



# Southwestern Ohio District News

June 19, 2026

## DISTRICT COMMUNICATION



### **NEW PASTOR AT BROOKVILLE!**

Pastor Thomas Gurschick was installed last Sunday. With the passing of Rev. Keith Smith, Pastor Thomas began teaming with Pastor Tim Martin to preach for the Brookville church family. The congregation voted to have Pastor Thomas as their lead pastor and Pastor Tim will assist as needed. Previously, the Gurschick's served on the Northwestern Ohio District in Toledo. Congratulations to Pastor Thomas and the Brookville church!

### **YOUTH CAMP CONCLUDES TODAY:**

350 attended Youth Camp this week. Pastor Teresa Bowden was the director and reports that it was a great time with our youth. Antonio Marshall was the speaker and Eastpointe lead worship. Thank you to all who made this camp a great time of spiritual growth!

### **CHILDREN'S CAMPS BEGIN ON SUNDAY:**

Rookie Camp (1<sup>st</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> graders) gather on Sunday and conclude their camp on Tuesday. Preteens (4<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> graders) arrive on Wednesday and finish on Saturday. PLEASE PRAY for our kids as they spend formational time together at Higher Ground Conference and Retreat Center.

**SYMPATHY EXTENDED TO KELLY BLOWERS AND FAMILY** in the passing of her mother Cathy Farmer on Tuesday morning. Kelly works as an assistant for our office. Dale and Cathy were members at Lakota (now Tri-County) and West Chester. A private graveside service will take place at Dayton National Cemetery. A Celebration of Life service will take place on July 4<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at West Chester Nazarene. For more information, [CLICK HERE](#)

### **PRAYER PROMPTS:**

- Please continue to pray for Pastor Mark and Cindi Stevens (Target Dayton).
- Please pray for Pastor Chris Bean, Springdale - denominational college leader for the Church of the Nazarene.

### **2026/27 DISTRICT ALLOCATION COUPONS:**

District allocation coupons are now available at [www.swonaz.org](http://www.swonaz.org) website under the **Quick Resources"** section or click on link to download. [ALLOCATION COUPONS](#)

### **NBUSA FOUNDATION MATCH:**

NBUSA wants you to know about the Foundation Match — a benefit designed with you in mind, especially if you serve a smaller congregation. Here's how it works: Every dollar you or your church contributes to your 403(b)-retirement account — up to the first \$250 — gets a 100% match. Dollar for dollar. No minimum threshold to clear first. That means a contribution as small as \$250 can become \$500 toward your retirement. If you've been waiting until things are more stable to start saving, this is your sign that now is a good time to start — even in a small way. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more about the match program or call 888-888-4656.

### **BECOMING CHRISTLIKE DISCIPLES:**

For helpful resources [CLICK HERE](#).

Have more questions? Need more training? Contact Sam [ssenica@nazarene.org](mailto:ssenica@nazarene.org) or Kristi Senica [ksenica@nazarene.org](mailto:kсенica@nazarene.org)

## **SWO DISTRICT RETIREES' DINNER:**

**Date:** Thursday, July 16, 2026

**Time:** 5:15 PM

**Place:** Ferguson Dining Hall, Higher Ground Conference and Retreat Center

**To Register:** EMAIL: [highergroundservice@gmail.com](mailto:highergroundservice@gmail.com) or call 812-637-3777

**For more information:** Click on link: [DINNER](#)

## **MEN'S MINISTRY EVENT:**

Attend in person, host the livestream, or encourage men to participate from home.

This July 17–18, 2026, the 1613 Men's Conference will gather thousands of men in Cincinnati, Ohio—or through a nationwide livestream—for two days of biblical teaching, courage, and clarity rooted in **1 Corinthians 16:13–14**. More than 1,400 men from 40 states and Canada are already registered to attend in Cincinnati, and nearly 100 churches have already signed up to **HOST** the livestream (Central, Mountain and Pacific friendly) as an **equipping and outreach** opportunity.

