



# Southwestern Ohio District News

August 29, 2025

## DISTRICT COMMUNICATION

### **NAZARENE NATIONAL SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT BEGINS TOMORROW!**

Springdale is once again the host for the Nazarene National Softball Tournament. Games are scheduled for Saturday and Monday. It is a great time to visit friends from all over the United States as they converge on Cincinnati for this weekend. Games begin at 8 AM at two locations: Mid America Ball Yard – 6960 Blue Rock Road, Cincinnati, and River City Sports Complex – West at 10400 OH-128, Harrison, Ohio. The championship should take place late afternoon on Monday, Labor Day. Thanks, Springdale for hosting this great event! May the Lord bless the tournament and your worship services on Sunday morning!

### **\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE!\*\*\***

**CRAIG ADAMS – FIVE TIME DOVE AWARD WINNER** will be our musical guest for the Christmas Banquet to be held at Higher Ground Conference and Retreat Center on Monday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. This is for pastoral staffs and district leaders. Registration can be made with Higher Ground. More information will be coming.

### **PRAYER PROMPTS:**

- Pastor Bob and Jan Highley (West Chester) as they had tests and treatments on Wednesday and Thursday.
- Pastor Keith Smith (Brookville) and his wife Anna as they await the treatment plan for Pastor Keith's cancer. God is faithful and Pastor Keith is thankful for the Lord's presence in his life at this time.
- Pastor Tom Ward (Tri-County) a recent health issue.

### **A PASSING:**

We are sad to report the passing of Clara Moorman who was 105 years of age. Clara was the wife of Nazarene pastor Gail Carl Moorman for 78 years. They pastored Ripley, New Richmond, Hamilton Tuley Road, Dayton Northridge, Dayton Kettering First, and their final pastorate was the Loveland Church. Clara had attended the Parkview Church until she moved to a care center. She is survived by her (3) children, (7) grandchildren, (9) great grandchildren, and (2) great great grandchildren. Pastor Ron Reynolds officiated the service. Some family members attend Parkview and Living Hope. [CLICK HERE](#) to view obituary.

### **EXCITING NEWS!**

Felicity Nazarene had a great VBS Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. Their VBS in the park had 66 in attendance. They had games, music prizes, and food.

### **SAVE THE DATE – CHURCH & FINANCE:**

Keith Cox, the General Treasurer, will be discussing key areas of church administration and finance. Classes will meet online on Tuesday nights from 7:00 PM-8:00 PM (Central) from **October 7th-November 4th**. To register [CLICK HERE](#) to join Praxis for this 5-week course.

#### **Course outline:**

- October 7th: Financial Integrity & Accountability in the Church
- October 14th: Gifts & Income
- October 21st: Expenses & Accounts Payable
- October 28th: Budgeting & Reporting
- November 4th: Risk Management

### **NCM CHRISTMAS PROJECT:**

The 2025 NCM Christmas Project, *Unboxing Hope: Give the Gift of Learning*, will focus on children in Jordan and Lebanon who attend Nazarene schools designed to nurture the whole child—mind, body, and spirit. Many of these students are refugees who have been displaced by war and violence, and school becomes their safe haven: a place to grow, heal, and thrive. For more information and to sign up, [CLICK HERE](#).

## **RETIRED PASTOR'S & SPOUSE LUNCH:**

**When:** October 8, 2025

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

**Time:** 11:45 AM

**Cost:** \$5.00 per person towards your lunch

**RSVP:** **The District Office 513-777-5600 by October 1, 2025**

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

## **OUT OF OFFICE:**

Pastor Bob will be out of the office from September 2<sup>nd</sup> – September 5<sup>th</sup>. If this is an urgent matter, please contact Pastor Dave Crofford at 513-429-8535.

## **DISTRICT CALENDAR – September/October:**

09/01 – Labor Day, District Office Closed

09/02 – 09/05/25 – Pastor Bob out of office

09/06/25 – SWO NYI Quiz Meet, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM, West Carrollton Nazarene

09/08 – 10/13/25 – NMDC Spiritual Formation, 6:00 PM, (Monday's) District Office

09/08/25 – District Advisory Board, 7:00 PM, District Office

09/11 – 10/16/25 – NMDC Exploring Christian Holiness, 6:00 PM, (Thursday's) District Office

09/12/25 – SWO Youth Leader Night Out, 6:30 PM, TBA

09/18/25 – NDI Council Meeting, 6:30 PM, District Office

09/19/25 – Crisis Care Kits/Pal Paks, 6-7 PM, Sardinia Naz, 133 Sardinia-Mowrystown Rd., Sardinia, OH 45171 [Crisis Care Kits](#)

09/20/25 – Crisis Care Kits/Pal Paks, 9-10 AM, West Chester Naz, 7951 Tylersville Rd., West Chester, OH 45069 [Crisis Care Kits](#)

09/20/25 – Crisis Care Kits/Pal Paks, 12-1 PM, Xenia Naz., 1204 West 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Xenia, OH 45385 [Crisis Care Kits](#)

09/20/25 – SonFest, 1-7:00 PM, MVNU, 800 Martinsburg Road, Mount Vernon, OH 43050 [SONFEST 2025](#)

09/22 – 09/26 - Office Administrator out of the office. Call office before stopping by.

