



Southwestern Ohio District News

July 2, 2026

DISTRICT COMMUNICATION

NAZARENE YOUTH CONFERENCE is happening right now in Salt Lake City, Utah. One hundred twenty-five of the more than ten thousand participants are our youth and workers. Please pray for this life-changing event! This gathering will profoundly impact the future of the Church of the Nazarene and the Southwestern Ohio District. They are returning on Monday.

MIDNNAZ DEDICATES RENOVATED SANCTUARY:

A sinking foundation causing cracks in the floor and windows created an opportune time to renovate the Middletown sanctuary. The work was completed and dedicated last Sunday. Four former pastors attended the celebration, and a spirit of praise was apparent in the service. Congratulations Pastor Adam Profitt and the MiddNaz family!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

NMI Convention- Saturday, July 11th 9:00 – 12:00 (Lunch following)

NDI Gathering- Saturday, July 11th 1:00 – 5:00

Ordination Service- Sunday, July 12th 6:00

District Assembly- Monday, July 13th 9:00 – 4ish

In less than two weeks we will gather at West Chester for the events listed above. Will you add these to your prayer list and daily ask our Lord to bless these important times. Here are some highlights of what you will experience:

- The election of a new Nazarene World Mission President to take over for Dr. Kurt Johnson.
- A challenging Discipleship event with our denominational leader, Dr. Sam Barber.
- An ordination service that will inspire you and challenge your calling as a minister.
- The election of a new District Superintendent. The Lord has been and will be faithful to us!
- A celebration of the faithful service of Della Camp who has cleaned our offices for 47 years.
- Getting to know our newest General Superintendent, Dr. Christian Sarmiento, who will be with us for two years.
- You will get to know our 11 new pastors who have come to us this year.
- We will give praise for the growth of three of our newest churches.

CAMP MEETING WILL BEGIN ON WEDNESDAY EVENING (July 15th) WITH DR. DAVID BUSIC, another of our General Superintendents. Please come for a time of revival and personal growth! For Camp Meeting Schedule [CLICK HERE](#).

PRAYER PROMPTS:

- Pastor Mark & Cindi Stevens of Target Dayton
- Two of our pastors are facing physical challenges. (They wish to remain unnamed)
- Eaton and Victory Churches are searching for new pastors.
- One of our churches is experiencing severe challenges.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

As we are preparing for District Assembly, we are attempting to save money on costs by having only **50 Church Handbooks, District Reports, and Financial Reports** available at assembly. Please alert your folks that they should bring their tablets and laptops to assembly for accessing reports. A QR Code will be available.

CHILDCARE AT DISTRICT MEETINGS: [FLYER](#)

NMI Convention: [MAP](#)

Nursery – 6th grade: 9am-12:00pm (Check-in is in South Foyer at entrance to Kid's Ministry area)

NDI Convention: [MAP](#)

Nursery – 6th grade: 1pm-5pm (Check-in is in South Foyer at entrance to Kid's Ministry area)

Ordination Service: [MAP](#)

Nursery – 6th grade: 6-8pm (Check-in is in South Foyer at entrance to Kid's Ministry area) **Pick up kids after the service, before heading to the reception.**

District Assembly: [MAP](#)

Nursery – 6th grade: 9-4pm (Check-in is in South Foyer at entrance to Kid's Ministry area). Note: **We will NOT serve lunch, children must be picked up at the lunch break!**

Questions: Contact Kim Coffing at kim@wcn.church.

ATTENTION – ALL ORDAINED & DISTRICT LICENSED MINISTERS:

Greetings Pastor!

In just a few days we will be gathering at West Chester Church of the Nazarene for our annual District Assembly and Ordination Service (which is on Sunday, July 12, this year). As part of the Ordination Service, we will again look forward to using a ministers choir. All ordained and district licensed ministers are invited (and encouraged) to join us.

