



Southwestern Ohio District News

October 30, 2026

DISTRICT COMMUNICATION

It's been a great week on the Southwestern Ohio District. I have enjoyed more contacts with pastors and boards. The fall weather and beautiful colors, sure make the long evening drives to our churches delightful! What a fall we have had! I've posted on the Facebook page, but please be in prayer for the Mark Stevens family as they celebrate his life this Sunday night at the Dayton Convention center. Everyone is invited 4:30 PM. Come early to park and walk!

Tracy and I are praying for your services this weekend. Keep pointing people to Jesus!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Pastor Jared and Amy Horne (Xenia Church) on the birth of Liam Jared born on Tuesday, October 20th, 2026, at 5:06 PM weighing in at 6 lbs., 15 oz., and 18" long!

SWO QUICK LINKS:

District Website [CLICK HERE](#)

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Newsletter Signup [CLICK HERE](#)

CAREY NIEUWHOF COMING TO MVNU!

Dear Pastors & Church Leaders,

We are thrilled to announce that Carey Nieuwhof will be joining us for our next Pastor's Leadership Day at Mount Vernon Nazarene University on **Tuesday, November 3!** This year, we are excited to partner with Tragedy into Triumph to make this special event possible. Carey Nieuwhof is a best-selling leadership author, speaker, podcaster, former attorney, and church planter. He is the founder of The Art of Leadership Academy and host of the Carey Nieuwhof Leadership Podcast, which has been downloaded more than 30 million times and ranks among the top leadership podcasts in the world. This Pastor's Leadership Day will look a little different from previous years. Carey will begin the day with a special Pastor's Leadership Day session from 2:00–4:00 PM in R.R. Hodges Chapel & Auditorium, designed specifically to encourage and equip pastors and ministry leaders. Following the afternoon session, we'll gather for dinner on campus before returning to the chapel for a 7:00 PM worship service. During the evening, Carey will share his personal story of burnout and the season when, despite experiencing tremendous outward success in ministry, his inner world began to fall apart. His story is a powerful reminder of the importance of caring for our souls, recognizing our limits, and pursuing a healthy and sustainable life in ministry. We are incredibly excited to welcome Carey to MVNU and to spend this day investing in pastors and ministry leaders from across our region. **Tuesday, November 3.** Below is the link to register. The page also has the schedule for the day and hotel options in the Mount Vernon area if you plan to spend the night on the 3rd.

<https://mvnu.edu/church-relations/church-events-and-seminars/> -Christa McNichols

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

Cost: \$30 per person, make payment to: HGCRC

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

******RSVP****** **ENTRÉE: Prime Rib, Pecan Chicken, or Baked Ham**

For More Information: [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

*****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 – November/December:

11/03/26 – Pastor's Leadership Day, Mount Vernon Nazarene University [LEADERSHIP DAY](#)

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

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

December

12/07/26 – SWO Leaders Christmas Banquet, 5:45 PM, Higher Ground Conference & Retreat Center [BANQUET](#)

12/11/26 – District Camp Board Christmas Party, 6:00 PM, Higher Ground

12/12/26 – NYI Quiz Meet, 9:30 AM, West Carrollton Church, 550 South Elm Street, West Carrollton, OH 45449

12/24 – 12/31/26 – Christmas Break District Office Closed



NDI QUICK LINKS:

NDI Calendar [CLICK HERE](#)

NDI Hub Newsletter Signup [CLICK HERE](#)

NDI Website [CLICK HERE](#)

*****SAVE THE DATE***SWO PRIMETIME EVENT - LA COMEDIA DINNER THEATER:**

When: Friday, April 16, 2027

Where: La Comedia Dinner Theater, 765 W. Central Avenue, Springboro, OH 45066

Arrival: 10:30 AM

Cost: \$53.00 (includes lunch buffet)

Play: "Fiddler On The Roof"

RESERVATIONS START: [1/6/27](#)

RSVP by 4/1/27: 513-777-5600 (100 seats available on a first come first serve basis)

Checks Payable To: SWO NDI

Mail Check to: SWO District Office, 7943 Tylersville Road, West Chester, OH 45069

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



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.



NYI QUICK LINKS:

Calendar: [CLICK HERE](#)

Communication: [CLICK HERE](#)

Facebook Page: [CLICK HERE](#)

Instagram: [CLICK HERE](#)

Website: [CLICK HERE](#)

SWO TEEN QUIZ MEET – 11/07/26:

When: November 7, 2026

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

Time: 9:30 AM

For More Information: Contact Greg Kindle at gkindle90@gmail.com

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>

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/>

CHURCH COMMUNICATION

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, doors open at 3:00 PM. For more information, [CLICK HERE](#).

NEW RICHMOND PRAYER MEETING 11/6/26:

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.

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:

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. [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.

CELEBRATING THE RETIREMENT OF PASTOR MACK (& SYLVIA) BOTTORFF:

What: After 22 years of faithful ministry, loving service, and dedication to the Xenia church family, Pastor Mack is retiring! Stop by anytime between 5 and 7 PM to enjoy refreshments, share in fellowship, and show Mack & Sylvia some love as we celebrate their years of service. A card box will be available for you to share your blessings and wishes. The church family is thankful that Mack & Sylvia will continue to be part of the Xenia Church family, and we look forward to celebrating them with you!

Where: Xenia Nazarene, 1204 W. Second Street, Xenia, OH 45385

When: Sunday, November 29 | 5-7 PM | Fireside Room

CHAIRS AVAILABLE:

The District Office has (7) **FREE** green chairs with arm rest that are not being used. [CLICK HERE](#) to view. If you are interested, please contact the District Office at the phone number or email below.

Have a great weekend!

SWO District Office

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