



Southwestern Ohio District News

February 6, 2026

DISTRICT COMMUNICATION

PRAYER PROMPTS:

Please remember the following pastors this week.

--Ray Grilliot's wife Melinda recovering from recent surgery.

--Bob Highley as he is receiving chemo infusion treatment. Pray for strength and his ability to eat.

--Pastor Dan Walters as he will start dialysis.

--The mother of Pastor Bryan Harrison who went to the hospital for breathing issues.

BRINGING PEOPLE TO JESUS:

For helpful resources [CLICK HERE](#).

Have more questions? Need more training?

Contact Sam and Kristi Senica.

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*****SAVE THE DATE***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](#).

PASTOR'S LEADERSHIP DAY:

When: February 19, 2026

Where: MVNU, R. R. Hodges Chapel (Thorne Performance Hall)

Time: 9 AM to 4:00 PM (check-in 8-9 AM)

Speakers: Dr. Craig Keener & Dr. Caleb Friedmann

Cost: \$49 includes lunch and materials

Registration: [CLICK HERE](#)

For More Information: Download the attached flyer, or click on link [LEADERSHIP DAY](#)

OUT OF THE OFFICE:

Pastor Bob will be out of the office February 6th – February 10th. If this is an urgent matter, please contact the District Office at 513-777-5600 or Pastor Dave Crofford at 513-429-8535.

*****SAVE THE DATE*** SWO ORDINATION SERVICE 2026:**

Ordination Service – Sunday, July 12th at 6:00 PM (West Chester Ohio, 7951 Tylersville Road, West Chester, OH 45069)

*****SAVE THE DATE*** SWO DISTRICT ASSEMBLY 2026:**

District Assembly – Monday, July 13th at 9:00 AM (West Chester Ohio, 7951 Tylersville Road, West Chester, OH 45069)

*****SAVE THE DATE*** CAMP MEETING 7/15 – 7/19/26:**

What: District Camp Meeting starting Wednesday, July 15 at 7:30 PM, Dr. David Busic will be speaking.

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

When: Wednesday, July 15, 2026 – service begins at 7:30 PM (dinner available from 5:15 PM - 6:30 PM)

Registration: Registrations for Camp Meeting must include a deposit of \$55 if staying in the lodge, \$40 if staying in the dorm, and \$30 if staying in the RV/Camping area. If you have any questions, please contact Higher Ground Conference and Retreat Center (812) 637-3777.

DISTRICT CALENDAR – February/March:

02/07/26 – NMI Council Meeting, 9:00 AM, Zoom

02/09/26 – NYI Council Meeting, 6:30 PM, District Office

02/14/26 – NYI Quiz Meet, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM, Hamlin Chapel, 102 W. High St., Lawrenceburg, IN 47025

02/14 – 02/16/26 – Clergy Kids Retreat

02/19/26 – Pastor's Leadership Day, MVNU Thorne Performance Hall/RR Hodges Chapel [LEADERSHIP DAY](#)

02/19/26 – NDI Council Meeting, 6:30 PM, District Office

02/24/26 – Prime Time Council Meeting, 10:30 AM, District Office

02/28/26 – Children's Quiz, 10:00 AM, North & South: Xenia Nazarene 1204 West Second Street Xenia, OH 45385

03/02 – 03/04/26 – NYI Leadership Conference (SLC)

03/03/26 – District Advisory Board, 7:00 PM, District Office

03/05/26 – Camp Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, District Office

03/06/26 – SWO District PrimeTime, 10:30 AM, La Comedia Dinner Theatre, Springboro, OH [LA COMEDIA](#)

03/06/26 – Elevate, 6:00 PM – Midnight, Kingdom Sports

03/07/26 – Elevate, 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM, Parkview

03/11/26 – Retired Pastor's & Spouse Lunch, 11:45 AM, Hawks Hall, West Chester Nazarene [LUNCHEON](#)

03/13 – 13/14/26 – THRiVE Women's Conference, West Chester Nazarene, [THRiVE 2026](#), [POSTCARD](#)

03/14/26 – SWO NYI Quiz Meet, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM, West Carrollton Nazarene

03/16 – 05/04/26 – (Mondays) NCOS (Previously NMDC), 6:00 PM, District Office, Mission, Ministry & Identity of the COTN [REGISTRATION](#)

03/16/26 – Minister & Spouse Dinner & Communion, 6:15 PM, Higher Ground Conference & Retreat Center [COMMUNION](#)

03/17/26 – Board of Ministry Meeting, 1:00 PM, District Office

03/19 – 05/07/26 – (Thursdays) NCOS (Previously NMDC), 6:00 PM, District Office, Celebration of Women in Ministry [REGISTRATION](#)

03/20/26 – **REPORTING DUE:** First Time District License

03/20/26 – **REPORTING DUE:** District License Renewal Forms

03/26/26 – Youth Leader Summit, MVNU

03/30/26 – NYI Council Meeting, 6:30 PM, District Office



NDI QUICK LINKS:

NDI Facebook [CLICK HERE](#)

NDI Hub Newsletter Signup [CLICK HERE](#)

NDI Upcoming Events: [CLICK HERE](#)

NDI Website [CLICK HERE](#)

NEXT QUIZ MEET – 2/28/26: North & South Zones children's quizzing will be held at 10:00 AM at Xenia Nazarene 1204 West Second Street Xenia, OH 45385

SWO PRIMETIME EVENT - LA COMEDIA DINNER THEATER:

When: Friday, March 6, 2026

Where: La Comedia Dinner Theater, 765 W. Central Avenue, Springboro, OH 45066

Arrival: 10:30 AM

Cost: \$53.00 (includes lunch buffet)

Play: "Singin in the Rain"

RSVP by 3/1/26: 513-777-5600 (**RESERVE TODAY ONLY 2 TICKETS LEFT!**)

Checks Payable To: SWO NDI

Mail Check to: SWO District Office, 7943 Tylersville Road, West Chester, OH 45069

For More Information: Click on link: [LA COMEDIA](#)

THRiVE 2026:

What: THRiVE creates an atmosphere for ladies of all ages to gather in worship, prayer, and hearing from His word.

