



June 2010 SDMI & Worship Report

Church	Enrol	SS	Attnd
Blackhawk Zone			
Freeport	150	67	92
River Chapel	54	29	44
Rockford Auburn Rd	67	9	19
Rockford First	120	46	70
Rockford 1st Hispanic	42	9	31
Rockford Parkside	218	45	48
Rockford Sam Rd	85	38	48
Stockton	28	10	10
Bloomington Zone			
Bloom. Fair. Knolls	125	35	47
Bloomington First	448	174	239
Bloomington Sanct. Int.	50	39	40
Dwight	15	7	7
El Paso	24	10	17
Eureka	242	65	132
Fairbury	* 45	26	30
Pontiac	94	36	43
Fox Valley Zone			
Marseilles	278	79	109
Ottawa First	837	229	617
Harvest Community	147	7	68
Sandwich	63	19	28
Streator	238	12	26
Galesburg Zone			
Galesburg First	536	173	311
Kewanee	165	34	44
Wyoming	265	32	42
Lincolyn Highway Zone			
DeKalb	40	32	36
Living Well	45	52	59
Lost Lake	69	38	77
Mendota	12	11	22
New Hope	254	154	219
Sterling First	346	151	325
Peoria/Pekin Zone			
Creve Coeur	65	18	26
East Peoria	230	66	62
BridgeWay Community	502	178	348
North Pekin	117	48	55
Pekin First	* 679	299	458
Peoria First	363	96	124
Peoria Morning Star	18	7	17
Peoria Northside	52	63	36
Peoria Southside	* 33	18	20
Sunnyland	* 99	33	45
Quad City Zone			
Aledo	13	26	27
Coal Valley	45	20	25
Grace Community	102	43	63
Moline	45	22	28
Rock Island	234	76	150
Southwest Zone			
Bushnell	39	18	21
Ellisville	31	18	18
Lomax	150	54	45
Macomb	76	40	50
Roseville	46	9	14
Rushville	30	35	59
Spoon River Zone			
Canton Eastside	45	57	84
Canton First	164	78	78
Cuba	57	21	28
Havana	137	40	50
Lewistown	191	89	165
Smithfield	98	40	75
St. David	60	13	12
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July TOP five

SS ATT. Increase		SS % Increase	
BridgeWay Comm (Mort)	81	Aledo	189%
Ottawa First	41	Lomax	184%
Lomax	35	Peoria North Side	91%
New Hope (Princeton)	32	BridgeWay Comm (Mort)	84%
Peoria North Side	30	St. David	63%

Limitations Can Lead To New Innovations

It is hard to believe that another church year has come and gone. By now you have looked at your year end report and have been blessed by what God has done or because it has not been the year you had hoped for you may be asking yourself, "Why?" At least I hope you are asking yourself, "Why?" For many it may be that you have had many move away seeking employment and for others it could be something as simple as lack of planning.

One of the reasons many of us fail to plan is we look at our limitations and think to ourselves that we will plan when we get rid of our limitations. Well, guess what, Satan will always make us aware of our limitations. Whether your limitations are not enough money, workers, time, space or talent these should not be the reason we sit and wait for a better day.

At a conference I attended recently Craig Groeschel made a statement that made a lot of sense to me. He said, "limitations should be the breeding ground for innovation." This means that we have to think differently about our limitations. The reason we can't many times is because we don't. We don't see past our limitations. We fail to find innovative ways to overcome our limitations.

Three suggestions were given that would help us with our mind-set concerning our limitations.

- Find someone two or three steps ahead of you and learn how they think. Most people want to learn what they do not learn how they think.
- Identify one wrongful mindset and ask God to renew your mind with truth.
- Identify one painful decision you've been avoiding and commit to make the decision no matter the short-term pain.

So let's not just sit and wait for our circumstances to change, rather allow our limitations to motivate us to become innovative in our approach to the way we do ministry.

Camp's over . . . now what?

Camp is an awesome week where kids and teenagers connect with God. Some for the first time, some returning, others experience spiritual healing, sanctification or calls to ministry. Thank you for all of your prayers and support as we embark on another successful year of camp.

Inevitably though, camp is going to end, and the mountaintop experience with Jesus that these students had will collide with the real world. What do we do about that? While camp is awesome and plays a significant role for the spiritual development of those students who attend (myself included . . . awhile ago), we sometimes do our students a disservice by not preparing them for what they will face when they leave the campground. As student workers, here are some things that may help your students once camp is over:

It's not about emotion – One of the biggest ways that an event like a camp can hurt a student is by making them think that emotion = spirituality. While emotion plays a part, it's not the whole part. We need to help our students understand that their relationship with Jesus is not contingent upon how emotional they feel about Him.

You will have trouble – Jesus gave us a lot of promises to hang our hopes on. Unfortunately, this was one of them too: "In this world you will have trouble, but take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33). We need to help our students prepare for trouble, rather than reel when it gets here. I don't mean paint a doom and gloom picture of life, but help them mature in faith so that trouble will help grow them, not hurt them.

Meet the week following camp – After a missions trip, camp, retreat, etc. it is necessary to have time to decompress after the time away. Sometimes we do this to be reminded about spiritual decisions we've made, or to reminisce, but for many students it can be a time to let off steam or process through certain difficulties that life has thrown at them since their return to the real world. This can be a very helpful process; be sure to take these needs to prayer.

These are just a few things that you can do to help fan the spiritual flame that burns in the hearts of our students. These steps may seem small, but they can make a world of difference as students process how they become a disciple of Jesus.

Submitted by Matt Robinson



District Assembly
August 11 & 12 @ Pekin First

NYI Convention
August 13 @ Pekin First

Greetings

"God judges what we give by what we keep. – George Muller

Christ will always out give you no matter how much you give to others. We have exciting opportunities to give to mission in the new Funding the Mission program. Everything given to missions is subtracted prior to calculating the percentages owed to other ministries.

Luke 6:38 "Give and it will be given to you. A good measure pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be given to you."

May we give generously and joyfully of what God has given us.

Renee Kindle
NMI President

District NMI Convention



Speaker:
Dr. Stan Hall

August 11
9am-3:00 p.m.
Pekin First Church
Presidents Meeting @ 3:00 p.m.

Nursery & children's Day Registration Forms coming to your pastor and NMI President

LINKS NEWS . . .



Our **LINKS** Missionaries Spencer & Lisa Baggott welcomed their new baby boy on June 11, 2010.

Silas Asher Baggott weighed 6 lbs 13 ounces and was 20 inches long. He was born at 5:26 a.m. South African Time.

Congratulations to Spencer, Lisa and siblings Like and Abby!!!