplace, and community. It provides training for children, youth, and adult workers and for SDMI superintendents. It is also an excellent resource to help you grow as a disciple of Christ.



CHILDREN & YOUTH

"I feel Children's Ministry Academy equipped me to be more effective for children's ministry. I lead a team of five teachers and am now confident that I can mentor them through the same course. I am so delighted to have completed the course."

-Catherine



LAY MINISTRY

"I would like to say that I found the course, Communicating the Gospel in a Pluralistic World, both challenging and enlightening. I think the lessons addressing prevenient grace, justification, and sanctification would be beneficial for all new Christians to take as well as those who wish to become members of the church."

-Jana



WEBINARS

"Thank you for all the wonderful webinars you coordinate! I appreciate them, and my staff and I watch them together and discuss them."

-Rev. Denise

CHILDREN'S BIBLE QUIZZING

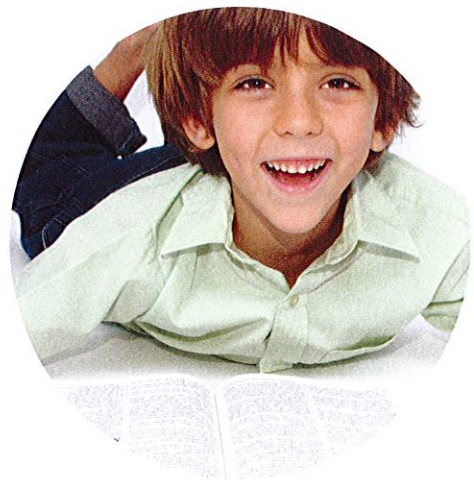
What is Children's Bible Quizzing?

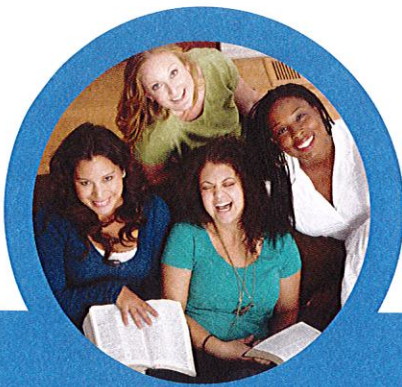
It is an in-depth Bible study for children in grades one through six that invites them into genuine discipleship through God's transforming Word. Bible Quizzers can celebrate what they learn through friendly competition.

What are the goals of Children's Bible Quizzing? To help children:

- Get acquainted with the Bible and the God of the Bible
- Understand the story of God's redeeming love
- Enter into a personal relationship with God
- Grow in wisdom, understanding, and Christlikeness
- Apply scripture to real life situations

For more information,
visit usacanadaregion.org/cbq
or email childquiz@nazarene.org





WOMEN'S MINISTRIES

A God-centered focus, challenging each woman to holy living and to continual growth in Christ.

Purpose Statement

- To know God personally;
- To grow in Christlikeness;
- To discover and use spiritual gifts;
- To love and serve others; and
- To reflect the beauty of the Lord Jesus in all we do.

nazwomen.org



PRIMETIME MINISTRIES

In the USA and Canada, 15% or more of the population is over the age of 65. What does this mean for 21st Century PrimeTime adults who care about Christ and His Church?

- We must recognize that God has a purpose for each and every age group.
- We must engage seniors in mentoring the next generation of disciples.
- We must remember that there is no retirement age for Christlike disciples!

primetimeusacanada.org

PARTNER MINISTRIES

Nazarene Camping Association (NCA)

Nazarene Educators Worldwide (NEW)

Nazarene Motorcycle Fellowship (NMF)

Kids Reaching Kids (KRK)

Tell the Story

SPARK

Faithful Homes

SYMBIS

Marital Health Survey

The Foundry Publishing

Go to sdmiusacanada.org to learn more about these important ministry partners.

