

## Local Churches Partner with Boy Scouts

The year was 1982. The scene was the local high school cafeteria. The event was the final race of the annual Cub Scouts Pine Wood Derby. My black number eight car, with its orange and yellow flames streaking down its sides was in the starting position and ready to claim the championship.

I remember painting the car with the help of my mother. I placed the fire decals on the sides and the number on the front and back of the car. With the car a little under weight, my mom and I painted a small weight. We placed the red weight in the driver's seat.

I did not claim the championship in 1982, but the memories I made have stayed with me for almost 30 years. These memories carry even greater significance now, as the church I pastored in Indiana several years ago became the host for both the local Cub Scouts and its annual Pine Wood Derby. My two sons had cars they



Pack 21—Urbana, Ohio  
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entered. Although they too failed to take home the championship that day, it is my hope that the time we spent together building their cars will remain with them as my experience has for me.

Dan Harris – Religious Emblems Liaison, Children's Ministries Int.—  
Church of the Nazarene.

### First Nazarene pin recipient!



Michael, a member of Troop 478, worked with Youth Pastor Brian Dickison to earn the God and Church award.

"This program really made things a lot more clear to me. Thank you, P.R.A.Y."

From Michael's mom, "I think Michael has a much better understanding of how our church ministers to the community, and how he can contribute."

Michael is pictured wearing the Church of the Nazarene pin on his God and Church medallion. He is the first to receive this pin! Although the Church of the Nazarene has a long tradition of using the P.R.A.Y. Program, the Nazarene pin just became available in May 2011. Congratulations, Michael! Accessed from [http://www.praypub.org/main\\_frameset.htm](http://www.praypub.org/main_frameset.htm) June 13, 2011.

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## Children's Ministries International Announces Nazarene Pin Now Available for Nazarenes!

Lenexa, KS —

Nazarene children and Nazarene churches who are associated with the Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., Camp Fire USA, and American Heritage Girls, or who would like to participate in the Programs of Religious Activities with Youth (P.R.A.Y.), can now receive a Church of the Nazarene pin at the God and Church level to place in the ribbon of the medallion.

The God and Church medal (Grades 6-8) is earned through the P.R.A.Y Awards program that also includes God and Me (Grades 1-3), God and Family (Grades 4-5), and God and Life (Grades 9-12).

In addition, Nazarene churches who would like to honor an adult in their church, who also is a leader in a national Scouting agency, can do so with a newly available Nazarene God and Service Adult Recognition medallion. For more information about the P.R.A.Y Awards program, log onto

[www.nazarene.com/scouting](http://www.nazarene.com/scouting), or visit the P.R.A.Y web site at [www.praypub.org](http://www.praypub.org).

## American Heritage Girls: Gaining Strength and Making a Difference

The American Heritage Girls were founded in 1995 in West Chester, Ohio by a group of parents who wanted to create for young girls an organization with a strong Judeo-Christian focus. The first year, there were 10 troops with about 100 members scattered throughout the West Chester area.

Today, the American Heritage Girls have seen some tremendous growth.

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Patti Garibay, AHG founder, along with members of American Heritage Girls.

## Local Scouting News

Nazarene Scouting News would love to report on your scout's special achievements. Send stories and pictures to Dan Harris at [dharris@nazarene.org](mailto:dharris@nazarene.org)

# PRAY Awards

PROGRAMS OF RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES WITH YOUTH (P.R.A.Y.), 11123 S. TOWNE SQUARE, STE. B, ST. LOUIS, MO 63123  
PHONE 314-845-3318 OR 800-933-PRAY (7729) FAX 314-845-0038 E-MAIL [PRAY@PRAYPUB.ORG](mailto:PRAY@PRAYPUB.ORG) WEB [WWW.PRAYPUB.ORG](http://WWW.PRAYPUB.ORG)

### God and Me (Grades 1-3)

Children will become best friends with Jesus and tell their story of "God and Me" together. Children will make a game in each lesson and keep their games in a GAMEBOX (God And Me Exploring BOX). These games will reinforce the Bible lessons and provide opportunities for families to explore God's love together.

SECTION 1: God Created Me  
SECTION 2: Jesus is God's Gift to Me  
SECTION 3: I Can Talk with God  
SECTION 4: Because God Cares for Me, I Can Care for Others



### God and Family (Grades 4-5)

The God and Family program will help children understand the importance of family and God's role in a healthy family. Children will compare families and "pizza," and they will make a pizza as they study how families can grow together in God's love.



