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People of the Word

In my personal devotions, I have been reading the Psalms from The Passion Translation. Listen to this passage from Psalm 119: 97-104. I will write it here in prose style:

O how I love and treasure your law; throughout the day I fill my heart with its light! By considering your commands I have an edge over my enemies, for I take seriously everything you say. You have given me more understanding than those who teach me, for I've absorbed your eye-opening revelation. You have graced me with more insight than the old sages because I have not failed to walk in the light of your ways. I refused to bend my morals when temptation was before me so that I could become obedient to your Word. I refuse to turn away from difficult truths, for you yourself have taught me to love your words. How sweet are your living promises to me; sweeter than honey is your revelation-light. For your truth is the source of my understanding, not the falsehoods of those who don't know you, which I despise.

Before you read on, I invite you to go back and ponder on what you have just read and ask yourself if what the Psalmist has described is your heart.

- Is the law of God a treasure to you or a burden?
- Have you absorbed God's Word, or do you struggle to recall a verse when asked to recite a favorite verse in public?
- Do you bend to temptation, or bend to the Word when tempted?
- Do you embrace even difficult truths because they are God's truths?
- Do you only want the sweet promises of God, or are all the words of God sweet to you?
- When you need understanding, do you seek it in the Word or in the world?

It occurs to me that we generally cry out to God when we need a savior. And our God is gracious, He always provides the savior that we need. The history of the journey of God with humanity is the history of God responding to our need of a savior, and The Savior. He is so Good that way!

Yet, when God cries out to us, He is always looking for a follower. Whether it is Abraham, Moses, the Judges, Kings, Prophets, Disciples, or early Christians, the invitation of God *to us* is always "follow me." His Word is the instruction manual for followers. For that reason, the Psalmist loved God's Word. God does not say to us what He said to Abram, "Follow me blindly." He says, "Follow me with this map."

Might we rephrase the Psalm's opening words to say, "*O how I love and treasure your map; throughout the day I fill my heart with its directions!*" Might I suggest that if we used the map more often, we might not need saving as much?

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**New Mexico District Church of the Nazarene
Africa Work and Witness Summary of Proposed Trip
2022-2023**

Leave Albuquerque on Tuesday morning, **December 27, 2022**, arriving in Nairobi, Kenya on Wednesday night, **December 28th**. Leave on Thursday, **December 29th** for a three-day, two-night safari to Tanzania near Mt. Kilimanjaro, returning on Saturday, **December 31st**. Worship at ANU on Sunday, **January 1st**. Work on the 21st Century classroom projects from Monday, **January 2nd through Saturday, January 7th**. For those going on to Malawi, leave on Friday, **January 6th**. For those not going to Malawi, return to the US on Monday, **January 9th** (arriving on Tuesday, **January 10th**). For those going to Malawi, leave for the US on Tuesday, **January 10th** (arriving on Wednesday, **January 11th**).

At this point, we are estimating that the total cost of the trips, including airfare, safari, meals, etc. are

\$3,000 for the trip to ANU (Nairobi) alone, and

\$4,000 for the trip to ANU (Nairobi) and to Lilongwe, Malawi.

This is higher than we had projected when we originally planned to go two years ago, but the increased costs are due to higher airfare costs now.

Please contact Larry or Regena Fry ASAP if you are going to come along with our W&W trip! They have placed a W & W category on the Tithe.ly app. NM District Church of the Nazarene, (Mesa Verde address).



Mark Your Calendars!

LEADERSHIP RETREAT NOV 10-12

Registration Nov 10 at 3pm with Dinner at 5:30p.m.. Retreat ends Sat. Nov 12 with lunch

Who: All ministers (lead pastors, staff, chaplains, etc.), district licensed ministers in training, spouses, retired ministers, and select lay leaders

Dr. Carla Sundberg will be our speaker, La Vista Praise Team will be leading in worship

This will be a time for Refreshing, Renewing, Rewinding, Refocus and Retreating

Mark this a priority weekend for you and your spouse.

See you all Soon!

Cost: \$140 pp for the full retreat

\$75pp if you attend Friday night and Saturday only

Retired ministers are discounted to \$100 and \$50 respectively

Children are welcome at the same rates. Children 5 and under are free. Parents will have to share childcare responsibilities during services





Moses and members of his family may soon be spotted around Carlsbad.

