



Until Something Breaks Loose

Perhaps you saw the picture on Facebook. Recently, I was at Mountainair helping the church to remodel its parsonage in preparation for their new pastor. Part of that process involved the removal of an old stone fireplace from the living room that had “lived its life.” It had been taped and card-boarded up because it had become better at sucking heat from the house than at adding heat to the house. So, we decided to knock it down and wall up the hole where it used to be.

Let me tell you, those home shows make it look way easier than it was. It became my task at the end of a long day of work to take the twenty-pound sledge hammer to the fireplace and to do the demolition. So, hammer in hand, I swung the first mighty blow against the stone and... nothing... absolutely nothing. Now, I know I'm no Terminator, but I thought I had hit the thing hard enough to do some significant damage. Ugg. Try again.

Once more I raised the hammer of Thor and swung with all my might hitting the fireplace again in the exact same place expecting it to crumble into bits at my intimidating grunt of terror and... once again... nothing. Not even a flake of stone. Not even a puff of dust rose up.

Well, I'm no quitter. Again and again, I struck the rock and, finally, the rock, yielded. A crack developed. Then a rock moved. Soon a section gave way. Finally, bit by bit, strike after strike, the stone that had stood in place for nearly one hundred years became a pile of rubble at my feet. I was a sweaty, sore, mess, and it took me several days to recover, but, finally, the fireplace yielded to my unrelenting blows.

Jesus said that prayer kind of works that way. Remember? He said,

⁷ “Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. ⁸ For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.

⁹ “You parents—if your children ask for a loaf of bread, do you give them a stone instead? ¹⁰ Or if they ask for a fish, do you give them a snake? Of course not! ¹¹ So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask him. (Matt. 7:9-11 NLT)

I don't think we understand everything that is happening when we pray. Paul said, ¹² For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. (Eph 6:12 NLT).

If I put the two thoughts together, what I come up with is: God wants to give us good gifts, but there is something (someone) pushing back, trying to keep us from receiving all that God is wanting to send our way. I think, or I think I think, prayer is what breaks down the barrier so that the Good that God wants to get to us gets through the stonewalling that the Enemy is putting in our way.

If I were to take Jesus' great teaching and try to summarize it into one simple truth it would be this: PRAY UNTIL SOMETHING BREAKS LOOSE. Throw everything you have at it in prayer, again and again, and again, and again, and again, until you are a worn-out sweaty mess and the wall before you will crumble and you will have the victory you seek. It won't be easy and you will strain some muscles you didn't know you even had and you may be exhausted in the end, but, if you keep at it, you will reveal what has been hidden for maybe a hundred years because you refused to set the hammer of prayer down.

This May 1 we are being challenged to pray our way to Pentecost with the entire North American Church to see if we can break something loose for the Church of the Nazarene at this critical time for the USA and Canada. Will you join me and grab the sledge hammer and start swinging?

Dr. Lacher

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ACTIVITIES IN SOME OF OUR CHURCHES



Join us for the
Rio Vista Church of the Nazarene Children's
and Teen Ministries Parking Lot Rummage
Sale Fundraiser
April 30, 2022
8 am to 2 pm. See you there!

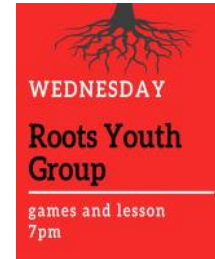


Easter Egg Hunt
Rio Vista
Church of the
Nazarene



First Responders, including active law enforcement, police officers, firefighters, and EMT's. In an effort to show you ALL how THANKFUL we are for your service Church Street Church of the Nazarene would like to invite you to an...

APPRECIATION COOKOUT
May 4th, 6:00 pm.



Mission ABQ is providing ministries of compassion and transformation to people in need in the impoverished international district of Albuquerque.



Lovington
Church of the Nazarene



A quick trip to Hawaii for the people of **Broadview Cowboy Church of the Nazarene!**

They hosted a surprise birthday Party for Pastor Kimberly!!!

Sandia Church of the Nazarene

It's time for our Annual:

Church Enchilada Fundraiser for our youth and kids department!! We have Red Beef Enchiladas and/or Green Chicken Enchiladas!! This is a perfect time for graduations, birthday parties, dinner, etc.!!





