



# Southwestern Ohio District News

May 29, 2026

## DISTRICT COMMUNICATION



### **CONGRATULATIONS SNC STOCKYARD COWBOY CHURCH!**

On Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> Pastor Bob Huff and SNC's Stockyard Cowboy Church dedicated their new arena. There will be a building but at this time a rodeo type arena is complete. There was a great crowd that included the church family, guests from Springdale, lots of horses, and tractors that all marched in a parade around the inside of the LW Arena infield. You will see Pastor Bob Huff in one of the three pictures on his mount. There are exciting days ahead for the Stockyard Cowboy Church!

### **CONVENTIONS, ORDINATION, ASSEMBLY, & CAMP MEETING ARE JUST SIX WEEKS AWAY!**

PLEASE be praying for these important gatherings at West Chester and Higher Ground Conference and Retreat Center.

**CONGRATULATIONS PASTOR LESTER AND MARSHA JONES** as you complete your 25 years of ministry at the Countryside Church in Lebanon! The church is celebrating Pastor Lester's leadership in this Sunday's worship with a dinner following. We are THANKFUL for the time we have shared with the Jones and for their strong support of our district!

### **ANNUAL REPORTING FOR CHURCH YEAR 2025-2026:**

Pastors, once again it's that time of year when annual reports are due. If you are a lead pastor, information was sent this past week via email to help you with the process. Questions or problems? Don't hesitate to reach out! [swodistsec@swonaz.org](mailto:swodistsec@swonaz.org). We look forward to celebrating your victories, standing with you through your challenges, and giving the Lord Jesus glory for all He is doing in your local church and across our District!--Dave Crofford, District Secretary

### **STAFF RENEWALS:**

**PASTORS...**Please remember to send the district office requests to renew contracts from all of your associate pastors. These must be done in compliance with the MANUAL **before June 1.**

### **\*\*\*IMPORTANT DATES\*\*\***

- **SWO NYI CONVENTION/SWO NIGHT OUT**

**When:** May 3, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

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

- **NMI CONVENTION:**

**When:** Saturday, July 11, 2026 @ 9:00 AM

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

- **NDI DISCIPLES GATHERING:**

**When:** Saturday, July 11, 2026 @ 1:00 PM

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

- **SWO ORDINATION SERVICE 2026:**

Ordination Service – Sunday, July 12, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

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

- **SWO DISTRICT ASSEMBLY 2026:**

**When:** Monday, July 13, 2026 @ 9:00 AM

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

- **CAMP MEETING 7/15 – 7/19/26:**

**When:** Starting Wednesday, July 15, 2026 @ 7:30 PM, Dr. David Busic will be speaking.

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

- **GENERAL ASSEMBLY & CONVENTIONS:**

**When:** June 25 - July 2, 2027

**Where:** Kansas City, Missouri

### **DISTRICT CALENDAR – May/June:**

05/30/26 – Children’s MVNU Field Quiz, Mount Vernon Nazarene University

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**

06/15 – 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 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:** **COMING SOON – (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](#)

### **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-6<sup>th</sup> (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



### **NMI REPORTING (Click on forms below):**

[Delegates for District NMI Convention](#)

[Local NMI Council Address](#)

[Local NMI President's Statistical Report](#)

[Lunch Ticket Order Form](#)

[Memorial Role/Distinguished Service Award](#)

[Request to Seat Alternate](#)

**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](#)

### **MVNU FIELD BLAST:**

**When:** June 3-6, 2026

**Where:** Mount Vernon Nazarene University

**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:** [CLICK HERE](#)

**Questions?** Email the Field BLAST Coordinator, Johnny Mohnasky, at [john.mohnasky@mvnu.edu](mailto:john.mohnasky@mvnu.edu).

### **"OFFLINE" – SWO CAMP 2026:**

**When:** June 15-19, 2026

**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 | **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!

**To register:** Visit: [www.swonyi.org](http://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!

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## **CHURCH COMMUNICATION**

### **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

### **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](mailto:tom.ward@tcn.church) for more information.

Have a great weekend!

SWO District Office

To unsubscribe, please call 513-777-5600 or email [swonaz@swonaz.org](mailto:swonaz@swonaz.org)