



The Mission



“It’s Friday, but Sunday’s a’comin’”

I suppose most preachers have used that phrase from the famous message at some time or another.

At this time of year, in the normal rhythm of the church, we would be preparing our people to walk with Jesus from Palm Sunday through Easter. Most of us will try to imagine the glory of Palm Sunday, the aroma of the oil poured on the feet of Jesus, the smell of the Passover lamb, the treachery of Judas, religious leaders, and the fickle crowd. We can hear the cock crow in the distance and the sound of the lash on the back of Jesus. We can hear the ringing of the cold hammer on the hot nails as the pierce the hands and feet of Jesus and we try to comprehend the agony of the cross. All the while, we remember, “It’s Friday, but Sunday’s a’comin’.”

With the danger, death, and restrictions caused by COVID-19, we may more than ever feel the desolation and isolation of *that* Friday. We are cowering in fear as the disciples did following the betrayal of Jesus. We are wondering what the morning will bring, like the bleak Saturday evening group of Jesus-followers. We are wondering if it will ever be the same again.

I have some great news for you. It may feel like it’s Friday, but Sunday is definitely a’comin’.

I have been so proud and amazed at the ways in which our churches have been responding to this crisis. COVID has come, but the church keeps breaking through in many ways. From services broadcast on social media, to food distribution, daycares, mask-makers, shoppers, caregivers, and parents who are finding creative ways to care for their children who cannot fully understand what is going on, the Church continues to be the church. We continue to be light in the darkness and continue to be the church with the dawning of every new day.

It may feel like Friday, but this season of trial and grief will pass. When it is over, we will have learned some new skills, made deeper connections with each other, and will have found ways to break through the darkness. In the same way that Easter proclaims that the Word became flesh and the darkness had never overcome it, this season will proclaim that the Word continues to put on flesh in the form of people called Christians. **The darkness can not overcome it.**

Dr. Larry Lacher

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Please Mark your Calendar!

****APRIL 2020**

1-4 End of Year Meetings with ZOOM

(SEE PG 6 FOR SCHEDULE)

****JUNE 2020**

25 District NMI Convention @ Roswell First

26 District SDMI Convention @ Roswell First

26-27 District Assembly @ Roswell First

****LAST MONTH OF THE CHURCH YEAR.**

Links Gift Guidelines from Global Missions

Beginning January 1, 2020, the following guidelines were put into effect for Links gifts:

- A church or district may only give a monetary gift categorized as Links to missionaries who are assigned to them through Links.
- Links monetary gifts that are less than US \$200 will continue to be given to the missionary through the payroll system and counted as a personal gift.
- Links monetary gifts of US \$200 or more will be placed into the missionary's deputation account. Any Links monetary gift received from a church or district for a missionary not assigned to them through Links will be placed into the intended missionaries deputation account. Gifts for retirees who are not assigned to the district as Links will be delayed.

IMPORTANT Information for giving to LINKS!!

APRIL 2020 LINKS



NMI -Website: www.nazarene.org/nmi



Greetings from Carlsbad to all of you!

I am sharing the most recent Links information with you. This is one of the items I planned to share at the District President tour meetings. Please take time to read through the brand new Links policy, note the new limits on Links gifts, and read through the attached documents for your church's assigned Links families. Please be praying for these Links families and all of our missionaries, as well as our brothers and sisters, around the world.

Joyfully, Nicole Young NMI District President

OUR NEW MEXICO DISTRICT

Links Missionaries

2019-2022

Jorge & Ana Betsy Banos

Costa Rica

Albuquerque Heights First	Broadview
Albuquerque Holiday Park	Farmington Crossroads Community
Albuquerque Los Altos	
Albuquerque Rio Vista	
Albuquerque Sandia Mountain	Gallup
Albuquerque Sandia Valley	Los Alamos La Vista
Aztec	Moriarty
Belen Rio Communities Lighthouse	Mount Taylor

Jaron & Elizabeth Graham

New Zealand

Alamogordo New Beginnings	Living Stones - Clovis
Angus	Los Lunas Faith Family
Carlsbad Church Street	Lovington
Deming	Silver City Mountain View
Hobbs	Truth or Consequences
Las Cruces First	Valencia Valley

