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There is Hope

As we come into March 2021, I am recalling that it was exactly a year ago when we first learned of “Coronavirus,” “pandemic,” “masks,” and “social distancing.” At that time, we had no idea what kind of year we were in for. I believed that we would be open by Easter, and encouraged you to prepare for that. Then, I hoped that we would be open by Pentecost, open by Assembly, open by Family Camp, and so on. What a frustrating yoyo year it has been for all of us. Yet, there was hope.

Each of our churches rallied to the challenge and continued to improve the digital delivery of their services. Each of our churches worked to find ways to keep people connected to the life of the church and to the life of Christ in the process. Each of our churches learned ways to meet and do life together without the privilege of hugs, handshakes, and breaking bread together. You have found way to declare the hope we have in Christ, even when times are difficult.

We have suffered sorrow and sadness as COVID has taken the lives of people who are dear to us and as others went into the arms of Jesus without family surrounding them with love, kisses, and hymns. Yet, we have boldly proclaimed hope, even when we couldn't gather for funerals with more than a few family members. We have celebrated that hope we have in Christ knowing, “In fact, we are confident, and we would prefer to be away from the body and at home with the Lord,” (2 Cor. 5:6). Even in times of deep distress, we boldly proclaim hope.

Now, we are daring to hope that this virus will be put on the run through vaccinations that have been made available. We are daring to hope for the reopening of our churches and the return of the “flock.” We are not sure how long that will take—a few weeks to a few months—yet, we are thankful for those who have worked so diligently and sacrificially to help us turn this corner.

Now, we are in the second Lenten season with Covid-19 in the picture. I'm not sure that I can promise you that you will be back in your churches by Easter or Pentecost. I hope that, soon, and very soon, the church will be back in full swing. Still, our primary business has not changed, has it? We are in the business of declaring the hope of heaven.

So, while Covid may still be on our minds, there is Hope to declare. While people are still suffering physically, economically, and emotionally, there is still Hope to declare. While we are getting tired of social distancing, isolation, and separation, there is still Hope to declare. While there is great work to be done to regather what has been lost this year, there is Hope to declare. So, declare the Hope we have in Christ—loudly, proudly, and unapologetically. Declare it from pulpits, parking lots, and digital platforms. Declare Hope, not politics. Declare Hope, not frustration. Declare Hope, not discouragement. Declare hope, not darkness. Declare Christ, the hope of Glory and seize this opportunity to make Him known in every place possible.

Hope is our work.

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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE DISTRICT 2021

NYI Convention and Retreat	March 12-13
Ladies Retreat:	March 19-20– Virtual! See below for details
Palm Sunday:	March 28:
Easter Sunday:	April 4:
Year end Meetings:	April 8-10 – Virtual
Man Camp:	April 23-25– On Bonita Park Campground
Church Year ends:	April 30
District Conventions	June 18-19
Family Camp	Aug 2-8

Women's Virtual Retreat

March, 19-20 2021



Susie Shellenberger

Woven into God's Story will be fabulous!

Yay for Women's Retreat

Women's retreat is almost here!! What a great time we will have March 19th and 20th! Look forward to fun, fellowship, door prizes, and hearing from the Lord through our speaker, Susie Shellenberger. Expect a blessing. Clear your calendar for Friday night the 19th at 7:00 for our first session. Plan to be together Saturday the 20th for a morning and afternoon session. I am so excited that we get to be together by way of zoom for women's retreat. **There will be no charge to you, but you do need to register.** Please register by March 10th so we can make plans for you. See that information on the District website -nmnaz.com

MAN CAMP 2021 APRIL 23—25



Calling all men! You deserve some rest, relaxation, and retreat. Good news, Man Camp is on its way and it will be in-person at Bonita Park, April 23-25, 2021. There will be restrictions that pertain to COVID safe practices for Bonita Park such as social distancing and wearing masks. In order to make this happen we do need your participation and for you to let us know that you are coming as soon as possible. Please talk to your men's group, friends, and those who might be interested in coming and please email us and let us know how many will be coming to Man Camp 2021. Then be on the lookout for registration information in the coming weeks. In have any furthering question please email me at wade.elftman@yahoo.com or call 575-522-7120.

Women's Retreat Information

Women's Retreat is almost here,! See our details for sessions!!!

I am so excited! We have door prizes to give away at each of the three sessions. Our first session is Friday night, March 19th from 7:00-8:00. Saturday, March 20th we meet two times, 10:00-11:20AM and 3:00-4:20PM. We not only get to be together as a whole group, but there are also breakout times where you can visit in a smaller group. Pray expecting God to pour out His Spirit on us even as we meet by means of technology. I know Susie Shellenberger has some wonderful messages for us. Invite others to join us, distance is not an issue since we are meeting this way. We already have ladies registered from Colorado, Oklahoma, and several places in Texas. Make sure you get registered by March 10th through nmnaz.com and going to events, women's retreat. There you will find the online registration. Once you are registered, you will receive information that will enable you to join the sessions by way of zoom. That meeting information will be sent to your email prior to March 19th.

