Southwestern Ohio District News

November 6, 2026

DISTRICT COMMUNICATION

Ten pastors participated in the Pastor's Leadership Day at Mount Vernon this week. It was great to be together and learn from Carey Nieuwhof. A few stayed over for the Tragedy to Triumph Conference. Pastor Bob has joined me for the Trustee meetings today. The trustees voted to make him a trustee emeritus this past summer. He is a great asset to the board of Trustees. Mount Vernon is doing well these days. I was able to spend some time with a few of our college students. They are excited about the spiritual temperature on the campus. Tomorrow is the district men's conference at West Chester. I look forward to addressing the conference attendees prior to the main speaker. We appreciate your prayers for our gathering. It's not too late to join us. Spread the word with guys in your church. Have a great weekend. I am praying for your services. Daryl

SWO QUICK LINKS:

District Website CLICK HERE
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PRAYER PROMPTS:

--Retired pastor Jim Barringer (Blanchester) upcoming procedure today at 3 PM.
--Nancy Kidd (wife of retired pastor Terry Kidd) who was in the hospital for a few days.

CONGRESS PASSES THE CLERGY ACT:

On October 20, 2026, President Trump signed the Clergy Act. A second Chance at Social Security for Ministers. To learn more about this, CLICK HERE.

MVNU HOMECOMING:

Reconnect with lifelong friends, mentors, and others on November 13 & 14, 2026. For additional information CLICK HERE.

NBUSA'S THIRD ANNUAL BENEFITS FAIR 11/19/26:

NBUSA is excited to partner with your district for our 3rd Annual Virtual Benefits Fair! District Superintendents play an important role in ensuring that pastors throughout their districts are aware of the benefits available to them through NBUSA and understand how to make the most of these valuable resources to support them in their ministry. Join NBUSA, Thursday, November 19, 2026, for a special multi-session webinar event designed to equip ministers with practical guidance for today and the future.
This educational series will feature a variety of topics, including:
- Making the Most of Your Ministry Benefits
- Financial Practices for Ministers
- Minister Tax Law and Tax Considerations
- Additional resources and strategies to support your ministry journey
CLICK HERE to register today so you can join us for our 3rd Annual Benefits Fair on November 19!
To learn more about our upcoming workshops, visit our webpage: NBUSA.ORG
Did you know? You can receive CEU credit for attending this session. The CEU code will be provided in the follow-up email to all who attended.

THE COMPASS INITIATIVE 2.0:

Emergency Savings Match for Lead/Sr Pastors in the U.S.

- Receive a one-time benefit for eligible pastors;
- Apply online at compassinitiative.org;
- Save $750 in a year ($63/month or $15/week) in your ESA;
- Attend a 90-minute virtual workshop;
- Verify or establish your myNBUSA account at https://nbusa.org/;

- Document your ESA account balance has reached $750;
- Receive a $750 Match from NBUSA through your local church (next quarter); and

Enjoy the benefit of $1,500 in emergency savings and then work to grow it from there!

TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH: 24 HOURS OF PRAYER:

Join Nazarenes around the world on November 20-21, 2026, for a powerful time of united prayer.
From sunrise to sunset in the Americas, the global church will gather on Zoom for 24 hours of continuous prayer. Let's believe together that God will move to the ends of the earth.
USA/Canada Region Times:
November 20: 3:00 p.m. PT
November 21: 7:00 a.m. PT
***Please do not share the link publicly on social media.**
Link: CLICK HERE

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: Click on BANQUET

DISTRICT CALENDAR – November/December:

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

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NAZARENE DISCIPLESHIP INTERNATIONAL

NDI QUICK LINKS:

NDI Calendar CLICK HERE
NDI Hub Newsletter Signup CLICK HERE
NDI Website CLICK HERE

NEXT QUIZ MEET – 11/14/26:

11/14/26 Quiz 1 – Dig Sites 1-5, Xenia Church, 1204 West Second Street, Xenia, OH 45385
Questions? Contact Rick Current at rickyc4866@gmail.com or rickcurrent@acresecurity.com. Text or call 937-545-9058

SAVE THE DATESWO 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

NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL

NMI FALL NEWSLETTER: CLICK HERE

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

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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

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

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CHURCH COMMUNICATION

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.

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 (6) **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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