Your church can participate in three ways:

- **Attend in person** with your men in Cincinnati
- **Host the livestream** at your church as a men's event or outreach
- **Encourage individual men** to attend or stream from home

Every speaker will be **present in-person in Cincinnati**, bringing powerful, Christ-centered messages designed to challenge, encourage, and equip men to lead with strength and humility.

Featured speakers include Pastor Joby Martin, Wes Huff, Brian Dawkins, Anthony Muñoz, Joel Salatin, Nick Freitas, John Lovell, and more. If traveling isn't feasible, hosting the livestream allows your church to gather men locally while participating in a larger national movement—without the logistics of travel or overnight costs. You can learn more, explore hosting options, and to register [CLICK HERE](#).

## **DISTRICT CALENDAR – June/July:**

06/21/26 – Happy Father's Day!

06/21 – 06/23/26 – Children's Camp (Grades 1-3), Higher Ground Conference & Retreat Center [KIDS CAMP](#)

06/24 – 06/27/26 – Children's Camp (Grades 4-6), Higher Ground Conference & Retreat Center [KIDS CAMP](#)

06/28 – 7/06/26 – NYC 2025, Salt Lake City, UT

### **July**

07/03/26 – Independence Day Observed, District Office Closed

07/04/26 – Independence Day

07/11/26 – NMI Convention, 9:00 AM, West Chester Nazarene, 7951 Tylersville Road, West Chester, OH 45069

07/11/26 – NDI Disciples Gathering, 1:30 PM, WCN, 7951 Tylersville Road, West Chester, OH 45069 [FLYER](#) [SCHEDULE](#)

07/12/26 – District Ordination Service, 6:00 PM, West Chester Nazarene, 7951 Tylersville Road, West Chester, OH 45069

07/13/26 – District Assembly, 9:00 AM, West Chester Nazarene, 7951 Tylersville Road, West Chester, OH 45069

07/15 – 07/19/26 Camp Meeting, Higher Ground Conference & Retreat Center

07/16/26 – PrimeTime Day, Higher Ground Conference & Retreat Center

07/16/26 – Retired Pastor & Spouse Dinner, 5:15 PM, Higher Ground Conference & Retreat Center [PRIMETIME DAY](#)

07/17/26 – SWO NYI Worship Night, 7:00 PM, Higher Ground Conference & Retreat Center



## **NDI QUICK LINKS:**

NDI Facebook [CLICK HERE](#)

NDI Hub Newsletter Signup [CLICK HERE](#)

NDI Upcoming Events: [CLICK HERE](#)

NDI Website [CLICK HERE](#)

## **SWO NDI DISCIPLES GATHERING:**

**When:** Saturday, July 11, 2026

**Where:** West Chester Nazarene, 7951 Tylersville Road, West Chester, OH 45069

**Time:** 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM (*Registration begins at 12:00 PM*)

**Lunch:** 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM (City Barbeque)

**Cost:** \$10 in advance by June 30th /\$12 if purchased on starting July 1st or after

**RSVP:** **Email Pastor Kalyn who is attending and if you are having lunch**

**Event Verse:** Therefore, go and make disciples (Matthew 28:19-20). The Great Commission

**Speakers:** Dr. Sam Barber, Dr. Mike Benson, Dr. Scott Rainey, Rev. John Comstock, Pastor Emily Skillen, Pastor Darlene Franks, Pastor Teresa Bowden.