Randy & Joani Goossens

Melanesia/South Pacific

Albuquerque Monte Santo	
Albuquerque Pajarito Mesa	Mountainair
El Paso First	Portales
El Paso Montwood	Roswell Central
El Paso Nuevo Amanacer	Roswell First
El Paso Open Gate	Roswell Neighborhood
El Paso Trinity	Santa Fe
Living Well - Artesia	Tularosa

We need your help. Mission El Paso



Dear New Mexico District Family,

As director, I want to share a "state-of-the-mission" report with you. I have been in daily contact with leaders in the City of El Paso, as well as providers of community services, pastors, and care-givers - to help inform and shape the decisions we are making. The number of requests we receive for food and personal hygiene items is increasing daily and we continue to care for families in need around the community. As a result our financial resources are very low and we need your help so that we can replenish our inventories.

Here is what Mission: El Paso! is currently doing to help:

We are distributing food, hand-sanitizer, toiletry items, and other personal care products to those in need.

We are coordinating the efforts of our local Nazarene Churches to provide assistance in their neighborhoods.

We are carefully following the government health recommendations to protect both our volunteers and those we serve.

We are collecting donated food and other items to prepare for future projected needs.

We are providing encouragement, prayer, and counseling.

Here is how You can help:

Pray for your neighborhood and community - and then please pray for Mission: El Paso! and the families we serve.

Smile, be gracious, and encourage those around you.

Continue to support your local Church financially, even if it is not gathering for worship (in order to lessen the spread of the virus).

When you shop for groceries, add a few extra items to your cart and donate them to a local food pantry.

If you are able, please donate to Mission: El Paso! as we continue to help the families in El Paso.

You may donate by sending a check/money order to:

**Mission: El Paso!
8040 North Loop Drive
El Paso, Texas 79915**

Thank you for your time, your prayers, and your donations!

Your partnership and generosity make this ministry possible!

With sincere appreciation,

Chuck Parish, Director

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[Mission: El Paso! is a New Mexico District Compassionate Ministries Center.

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and is under the direction and approval of the New Mexico District Superintendent.]



Questions? Contact Jordin West at jordinwest@gmail.com.

Please check out our NYI website: www.nmnazyouth.com for all information on Youth activities on the New Mexico District

EASTER OFFERING



April 12, 2020

2020 YEAR END MEETINGS SCHEDULE
THROUGH ZOOM THIS YEAR!!!!

Wednesday April 1, 2020

2:00PM Ordination Retreat
5:00 Supper
6:00 Ordination Retreat Cont.

THURSDAY, April 2, 2020

7:45 AM Breakfast
8:45 *Board of Ministry Meeting
9:45 Break
10:00 Ordination Interviews
12:15 PM Lunch
1:15 *Board of Ministry Interviews
3:00 Break
3:30-5:00 *Board of Ministry Wrap-Up
5:30 Dinner
6:00 District Finance Sub-Committee



FRIDAY, April 3, 2020

7:45 AM Breakfast
8:30 Family Camp Committee
10:00 Break
10:30 Assembly Finance Committee
11:45 AM Lunch
12:30 Nominating Committee
2:00 NazSafe Committee Meeting
3:00 SDMI
3:00 Break
4:30 DAB
5:30 Dinner
6:00 DAB Continued (If Needed)
8:00 Calendar Meeting (Following DAB)

SATURDAY, April 4, 2020

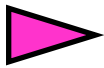
7:45 AM Breakfast
8:45 Camp Board Meeting
12:00 Lunch
12:45 DAB (If Needed)

*Board of Ministry includes Board of Ministerial Studies Board and Ministerial Credentials Board



We are saying Good-Bye to Johnny and Kristen Pacheco as they leave

Portales and begin their new pastorate in Antioch Church of the Nazarene in the Kansas City area. We send them with our blessings as they follow where God is leading them. Please keep Portales in your prayers as they begin the search for a new Pastor. Their last Sunday was March 22.