The Production Company Studio 523, LLC, plans to shoot footage in the area the week of Oct. 13-17. They are filming a pilot for a show called “The Promised Land,” which seeks to take a lighter, sometimes humorous, approach to the Biblical journey Moses and family members took across the desert on their way to Israel.

“In the pilot, we follow Moses and his family as they try to solve problems among the Israelite community during their journey from Egypt to the Promised Land,” write the show’s producers.

The movie’s organizers stressed that they are being highly respectful of Biblical message.

“Rather than looking at these Biblical heroes on stained glass windows, let’s look at them like everyday people,” they wrote. “At the end of the day, our hope is that people watch the show because it’s funny...and eventually would desire to dive into scripture to experience God personally.”

According to informational material, “The Promised Land” has a pilot budget of \$125,000, and filming will take place near the sand dunes around Hackberry Lake, as well as near Lake Avalon. Carlsbad’s Church Street Church of the Nazarene is helping by providing various production resources, including a Production office. The show is looking for a large number of background actors on Oct. 15 and 16. The 15th will be “Meeting Tent Day” and the 16th will be “Campsite Day” where extras are needed. The show will need 10-15 actors daily, and you can get more information on the website www.thepromisedlandseries.tv. The large crowd filming days will be family friendly and include a meet and greet with the producers, as well as opportunities for a behind the scenes look at production.

Because of their limited budget, the makers of “The Promised Land” are asking to borrow campers, gators (golf carts), RV’s and tents. While some extras are needed, they are also really hoping for some volunteers to assist with security. They’ll also be supporting small businesses during their time filming in the area.

The end goal is to use this pilot episode to pitch a series and get a fully funded series to film in New Mexico. We recently had the chance to meet with “Promised Land” producers Richie Johns, Jeremy Crouch and Mitch Hudson. We were impressed by their enthusiasm for the project and desire to film around Carlsbad. For more information about possibly participating or assisting with this endeavor, please visit www.thepromisedlandseries.tv.

Sincerely, Mayor Dale Janway

Greetings, NM District!

You will find a Mission Update from Global NMI with information on the World Evangelism Fund, the Offering of Thanks, and Praying for Global Missions.

I have enjoyed reading and praying for your responses as you've shared your mission activity in your local communities and around the world. Continue to send me your updates and ideas! I love to pray for you and to learn from your creative ideas!

Joyfully,
Nicole Young

How Do We Fund Missions?

Nazarene Missions is funded through the generous, sacrificial giving of people and churches throughout the world through giving to the World Evangelism Fund and specific Nazarene Missions initiatives.

Offering of Thanks

Materials are available for order or download for the Offering of Thanks by clicking [here](#). Resources are available in English, French, Korean, Portuguese, and Spanish.

Did You Pray Today?

The prayers of NMI leaders are powerful and effective; the Kingdom of God is advanced because of them. Thank you for praying for the lost and for those who are working to reach them. Missionaries need prayer every day for their work, health, and safety.



tripunto folk art
hoop art
various holiday themes
Brenda S-Sheats

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2022 AT 9 AM – 2 PM

Rio Vista Church of the Nazarene Annual Women's Ministry Craft Fair



Aztec, NM

See you at the Pole!



Farmington, NM



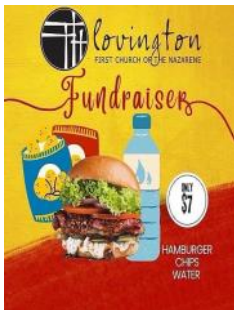
Yesterday and Today Thrift Shop
Aztec CON



La Vista CON White Rock, NM

Sept 28—Sept 30 08:30am—3:30pm

During Parent—Teacher Conferences



Portales CON joined with the teens at Lovington to help with their Thrift Store.



Don't forget our hamburger plate fundraiser at 12pm today at the life center. Join us tomorrow at 10 am for our second sermon on Moses.



Mission Zone helping each other out!! Doing Ministry together!