This will also make you eligible for the door prizes. If you need any assistance in registering, please contact me at pastordeann16@gmail.com See you soon!!!

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER!! Our Newest American citizens! Feb 18!!



Feb 18!!

Rev Marco and Betty Sanchez, 12 years they have been on this journey. Now, even in Covid their journey is completed.



What a blessing we had being with them on Feb 28 when they shared their news!

Please convey to them how loved they are by everyone on our district and to have achieved their goal to be citizens of American.

***** NO W.I.M. for the Month of March!!! We will all gather together at Ladies Retreat. We will resume in April**

Women in Ministry Virtual Fellowship

Meeting ID on zoom ; 831 5944 5875

Passcode: 806233

Invite link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83159445875?pwd=S1jCOXMya0JOUmFhYnlGMVKUT09>

This Fellowship is for all our Women in Ministry– Ordained, Licensed, Pastors, Pastor's wives including Staff.

Lisa Lacher

Please be watching for the new NMI Monthly Focused Zooms!

Nicole will be sending out the needed information for each as the time gets closer.

Next one Mar 23

EVERY MONDAY Dr. Lacher leads a Leadership ZOOM for our ministry leaders at 2 different times to better fit your schedules. 10:00am and 7:00pm

The Monday 10:00am link is: <https://zoom.us/j/678230148>

The Monday 7:00pm link is: <https://zoom.us/j/598220646>

EVERY THURSDAY EVENING AT 9:00PM Dr. Lacher is leading a Prayer Meeting on Zoom. Everyone is invited to be a part of this worship in prayer.

The ZOOM meeting link is: <https://zoom.us/j/338982217>

If you already have the ZOOM app just select: Join a meeting and enter the numbers.

Greetings, NM District,

We are heading into March and into the end of another church year. We will soon be compiling reports and summarizing our year to celebrate the impact our churches have had across the world through our prayers, giving, and outreach. This month is a great opportunity to send in those final mission special offerings, World Evangelism Fund, Alabaster giving, and fill out the Memorial Roll to honor at nazarene.org/nmi by clicking on the tab that says "Honors."

"**The Memorial Roll**, established in 1919, is a way to honor deceased friends and loved ones. A certificate is issued in the name of the person memorialized and is often presented to a family member or displayed in the church. Churches or individuals may place as many names on the Memorial Roll as they desire, and those memorialized need not be members of the church."

If you honor someone with the Memorial Roll for the past year, please be sure to email their name, information, and a photo to Pastor Serina Nelson to be honored at the NMI Convention in June. Her email is: pastorserina@cscnaz.com

We had a wonderful District NMI Zoom for February! We had special guests, Andrew and Hayley Tarrant, learned more about Mission Education, had an update from our Links families, learned about a new NMI/NYI initiative, received an update on ongoing partnerships with the Native American district from Pastor Patti Rivas, and spent some time in prayer together. We are looking forward to gathering with all of you on March 30th. Plan to join us at 7:00 on Zoom

This month also marks one year of creatively being the church in our hurting world during this pandemic. Many of you have shared your stories of outreach, hope, and being the hands and feet of Jesus in your communities throughout the past year. I have been praying for all of you and would love to hear more from you about how God has been moving in your communities. Please feel welcome to email me at: nmnmipresident@gmail.com with any ministry updates or prayer requests.

Joyfully, Nicole Young

A Challenge to the NYI from Sherri Todd,

Hello and greetings from Roswell, New Mexico. My name is Sherri Todd, and it is a personal blessing for me to say that I am the liaison between NYI and NMI for the New Mexico District. My job is to help get youth involved in missions. I am excited to inform you of a new youth challenge. The challenge is for the teens to start connecting with our links missionaries. Every church on the District has a links missionary family and is invited and encouraged get their teens to participate in this new Challenge. We will be announcing this challenge at the NYI Convention and Retreat. For more information or questions contact Sherri Todd at 575 624-2614 or sherritoddlovesjesus@aol.com.

More information coming. Be on the WATCH!

From Regena Fry: LINKS Missionaries on the New Mexico District!

Just a reminder that one of our very own LINKS missionary families will be visiting our District on April 24-May 3. Randy & Joani Goossens along with their children Emma, Levi, and Ethan are currently serving on the island of Fiji. They will be reassigned to the Philippines in the Fall. Their schedule is quickly filling up; please don't miss this opportunity to host the Goossens at your church (either in person or virtually) Contact Regena Fry at 575-914-6050 or schotzie2004@msn.com for more information.





