



Southwestern Ohio District News

May 8, 2026

DISTRICT COMMUNICATION



CONGRATULATIONS WAYNESVILLE & PASTOR TERRY & NANCY KIDD!

Pastor Terry Kidd was installed as Pastor of the Waynesville Church family last Sunday. The church has experienced good growth since the Kidd's began their time with them. The Lord is blessing the Waynesville Church!



GOOD NEWS FROM GEORGETOWN:

Georgetown Nazarene had close to 60 people in attendance for their teacher appreciation service honoring their Wee Care teachers. Way to go!

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

It is that time of year when our kids...and older kids...celebrate the completion of degrees from many institutions and different levels of education. We are THANKFUL for your efforts and trust you to make the church even better in changing our world. Mount Vernon Nazarene University will be celebrating commencement in two services on Saturday. I hope to see our graduates from SWO in Mount Vernon.

PASSING OF RICHARD "DICK" LAIL

We were sad to hear of the passing of Dick Lail who had served on the District Advisory Board for 20 years. He was also a MVNU trustee, worked with NMDC, and was a member of the Felicity Church, but was instrumental in starting the Monroe Church. For information regarding his visitation and memorial service, [CLICK HERE](#).

PALCON:

You are probably seeing information on PALCONS which take place this summer at Olivet and Trevecca. We believe there will also be PALCONS next summer for the other educational administrative regions. More information will be coming.

DISABILITY MINISTRY WEBINAR:

If you are interested in learning more about Disability Ministry resources, please be part of the webinar which will take place on May 12th at 1:00 PM EST. [CLICK HERE](#).

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.

DISTRICT CALENDAR – May/June:

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

June

06/03 – 06/06/26 – BLAST, MVNU

06/04/26 – Executive Camp Board, 3:00 PM, Higher Ground Office

06/04/26 – Camp Board, 7:00 PM, Higher Ground Dining Room

06/05/26 – **REPORT DUE: Year End Reporting Forms**

06/06/26 – Children's MVNU Field Quiz, Mount Vernon Nazarene University

06/13/26 – THRiVEk

06/15 – 06/19/26 – SWO Teen Camp @ Higher Ground Conference & Retreat Center

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



NDI QUICK LINKS:

NDI Facebook [CLICK HERE](#)

NDI Hub Newsletter Signup [CLICK HERE](#)

NDI Upcoming Events: [CLICK HERE](#)

NDI Website [CLICK HERE](#)

SWO KIDS CAMPS:

Rookie Camp - Completing grades 1st-3rd (2025-26 School Year)

When: June 21-23, 2026

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

Cost: \$150 **by May 30** | \$170 **May 31-June 7**

Check In: 3:00-4:00 PM Sunday

Pickup: 3:00 PM Tuesday

Preteen Camp - Completing grades 4th-6th (2025/26 School Year)

When: June 24-27, 2026

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

Cost: \$215 **by May 30** | \$225 **May 31-June 7**

Check In: 3:00-4:00 PM Wednesday

Pickup: 3:00 PM Saturday

Registration: Visit www.swokidscamp.com | **REGISTRATION CLOSES June 7th!**

Questions: Contact Bekah Clark at bclark@shelterchurch.tv

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



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)

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

RSVP: 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

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

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.

Reminder: **NMI reports are due by the end of May**



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](#)

NEXT TEEN QUIZ MEET – 5/14-16, 2026:

Field Quiz, Mount Vernon First Nazarene, 807 Coshocton Avenue, Mt. Vernon, OH 43050

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

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 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 p.m. 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

YOUTH LEADER OPENING:

Tri-County Nazarene is looking for a part-time Youth Leader. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Tom at tom.ward@tcn.church for more information.

CAR SHOW + BIKES @ NEW LEBANON NAZARENE:

New Lebanon Nazarene will host the Emery Huges Memorial Car show on Saturday, May 16th from 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Proceeds will benefit SWORD (Southwestern Ohio Response to Disaster) and Community Missions. For more information, [CLICK HERE](#).

Have a great weekend!

SWO District Office

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