

NDI (PREVIOUSLY SDMI) ANNUAL REPORT

Melody Pappan, Nazarene Discipleship International Superintendent

Council Members: Melody Pappan, Kathy Bodkins, Cheryl Shelton, Debbie Tackett, CJ Byler, Tawny Additon and Crystal Rowley

First, I want to thank the Nazarene Discipleship International (NDI) council and Pastor Ken for all of your hard work and dedication. Without faithful leaders, willing to serve, we would not be able to fulfill the duties of this council. Thank you so much for your leadership. A big thanks also to our Sunday school teachers, assistants, helpers, small group facilitators, kitchen workers, bus/van drivers, financial supporters, and prayer warriors! As Jesus said in Matthew 9:37, “the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few”. I thank God for the amazing laymen in our church and pray that he will touch the hearts of even more of you to step out of your comfort zones and help us build disciples. If you have not yet completed the “Serving Survey”, please do, you can find it on the Church website or Facebook page. There are many ways to serve that do not include teaching. Please pray for God’s guidance in how you can be serving.

We updated the child safe policies this year and continue to provide Child Safe Certification classes to assure that our children are safe during any activity they attend at our church or while they are in our care. A private Nursing room is now available for mothers to have quiet time with any hungry or fussy infants. A changing table, bassinet and rocking chair should hopefully provide for that need, should anything else be needed please let us know.

We are constantly trying to think of new ways to provide outreach. This year the children’s department implemented, “SPLASH”, a summer curriculum with water themed lessons and activities during Sunday School, Children’s Church as well as lessons in the park.

The Sunday School Mingles were reinstated this year. This is a time when the Adult, Youth and Children come together for breakfast, a lesson, and a time for intergenerational fellowship. Even if you are not able to attend Sunday school on a regular basis, I hope that you are able to participate in this event. The Mingles are held on the 5th Sundays of the month.

This year we were able to provide Sunday school and mid-week services for all age groups. A Single and Parenting class, Adult Bible Study class, Youth Group, and children’s classes were all available. The classes were preceded by a meal for all participants to eat and commune together. The children have continued to meet with Pastor Billy during morning worship services for a short object lesson prior to their children church service in the back with Pastor Ken.

We will continue to review our programs and services to continually improve upon them and welcome any and all feedback. If you can help in any way, please contact me. Your service would be welcome and much appreciated. For all of those already involved and serving in some capacity, THANK YOU!

Debbie Tackett is available in the nursery to watch any babies under the age of 3; Crystal Rowley teaches the two- to five-year-old children; Izy Brodbeck and Cora Diaz help with the pre-school during children's church; Rosalie Gorton teaches the class for first through third grade children, Kathy Bodkins teaches the class for fourth through sixth grade children, Pastor Gage teaches the middle/high school class. We have three adult Sunday School Classes. Shaunna Shelton and Joan Brodbeck teach the Gatekeepers class; Rex Shelton and Don Cross are teaching the Friends in Christ Class; and Janet Douglass and Daisy Whithorn teach the Friendly Fellowship Class.

In addition to Sunday morning and Wednesday night services; Don Cross facilitates a Monday night group that meets for bible study and fellowship, CJ Byler leads a women's bible study on Wednesday nights, and Celena Kenney leads a Grief Share group on Thursday evenings. If you are not currently attending a Sunday school class, and/or a small group, I encourage you to pray about it and please complete the survey, found on the church website and Facebook page. It is our hope that we can develop programs that fit everyone's needs and availabilities. Small groups give you an opportunity to participate in an interactive setting where you can fellowship and deepen your spiritual life.

Melody Pappan, NDI Superintendent