09/22/25 – NYI Council Meeting, 6:30 PM, District Office

09/23/25 – District PrimeTime Council, 10:30 AM, District Office

09/27/25 – NMI President's Workshop, 10:AM-12 PM, Springdale Nazarene, 11177 Springfield Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45246

## **October**

10/02/25 – Camp Board Meeting, 7:00 PM, District Office

10/04/25 – Munch 'N Music, 12:00 PM, West Carrollton, 550 South Elm Street, West Carrollton, OH 45449 [MUNCH 'N' MUSIC](#)

10/04/25 – SWO NYI Quiz Meet, 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM, Blanchester Nazarene

10/05/25 – SWO Night Out, 5:00 PM, Countryside

10/07 – 11/04/25 – Church & Finance with Keith Cox, General Treasurer, Tuesdays 7:00-8:00PM [REGISTRATION](#)

10/08/25 – Retired Pastor's & Spouse Lunch, 11:45 AM, Hawks Hall, West Chester Nazarene

10/09/25 – Webinar with Ed Stetzer for Vocational Pastors, 5:30 – 6:30 PM CST

10/11/25 – Children's Quiz, 10:00 AM, TBA

10/30 – 12/04/25 – NMDC Philosophy of Religion, 6:00 PM, (Thursday's) District Office



## **NDI QUICK LINKS:**

NDI Facebook [CLICK HERE](#)

NDI Website [CLICK HERE](#)

## **MUNCH 'N' MUSIC:**

**When:** October 4, 2025

**Where:** West Carrollton Nazarene, 550 South Elm Street, West Carrollton, OH 45449

**Arrival:** 12:00 PM

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

**Concert:** 1:15 PM (Love Offering)

**RSVP by 9/30/25 TEXT OR EMAIL:** Pastor Mike 615-504-8002 or Becky 615-289-5551

**By email:** [mikehancock@xenianaz.org](mailto:mikehancock@xenianaz.org) or [becky.hancock52@gmail.com](mailto:becky.hancock52@gmail.com)

**For More Information:** Click on link [MUNCH 'N' MUSIC](#)

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### **COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES:** [Crisis Care Kits](#)

Coordinators: Carol Webster - [csw Webster@hotmail.com](mailto:csw Webster@hotmail.com), Sarah Crouch - [Smkeeton86@gmail.com](mailto:Smkeeton86@gmail.com)

This year will see our collection held on two different days. Friday the 19th of September in the evening will be at Sardinia to make it more convenient for our eastern churches to make it, while Saturday the 20th will be our traditional West Chester and Xenia. Feel free to drop them off earlier that day and we can still pick them up.

### **2025 CCK/Pal Packs Pickup Schedule:**

- Friday September 19  
Sardinia 6:00 – 7:00 pm
- Saturday September 20  
West Chester 9:00 – 10:00  
Xenia 12:00 – 1:00

### **FALL 2025 MISSIONARY DEPUTATION:**

Carl and Kimberly Eligio  
Sensitive Access Country  
Available: September  
[keligio@apnaz.org](mailto:keligio@apnaz.org)

Matt and Fay Wagner  
Guatemala  
Our own missionaries  
Available: Mid-September - Mid-December  
[mattandfaywagner@gmail.com](mailto:mattandfaywagner@gmail.com)

### **NMI LOCAL PRESIDENT'S WORKSHOP:**

**When:** September 27: 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

**Where:** Springdale Nazarene, 11177 Springfield Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45246

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### **NYI QUICK LINKS:**

Calendar: [CLICK HERE](#)

Communication: [CLICK HERE](#)

Facebook Page: [CLICK HERE](#)

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NYC 2026: [CLICK HERE](#)

NYC Facebook: [CLICK HERE](#)

Website: [CLICK HERE](#)

## **SWO TEEN QUIZZING SCHEDULE 2025/26:**

**What:** SWO Teen Quiz

**Time:** 9:30 AM

**Quizzing Dates (subject to change)**

**Date**

09/06/25 – West Carrollton Nazarene

10/04/25 – Blanchester Nazarene

11/01/25 – West Carrollton Nazarene

11/21-11/22/25 – Tri-State Quiz @ MVNU

12/13/25 – TBD

01/17/26 – TBD

02/14/26 – Blanchester Nazarene

03/07/26 – West Carrollton Nazarene

05/14-05/16/26 – MVNU Quiz, Mt Vernon First Nazarene

**For More Information:** Contact Greg Kindle at [gkindle90@gmail.com](mailto:gkindle90@gmail.com)

## **SWO NIGHT OUT:**

**When:** Sunday, October 5, 2025 @ 5:00 PM

**What:** Get ready for a fun night together! Come dressed as your **favorite person who will be at SWO Night Out**—your best friend, your Youth Pastor, a Youth Worker, or anyone you know will be there!

We'll have:



**Pasta Bar**



**Music**



**Games**



**Worship**

Don't miss it! Invite your friends, bring your best disguise, and come ready for a great time!

**Where:** Countryside Nazarene Church, 1436 Deerfield Road, Lebanon, OH 45036

## **\*\*\*SAVE THE DATE\*\*\***

**When:** November 14-16, 2025

**Where:** Cross Oak Camp, St. Mary's Ohio

**Speaker:** James Hayward, who is one of our pastors for NYC 2026

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Have great weekend!

SWO District Office

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