****I would like to create a biography on our pastors and their families to use each month. Their hearts, passions, hobbies, etc. along with a picture. We are a family spread out over many miles. As Larry and I are visiting your churches and getting to know your families, you all have great interests we need to know about. So please send your family biography to me at:**

lacherlisa@yahoo.com.

Welcome Nate and Rebekah Bienhoff to the New Mexico Family And Roswell 1st



Nate has served as a full time Youth Pastor for 8 years in North Little Rock, Arkansas, Vallejo, CA and Hemet, California in the Church of the Nazarene. While in Vallejo and Hemet, Nate attended Pacific Rim School of Theology in South San Francisco, CA.

He was ordained in 2005 on the South Arkansas District. He has served as Lead Pastor for the last 15 years in Benton, Arkansas, Longview, Texas, Lake Jackson, Texas, and now Roswell, New Mexico.

Nate has a big heart for his community. Outside of his church duties, he has served as a Chaplain the North Little Arkansas PD, Vallejo, CA PD, Benton, AR PD, Saline County Arkansas Sheriff's Dept, and West Columbia, Texas, PD. He has served as a Law Enforcement Chaplain over 10 years. He believes there is value in ministering to the officers that give of themselves every day.

He was also named an Unsung Hero of Brazoria County in 2019 for spearheading work done on homes of families who were flooded by Hurricane Harvey. He started a non-profit organization in Benton, Arkansas to help people in life-cycles of poverty by offering classes and assisting in helping them to obtain jobs.

Nate and his wife Rebekah have been married for 24 years. Rebekah takes an active roll in ministry with him. She has served as Youth Director, Music Director and Children's Director in other churches. Rebekah works full time for the Roswell ISD Special Programs Department. They have two grown children. Drew and Hannah. Their son, Drew, lives and works in Oklahoma City. Hannah, their daughter, is married to Scott Morris, who is in the Air Force and stationed in San Antonio, Texas. Andy Lee (Scott and Hannah's son), Nate and Rebekah's first born grandson, was born December, 2019.

We need your help. MISSION ALBUQUERQUE

I had a chance to talk to Pastor Pete regarding his needs for MISSION ABQ at Sandia Church of the Nazarene. They are continuing to distribute much needed food in their area. I asked him what we could do to come along side him with help. Here are his thoughts and ideas!

"We always need food donations and money. Thursdays, we partner with another organization, but right now several of their donors (who are older) are not able to bring hot food, so we've been picking up the slack. We do have people that throw in to help, but if you know of people that might help, we would love it.

We've actually been distributing more meals at most of our meal times than usual because others have scaled back.

Canned food is great for food bank distribution...cans that can be eaten cold and opened with a tab, like beans/vienna sausages, etc. are great for the homeless. Non-perishables like fruit cups, applesauce pouches, etc. make good meal items that can be eaten now or saved for later...

With skeleton crews for the hot meal distributions, some kind of box mixes that are easily thrown together in a crockpot are helpful...then we hand them out into little to-go cups."

***Our Mission ABQ donation site is: <https://www.missionabq.org/donate>

***Checks can be sent to: **8216 Central Ave SE Albuquerque, NM 87108**

"And of course prayers are always appreciated!" Pastor Pete

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST FROM OUR SOUTHWEST NATIVE AMERICAN DISTRICT!

Sending you a urgent prayer request. By now you might have heard about the c-virus infecting our churches in northern Arizona. On March 7th our northern zone churches met for annual zone rally at Chilchenbeto Nazarene church, we had a packed house as we worshiped and encouraged one another, little did we know, the virus would affect our people there. Four of our pastors are in the hospital now, 2 are on respirators. It effected several others, some are in hospitals, mainly elderly and those with prior medical conditions. We have chosen to quarantine ourselves and treating symptoms, fever and cough.. we went to the clinic last Friday to see if we can get tested for the virus. They said our vitals were good compared to worst cases. Anyway, we have been home since, so just reaching out to our Nazarene family for special prayers. Our hope is in the Lord Almighty!! we keep encouraging our people that God is still in control!!! to keep the faith and trusting.

John and Juanita Nells, Southwest Native American District"

