



Southwestern Ohio District News

September 18, 2026

DISTRICT COMMUNICATION

Tracy and I want to thank you for your calls, text, and prayers in the loss of my mother this week. We lay her to rest this afternoon at a private family burial. I was blessed with a godly, praying mother, who pointed us to Jesus throughout our lives. She was a great example of what we all are called to do. As you lift up Jesus this weekend, know that he is drawing souls to himself.

"And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me" (John 12:32).

Have a great weekend lifting up the name of Jesus! Tracy and I will be in KC at the global ministry center for New DS training next week followed by General board meeting (I serve as a member of the general board) the following week. You are in capable hands with Pastor Bob, Pastor Dave, and Rhonda. Don't hesitate to call the office if we can help you with something.

SWO QUICK LINKS:

District Website [CLICK HERE](#)

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PRAYER PROMPTS:

-- Pastor Daryl and the Blank family as they grieve the passing of their mother Lois Blank. They will be having private graveside service today. To view the obituary [CLICK HERE](#).

-- Pray for healing for Pastor Lester Jones who is recovering from a recent procedure.

*****SAVE THE DATE*** SWO DISTRICT LEADERS' CHRISTMAS BANQUET 2026:**

Who: Pastors, Associate Pastors, and SWO District leadership teams along with their spouses

When: Monday, December 7, 2026

Where: Higher Ground Conference & Retreat Center

Time: Hors d'oeuvres at 5:45 PM with dinner at 6:15 PM

*****RSVP***** **ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1ST** by emailing highergroundservice@gmail.com or by calling 812-637-3777

For more Information: Click on [BANQUET](#)

*****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

31st GENERAL ASSEMBLY & CONVENTIONS:

The Church of the Nazarene will gather for the 31st General Assembly & Conventions, taking place June 25 through July 2 in Kansas City, Missouri. This event brings together Nazarenes from around the world to worship, discern God's direction, and celebrate what He is doing in and through our global family. The decisions made in the business meetings will support and shape the future of our denomination--making your prayer and support for our elected delegates vitally important. This is not just for pastors and leaders, but for all Nazarenes! This gathering also aims to be family friendly. General Assembly Kids will provide dedicated, secure, and age-appropriate worship experiences for children ages 2 through 12 as well as host General Assembly Kids Quiz. NYI will hold conventions and host a National Quiz for USA/Canada teens. Individuals, families, and friends can participate in Love Your Neighbor '27, serving the local community. Each Nazarene University hosts alumni gatherings. Plus, the exhibit hall and amazing worship services will have something for everyone! [CLICK HERE](#) and sign up to receive updates. We encourage you to stay connected, be in prayer, and consider how God may invite you to be part of this important moment in the life of our global church.

DISTRICT CALENDAR – September/October:

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](#)

NEXT QUIZ MEET – 10/3/26:

Quiz 1 – Dig Sites 1-5, Monroe Nazarene 400 Macready Avenue, Monroe, OH 45050

Questions? Contact Rick Current at rickyc4866@gmail.com or rickcurrent@acresecurity.com. Text or call 937-545-9058

Registration Fees: \$15 per quizzier *****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.

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](#)



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 – csw Webster@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

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](#).



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Communication: [CLICK HERE](#)
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Website: [CLICK HERE](#)

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>

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

NEW RICHMOND PRAYER MEETING 10/2/26:

The Nightwatch begins at 8:00 PM and goes on until 1:00 AM. Come and go as you want. We are praying for the lost and the nation. We always meet on the 1st Friday of the month at New Richmond Nazarene, 200 Hamilton Street, New Richmond, OH 45157. For more information, call 513-520-7454.

CHRISTIAN TEACHING SEMINAR:

Fairfield COTN would like to invite those on our District who serve as teachers for Sunday School, Life Groups, etc. as a part of local church ministry, to join in a special training seminar.

When: Saturday, October 10, 2026

Where: Fairfield Church of the Nazarene, River Road Campus, 12190 E. Miami River Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45252

Speaker: Dr. David Crofford, District Superintendent Assistant

Time: **Registration:** 9:30 AM, **Seminar:** 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Cost: The seminar is **FREE**, and a complimentary luncheon will be served

RSVP: Would be greatly appreciated. You can reply either by email: Grynearson@fairfieldnaz.com or [CLICK HERE](#).

HEAVENLY TRUMPET MINISTRIES:

Rev. Rudy Cervantes is a song evangelist out of Cleveland Ohio with Heavenly Trumpet Ministries. Rudy has been in ministry for over 35 years and would love to be a part of your worship for Christmas. The ministry only receives a love offering. Availability is the last weekend in November and a few dates in December. [CLICK HERE](#) to listen to a sample of his ministry with the pan flute, trumpet, and flugelhorn. If your church is interested, [CLICK HERE](#), call or text 775-772-4747 or email htrumpet@aol.com.

Have a great weekend!

SWO District Office

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