



Southwestern Ohio District News

March 20, 2026

DISTRICT COMMUNICATION

THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ATTENDED THE DISTRICT COMMUNION DINNER ON MONDAY EVENING AT HIGHER GROUND! Special 'Thanks' to the Higher Ground staff for excellent food and great service! Pastor Paul Crisp and the Pelton's did a wonderful job leading us in worship. The fellowship was warm and the whole evening was blessed by our Lord!

PRAYER PROMPTS:

--Pastor Lester Jones (Countryside Community) is recovering from a heart attack last weekend. Several stents were placed and we pray for his recovery.

--Continue to pray for Pastor Bob and Jan Highley. They are home and continuing with treatments.

PEEBLES CHURCH VOTED UNANIMOUSLY ON SUNDAY AND WILL WELCOME PASTOR TY BEAM AND FAMILY AS THEIR PASTORS ON MARCH 29TH. Congratulations to Pastor Ty and the Church Family!

CONGRATULATIONS PASTOR DAN!

Pastor Dan Justice (retired from Washington Court House and serving at Heritage Church of Christ and Christian Union) introduced his new book at our Retired Pastors' Luncheon on Wednesday, March 11th. It is a study on Genesis entitled "God Speaks from Genesis." If you would like to enjoy Pastor Dan's book, it is available on Amazon. The ISBN number is 9798286287406 or [CLICK HERE](#) to purchase. Congratulations Pastor Dan on your publication!

THE PASSING OF JERRY KIRK:

Many of our people would know Dr. Jerry Kirk. Dr. Kirk was the pastor of College Hill Presbyterian for over 20 years. He left the pastorate to begin the National Coalition for the Protection of Children and Families, which battled pornography and hazardous influences on families. Later, Dr. Jerry began The Prayer Covenant which sought to bring healing to broken relationships. Dr. Kirk has spoken in several of our churches and many of us partnered with him in standing against pornography in the Cincinnati community. Jerry passed on March 9th. His memorial service is tomorrow, Saturday at Hope Church in Mason. Visitation will be from 3:00 PM until 6:00 PM, which is the time of the Memorial Service. Dr. Jerry Kirk was great man of God! We remember and honor his life!

FREE WEBINAR – BEING DISCIPLINED BY JESUS:

What: Jesus calls us to make disciples who make disciples. While the mission is unmistakable, the strategy for fulfilling it is often less clearly defined. Nazarene Discipleship International, under the leadership of Dr. Sam Barber, defines discipleship as: "Making disciples by following Jesus and including others in our journey of grace."

Just as Jesus intentionally disciplined The Twelve, he continues to disciple us today—through his Word, his Body, and his indwelling Spirit. He does this through his people, inviting us to walk alongside others as they learn to follow him. In that process, they not only grow as disciples but are equipped to become disciple-makers themselves.

"Disciplined by Jesus" keeps the focus where it belongs—on Jesus. It is about listening to him, trusting him, obeying him, and living in an accountable community as we follow him together.

For more than 50 years, [Rev. Dale Wine](#) has disciplined hundreds who have gone on to disciple hundreds more. Join this seasoned practitioner of disciple-making and gain the clarity, conviction, and practical guidance you need to faithfully live out the Great Commission.

When: March 26, 2026

Time: Noon (CTS)

Speaker: Rev. Dale Wine

Registration: [CLICK HERE](#)

For More Information: Email DiscipleshipPlace@nazarene.org



LINKS:

We have the following missionaries for Links on the district. Please contact them directly by email. They will let you know if they can receive anything at their location and how. Please send any funds through our district NMI treasurer, Vickie Rocheleau, as we must follow Nazarene global instructions.

Doug & Jennifer Mann (rpc@eurasiaregion.org)

Matt & Fay Wagner (mattandfaywagner@gmail.com)

Michael & Cailyn (mikeandcailynw@protonmail.com)

Mitchel & Marnie Modine (mmodine@apnts.edu.ph)



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](#)

YOUTH LEADER SUMMIT:

When: March 26th, 2026

Where: The Gathering Place, 425 S. Edgewood Blvd. Mount Vernon, OH, 43050

Who: Youth Workers! (There is a training day specifically for you!)