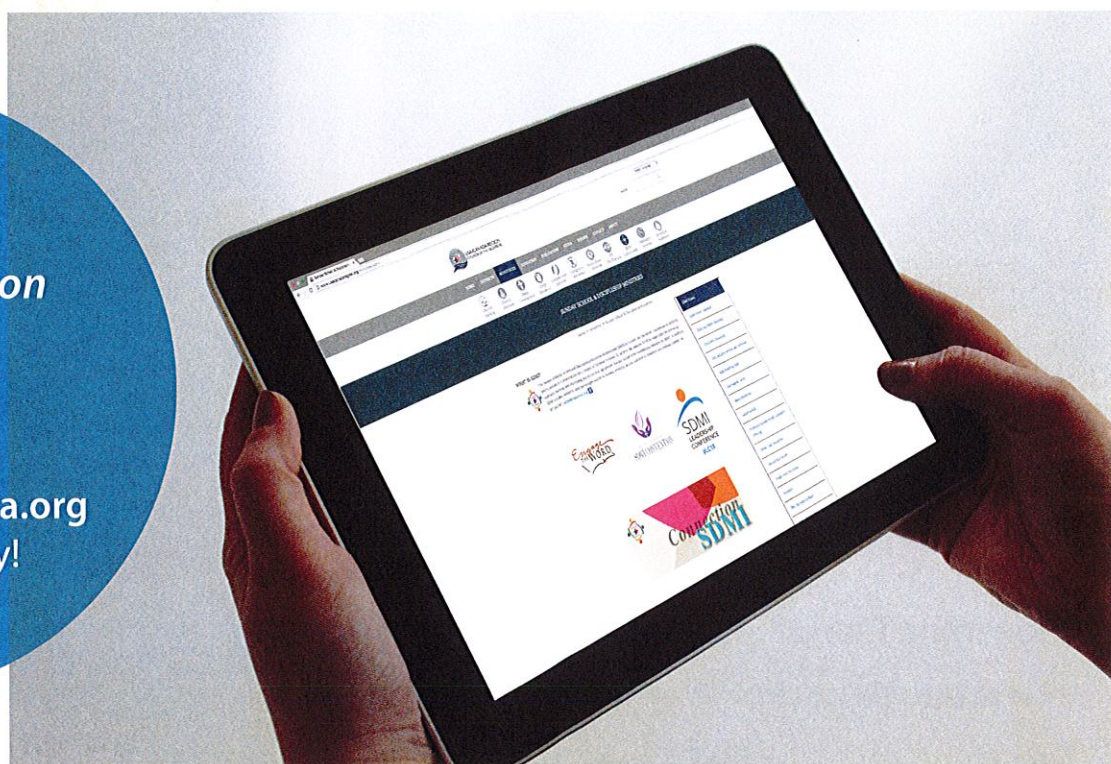


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NARK District SDMI President's Report

Rev. Mark Snodgrass

Dr. Berkner, Dr. Sunberg, District Pastors and Leaders:

It is an honor to offer my second report as your District SDMI President. We are a strong network of churches working together to "make Christ-like disciples" in North Arkansas. As I think about the Sunday School teachers, small group leaders, youth workers, and children's volunteers across our district, I am encouraged. We have a great team!

I'm extremely thankful for our District SDMI Council: Randall Beaty, Sam Boyd, Laresa Reed, Greg and Kristina Armstrong, Paul Kirkendoffer, Warren Foxworthy, Chuck Lauver, Robin Woodward, Paula Johnson, and Peter Kline. They have worked hard in their areas of ministry and provided excellent leadership and counsel.

General SDMI Convention

We began this year by attending the Global SDMI Convention in Indianapolis. We had 5 total people represent our district. We engaged in seminars and workshops designed to help us be better leaders in North Arkansas. On behalf of the entire team, I want to say thank you for sending us.