Teen Camp July 18-22



A Service of Remembering and Renaming

It was an absolutely beautiful day to remember our early families that gave so much to our Bonita Park and rename our Elk Run Cabins in their honor. Dr.Lacher lead the service with stories of early camps and heritage. There was a large group representing each of the families and such joy and tears as we all gathered together under the whispering pine trees and warm sunshine. As each family name was called a fabric covering was pulled off the lintel of each door to reveal the new name.

Ryan, Peters, Burch, Gunstream, Petty and the Rodes Retreat House



NM District Young Adults June 3 - 5

Let me introduce myself, my name is Nathaniel Pfeifer. I am the new director for the NM District Young Adults Conference.

I am a long time member of Cornerstone Church of the Nazarene in Los Lunas NM. I graduated from New Mexico Tech 2018. In my free time, I volunteer on 2 local search and rescue teams."

The dates for this years conference is June 3 –5 in Ruidoso, NM. The purpose of the conference is to promote spiritual growth and fellowship in our young adult community.

To Register for this event: Please email: pfeifernathaniel10@gmail.com. (Please note this is a zero)

1.Your name; 2.Emergency Contact; 3.Food Restrictions/Allergies; 4.Topics you would like to see discussed during our sessions.

Schedule of Sessions:

Friday: 7-9pm

Saturday: 9-11am, 1-3pm, 7-9pm (Last Sessions will probably be a fun/free period)

Sunday: 9-11am

Price: \$90/person. We are planning a dinner in Ruidoso which will be an additional cost.

Feel free to invite anyone you believe might be interested in being a part of this weekend!



UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE DISTRICT 2022

May

USA/Canada Prayer Mobilization begins May 1

****ANNUAL PASTOR'S REPORTS DUE May 11**

Level Club -Dues May

District NMI council May 24

June

NM District Young Adult Conference June 3-5

July

***District Assembly and Conventions July 7-9 2022 (Abq Heights First)**

Kid's Camp **GLOW IN THE DARK** July 11-15 Teen Camp **WHOLE** July 18-22

***District Family Camp "IT'S A FAMILY THING" July 25 –31**

Level Club Dues - July



No Women in Ministry Zoom for the next few months.
See you all after Summer.



Happy May Day and Mother's Day!

This year is flying by! Its that time to get pastors reports and NMI presidents reports compiled and sent it. Our NMI numbers are very important for how many delegates to send to Global NMI Convention in 2023. Make sure your NMI membership matches your annual pastor report numbers.

Mark your calendars for Sat May 24, this will be our NMI Council meeting. Plan to be a part of catching up with NMI local and around the world and getting ready for district Convention.



Thank you for all you do for the Kingdom!

Joyfully,
Nicole Young



Language differences were not an issue for the Arima Church of the Nazarene in Trinidad and Tobago (English-speaking) as they ministered to a community of Venezuelan immigrants (Spanish-speaking). After reaching out to the community and learning about their needs, they began teaching English-language classes, provided tabletop stoves, gas tanks, and in some cases, financial assistance. They shared food and provided a location for a local agency to run a child-friendly facility for a year. In addition, the church worked tirelessly to develop a local ministry that would be able to conduct worship services in the Venezuelans' native language.



Trinidad And Tobago

The Church of the Nazarene began work in Trinidad and Tobago in 1926. Trinidad and Tobago consists of two islands just off the northeastern coast of Venezuela. The country has distinctive Creole traditions and cuisines. Trinidad has numerous bird species that inhabit sanctuaries such as the Asa Wright Nature Centre. The smaller island of Tobago is known for its beaches and the Tobago Main Ridge Forest Reserve, which shelters hummingbirds. The official language is English.

PRAY

Pray for our missionaries in Eurasia who are working tirelessly with the immigrants coming from Ukraina.

Nazarene Compassionate Ministries - Ukrainian Help in Poznań, Poland

[Www.NCM.org/Ukraine](http://www.NCM.org/Ukraine)—Use this link for giving to our work in Poland for the Ukrainian help!!