1. CRUST-FOUNDATION - We are God's Family
2. SAUCE - Family Heritage, Spiritual Heritage
3. TOPPINGS - Our Talents and Gifts Strengthen Our Families

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### 4. CHEESE - In God's Family We're Loved No Matter What! Because We're Loved, We Follow Rules

5. BAKE - Being in God's Family Helps Us When Things Are Tough
6. EAT, SHARE, ENJOY! - In God's Family, We Share as a Response to God's Love

### God and Church (Grades 6-8)

The God and Church program will be a journey to meet Jesus, worship God, and witness and minister for Christ. Participants will create a video or a photo album to share their faith journeys with others.



#### UNIT I - My Journey: Meeting Christ

- Meeting Jesus, the Person
- Meeting Jesus, the Son of God
- Meeting Jesus, the Head of the Church

#### UNIT II - My Journey: Worshipping God

- Learning how Christ Worshiped God
- Exploring How My Congregation Worships God
- Discovering How I Can Worship God

#### UNIT III - My Journey: Witnessing and Ministering for Christ

- Learning How Christ Witnessed and Ministered to Others
- Exploring How My Congregation Witnesses and Ministers to Others
- Discovering How I Can Witness and Minister to Others

### God and Life (Grades 9-12)

The God and Life study is based on the life of the Apostle Paul as recorded in Acts 9:1-31.

SECTION 1: God calls all kinds of people.  
SECTION 2: God doesn't expect us to do it on our own.

SECTION 3: Each of us must make a personal response to the call of God

SECTION 4: God gives strength to face adversities.  
SECTION 5: God can accomplish great things through those who are willing to do God's will.



### Four Star Recognition

A special recognition is available for young people who complete all four levels of the P.R.A.Y. series. Start now: students cannot go backwards to earn younger awards!



### Adult Mentor Program

The Adult Mentor program is an optional program for parents who have children enrolled in the P.R.A.Y. series. Parents will have a workbook to complete as they work side-by-side their children.



### Adult Recognitions

Adults who have served youth through their church and a national Scouting agency may be nominated to receive an Adult Recognition. Visit [www.praypub.org](http://www.praypub.org) to download nomination forms.



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In February of this year, Patti Garibay, the founder and National Executive Director of the Heritage Girls, spoke of this growth at the National Executive Board and Committee Meetings of the Boy Scouts of America in Irving, Texas.

The following were the highlights of her report.

- The American Heritage Girls organization is 16 years old.
- AHG is a Christ centered, character-development program for girls ages 5 to 18.
- It has 14,000 members.
- AHG and BSA have a Memorandum of Mutual Support.
- AHG is structured similarly to the Boy Scouts of America.
- Our troops are owned by the chartered partners/organizations.
- AHG is currently in 39 states/ international countries. AHG has started a program called "Trail Blazers," that is similar to BSA's "Lone Scout" program.
- AHG is dedicated to strong service to God, family, community, and country. We are interdenominational and Christ-centered.
- AHG offers 120 badges along with a top award called the "Stars and Stripes Award," that is equivalent to the BSA's Eagle Award.

The American Heritage Girls oath is as follows: "I promise to love God, Cherish my family, Honor my country, and Serve in my community." The mission includes "Building women of integrity through service to God, family, community, and country."

And the vision reads: "American Heritage Girls is the premier national character-development organization for young women that embraces Christian values and encourages family involvement."

Learn more about the American Heritage Girls by visiting their website at [www.ahgonline.org](http://www.ahgonline.org).

The American Heritage Girls website, About Us, [http://www.ahgonline.org/pages/page.asp?page\\_id=19406](http://www.ahgonline.org/pages/page.asp?page_id=19406).

Minutes from the Religious Relationships Task Force Meeting of the Boy Scouts of America

Updates supplied by Pat Garibay, May 31, 2011.

P.R.A.Y Conference, March 30-31, 2011, St. Louis, Mo.



Nazarene Children's Ministries International Director, Leslie Hart, and Religious Emblems Coordinator, Dan Harris, were presented with the new Nazarene Religious Emblem Medals at the PRAY conference in St. Louis, Missouri, on March 31, 2011. Pictured from Left to Right: Mark Hazlewood (P.R.A.Y.), Dan Harris, Leslie Hart, and Chip Turner (P.R.A.Y.)

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