Growing Young

Our district council met in August with other district leaders to discuss the "Growing Young" initiative. This was a vision that was cast for our district at District Assembly 2017, and we wanted to have a conversation about how to engage young people in our local churches and in our district ministry plan. Some of the fruit to come out of this conversation was a re-design of the district convention and assemblies. We have more work to do, and we need to keep this conversation going. However, this was a great start, and we are committed to seeing this conversation continue.

Arkansas Leadership Summit

One of the events we launched this year was the Arkansas Leadership Summit. This was a combined effort with the S. Ark. District. We had over 250 leaders attend this one-day training event that was specifically focused on leading strong Sunday Schools and small groups. The speaker was Dr. Steve Parr, who authored the book, *Why They Stay: Investments that Keep Youth Connected to the Church*. I am committed to advancing this partnership with S. Ark. Together we can pool our resources, collaborate, and produce high quality training events that benefit our shared mission.

Looking Forward

As we look forward to the next year of ministry, we want to build on the events that we have great success with: Women's Retreat, Kids' Camp, and the Leadership Summit. These events effectively accomplish some of our primary ministry objectives. Our council will give special attention to Men's Ministry and Primetimers in 2018-19, as we seek to improve these ministries.

Finally, I pray that God can use me to be a resource for pastors and local SDMI leaders as we seek to "make Christ-like disciples" in North Arkansas.

Until He's Finished,

Rev. Mark Snodgrass

BEGINNING BALANCE				38,684.89	TOTALS
DEPOSITS	District Allocation	8-May	5,588.97		
		8-May	575.00		
	District Allocation	25-Sep	14,058.91		
	District Allocation	22-Mar	11,025.14		
	Eventbrite (conf. reimb)	27-Apr	233.46		
	TOTAL INCOME			31,481.48	
					70,166.37

CHILDREN MINISTRIES

World Quiz

registrations - 30 attending	1,200.00	
gifts...etc	350.00	
hotel	452.79	2,002.79

District Assembly Exp.

Inflatables	301.13	301.13
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District Quizzing

Buttons	96.04	
Medals & bracelets	538.47	

634.51

District Convention

Speaker - 2017 convention	1,750.00	
Jonesboro - building usage	508.00	
Wes Hampton 2018 speaker air fare reimb	191.20	2,449.20

General Convention

6 - delegates	13,500.00	13,500.00
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SDMI meeting

mileage	421.40	421.40
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Misc. conferences...etc

District Children's ministry lunch/mtg.	80.09	
BUILD Gathering	495.00	
New Chairperson Conf. - Mark Snodgrass	732.14	
Children's Conf. - Diane Solberg	245.95	
Spark Conf dues	650.00	
Spark Conf. reg. - donnie & Angela	160.00	
Synergy Registrations Reimb.	450.00	
Synergy Conf reimb	990.52	3,803.70

NARK / SOAR combined seminar (Why they stay)

South Ark SDMI - (expenses)	1,000.00	
Mark Snodgrass - misc. exp.	215.00	1,215.00

Misc. Exp.

love offering - Don Cowan	1,000.00	
new dorm - South Ark. Campground	15,000.00	16,000.00

TOTAL EXPENSES 40,327.73

Checkbook Balance 29,838.64

NORTH ARKANSAS SDMI UPCOMING EVENTS

DISTRICT GOLF TOURNAMENT – SEPTEMBER 8
CONTACT REV. RANDALL BEATY FOR MORE INFORMATION: RDAB59@YAHOO.COM

WOMEN'S RETREAT – SEPTEMBER 21-23
CONTACT LARESA REED FOR MORE INFORMATION: LARESA.REED@YAHOO.COM

MARRIAGE RETREAT – LATE FALL
CONTACT REV. AARON MATTHEWS FOR MORE INFORMATION: ALMATTSR@GMAIL.COM

PRIME TIME TOUR – NOVEMBER 8-10
CONTACT REV. GREG ARMSTRONG FOR MORE INFORMATION: GREGARM74@GMAIL.COM

LEADERSHIP SUMMIT – JANUARY 26
CONTACT REV. MARK SNODGRASS FOR MORE INFORMATION: MSNODGRASS@BNAZ.ORG

Keep checking Narknaz.com and our facebook page for more information!

