



Southwestern Ohio District News

August 28, 2026

DISTRICT COMMUNICATION

Happy Friday! It's been a busy and productive week in and around the district. Thank you to our pastors and church volunteers for your missional efforts. Collectively, you are making a difference across 12 counties in the Southwestern part of Ohio. I spent two days in Kansas City learning about a new initiative called Shepherds Circle. The focus will be on resources for local pastors. It was insightful and informative for me and the others who sat on the panel. Please take the time to check out the rest of this email/newsletter. It is filled with dates and announcements of upcoming events. I want to ask the Pastors and church staff members to set aside January 23, 2027, for a DS/Pastor Day. We will meet at Parkview Nazarene from 9:00am to noon. This is a very important date for you to attend and participate. You will hear more as the date approaches but for now, Mark your calendars! If you haven't followed the new SWO Facebook page, please do so. It will help you to stay informed and have some fun in the process. Enjoy the rest of this email!

Daryl

SWO QUICK LINKS:

District Website [CLICK HERE](#)

Facebook [CLICK HERE](#)

Newsletter Signup [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.

*****SAVE THE DATE ***MVNU HOMECOMING:**

Reconnect with lifelong friends, mentors, and others on November 13 & 14, 2026. For additional information [CLICK HERE](#).

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 – SWO 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 – SWO NMI Rally, 6:00 PM, Fairfield Nazarene, 12190 E. Miami River Road, Cincinnati, OH 45252 [RALLY](#)

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

09/27/26 – THRiVE Leadership Meeting, 5:00 PM

October

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

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

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

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

10/18/26 – SWO NYI Night Out, Doors Open @ 4:45 PM, Starts @ 6:00 PM, 4701 Far Hills Ave, Dayton, OH 45429

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 Calendar [CLICK HERE](#)

NDI Hub Newsletter Signup [CLICK HERE](#)

NDI Website [CLICK HERE](#)

MUNCH 'N' MUSIC:

When: October 3, 2026

Where: Xenia Nazarene Community Center (**across the street from the church**)
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 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 Quiz 5- District Final- Sites 1-20	

For More Information: Contact Rick Current at rckyc4866@gmail.com or by phone at 937-545-9058

*****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.



SWO MISSIONS RALLY:

When: September 20, 2026 @ 6:00 PM

Where: Fairfield Nazarene Church, 12190 East Miami River Road, Cincinnati, OH 45252

Speakers: The Wheatley's

For More Information: [CLICK HERE](#)

NOTE: Bring your Crisis Care Kits for drop off at the SWORD trailer!

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 s [CLICK HERE](#) from Nazarene Compassionate Ministries or the district coordinator.

ADDITIONAL 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

MISSIONARY SPEAKERS MATT & FAYE WAGNER AVAILABLE:

If you would like to have the Wagner's to speak at your church, the following dates below are still available:

- October 25th
- November 8th and 15th

In addition, there are open dates this fall through the week. If your church would like to have the Wagner's speak on a day other than Sunday, please contact them at mattandfaywagner@gmail.com



NYI QUICK LINKS:

Calendar: [CLICK HERE](#)

Communication: [CLICK HERE](#)

Facebook Page: [CLICK HERE](#)

Instagram: [CLICK HERE](#)

Website: [CLICK HERE](#)

ALPHA YOUTH:

Finding creative ways to disciple students, develop their leadership skills, and equip them to confidently share their faith which can be challenging. Our friends at Alpha Youth help youth leaders and students to grow in each of these areas. Through thoughtfully

designed resources and experiences, Alpha Youth create welcoming spaces where young people can engage in real, open, and meaningful conversations about life, faith, and purpose. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more!

CELEBRATE WHAT GOD HAS DONE!

We want to celebrate what God has done and what He is continuing to do in the lives of students, whether they attended BLAST, Camp, NYC, or if they didn't attend these events, in the local youth ministries. Please fill out this celebration form, and let's celebrate the work that God is doing! <https://forms.gle/zwowspEUTHCvx1px8>

SWO TEEN QUIZ MEET:

When: September 12, 2026

Where: West Carrollton Nazarene, 550 South Elm St., West Carrollton, OH 45449

Time: 9:30 AM

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

*****SAVE THE DATE*** SWO NIGHT OUT:**

What: Join us for our first district youth worship night! We will have worship, food, and games.

When: October 18, 2026

Time: Doors open @ 4:45 PM, Starts @ 6:00 PM, Wrap up around 7:30 PM

Where: Parkview Nazarene, 4701 Far Hills Ave, Dayton, OH 45429

Theme: Mismatch Night - Don't come with matching clothes. Put your craziest combination together and be ready to win some sweet prizes.

For More Information: Contact Pastor Teresa Bowden at teresa@wcn.church

CHURCH COMMUNICATION

MISSIONARY SERVICE – MATT & FAYE WAGNER:

Greetings from Georgetown Nazarene!

We would love to invite you and your congregation to join us for a special missionary service on Friday, October 16 at 6:30 PM. We are excited to welcome Matt and Faye Wagner, missionaries serving in Guatemala. They will be sharing about their ministry, what God is doing in Guatemala, and how the Church of the Nazarene is making an impact through missions.

Friday, October 16, AT 6:30 PM, Georgetown Church of the Nazarene, 4884 State Route 125, Georgetown, OH 45121. For additional information [CLICK HERE](#).

We would appreciate it if you would share this invitation with your congregation and encourage them to join us. It will be a great opportunity to hear first-hand how God is at work around the world and to support our Nazarene missionaries.

We hope you can join us!

Serving Christ Together,

Pastor Mike Jackson

*****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](#).

FREE TO A CHURCH:

The district office has a few items to give to a local church. If interested, please contact the district office at 513-777-5600. To view items, download the attached or [CLICK HERE](#).

Martin Yale Auto Folding Machine

(2) Highland House Chairs

Have a great weekend!

SWO District Office

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