



Southwestern Ohio District News

March 27, 2026

DISTRICT COMMUNICATION

WOMEN'S AUXILIARY SPRING CONFERENCE:

When: April 17 & 18, 2026

Where: Mount Vernon Nazarene University

Speaker: Rebekah Gregory - Boston Marathon bombing survivor, inspirational speaker, and founder of Rebekah's Angels Foundation

Cost & Registration See Below:

2 -Day Registration: Friday at 7 p.m. & Saturday at 9 a.m.

\$40 Early Bird Before February 22

\$45 Regular Until April 13

\$50 Walk-In After April 13

\$40 Group Rates/10+ Until April 13

1-Day Registration: Friday or Saturday

\$25 One Day until April 13

\$30 Walk-In after April 13

Registration link: [CLICK HERE](#)

For More Information: [CLICK HERE](#)

RETIRED PASTOR'S & SPOUSE LUNCH:

When: May 6, 2026

Where: West Chester Church of the Nazarene, 7951 Tylersville Road, West Chester, OH 45069

Time: 11:45 AM

Cost: \$5.00 per person towards your lunch

RSVP: **The District Office 513-777-5600 by May 1, 2026**

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

DISTRICT CALENDAR – March/April/May:

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

April

04/03/26 – Good Friday, District Office Closed

04/05/26 – Easter

04/06/26 – Easter Monday, District Office Closed

04/07/26 – Nominating Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM, District Office

04/11/26 – Children's Quiz, 10:00 AM, Living Hope, 1150 West Spring Valley Pike, Centerville, OH 45458

04/16/26 – NDI Council Meeting, 6:30 PM, District Office

04/17 – 04/18/26 – Middle School Only, MVNU [CLICK HERE](#)

04/17 – 08/18/26 – Women's Auxiliary Spring Conference, MVNU [CLICK HERE](#)

04/18/26 – NMI Council Meeting, 9:00 AM, District Office

04/24 - 04/25/26 – Credentials Retreat, Higher Ground Conference & Retreat Center

04/24/26 – REPORT DUE: Annual Reporting Forms (Non-Sr. Pastors)

04/24/26 – REPORT DUE: All Other Minister's Reports (For those not filing a Sr. Pastor's Report)

04/28/26 – District PrimeTime Council Meeting, 10:30 AM, District Office

May

05/03 – 05/10/26 – THRiVE Guatemala

05/03/26 – SWO Night Out, 6:00 PM, West Chester
05/06/26 – Retired Pastor's & Spouse Lunch, 11:45 AM, Hawks Hall, West Chester Nazarene [LUNCHEON](#)
05/08 & 05/09/26 – MVNU Graduation, Mount Vernon Nazarene University
05/10/26 – Happy Mother's Day!
05/11 – 05/13/26 – PrimeTime Retreat, Higher Ground Conference & Retreat Center [PRIMETIME RETREAT](#)
05/14 – 05/16/26 – East Central Field Quiz, Mount Vernon First
05/25/26 – Memorial Day, District Office Closed
05/31/26 – End of the Church Year



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 – 4/11/26:

What: SWO Children's Quiz Year the book of Genesis!

Quiz 5 – District Finals Chapters 1-20

NORTH SOUTH

Living Hope Living Hope

Who: Two levels - **Red Level grades 1-3, Blue Level grades 4-6**

Time: 10:00 AM | **Location:** Living Hope, 1150 West Spring Valley Pike, Centerville, OH 45458

MIDDLE SCHOOL ONLY (MSO):

When: April 17-18, 2026

Where: Mount Vernon Nazarene University, 800 Martinsburg Road, Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Who: 6th- 8th graders | **Time:** 10 PM to 6 AM

Cost: \$15 at the door (No cost for youth pastors, check, cash, or credit card accepted)

Note: One submission per church

Registration: [CLICK HERE](#)

SWO DISTRICT PRIMETIME RETREAT:

When: May 11-13, 2026, begins Monday with dinner at 5:00 PM

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

Cost: \$225 per couple (double occupancy)

\$115 per person (double occupancy)

\$150 per person (single occupancy)

\$100 for Retired or Active Ministry Couples

One meal & service \$15 / Two meals & service \$25

RSVP: 812-637-3777

Music: Pastor John Stone

Speakers: Dr. J.K. Warrick, Revs. Paige Graves, Gary Morgan, Jared Horne, and Dr. Mark Lail

Questions?? Contact Rev. Gary Morgan at pastorg.journeynaz@gmail.com, or click on link [PRIMETIME RETREAT](#)



2026 SWO JUNIOR PROJECT:

This year's Junior project for 2025-26 will be Playgrounds for Venezuela. We are going to help get into action where churches can have a welcoming space for families in the community. This will help remove barriers, allowing churches to develop deeper relationships with the families they serve and reach their souls for Jesus! This year's goal will fund the construction of two playgrounds.

Goal: \$5,000

Submit Offerings to: SWO NMI, Vickie Rocheleau, 316 Macready Avenue, Monroe, OH 45050

Children's NMI Coordinator: Elizabeth Bennington ebennington2004@gmail.com



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 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

MVNU FIELD BLAST:

When: June 3rd-6th at MVNU

Who: Those who qualified for BLAST while participating at Elevate?

Didn't come to ELEVATE, but want to still participate? There's a place for you! Come and defend our Championship FLAG!

Make plans to register for BLAST!

Cost: \$160 for students and \$120 for adults. **Please make checks payable to SWO NYI.** Unfortunately, no online payment option is available due to the nature of the FIELD BLAST Registration process.

For more information: Visit <http://www.mvnu.edu/BLAST> for medical release forms and BLAST Handbook access to rules.

Registration: (Opening soon!)

Questions? Email the Field BLAST Coordinator, Johnny Mohnasky, at john.mohnasky@mvnu.edu.

"OFFLINE" – SWO CAMP 2026:

When: June 15th-19th

Where: Higher Ground Conference & Retreat Center

What: Make plans to join us for **SWO Camp**! This is an incredible week to leave the distractions of everyday life behind and connect with God in a powerful way.

Cost: Students – \$240 | Counselors – \$150 | **The price increases to \$265 on May 19th** and **registration closes June 8th**

We're excited to have Eastpointe leading worship again this year, and Antonio Marshall will be our camp speaker! More details to come soon!

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN! To register, please visit: www.swonyi.org

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

RISE AND SHINE 5K RUN/WALK:

Middletown Naz is having a 5K Run/Walk on, April 4th starting at 10:00 AM 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@midznaz.org.

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>.

Have a great weekend!

SWO District Office

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