NARK Women's Ministry Year End Report

In September 2017, we had the lovely ladies from Beebe Church to lead us in worship and Donna Kyzer-Rice as our speaker. Our retreat was once again an awesome experience. Our number of attendees, we are happy to report, was about the same as last year's retreat 386.

Our upcoming speaker for our 2018 Retreat is Shannon Perry with the theme "If the Shoe Fits". Shannon has been described as "a cross between comedian Chonda Pierce and Beth Moore. She is approachable, transparent, relatable and solid." Shannon was recommended by Cheryl Roland who said, "She did a FABULOUS job for their retreat. She is prayerful, prepared, strong, sensitive, funny, approachable and filled with love for God and others."

Sadly to say due to the increase cost of our lodging we did have to increase our cost for retreat from \$175.00 to \$180.00.

I'm beyond excited to see what God has in store for us in September. I do ask that you join us in prayer for our speaker and for those who will be attending.

Respectfully submitted

Laresa Reed,

North Arkansas Women's Ministry Director

Psalm 119:1 "Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the ways of the Lord."

1:33 PM

NARK District Women's Ministry

Profit & Loss

05/22/18

May 2017 through April 2018

Cash Basis

	May '17 - Apr 18
Income	
2017 T-Shirts	1,536.00
Retreat-Registrations	64,630.00
Total Income	66,166.00
Expense	
2018 Deposit-Lodging	500.00
2018 Deposit-Meals	600.00
2018 Speaker	500.00
Bank Fees	8.00
Deposit Error	200.00
Gifts	219.06
Refund	175.00
Retreat	
Council Expenses	273.95
Decorations	631.55
Decorations-Stage	400.91
District Assembly	38.39
Favors	
Name Tags	118.96
Pens	140.60
Favors - Other	30.00
Total Favors	289.56
Graphics & Printing	364.93
Graphics & Printing - Posters	40.33
Lodging	30,702.00
Meals&Sessions	26,330.58
Speaker	
Speaker-Fee	2,500.00
Speaker - Other	63.97
Total Speaker	2,563.97
Total Retreat	61,636.17
ReturnCheck	350.00
T-Shirts	1,128.83
Travel and Meetings	
Conference, Convention, Meeting	151.41
Travel	476.16
Total Travel and Meetings	627.57
Total Expense	65,944.63
Net Income	221.37

2017-18 N.Ark. Naz CMI Annual Report

Submitted by Kristina Armstrong, N.Ark. CotN CMI Director

Dr. Berkner, Rev. Snodgrass, North Arkansas CotN SDMI council, and North Arkansas Church of the Nazarene churches,

Thank you for allowing me to serve as our North Arkansas District Church of the Nazarene Children's Ministries Director. I am learning every year how to improve and how to help our District and our local churches serve the children and their families across the North Arkansas area. Our main ministries for CMI on our District are Children's Bible Quizzing and Children's Summer Church Camp for children in grades 1-6, approximate ages of children are 6-12, and our training opportunities through SPARK for our local church CMI leaders. This coming year I also want us to focus more heavily our Children's Missions. I will be working with our District NMI council and others to promote awareness among our children for missions and how our local churches can promote service in missions with children and their families.