Wow. What a great day of quizzing. We had several challenges and several matches that were determined by only 10 points. We even had a 3 way tie for 1st that was determined by total points for the day. Great job everyone!!



youth quizzing

Our next quiz will be in just 2 weeks, on March 6th and we will cover all of Matthew.

On to the results....

Team

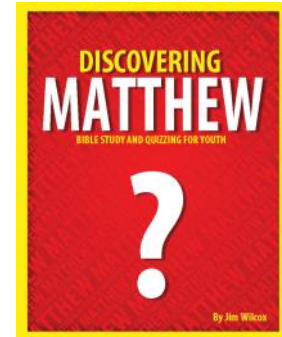
- 1st place – Hope Springs/LL Cornerstone
- 2nd place – Heights
- 3rd place – Living Stones/Heights

Individual

- 1st place – Allison Storch, LL Cornerstone
- 2nd place – Toby Compton, Heights
- 3rd place – Erika Cooke, Living Stones
- 4th place – Josiah Hurst, Heights
- 5th place – Katlynn Cooke, Living Stones

Rookie – Adam Todd, Aztec

Memory Master – Allison Storch, LL Cornerstone (did all 80 verses)



NYI Convention and Retreat!

Friday March 12: Everything begins at 7pm

through

Saturday March 13 at 4pm



We are able to be here on campus of Bonita Park, but if you prefer not to come, Please gather your youth group and attend virtually.

Registration Forms at www.nmnazyouth.com

**EASTER OFFERING
APRIL 4, 2021**



NM District Children's Quiz PAGE

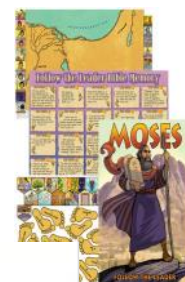
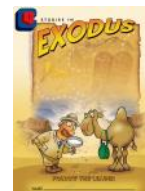
Greeting New Mexico!

We have 1 more quiz meets left in our season. Our last one will be our District Quiz, which will be March 6, 2021. Please look out for more information for our District Quiz.

If you have any questions or comments at all, please email (pastorarthur@abqnaz.org) or Facebook message me! :)

Thank you!

Arthur Pacheco
NM Children's Quizzing Director



February Quiz Results

Memory Verses	
Name	Church
Nate Hurst	Heights
Abbi Hurst	Heights
Adah Young	Carlsbad
Annabelle Yocom	Carlsbad
Cayla Keller	Carlsbad
Charise Young	Carlsbad
Evan Young	Carlsbad
Iris Loftis	Carlsbad
Janay Gibson	Carlsbad
Lyrical Loftis	Carlsbad
Melody Ybaben	Carlsbad
Myles Yocom	Carlsbad
Javan McCord	Carlsbad
Keilah McCord	LSCC
Mallorie Ford	LSCC
Rhett Ford	LSCC
Joshua McCord	LSCC
	LSCC

Blue Level			
	Name	Score	Church
1st	Charise Young	295	Carlsbad
1st	Evan Young	295	Carlsbad
2nd	Adah Young	290	Carlsbad
3rd	Kelvin Nebris	285	El Paso Trinity
3rd	Mallorie Ford	285	LSCC
3rd	Annabelle Bloomquist	285	Heights
4th	Brennan Myers	270	Sandia
5th	Alex Byerly	260	La Vista
5th	Abbie Compton	260	Heights
5th	Abl	260	Heights
5th	Madison Strange	260	LSCC
6th	Jeminiz Ortega	255	Sandia
7th	Jeminye Ortega	230	Sandia
7th	Arianna Landry	230	Sandia
8th	Melody Ybaben	220	Carlsbad
8th	Leon Ortega	220	Sandia
9th	Javan McCord	210	LSCC
10th	Cayla Keller	205	Carlsbad
P	Reuben Diaz-Jimenez	165	La Vista
P	Cassie Keller	165	Carlsbad
P	Bobby Armijo	150	Sandia
P	Janay Gibson	145	Carlsbad
P	Freedom Laughlin	145	Carlsbad
P	Iris Loftis	135	Carlsbad
P	Keilah McCord	135	LSCC
P	William Cooke	85	LSCC

Red Level		
Name	Score	
1st	Rhett Ford	200
2nd	Joshua McCord	175
3rd	Jonah Byerly	170
3rd	Ben Compton	170
3rd	Nate Hurst	170
4th	Genieve Anderson	165
5th	Kit Kat Ortega	150
6th	Trenton Strange	145
7th	Annabelle Yocom	140
8th	Maddie Bloomquist	135
9th	Myles Yocom	105
10th	Lyrical Loftis	100
P	Elizabeth Carmona	90
P	Jetta Pittman	90
P	Alyssa Carmona	80
P	Joy Anderson	80