**Childcare:** Available (child discipleship services and teaching about discipleship for children)

**For more Information:** Click on links [FLYER](#) or [SCHEDULE](#)

**Questions:** Contact Pastor Kalyn Vogelmann [kalynv73@gmail.com](mailto:kalynv73@gmail.com) or Eric Johnson, [eric.tothej@gmail.com](mailto:eric.tothej@gmail.com)

## **PRIMETIME DAY:**

**Who:** Those who are 55+

**When:** Thursday, July 16, 2026

**Where:** Higher Ground Conference & Retreat Center, 3820 Logan Creek Lane, West Harrison, OH 47060

**Times:** Morning Service at 10:30 AM, Lunch at Noon (\$12), Concert at 1:00 PM (Love Offering)

**Speaker:** Dr. David Busic, General Superintendent

**Music:** EDEN

**For More Information:** Click on link [PRIMETIME DAY](#)



## **NMI CONVENTION:**

**When:** Saturday, July 11, 2026

**Where:** West Chester Nazarene, 7951 Tylersville Road, West Chester, OH 45069

**Time:** 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM (*Registration begins at 8:30 AM*)

**Lunch:** 12:00 PM – 1:30 PM (City Barbeque) **Click on:** [Lunch Ticket Order Form](#)

**Cost:** \$10 in advance / \$12 after deadline

**RSVP:** [stephaniewagers24@yahoo.com](mailto:stephaniewagers24@yahoo.com)

**Special Speakers:** Kurt & Holly Johnson, missionaries to Poland

**Childcare:** Available

### **Important Items:**

- Election of **delegates** for the 2027 General MI Convention
- Election of a **new NMI President** (Kurt Johnson retiring this year)

Please send nominations to: [kurt@kdconsulting.com](mailto:kurt@kdconsulting.com)

### **What to Expect:**

- March of Flags
- Presentations on the district NMI ministry
- Celebration of local church mission involvement
- Collection of **Links funds**
- **Deputation offerings** for missionaries

Drawings will take place during lunch, including a Work & Witness (Teams) scholarship. Please send information about your church's mission trips, teams, or activities to: Donis Williams – [iliv2wrshp@gmail.com](mailto:iliv2wrshp@gmail.com)

**Schedule Change:** Based on last year's feedback, the missionary service will not be held on the same day. Instead, a district-wide missionary service will be scheduled this fall along with a deputation tour. More details to come.



### **NYI QUICK LINKS:**

Calendar: [CLICK HERE](#)

Communication: [CLICK HERE](#)

Facebook Page: [CLICK HERE](#)

Instagram: [CLICK HERE](#)

Nazarene Youth Conference 2026 Facebook: [CLICK HERE](#)

Website: [CLICK HERE](#)

### **SWO NYI WORSHIP NIGHT:**

**When:** July 17, 2026

**Where:** Higher Ground Conference & Retreat Center

**Details:** We will be gathering as a district at Camp meeting to celebrate what God has done this summer through events like NYC and Camp, as well as what is happening in the local church. This takes the place of our NYI Day at Higher Ground, but this is a way to still be connected and a part. Service starts at 7:00 PM in the Graves Center. Worship will be led by our district youth. We will have a special treat afterwards. Make plans to come!

## **CHURCH COMMUNICATION**

### **THANK YOU | CHAIRS AVAILABLE:**

North Point Pastor Bob Hussong wishes to thank so many (especially Parkview) that have helped their church continue toward the completion of their building. North Point has 40 padded used chairs (the cushions can be replaced) and 35 black plastic chairs that are available to help another church. Please contact Pastor Bob Hussong (937) 626-2852.

### **GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT:**

Be Hope Church is honored to host the Global Leadership Summit on August 6–7, 2026, and I'd love for you to join us for this impactful leadership experience because I see leadership in you.

You have influence, and that's exactly why I wanted to personally invite you. The Global Leadership Summit is a two-day event designed to inspire and equip leaders at every level through practical teaching, powerful storytelling, and insights from globally respected leaders.

#### **Event Details:**

- Dates: August 6–7, 2026
- Location: Be Hope Church, 1850 N. Fairfield Rd, Beavercreek, OH
- Registration Information: [www.behope.church/summit](http://www.behope.church/summit)

I'm confident this experience will encourage and equip you to lead with even greater clarity, confidence, and impact. Please let me know if you have any questions. We hope you'll join us!

JC Slone, Executive Administrator  
Be Hope Church, 937-426-3926

Have a great weekend!

SWO District Office

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