The following is our 2017-18 Children's Quiz Report from our Children's Quiz Director, Janet Miller. I am so thankful that Janet has a heart and passion for Children's Bible Quizzing. "I am so proud of our quizzers this year while they studied the book of Matthew! We had 10 churches across the North Arkansas District participate this year for a total of 50 quizzers that participated at Zone and 34 participated on the District level. We had 7 churches participate at District Meet. I could not be more proud of our quizzers this year. They did absolutely amazing. In the Red level, 1st - 3rd grade, 10 of the 14 that participated qualified to represent North Arkansas District in the regional quiz at Southern Nazarene University on June 16th. We had 5 Gold All-Stars (didn't miss any questions), 2 Gold, and 3 silvers. In the Blue level, 4th - 6th grade, 15 out of 19 that participated qualified to represent North Arkansas District in the regional quiz at Southern Nazarene University on June 16th. We had 1 Gold All Star (didn't miss any questions), 1 Gold and 13 Silvers. We have a challenge each year for our quizzers to learn the memory verses that go with each lesson - Red Level we ask them to learn at least 15 of the 20 Scripture passages and Blue Level all 20 Scripture passages. For each quizzer that accomplished this challenge, we gave them a \$10 gift card to Walmart. This year, we gave away 25 gift cards. My heart was overjoyed to think that so many of our young children are hiding God's word in their hearts. We have an amazing team of local directors that I want to say THANK YOU to, without them, we couldn't do what we do each year. I am excited to start our program next year as we go through the book of Acts. Thank You, Janet Miller"

The following is our 2017 North Arkansas Children's "Our 2107 Children's Church Camp was again held at the South Arkansas District Heath Valley Campground. Our theme was "Masterpiece". Ephesians 2:10 says, "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." Through Nazarene Children's Evangelists, Pastor Trey and Candice Brooks, our children and volunteers heard how we should all be a reflection of God in this world. Our children and volunteers "Encounter Jesus" through the use of the Story Telling method of the Brooks'. The Brooks' brought the messages and also led us in worship. Our children, also, had the opportunity to create a self-portrait of themselves while learning that God created them, loved them dearly, and desired for them to live in relationship with God and reflect Jesus to others around them. Since moving to Heath Valley Campground, we have maxed out their space, so this year our North Arkansas District partnered with the South Arkansas District to build another cabin. As the church Camp Co-Directors this year, we are so very thankful for our SDMI council and our District in helping with the new cabin. This will be a great blessing for our camp this summer and future camps. We would also like to say thank you to ALL of our Senior Pastors, Children's Pastors, Children's Directors, and laity that volunteer their time in ministering to children across our District at our annual Children's Church Camp. We would also like to thank our Church Camp Team for being faithful volunteers and supporters each year volunteering their time in the kitchen, dish room, snack shack, games, Quizzing, prayer stations, missions, videos, etc. Without our volunteers, many of which must take vacation time to attend, we could not have a successful Camp. "Successful" to us means children's and volunteers' lives being transformed by the messages and encounter with Jesus they experience at Camp. We have children that give their hearts to Jesus at camp. We have children that also give their whole lives to Jesus. We also have children that are called into missions and pastoral ministry at church camp. We are thankful that each of these children have the opportunity to leave their comfort zones, have fun at Camp, hear about God and the Word, and grow together in relationship with each other and with God. Thank you for allowing us to help lead our Children's Church Camp each year, Greg and Kristina Armstrong."

We had two different training opportunities this past year for CMI local church leaders, Spark held at Camp Bond and Synergy held in Lake Jackson, Texas. We partner with Equip to Engage and other SouthCentral Districts to financially sponsor SPARK in our area. SPARK is a 3 day/2 night retreat for Local Children's Leaders for Leadership development, connecting/networking with others, and learning together for a low cost. At the 2018 Southcentral SPARK, we had 10 people from 6 churches register for the training. Synergy is a national gathering for district leaders revolving

around ministry collaboration with focused discussion. 2017 Synergy's focus was on Church Camps. We had 3 Pastors (Diane Solberg from Bentonville, Sarah Sircy from McCrory and myself) attend the 2017 Synergy Conference/Retreat.

This past summer, I also attended workshops at our 2017 General Assembly. Gathering together, worshipping together, learning with and networking with other Nazarenes across our globe is one of my most treasured events. I'm so thankful to have had the opportunity to represent our District for the General SDMI Convention of the Church of the Nazarene.

