



Southwestern Ohio District News

September 4, 2026

DISTRICT COMMUNICATION

I trust you have had a great week! In this new role of mine, I get a front-row seat on the good, the bad, and the ugly. But I see the grace of God through each conversation, appointment, service, and meeting. We have a wonderful district, and I am excited to be on this journey with you. The District Advisory Board (DAB) met this past week. It was a very productive meeting. We are blessed with tremendous leaders across our district who serve in this capacity. We included our camp director, and the Presidents of NYI, NDI, and NMI in this meeting. We are anticipating some beautiful things in this coming year as we work together. Just a few things on my mind right now. As I have confirmation of these things, they will be announced through this email and the SWO Facebook page.

- DS/Pastor Day is scheduled for January 23rd from 9-12 at the Parkview Church. Pastors! I need you here! More info to come as the date approaches. Please save the date and plan to join us if you are a pastor or staff member.
- We are working on two additional gatherings. 1. Pastor and Spouse retreat (Amish Country) 2. Pastor's camp (I'll share more once we determine dates etc.

The month of October is Pastor Appreciation Month. Please make sure your pastor and pastoral staff are acknowledged in a special way during October. And don't forget their spouses! Plan ahead! October will be here in 4 weeks!

Enjoy your Labor Day weekend. The office will be closed on Monday.

SWO QUICK LINKS:

District Website [CLICK HERE](#)

Facebook [CLICK HERE](#)

Newsletter Signup [CLICK HERE](#)

PRAYER PROMPTS:

--Pastor Bob Herdman (Be Hope) and wife Carmen in the loss of her brother William "Bill" Duncan on August 28th.

--Pastor Dave Crofford's (District Office) wife Cindy who had surgery on Thursday and is recovering.

RETIRED PASTOR'S & SPOUSE LUNCH:

When: October 21, 2026

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

Time: 11:45 AM

Cost: FREE!! Celebrating Rev. Daryl Blank, District Superintendent

RSVP: The District Office 513-777-5600 by October 14, 2026

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

*****SAVE THE DATE*** SWO DS/PASTOR DAY:**

Who: Pastors & Church Staff Members

When: January 23, 2027

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

Time: 9:00 AM – Noon

For More Information: Contact the District Office at 513-777-5600

DISTRICT CALENDAR – September/October:

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 – PrimeTime 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, Monroe, 400 Macready Avenue, Monroe, OH 45050
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>	<u>LOCATION</u>
10/03/26 Quiz 1 – Dig Sites 1-5		Monroe
11/14/26 Quiz 2 – Dig Sites 1-10		Xenia
01/09/27 Quiz 3 – Dig Sites 1-15		TBD
02/20/27 Quiz 4 – Zone Quiz Dig Sites 1-20		TBD
03/13/27 Quiz 5 – District Final- Sites 1-20		Living Hope
June 2026 World Quiz		Kansas City

For More Information: Contact Rick Current at rickyc4866@gmail.com or rickcurrent@acresecurity.com. Text or call 937-545-9058

Registration Fees: \$15 per quizzer *****DEADLINE: [Must be Received by 9/20/26***](#)** One check per church please.

Payable to: NDI District Board of SS Ministries

Mail to: Rick Current, 1175 Hollowcreek Drive, Miamisburg, OH 45342

[CLICK HERE](#) to be directed to the SWONAZ website to download the SWO Quiz Registration Form in Word or PDF and the SWO Children's Quiz Church Registration Form in Excel.

*****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 further information [CLICK HERE](#).

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 [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 – cwebster@hotmail.com



NYI QUICK LINKS:

Calendar: [CLICK HERE](#)
Communication: [CLICK HERE](#)
Facebook Page: [CLICK HERE](#)
Instagram: [CLICK HERE](#)
Website: [CLICK HERE](#)

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

*****SAVE THE DATE***SWO FALL RETREAT:**

When: November 20-22, 2026

Where: Cross Oak Retreat Center, 272 Jack Oak Point Road, St. Mary's, OH 45885

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

CHURCH COMMUNICATION

BROOKVILLE REVIVAL:

Brookville Nazarene located at 11511 Upper Lewisburg Salem Road, Brookville, OH 45309 will be having revival on September 27, 28, 29, and 30th at 6:00 PM. Featured speakers are Pastor Mike & Becky Hancock (Evangelist). All are welcome! For more information [CLICK HERE](#).

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. [CLICK HERE](#) for more information. 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

Have a great Labor Day weekend!

SWO District Office

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