



Southwestern Ohio District News

August 14, 2026

DISTRICT COMMUNICATION

Greetings Pastors, board members, lay leaders of the Southwestern Ohio District. This is my first email as your District Superintendent. Thank you to those who have reached out and encouraged us with your prayers and support. Tracy and I are excited to begin this new role, and we are eager to serve alongside you. Let me share a few bullet points that may be helpful to you.

- We have a Facebook page! Please like and follow it. Encourage your church friends and family members to stay informed by going to the page regularly. This will be a great way to stay in touch. You can access the page here: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61593344275001>
- We have text threads for all Lead Pastors on the district. I will communicate through that thread and through emails. Please keep your contact information updated with the district office. We don't want anyone to be left out.
- Pastor Bob Mahaffey, Pastor David Crofford, and Rhonda Brown will all be staying on the District staff. They will be invaluable to me in this new role.
- My new email will be dblank@swonaz.org
- Rhonda will be handling my appointments. Please call or email her with requests.
- Tracy and I are doing DS training and General Board meetings in the month of September.
- This month I am meeting with leaders, moving into my office, setting calendars, adjusting budgets, and establishing regular meeting schedules with staff and district leaders. There are some board meetings in the mix too.
- I want to thank you in advance for your prayerful support during this time of transition. I am prioritizing my schedule to invest in local pastors. Training, equipping, and mentoring will be an important first step to strengthening the district team and our churches.

Have a great weekend. Let's pray for one another.

Daryl

DISTRICT CALENDAR – August/September/October:

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 Quiz Meet, 9:30 AM, West Carrollton, 550 South Elm Street, West Carrollton, OH 45449

09/14/26 – NYI Council Meeting, 6:30 PM, District Office

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

09/20/26 – NMI Missions Council Meeting, 4:00 PM, Fairfield Nazarene, 12190 E. Miami River Road, Cincinnati, OH 45252

09/20/26 – NMI President's Meeting, 4:30 PM, Fairfield Nazarene, 12190 E. Miami River Road, Cincinnati, OH 45252

09/20/26 – NMI Rally, 6:00 PM, Fairfield Nazarene, 12190 E. Miami River Road, Cincinnati, OH 45252

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

October

10/01/26 – Camp Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, District Office

10/03/26 – NDI Children's Quiz, 10:00 AM, TBD

10/03/26 – NYI Teen Quiz Meet, 9:30 AM, Amelia Nazarene, 1295 West Ohio Pike, Amelia, OH 45102

10/03/26 – Munch N Music, 12:00 PM, Xenia Nazarene, 1204 W 2nd Street, Xenia, OH 45385 [MUNCH N MUSIC](#)

10/21/26 – Retired Pastor's & Spouse Lunch, 11:45 AM, Hawks Hall, West Chester Nazarene [LUNCHEON](#)



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)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LESSONS</u>
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 [MUNCH N MUSIC](#)

*****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.



SEPTEMBER IS ALABASTER OFFERING:

What is Alabaster? The Alabaster Offering provides funds for property and buildings around the world. While we understand the church consists of the people of God and not a building, buildings erected for the purpose of ministry help provide a sense of permanence, functionally enhance ministry efforts, and convey an attitude that the Church of the Nazarene intends to "put down roots." Alabaster funds help provide land for many Work & Witness projects, and the entire Alabaster Offering goes toward the purchase of land or construction of churches, schools, medical facilities and homes for missionaries and national workers. [CLICK HERE](#) to hear Joel Tuche's Alabaster story. For more information [CLICK HERE](#).

CRISIS CARE KITS AND PAL PACKS:

When collecting kits, churches should follow the exact current packing list and shipping instructions. Deviating from the approved list can cause shipments to be rejected. Use only current-year instructions [CLICK HERE](#) from Nazarene Compassionate Ministries or the district coordinator.

PICKUP DATES, LOCATIONS, TIMES:

09/25 - Sardinia - 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM, 133 Sardinia-Mowrystown Road, Sardinia, OH 45171

09/26 - West Chester - 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM, 7951 Tylersville Road, West Chester, OH 45069

09/26 - Xenia - 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM, 1204 West 2nd Street, Xenia, OH 45385

COORDINATORS:

--Sarah Crouch – smkeeton86@gmail.com

--Carol Webster – cswebster@hotmail.com

2026/27 SWO JR. PROJECT: SWEET SURRENDER CAFE – POZNAN, POLAND:

This year's Junior Project supports the Sweet Surrender Cafe in Poznan, Poland - the coffee-house ministry led by Nazarene missionaries Kurt and Holly Johnson. Sweet Surrender is a real, working coffee house that serves as a non-threatening entry point into the community, where people who might never walk into a traditional church find a warm welcome, genuine friendship, and the love of Christ. The first Sweet Surrender opened in Gdansk in 2008, and the Poznan cafe followed in 2010.

When war came to Ukraine, the Poznan cafe became a refuge. Sweet Surrender has served Ukrainian families fleeing the conflict - offering Polish-language classes, art therapy, women's fellowship groups, children's programs, and a place of trauma recovery and hope.

Give: Sweet Surrender Cafe - Approved Mission Special #154046

Online: give.nazarene.org/donate/154046

District Junior Project goal: \$3,000

Coordinator: Elizabeth Bennington - ebennington2004@gmail.com



NYI QUICK LINKS:

Communication: [CLICK HERE](#)

Facebook Page: [CLICK HERE](#)

Instagram: [CLICK HERE](#)

Website: [CLICK HERE](#)

YiP (Youth in Prayer):

SWO YiP is a prayer initiative led by **SWO STUDENTS** to be praying for everything and anything! Be a part of a prayer movement by students your age to pray for the church, school, friends, family, ANYTHING! **Over 200 prayer warriors** have already signed up from our district! Visit our Instagram page <https://www.instagram.com/swonyiofficial/?igshid=MxRIODBiNWFIZA%3D%3D> and follow! You can sign up by filling out this [quick information form](#) and receive a sweet wristband!

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

*****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](#), or [download the attachments](#).

Have a great weekend!

SWO District Office

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