



# ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT

## Church of the Nazarene

District Newsletter

He Is Risen Indeed, Easter Blessings

April 2015

**A Note from Coach Bill.** . . He isn't here! He's been raised. These words totally shook the very fiber and being of their first hearer's. The women, who had gone to the tomb to further prepare a dead body left announcing a new and living reality—Jesus was alive! Their message shook the fiber and being of the small fearful remnant of Jesus followers who remained in hiding in Jerusalem. He is Risen! The message would shake all of Jerusalem and eventually it would shake the very court of Rome. Even more these words, He is Risen, would reverberate throughout all the cosmos of creation to the very place of the evil one—the accuser and announce, Death's sting is no longer, sin's grip is broken, and God's new work of creation has begun...the prophecy of Isaiah 65:17 is being fulfilled. *"See I will create a new heaven and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered nor will they come to mind."*

He is Risen! New Life is now! New Creation is happening!

### Newly Elected NYI Council

President: Lucas Finch, Bitterroot Valley

Vice President: Andy Maendl, Kalispell

Secretary: Trista Roberts, Casper

Treasurer: Katie Pilsch, Kalispell

#### Middle School Reps:

Dawson Hill, Kalispell

Matthew Lance, Casper

#### High School Reps:

Rebecca Dwyer, Riverton

James Knight, Gillette

Wyoming Rep: Ben Finch, Cheyenne

Montana Rep: Jared Shanahan, Billings

NYC (Nazarene Youth Congress) is coming July 2015

Louisville, Kentucky Rev. Joe Arnold, NYC Coordinator

### Students attending from Rocky Mountain District

Charity Arnold	Braden Comer	Kenneth McCollam
Jayce Allred	Ethan Etter	Kyle Peltier
Madison Allred	Shon Garvey	Kathryn Rowley
Ormond Allred	Erin Holien	Samantha Shepherd
Dakota Bowman	Josiah Holien	Stephanie Shepherd
Bailee Clark	Kylie Koberg	Jenny Smith
Austin Combs		

### Adult Sponsors

Joe Arnold	Lucas Finch
Andy Maendl	Jill Shepherd

Please join with our District NYI in praying for the students and sponsors to have safe travels and that NYC 2015 will be a life changing week for our District youth as well as the youth attending from across USA and Canada.

### Highlights of REJOICE 2015

- Students committing their life to Christ for the first time
- Offering total for The Shoe That Grows \$900 (enough to purchase 75 shoes)
- Music by Woods End
- Challenging messages by Rev. Kenny Wade
- NNU representative Sheri Walker
- Connecting with students from across the District
- Excitement participation in Team Activities

# REJOICE Talent and Sports Awards

## Talent

Creative Writing: Samantha, Whitefish  
 Best in Show: Keenen, Sheridan  
 Top Vocal: Caitlyn Lane, Lewistown  
 Top Instrumental: Stephanie, Whitefish  
 Top Visual: Keenan, Sheridan  
 Top Creative Performance: Jacqsyn  
 Judges Choice: Faith



## Basketball

1st Lodge Grass  
 2nd Great Falls/SonRise/Whitefish  
 3rd Riverton/Sunnyside  
 Sportsman: Dawson, Kalispell



## Dodgeball

1st Sunnyside #1  
 2nd Sunnyside #2  
 3rd Lodge Grass #2  
 Sportsman: Daniel, Lodge Grass



## Volleyball

1st Riverton  
 2nd Missoula  
 3rd Sunnyside  
 Sportsman: Skyla, Riverton



# District Camping Season 2015

Montana Boys & Girls  
 July 27th-31st

Super Camp  
 August 3rd-8th

Wyoming Boys & Girls  
 August 10th-14th

Laymen's Retreat  
 September 5th-7th

Thank you to the following churches that have given a gift this church year to

**Nazarene Bible College**

Evanston

Laramie

Laurel

Lewistown Bonanza Hills Pablo

Sheridan First

We encourage you to send in an offering before the church year closes April 30, 2015.

# NNU Rocky Mountain District Students

Coach Bill and Janet visited briefly with our students while attending spring Trustee Meeting...



Green River  
 Kenzie Clark,  
 Whitefish  
 Drew Galbraith  
 Nathan Knox  
 Pablo  
 Kelsey Koberg

Great Falls  
 Liz Lauver  
 Whitefish  
 Jonathan/Olivia Reimer  
 Michael Reimer  
 Bitterroot  
 Thomas Tilford



## Great Falls

**Church of the Nazarene**  
 Welcome New Church Members



We celebrate with the Great Falls Church in welcoming the following new church members to our Rocky Mountain District Team family.

Lynne Staigmiller  
 Tony and Dawn Underwood  
 Zechariah Brown  
 Val Smith  
 Sandy Walker  
 Jimi Gilles  
 Joe Barden

Congratulations to Lead Pastor Jeff Lauver and Associate Pastor Larry Spicer.

# District NYI ~~ REJOICE 2015

REJOICE 2015 was another blessed weekend for our Rocky Mountain District youth and adults. Our thanks and appreciation to Rev. Joe Arnold and his team of workers along with District NYI President Luke Finch.

Thanks to the following pastors and church leaders who made it possible for the youth to participate:

Billings New Hope  
Bitterroot Valley  
Casper  
Gillette  
Great Falls  
Green River  
Kalispell  
Laramie  
Laurel  
Lewistown  
Livingston Valley Shepherd  
Lodge Grass  
Missoula  
Poplar  
Riverton  
Sheridan  
Sidney  
SonRise, Cheyenne  
Sunnyside, Kinnear



**Christ Community Culture**

## Youth Bible Quizzing

### Team Placing

1st Whitefish (12 wins, 0 loses) 2nd CheyRiver (9 wins, 3 loses) 3rd Sheridan (6 wins, 6 loses)

### Individual Placing

#1 Stephanie, Whitefish (returning champion) #5 Sheridan, Casper  
#2 Stella, Riverton (first year quizzer) #6 Craig, Kalispell  
#3 Keenen, Sheridan #7 Gracie, Gillette #4 Samantha, Whitefish #8 Bowman, Casper

Team Sportsmanship Award goes to Great Falls, a team who decided to just show up and quiz and did a great job

Individual Sportsmanship Award goes to Craig, Kalispell

Memory Verse Quizzers: Stella (Riverton), Jacob, Emily, Stephanie (Whitefish), Samantha (Whitefish)

Thanks to Ben Finch, District Bible Quiz Director