Cost: \$40 (includes lunch)

Time: Registration 8:30-9:00 AM | Training 9:00 AM to 3:30PM

Registration: [CLICK HERE](#)

Speaker: Cassandra Smith, Youth Pastor veteran & Founder of *Change Your Narrative*

Restoring Our Narrative: How ministry leaders can tackle mental health conversations — all while pointing to Jesus.

Session 1: Navigating Student Mental Health — Equipping leaders to engage in student mental health matters appropriately, and safely, while pointing youth towards their source of wholeness — Jesus.

Session 2: Unpacking Tough Topics — Offering space to discuss issues such as abuse, addiction, anxiety, bullying, depression, eating disorders, self-harm, and suicidal ideation — including first steps, practical response, and how to host conversations with your students, volunteers, or families.

Session 3: Restoring Our Soul — Diving into ministry leader wellness, caring for those on the ministry frontlines who may need space to attend to their own well-being.

For More Information: [CLICK HERE](#)

SWO NIGHT OUT/NYI Convention:

What: Join us for a night of worship, hearing from the Word, and voting for next year's council and NYI Convention delegates.

We'll also have food, games, and lots of fun throughout the night!

★ Dress up like a character from *High School Musical*! ★

You won't want to miss it!

When: May 3, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

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

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

SWO NYC 2026:

There will be a **parent/participant meeting on Sunday, May 17th at 3:00 PM**, West Chester Nazarene in the Clubhouse, 7951 Tylersville Road, West Chester, OH 45069, Enter through door 9 (back by the district office)

This is a very important meeting where we will go over all the details for NYC, so it's important that at least one parent or guardian attends. Please make plans to be there!

Final Payment Due:

--May 1, 2026: \$900 FINAL PAYMENT DUE

Payment Instructions:

To minimize processing fees and to save you money, we'll be collecting payments via check.

How it works:

Students turn in payments to their local church, made payable to your local church. Youth pastors/leaders will write one check payable to SWO NYI, including a list of students receiving credit. Our treasurer will be updating payments as they are received into your students registration account.

Communication Channels:

Stay up to date with all things NYC 2026 through:

- District Email
- Facebook Group: [SWO NYC 2026](#) - Encourage parents to join!

Questions: Contact Ross Frank – SWO NYC Coordinator: ross@wcnaz.church

CHURCH COMMUNICATION

THRIVE: GROWING A HEALTHY CHURCH:

The Oro Valley Church of the Nazarene invites pastors to **THRIVE: Growing a Healthy Church** on October 3–6, 2026 at their church in Tucson, Arizona. Thrive isn't just about church growth strategies. It's about health — your church's health and your own. They believe healthy churches grow, but growth alone isn't the goal. Spiritual vitality, strong culture, developing leaders, evangelistic passion, and sustainable rhythms matter deeply. You'll experience meaningful conversations, practical teaching you can actually implement, worship without responsibility, and space to breathe. Their team will open up their systems, culture, and lessons learned — honestly and transparently — so you can take home what serves your context. This conference is **FREE** and the meals are covered. In addition, they will provide host homes. All you need is to arrange is your travel and local transportation. Attendance is limited to 100 pastors. **For more information, [CLICK HERE](#)**. To register go to <https://myovcn.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3237530>.

MESSIANIC JEW EVANGELIST SPEAKER:

Germantown Nazarene will be hosting Messianic Jew Evangelist Doug Carmel on March 29th at 6:00 PM. He will be presenting "Christ in the Passover – An Interactive Seder". The ceremonial teaching includes Passover, songs and ceremonial foods. Mr. Carmel is an amazing speaker and you are guaranteed an exciting and educational evening. **Please RSVP to rtaulbee@nmsu.edu** by March 25th.

CHAIRS NEEDED:

Norwood Church is in need of 40-50 chairs for their sanctuary. If you have any you can donate that are in good shape similar to the photo [CLICK HERE](#), please contact Pastor Cody McNichols at cmcnicholas@snclife.org or by phone at 740-485-4201.

Have a great weekend!

SWO District Office

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