This year we are planning to do “I Speak Jesus” by Charity Gayle. It is a strong statement of the name of Jesus which will be a powerful addition to the service. You can find the recording [HERE](#). Please take a moment to listen to it before Sunday’s rehearsal. We will **meet on the platform for rehearsal at 4:30 PM.**

This email is being sent to all senior/lead pastors on the district. We ask that you **please help us by forwarding it to all in your church who are ordained or district licensed.**

Terry Blosser

“Ministers Choir Director”

513-260-2510 (I’m safe to call any night until 11:00 PM with questions)

*****IMPORTANT NOTE FROM YOUR DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD*****

In just a few weeks the district family will be gathering at West Chester for our annual meetings...NMI (July 11), NDI (July 11), Ordination Service (July 12), and District Assembly (July 13). This year will be slightly different than normal for us in that we will be saying goodbye to our current district superintendent and friend, Bob Mahaffey, and will prayerfully be electing our future leader. As we have been planning for Bob’s final district assembly with us, we want to celebrate him well. We will primarily accomplish this in two ways. Throughout the day on Monday, we will have brief presentations. At the end of the day there will be a reception held in his honor, much like we do at the conclusion of the Ordination Service each year. There will be finger foods, cake, and drinks available.

We hope many of you can join us for this day. We believe the reception will begin around 4:00 PM. If you wish, cards can be brought to the reception or mailed to [West Chester Church of the Nazarene](#), 7951 Tylersville Rd., West Chester, OH 45069.

Please write BOB on the back of the envelope.

Terry R. Blosser (513-260-2510)

SWO District Advisory Board Secretary

DISTRICT CALENDAR – July:

07/03/26 – Independence Day Observed, District Office Closed

07/04/26 – Independence Day

07/11/26 – NMI Convention, 9:00 AM, West Chester Nazarene, 7951 Tylersville Road, West Chester, OH 45069 [MAP](#)

07/11/26 – NDI Disciples Gathering, 1:00 PM, WCN, 7951 Tylersville Road, West Chester, OH 45069 [FLYER](#) [SCHEDULE](#) [MAP](#)

07/12/26 – District Ordination Service, 6:00 PM, West Chester Naz., 7951 Tylersville Road, West Chester, OH 45069 [MAP](#)

07/13/26 – District Assembly, 9:00 AM, West Chester Nazarene, 7951 Tylersville Road, West Chester, OH 45069 [MAP](#)

07/15 – 07/19/26 Camp Meeting, Higher Ground Conference & Retreat Center [SCHEDULE](#)

07/16/26 – PrimeTime Day, Higher Ground Conference & Retreat Center PRIMETIME DAY [PRIMETIME DAY 2026/27 EVENTS](#)

07/16/26 – Retired Pastor & Spouse Dinner, 5:15 PM, Higher Ground Conference & Retreat Center [PRIMETIME DAY](#)

07/17/26 – SWO NYI Worship Night, 7:00 PM, Higher Ground Conference & Retreat Center



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 or Eric Johnson, 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](#)




MISSION GET TOGETHER:

You're Invited to a Missions Drop-In!

Come meet our missionaries to Poland, **Kurt & Holly Johnson**, and hear about the exciting ways God is at work through their ministry. Stop by anytime, enjoy some refreshments, and spend a few minutes—or a few hours—with us! This is a great preview of our mission's convention on Saturday, July 11.

SWO NMI Missions Drop-In

 **Thursday, July 9**

 **4:00–7:00 PM**

🍪 **Snacks & drinks provided**

Hosted at the home of Kurt & Melissa Johnson, 5768 Fairridge Lane, Hamilton, OH 45011

Questions? Call or text: **(513) 313-5051**

We'd love to see you there!

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) **Click on:** [Lunch Ticket Order Form](#)

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

RSVP: stephaniewagers24@yahoo.com

Special Speakers: Kurt & Holly Johnson, missionaries to Poland

Childcare: Available



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 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 PM 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

NEW RICHMOND PRAYER MEETING 7/3/26:

Dinner is at 6:00 PM, Church at 7:00 PM, and Nightwatch begins at 8:00 PM until 1:00 AM. Come and go as you need to. We are praying for the lost and the nation. We always meet on the 1st Friday of the month at New Richmond Nazarene 200 Hamilton Street, New Richmond, OH 45157. For more information, call 513-520-7454.

Have a Happy 4th of July weekend!

SWO District Office

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