[Ukraine Crisis | Nazarene Compassionate Ministries \(ncm.org\)](http://www.NCM.org/Ukraine) - Information on Crisis Care Kits!!! They are desperately needed! This link will get you all the info for the kits and most important HOW TO SHIP THEM

Here is another giving link for giving:

<https://give.nazarene.org/donate/f/137043>

For our missionaries in Poland This link came from Hayley Tarrant.



SDMI

Women's Retreat 2022



Report of the District Women's Director

Our 2022 retreat, Best Day Ever Adventure with Carrie Wisehart, was a great time in the Lord! Our first time back after COVID, we were glad to be with 127 ladies. Carrie focused on John 10:10 and choosing joy. We can't always control what happens to us but we get to choose how we react. Carrie led our worship time too.

We had 45 ladies report making a commitment to the Lord. Five were first time Commitments. That was exciting to see. It was also exciting to me to see that 3 of the renewing commitments came from our under 20 age group, two first time commitments were ladies over 60 and one was 83 years old. God was working on all age groups through Carrie. The Holy Spirit poured out His presence in all the services and ladies were responding! Altars were filled with awesome prayer times.

We had a very special treat this year at retreat in that our Sunday morning service was led by Lisa Lacher. She did a phenomenal service. Lisa put together a worship team of ladies from around the district. Then she brought a great message. Many ladies again responded, and we had a great prayer time at the altar.

Ladies wrote many wonderful comments on their survey sheets. Here are just a few:

"Really felt with God for the first time in many years .”God spoke to me about: "To choose my reactions/attitude." "More time with Jesus in prayer and in the word""Being bolder for God"

"Third party compliments ... no more gossip" (Carrie's 3rd party compliments were encouraging us to tell others good things about another person behind their backs to build each other up and to stop gossip. Many ladies responded to that)"Choose joy", "To spread the word"; "No more delayed obedience"

Many ladies also wrote how much they enjoyed the fellowship with other Christian ladies.

God was in control of the whole weekend. Prayer group leaders reported to me that each and every discussion they had in their small group would be the very thing Carrie talked about in the next session. I did not orchestrate that; it was all God.

Rev. Janice Forgach put together a prayer walk booklet that each lady took home, and we had an individual pray walk on Sunday morning that was well received. God is so so good! What a blessing and that I have been able to serve as District Women's Director!

Man Camp 2022

Man Camp

What a great time we had at Man Camp this year!

Jaron Graham was our speaker and he brought such a wonderful word from the Lord.

The Camp was focused on Shalom- living in the peace of God.

In the words our own District Superintendent Dr. Larry Lacher, "I think Man Camp is the greatest opportunity for men on the district to encounter Jesus."

Thank you to Rev. Wade Eftman for organizing and coordinating Man Camp. He does such a great job of bringing men together to meet with Jesus!

Pastor Ryan Nelson

The message and call of Shalom rested upon Man Camp at Bonita Park this weekend. 70 men from around the district gather for worship, fun, and good conversation. The presence of the Lord anointed each man with His shalom and peace through the preaching of Jaron Graham. Thank you to all the men, pastors, and leaders who helped make Man Camp 2022 a huge success.

Mark your calendars for Man Camp 2023, April 20-22.

Pastor Wade.



The comings and goings of our pastoral families on the New Mexico District



I am completely humbled tonight. The gathering tonight was wonderful and the conversations were beautiful. This was my favorite part. Edén Avalos

We are moving to Frankfurt Church of the Nazarene in Indiana



Edén will be serving as a Youth and Associate pastor at Frankfurt 1st Church of the Nazarene under Pastor Gordon Smith. (Son in law of Ellan and Linda Anderson of Heights 1st)

There's a deep grief that comes along with moving away from the only place you've ever really known as home. While I'm so heartbroken to say so many hard goodbyes, I've been so blessed to have so many precious friendships over the years. I can honestly say that I have never felt more loved than I feel tonight. We are so blessed. My Heights family will always have such a precious place in my heart, no matter where we go in life. Abby Avalos



Beautiful day to install Pastor Kitty Schwanke with her husband, Dan, as the new leader of our

Mountainair Living Hope Church.



Moving here from Mercer Church of the Nazarene in Wisconsin.

