



Southwestern Ohio District News

October 16, 2026

DISTRICT COMMUNICATION

It's been a good week on the SWO district. I have enjoyed meeting some more board members and visiting some facilities. On Wednesday, our office administrator, Rhonda Brown surprised Pastor David, Bob, and me with some delicious cookies. They were amazing! I would share but there were only two each so... 😊

Pastor Jamison Moody of the Carthage church had 8 people last Sunday come forward for salvation!

On Wednesday night I attended a special night of worship at Be Hope. It was a beautiful experience.

Please pray with me about the future facilities for Penuel. I met with Pastor Desire this week and they have need for more space and parking. If you know of a large church for sale or a store front (Kroger or something like that) please reach out to me. They are growing and we want to keep the momentum going.

Have a great weekend. Enjoy today's newsletter!

SWO QUICK LINKS:

District Website [CLICK HERE](#)

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REV. MARK STEVENS CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICE:

The public celebration of life service for Pastor Mark Stevens will be held Sunday, November 1st at the Dayton Convention Center, 22 E. 5th Street, Dayton, OH 45402 at 4:30 PM. For more information, [CLICK HERE](#).

PRAYER PROMPT:

Pray for Pastor Steven Merritt (Fairfax) who was diagnosed this week with Bell's Palsy.

Continue to remember in your prayers Cindi Stevens, Pastor Robbie Hardage, Target Dayton and their families during this time.

NCM 2026 CHRISTMAS PROJECT:

The 2026 NCM Christmas Project, *Room for Every Child*, highlights the ways local churches are caring for displaced children around the world. These ministries do more than meet immediate needs. They help children find stability, experience belonging, continue their education, receive emotional and spiritual care, and discover that God deeply loves them. Displacement can leave children feeling invisible and forgotten. Through the work of local churches, children are reminded that there is room for them at the table, room for them in the classroom, room for them in the community, and room for them in the family of God. For more information on how to give or become an ambassador [CLICK HERE](#). **Have questions?** Email [Hayley](#) or [JP](#).

*****SAVE THE DATE***CLERGY KIDS RETREAT 2027:**

When: Saturday, February 13 @ 3:00 PM until Monday February 15, 2027 @ 1:00 PM

Who: Teens (grades 7-12) of Nazarene clergy

Where: Kalahari Resort & Water Park – 7000 Kalahari Drive, Sandusky, Ohio, 44870

Cost: \$140/person for single-student families; \$120/person for multiple-student families

Registration: [CLICK HERE](#)

NOTE: A \$25 charge will be deducted for cancellations **made after January 8, 2027**.

- This year we ask that payments be made **online** and not by mail.
- If you use a credit card, additional fees of approximately 3% will be applied to the total amount.
- If using an e-check, there will be a \$0.25 fee per transaction.

Details: [CLICK HERE](#)

Questions: Call 740-397-9000 ext. 4510

DISTRICT CALENDAR – October/November:

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](#)

November

11/03/26 – Pastor's Leadership Day, Mount Vernon Nazarene University

11/07/26 – NYI Quiz Meet, 9:30 AM, Springdale Nazarene, 11177 Springfield Pike, Cincinnati, OH 45246

11/07/26 – SWO Men's Conference, 10:00 AM, West Chester Naz., 7951 Tylersville Road, West Chester, OH 45069 [CLICK HERE](#)

11/09/26 – NYI Council Meeting, 6:30 PM, District Office

11/10/26 – District Advisory Board, 7:00 PM, District Office

11/14/26 – NMI Council Meeting, 9:30 AM, ZOOM

11/14/26 – NDI Children's Quiz, 10:00 AM, Xenia, 1204 W 2nd Street, Xenia, OH 45385

11/15/26 – THRiVE Leaders & Mentors Meeting 5:00 PM, Location TBD

11/19/26 – NDI Council Meeting, 6:30 PM, District Office

11/20 – 11/21/26 – NYI Tri-State Quiz Meet, MVNU

11/20 – 11/22/26 – NYI Fall Retreat, Cross Oak Camp, Saint Mary's Ohio

11/25 – 11/27/26 – Thanksgiving, District Office Closed



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NDI Website [CLICK HERE](#)

SAVE THE DATES: SWO CHILDREN'S BIBLE QUIZZING 2026/27:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LESSONS</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
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

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



NMI FALL NEWSLETTER: [CLICK HERE](#)

COMING IN SPRING 2027:

- NMI Book Club – (2) adult mission books & (2) children's mission books.
- New Children's Passport to Missions

HOW YOU CAN HELP THE INTERNATIONAL NMI DELEGATES AT GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

- Share the Table – Each church is invited to give \$250 toward the cost of meals for non-USA/Canada delegates.

- Blessing Shawls – To help delegates feel warm, comfortable, and welcomed. Light weight--knitted, crocheted, quilted, or sewn 24" x 60". Contact Pam Carroll by email pamcarroll1021@gmail.com.

SWORD UPDATE:

The SWORD Disaster Team is heading out on Oct 18 to Rutland, Ohio to help clean and restore a church. Please pray for their safety and compassionate ministry. Contact Ed Dyer by phone 513-615-4659 or by email edyer927@gmail.com to help with expenses and donate gift cards.



NYI QUICK LINKS:

Calendar: [CLICK HERE](#)

Communication: [CLICK HERE](#)

Facebook Page: [CLICK HERE](#)

Instagram: [CLICK HERE](#)

Website: [CLICK HERE](#)

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

EXPLORE CONFERENCE:

What: A Conference to Explore God's Call on Your Life

When: November 6-7, 2026

Where: MVNU

Two days of worship, mentorship, and honest conversation about what God is calling you to do next.

What Is God Calling You To Do?

You don't have to have all the answers. Explore is a place to ask questions, hear honest stories, connect with mentors, and make space to listen for where God may be leading you. Come ready to worship, connect, and take your next step.

This conference is open to students and Young Adults.

For more information or to register please visit <https://mvnu.edu/explore/>

SWO FALL RETREAT:

When: November 20-22, 2026

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

Speaker: Linsy Stockham

Worship: SWO Young Adults

Cost Per Student: \$175 until 10/31, \$190 until 11/7, includes all food, lodging, activities, and a T-Shirt

Cost Per Adult Leader: \$115 for the weekend

Registration: See links below

<https://form.typeform.com/to/GB8BPx8E> (Student Credit Card Registration)

<https://form.typeform.com/to/pCLudzgm> (Student Pay by Check Registration)

<https://form.typeform.com/to/r83YTqLy> (Leader Pay by Check Registration)

For More Information: Contact Jacob Glenn at jglenn@ccnaz.org

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>

CHURCH COMMUNICATION

REVIVAL:

Oxford, Walden ponds, and Bridge Church are having a joint revival at Bridge Church, 308 Millville Avenue, Hamilton, OH 45013 on October 18th-21st. Starting at 7:00 PM each night with Rev. Michael Garza speaking and music by "Through the Fire".

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](#).

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS:

The holidays are challenging when you are grieving a loss. West Chester Nazarene is holding a 2-hour seminar on Monday, November 16th from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM. Surviving the Holidays provides encouragement, support, and valuable tools to navigate the season. For more information, [CLICK HERE](#) or call 513-777-5600.

HEAVENLY TRUMPET MINISTRIES (11/25/26 STILL AVAILABLE):

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.

CHILDREN'S PASTOR OPENING:

Bridge Church is looking for a part-time children's pastor. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Matthew Gordon at gordonmatthew17@gmail.com for more information.

Have a great weekend!

SWO District Office

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