



Southwestern Ohio District News

September 12, 2025

DISTRICT COMMUNICATION

BRINGING PEOPLE TO JESUS GRANTS AVAILABLE:

You might remember the global church offered grants for "Blessing Your Community." There are grants available for this year's thrust, "Bringing People to Jesus." These will be gone before early October so you **MUST** hurry if you are interested. For the link to the grant that you must submit [CLICK HERE](#). For churches under 50 in attendance the amount is \$500. For larger churches, the amount is \$1,000. Go for it!

DR. DENNIS KINLAW (former president of Asbury) has a good sermon/lectures that you will enjoy. [CLICK HERE](#) to listen to lectures.



WELCOME PASTOR BRANDON, CAITLYN AND CREW CONRAD!

Pastor Brandon was installed as the new pastor of the Monroe Church on Sunday. We are excited concerning the future of Monroe!

PRAYER PROMPTS:

--Please continue to pray for Pastor Keith Smith (Brookville). He is learning more about his cancer that is extremely advanced.
--Please pray for Pastor Bob Highley and his wife Jan. Jan received a good report following her treatment thus far. Pastor Bob's report is very serious.

OUT OF THE OFFICE:

Pastor Bob will be out of the office from September 12th through September 19th. If this is an urgent matter, please contact the District Office at 513-777-5600 or Pastor Dave Crofford at 513-429-8535.

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](#)

DISTRICT CALENDAR – September/October:

09/12/25 – SWO Youth Leader Night Out, 6:30 PM, Countryside Nazarene, 1436 Deerfield Road, Lebanon, OH 45036

09/12 – 09/19/25 – Pastor Bob Out of the Office

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 2nd 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 – 09/26/25 - 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, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM, Springdale Nazarene, 11177 Springfield Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45246

09/27/25 – Young Clergy Hangout, 10:30 AM, Countryside Nazarene, 1436 Deerfield Road, Lebanon, OH 45036

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, 10451 State Route 28, Blanchester, OH 45107

10/05/25 – SWO Night Out, 5:00 PM, Countryside, 1436 Deerfield Road, Lebanon, OH 45036

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 [LUNCHEON](#)

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 Hub Newsletter Signup [CLICK HERE](#)

NDI Website [CLICK HERE](#)

PrimeTime Events [CLICK HERE](#)

SAVE THE DATES: SWO CHILDREN'S BIBLE QUIZZING 2025/26:

What: SWO Children's Quiz Year the book of Genesis!

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>
10/11/25 Quiz 1	1-5
11/15/25 Quiz 2	6-10

01/10/26 Quiz 3 11-15
02/28/26 Quiz 4 - Zone 1-20
04/11/26 Quiz 5 – District Finals 1-20
06/06/26 MVNU Field Quiz (Regional)

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

Registration Fees: \$14 per quizzer *****DEADLINE: Must be Received by 9/30/25***** 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.



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](#).

COMPASSIONATE MINISTRIES: Crisis Care Kits

Coordinators: Carol Webster – cswebster@hotmail.com, Sarah Crouch - 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

NMI LOCAL PRESIDENT'S WORKSHOP:

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

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

NAZARENE MISSIONS TEAMS – Upcoming Trips:

- 2026, a trip to Appalachian Reach Out's (ARO) new Scioto County location will take place August 1-7, 2026. Details are being worked out, so be looking for more information.
- October 4-10, 2026, a team will travel to the Nashville, Tennessee area to join in the missional work being done by Rest Stop Ministries, an anti-human trafficking center. There, we will paint the inside of the residential home, giving it a fresh look for those who need a new start. The founder, Rondy Smith, was a guest speaker at last year's THRIVE.

For more information: Contact Louis Reindel at 419-234-0756 or by email reindellouis@gmail.com.



NYI QUICK LINKS:

Calendar: [CLICK HERE](#)
Communication: [CLICK HERE](#)
Facebook Page: [CLICK HERE](#)
Instagram: [CLICK HERE](#)
Link Tree: [CLICK HERE](#)
NYC 2026: [CLICK HERE](#)
NYC Facebook: [CLICK HERE](#)
Website: [CLICK HERE](#)

SONFEST 2025:

When: Saturday, September 20, 2025

Location: R.R. Hodges Chapel/Auditorium @ MVNU, 800 Martinsburg Road, Mt Vernon, OH 43050

Time: Doors open at 1:00 PM

Artist: ELEVATION RHYTHM, John Mark McMillan, Citizens, and more!

Cost: General Admission \$40, VIP/Early Entry \$75, Groups of 10+ \$25, Children 4-10 \$25

Tickets: [CLICK HERE](#)

For More Information: Call 866-462-MVNU or go to <https://mvnu.edu/sonfest/>

NEXT TEEN QUIZ MEET – 10/04/25:

Youth quizzing will be at 9:30 AM at Blanchester Nazarene, 10451 State Route 28, Blanchester, OH 45107

For More Information: Contact Greg Kindle at 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

Have great weekend!

SWO District Office

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