Portales Church of the Nazarene:

On Sunday May 1 Dr. Lacher will install Rev. Vito Montebalanco as their new pastor. Along with his wife Jenni, daughter Olivia and son Eli. They are moving from Lovington, NM.



Bonita Park is excited to announce that we have hired Ben and Stephanie Yocom to serve as our camp chaplains, guiding the spiritual development of our staff in addition to helping where their abilities allow them to be most useful.

Dr Lacher will be installing Ben and Stephanie during the morning service at Angus CON May 15 as the chaplains of **Bonita Park Campground.**

Ben and Stephanie are moving from Carlsbad, NM

CHILDREN'S CAMP

Kids Camp July 11-15
Ages: Completed 2nd-Completed 6th

GLOW in the DARK

TRUSTING GOD WHEN WE'RE SCARED

I am the light of the world. Those who follow me will never walk in darkness. John 8:12

Campers \$225.00 Counselors \$160.00
Registration : nmnaz.com

The cost of camp per camper this year is, \$225.00 and counselors \$160.00 (\$175.00 after June 27th)

Register by June 19th to get requested t-shirt size.

1. **All Counselors must be Naz Safe Compliant, no exceptions. This will need to include Ministry Safe training and background checks. Must be completed no later than June 27th.**

2. We will need counselors, male and female. We tend to not get enough male leaders, so please even if your church is not sending any kids, please consider sending some counselors.

3. We will be in need of snacks. Twice a day for 5 days. Please let me know what your church can send so I can make sure we will have enough for all the kids. I do have to ask that all the snacks be free of any nuts due to allergies.

Any questions or concerns, please let me know and I will do my best.

Pastor Ron Davis

Children's Camp Director

505-453-4500

Mission Trip to Maui and Molokai April 2022

This mission Trip was amazing!! Molokai/Maui Hawaii No Ka Oi "a Hawaii phrase which means the best". We were blessed to meet so many brothers and sisters in Christ in Hawaii and to see that we all are in need of missions no matter where we live. We saw people who were homeless, poor and in need of spiritual guidance.

Praise God that we have our sisters and brothers in Hawaii who show God's love everyday. Pukalani Community Church of the Nazarene picked us up at the airport and were warm and inviting to us when we arrived. They were getting ready for their Easter Egg Hunt & Family Food Boxes with an Easter Ham included when we arrived at their sanctuary. They also had signs up all throughout the "up country" area of Maui that we saw the next day as we traveled around the island by city bus.

We also traveled to Molokai by hopper plane and stayed with Pastors Ryan-Shain Kāneali'i & Pua Kekaula-Kāneali'i. We also were greeted with hugs and smiles. It was a new experience attending church without our shoes, which is custom at Molokai Nazarene. During the Good Friday service we were honored to read scriptures members of the congregation. Easter service was wonderful with Pastor Patti Rivas and Pastor Arthur Pacheco administered the Holy Communion. Usually their Pastors are the one's who administer communion, the congregation stated that they were more united with their people because Pastor Arthur and Pastor Patti administered Communion. Friday night Pastor Arthur and Pam Gonzalez along with 2 members of the Molokai Nazarene Church put together plastic eggs filled with candy for the Easter egg hunt the following morning. Pastor Pua and Pastor Arthur had so much fun singing with the children and telling them about God and His love for each of us. The evening service centered on the Holiness message.

Such a wonderful Nazarene fellowship was experienced on the island of Molokai. The love, respect and fellowship that the islanders show to one another and to us is definitely the same love that Jesus showed and what every child of God should emulate.

We slept on cots, air mattresses and sofa beds in the nursery, game room and there was an option to sleep on a couch in the kitchen/dining room. We had the privilege of eating fresh papaya, avocados the size of a softball, mangoes, Karo Leaf that came from the churches orchards and gardens. Pastor Patti also got to try fresh coconut that had just fallen from a tree.

We took this mission trip to connect, serve in any capacity that was needed and build a relationship; since the Molokai teens plan to do a mission trip to the "main land" in 2023. We are planning now to travel to the Navajo Nation, Ramah Church of the Nazarene and support their youth with local mission projects.

Pastor Patti Rivas, Pastor Arthur Pacheco, Pam Gonzales



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