I am looking forward to the coming year and continuing to serve our District. We have a great District and we have lots of work to do! I continue to lift our Children's Leaders up in prayer throughout the year. Again, thank you, for the opportunity to serve our District in this capacity!

In His Service,
Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kristina R. Armstrong".

Kristina R. Armstrong

2017 Camp Treasurer's Report 5/01/17 - 04/31/18

		Deposits / Income			
	6-14	Children's Camp Registrations		12,065.00	
	8-2	Children's Camp Registrations		20,605.00	
		Snack Shack			
	8-2	Registration		308.11	
		Reimbursement back to camp			
		TOTAL DEPOSITS			32,978.11
Check #	Date	Debits / Expenses		Check Amount	Totals
<u>Campground</u>					
1357	7-27	Heath Valley SOAR Nazarene	Rental	14,250.00	
1350	7-26	Sarah Josey	lifeguard	150.00	
					14,400.00
<u>Food</u>					
1348	7-24	Walmart	Food	287.98	
1358	7-31	Tankersley	Food	1,800.85	
	var	Bank Debit Card	Food	2,078.35	
1359	7-31	Karen Boyd	Credit Card Reimb.	246.96	
1360	8-1	James Super Saver	Food	52.57	
	8-4	reimb to CC from resteraunt supplies		(84.06)	4,382.65
<u>Snack Shack Supplies</u>					
1352	7-27	James Smith	Reimb	961.47	
					961.47
<u>Renumeration</u>					
1354	7-27	Equip to Engage (Brooks)	speaker	1,200.00	
1356	7-27	Trey & Candice Brooks	Speaker mileage	187.81	
					1,387.81
<u>Supplies...etc.</u>					
1355	7-31	Greg Armstrong	supplies	226.76	
1346	6-21	Wendy Starks	Crafts	300.00	
1351	7-27	Wendy Starks	Crafts	127.11	
1953	7-27	Bentonville Church	Supplies	574.44	
online	7-24	Illustrated Sportswear	T-shirts	1,842.06	
	var	credit card bought supplies	supplies by credit card	869.37	
1362	8-19	Jacksonville Church	various supplies	1,046.33	
1363	8-22	LLA Designs	Water Bottles / etc	796.69	
					5,782.76
<u>Thank You's</u>					
1361	8-19	Armstrong	Thank You	500.00	
					500.00
<u>Registration Reimb.</u>					
					0.00
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
1349	7-26	Gary Wynn - tires for Wendy	Reimb	316.00	
					316.00
Total Debits					27,730.69
Total of actual camp income/expenses ...balance					5,247.42

		<u>2017 Sumary - Income and expenses</u>			
		SDMI Board Deposit -			
		Children's Camp Deposits		32,978.11	
		Total Income			32,978.11
		<u>Children's Camp Expense</u>		27,730.69	27,730.69
1345	5-12	Special Mkts Ins. (policy fee)	35.00		
1345	5-12	Special Mkts Ins. (initial)	325.00	360.00	
1364	8-29	Special Mkts Ins. (final)	145.00	145.00	
219 + 88 = 307		<i>Children's Camp - 307 x .25 x (4 days)</i>	<i>307.00</i>		
133 + 30 = 163		<i>Teen Camp -- 163 x .25 x (4 days)</i>	<i>163.00</i>		
		<i>Camps Total</i>	<i>470.00</i>		505.00
		Misc. Expenses			
	8-30	Stamps	9.80		
	9-22	LRK (computer....)	1,928.95		
		TOTAL Misc			1,938.75
		Total Expenses			30,174.44
		2017 Accounting	..total income minus total exp...		2,803.67
		Beginning Bank Balance		29,886.23	
		2017 accounting		2,803.67	
		Ending Camp Expense Balance		32,689.90	

# people	MINISTRY SAFE	<i>Ministry Safe is online training video and quiz</i>	
2-Mar	Ministry Safe liscense	100.00	
2-Nov	Ministry Safe	50.00	
	Total		150.00

Actual Checkbook / Bank Balance

32,539.90