Who: All women including Teens and Girls grades K-6

When: Friday, March 13 Appetizers 6:30 PM, Saturday, March 14 Breakfast 9:00 AM

Where: West Chester Nazarene Church, 7951 Tylersville Road, West Chester, Ohio 45069

Theme: Where Your Treasure Is | Matthew 6:21

Video: [CLICK HERE](#)

Video: [CLICK HERE](#) to hear how the how THRiVE Ministry began.

Speakers: [WEBSITE](#)

Cost: Adults, Littles, & Teens: \$17 online | \$20 at the door | \$45 Family

Registration: [CLICK HERE](#)

THRiVE Teens: [CLICK HERE](#) | **THRiVE Littles:** [CLICK HERE](#)

For More Information click on the following links: [THRiVE 2026](#), [POSTCARD](#), or email thriveministrytowomen@gmail.com



ALABASTER OFFERING:

During an NMI meeting in the late 1940s, as the world emerged from the shadows of war, Elizabeth Vennum placed an alabaster box on the table and asked, "What could God do if we filled this with love for the world?" Her gesture sparked a movement. Soon, churches everywhere were collecting spare change—nickels, pennies, folded bills—each gift offered with faith that God would multiply it. Over the years, those coins became cornerstones. Churches, schools, and clinics were rising where none had stood. Today, thousands worship, learn, heal, and missionaries live in spaces funded by Alabaster. Lives are being transformed around the world through this simple offering. Thank you for setting aside a Sunday or two to receive an Alabaster Offering—your generosity will bless the world. [Alabaster](#).

GLOBAL MISSIONS:

The Cause:

What if your life could transform someone else's eternity? What if God is calling you into something bigger?

The Cause, a Global Missions movement encouraging a generation to step forward for the cause of the King and the cause of the Kingdom. This is your invitation to GO! To serve, to love, to bring the hope of Jesus across the street and around the world.

Welcome. Your journey starts now. [The Cause](#)

Nazarene Missions International:

Studies show that 30-50 percent of missionaries have felt called during their childhood or teen years. NMI places a strong emphasis on involving young people in missions, making it one of our Five Areas of Impact. Engaging children and youth in missions fosters lifelong passion for the lost, deepens faith, and nurtures a heart for service. It also broadens their understanding of cultures and God's global plan. By engaging in prayer, outreach, and education, young people cultivate habits of generosity and service, making

missions a natural part of church life. NMI encourages churches to include children and youth in missions activities, community outreach, and prayer. Kids Kaleidoscope and NMI Central offer engaging activities to teach children about missions. Subscribe to NMI Central and Kids Kaleidoscope [Here](#).



NYI QUICK LINKS:

Calendar: [CLICK HERE](#)
Communication: [CLICK HERE](#)
Facebook Page: [CLICK HERE](#)
Instagram: [CLICK HERE](#)
Link Tree: [CLICK HERE](#)
NYC 2026: [CLICK HERE](#)
Nazarene Youth Conference 2026 Facebook: [CLICK HERE](#)
Website: [CLICK HERE](#)

NEXT TEEN QUIZ MEET – 02/14/26:

The next quiz will be 9:30 AM at Hamline Chapel, 102 W. High Street, Lawrenceburg, Indiana 47025

For More Information: Contact Greg Kindle at gkindle90@gmail.com.

YiP (Youth In Prayer):

SWO YiP is a prayer initiative led by **SWO STUDENTS** to be praying for everything and anything! Be a part of a prayer movement by students your age to pray for the church, school, friends, family, ANYTHING! **Over 200 prayer warriors** have already signed up from our district! Visit our Instagram page <https://www.instagram.com/swonyiofficial/?igshid=MxRIODBiNWFIZA%3D%3D> and follow! You can sign up by filling out this [quick information form](#) and receive a sweet wristband!

*****SAVE THE DATE***SWO NIGHT OUT:**

When: May 3, 2026 @ 5:00 PM

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

For More Information: Contact Pastor Teresa Bowden at teresa@wcn.church

CHURCH COMMUNICATION

PIANO & ORGAN:

Pastor Heath Countryman has a very nice Hallet Davis and Co. upright piano in near perfection, and an organ. Both were left in the building when purchased it. If you would like additional information, please contact him directly by texting 937-304-1340 or email at heath@daytonliteration.church.

ELECTRONIC DRUM SET:

Pastor Christian Williams from North Point Community Church has an electric drum set with amp and stool available. If you would like additional information, please contact him directly by texting 937-231-6979 or email at Christian.williams@gmail.com.

RISE AND SHINE 5K RUN/WALK:

Middletown Naz is having a 5K Run/Walk on, April 4th starting at 10AM until Noon. All ages, all paces! Everyone's invited to our church 5K and kids fun run! Run or walk, together we're raising funds for critical building repairs so our church can continue serving for years to come. Participants get a T-shirt, key chain and celebratory meal! For additional information [CLICK HERE](#) or email Leslie at leslie@middnaz.org.