



Southwestern Ohio District News

July 31, 2026

DISTRICT COMMUNICATION



OOPS...I GOOFED:

At District Assembly I missed having one of our new pastors report. I am so sorry! In the excitement of electing Pastor Daryl Blank and in all of the closing action, I did not introduce to the district Pastor Thomas Gurschick, our new pastor at Brookville. I feel badly and apologized to Pastor Thomas!

PRAYER PROMPTS:

--Pastor Tammy Stone (West Union) had a surgical procedure on Wednesday. Her healing will take several weeks. Please pray for Pastor Tammy and the West Union Church.

--Pastor Daryl and Tracy Blank will experience their final Sunday at Springdale on August 2nd. Your new District Superintendent will begin in the office on August 13th. This is an exciting time for our district, and the Blanks will be SUPER!!! Please pray for our Lord's blessing as they acclimate to this new role.



LAST DAYS OF FUN AS A DS:

Pastor Bob will be in the office and concluding his time with us through August 12th. You can see that he is enjoying his days as he joined the West Chester Daycare in experiencing the Bubble Truck.

ORDINATION PROGRAMS:

If anyone would like an extra ordination program from the July 12th ordination service, we have several extra copies. Feel free to contact the district office 513-777-5600 if you would like an extra program.

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 – August/September

August – No activities scheduled at this time

September

09/01/26 – District Advisory Board, 7:00 PM, District Office

09/07/26 – Labor Day, District Office Closed

09/12/26 – NYI Teen Quizzing, 9:30 AM West Carrollton, 550 South Elm Street, West Carrollton, OH 45449

09/15/26 – Prime Time Council Meeting, 10:30 AM, District Office

09/24/26 – NDI Council Meeting, 6:30 PM, District Office



NDI QUICK LINKS:

NDI Facebook [CLICK HERE](#)

NDI Hub Newsletter Signup [CLICK HERE](#)

NDI Website [CLICK HERE](#)

*****SAVE THE DATES*** SWO CHILDREN'S BIBLE QUIZZING 2026/27:**

What: SWO Children's Quiz

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

Time: 10:00 AM

Quizzing Dates (subject to change)

DATE **LESSONS**

10/03/26 Quiz 1 – Dig Sites 1-5

11/14/26 Quiz 2 – Dig Sites 1-10

01/09/27 Quiz 3 – Dig Sites 1-15

02/20/27 Quiz 4 – Zone Quiz Dig Sites 1-20

03/13/27 **Tentative – To be Confirmed** Quiz 5 – District Final- Sites 1-20

For More Information: Contact Rick Current at rickyc4866@gmail.com or by phone at 937-545-9058

*****SAVE THE DATE*** MUNCH 'N' MUSIC:**

When: October 3, 2026

Where: Xenia Nazarene Community Center, 1265 W. 2nd Street, Xenia, OH 45385

Arrival: 12:00 PM

Singer: Jonathan White

Cost: \$12.00 at the event (includes box lunch)

Concert: 1:00 PM (Love Offering)

RSVP by 9/30/26: To Pastor Gary Morgan at pastorg.journeynaz@gmail.com

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

*****SAVE THE DATE***IGNITE THE CAUSE:**

The **Ignite the Cause** conference will be held on January 3–6, 2027, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. This is a gathering for **any** young adult, ages 18–28, ready to take his or her faith and future seriously. Ignite the Cause creates a focused environment where young adults can step away from the noise of everyday life and engage deeply with three foundational questions:

- What does God's Word say?
- What is God doing in the world?
- How is he inviting me to respond?

If you have any young adults in your congregation you think would benefit from this type of conference, please contact Pastor Kalyn Vogelmann at kalynv73@gmail.com.



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 (wheatleyfamily@pm.me)

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

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES:

Please be in prayer about how you or your church might be involved:

Appalachia Reach Out – Scioto County, OH

 August 1–7, 2026

Rest Stop Ministries – Lebanon, TN

 October 4–10, 2026

Jamaica Recovery & Evangelism

 Jan 26 – Feb 6, 2027

GENERAL NMI CONVENTION & GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

- **General NMI Convention:** June 25–28, 2027
- **General Assembly:** June 25 – July 2, 2027, Kansas City

We'll begin with **online caucus meetings in April**, so the convention really starts before we arrive.

Highlights include:

- Shared opening and closing celebrations with NDI & NYI
- **29 workshops** featuring missionaries and global leaders
- A new **Tour of the Regions** experience

If you've never been, it's worth considering—it's an incredible picture of the global Church.



NYI QUICK LINKS:

Communication: [CLICK HERE](#)

Facebook Page: [CLICK HERE](#)

Instagram: [CLICK HERE](#)

Website: [CLICK HERE](#)

SWO TEEN QUIZ MEET SCHEDULE 2026/27:

What: SWO Teen Quiz

Time: 9:30 AM

Quizzing Dates (subject to change)

Dates:

09/12/26 – NYI West Carrollton Nazarene, 550 South Elm St., West Carrollton, OH 45449

10/03/26 – Amelia Nazarene, 1295 West Ohio Pike, Amelia, OH 45102

11/07/26 – TBD

11/20-21/26 – Tri-State at MVNU

12/12/26 – TBD

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

SONFEST 2026:

When: Saturday, September 19, 2026

Where: R.R. Hodges Chapel Auditorium, 800 Martinsburg Road, Mt. Vernon, OH 43050

Time: Doors open at 1:00 PM

Artist: Chris Renzema & Rock City Worship

Costs: Varies

Tickets: [CLICK HERE](#)

For more information: [CLICK HERE](#) or contact Ben Slater at Benjamin.slater@mvnue.edu

CHURCH COMMUNICATION

NEW RICHMOND PRAYER MEETING 8/7/26:

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.

LAUGHS & ILLUSIONS – 8/7 @ 6PM:

Middletown Nazarene Church is hosting “Laughs and Illusions,” a night of comedy and mystery. We’re partnering with nationally known comedian Jeff Jenna and an incredibly talented mentalist Josh Fletcher for an evening packed with good, clean fun. All proceeds go towards our building’s recent renovation. Get your tickets here: middnaz.org/laughs. For more information, [CLICK HERE](#).

*****SAVE THE DATE***MEN’S CONFERENCE:**

West Chester Nazarene will be hosting a **FREE** Men’s Conference on November 7, 2026, from 10:00 AM until Noon. This conference is open to all churches and is designed to encourage, challenge, and strengthen men in every season of life. Through powerful worship and practical, biblical teaching from **Chris Grainger** and **Pastor Daryl Blank**, you’ll be reminded of the courage, purpose, and calling God has placed inside you. Invite a friend—especially someone who’s exploring faith or hasn’t yet experienced the hope of Jesus. This could be the day that changes everything. Your investment to this moment is your time—and we believe it’ll be one of the best investments you’ll make this year. Come expecting God to move! To register [CLICK HERE](#). Questions or for more information, contact Pastor Shahne Stone (513) 777-6300, [CLICK HERE](#).

Have a great weekend!

SWO District Office

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