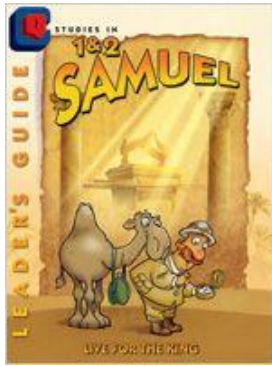
Gallup First Church of the Nazarene and Mt Taylor Church of the Nazarene:

Welcomes Aztec Church of the Nazarene and 26:16 Church of the Nazarene. Thanks for coming down today and helping get the first load of firewood out to the elders on the Prewitt Reservation



Mission ABQ: Grace Thrift Store

Children's District Quiz Dates and Locations 2022– 2023



**NM District Childrens
BIBLE Quizzing**

1&2 Samuel

**Children's
Quizzing**

Oct. 8 - Carlsbad
Nov. 12 - Angus
Jan. 14 - HFC
Feb 11- La Vista
March 4 - Sandia
May 13 - Regionals
-PLNU
June 10 -World Quiz
-Indianapolis, Indiana

\$5.00 a person
for Lunch
\$5.00 a kid each
Quiz meet

hideandkeep.com
thefoundarypublishing.com
1st Grade-6th Grade
FB NM District
Children's Bible
Quizzing

NM District Quiz Director - Pastor Arthur
-NM Children's Director - Pastor Sherri

PLEASE MARK THESE
DATES ON YOUR
CALENDAR—Quiz Coaches!



Everyone Please Read **Ministry Safe !!!**



Just a reminder that all licensed and ordained pastors are required by the BGS to be current on the sexual awareness training as well as a background check.

The New Mexico District has a current account with Ministry Safe that is maintained by Pastor Ken Weisheit. If you need to take the training or need a new background check, you can email him at districtsecretary@nmnaz.com. If you are unaware if you are current, please email Pastor Ken and he can check your status. Be advised that each link is time sensitive so please complete the training in a timely manner. The current cost of the Awareness training is \$3.00 per training. A level 4 background check is \$22.00 and a level 5 background check is \$54.00. Checks, made out to "Ministry Safe," can be sent to Larry Fry at the district office.

Pastor Ken Weisheit

Up Coming Important Dates for the New Mexico District

October
Mid Year Meetings **Oct 21 & 22**

November
Board of Ministry **Nov 9 & 10**

Leadership Retreat (Ministers and spouses) Nov 10 –12*****

Thurs at 5:30pm—Sat at noon
With Dr. Carla Sundberg





THE 30TH
GENERAL
ASSEMBLY
& CONVENTIONS

9-16 JUNE 2023
INDIANAPOLIS
INDIANA, USA

GENERAL ASSEMBLY 2023

Come join your global family
as we celebrate that

JESUS IS LORD

9-16 JUNE 2023

INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

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address to keep up to date
with all information for:

Reservations, Registra-
tions, workshops, worship
times etc. This is your 1
stop place for everything

General Assembly 2023



NYC 23 – Nazarene Youth Conference.com

July 5-9, 2023 Tampa, FL



Keep up to date with all NYC
information!!

Facebook page and website.

Talk with your Youth pastor
regarding any questions you and
your parents may have. This is a
Life changing event in your walk
with Christ!!



Keep up to date on our district happenings!!!!

Don't say "I didn't Know that!"

www.nmnaz.com

Calendar, Department events, The Mission etc.

NM NYI—Zone 3 Mission Event Sept 24, 2022 Lovington CON

This is the Scripture the Lord placed on my heart as I began seeking an area for our Zone to serve in a missional capacity. On Saturday, September 24th, NM NYI Zone 3 met up in Lovington, NM to volunteer at the Heart's Desire Thrift Store. A whopping 35 people were representing churches from Carlsbad, Clovis, Hobbs, Lovington, and Portales. Upwards of 50 people worked to sort through donations, hang clothes, wash shoes, and some of the littles made sure the toys were in working order! The donation pile was almost to the ceiling when we arrived, but we nearly conquered it as we wrapped up the morning the pile was brought down to the ground level of the room. Lovington Naz had a hamburger fundraiser and served a delicious lunch! After sweating and sorting, we headed to Chaparral Park for fun and games. Some played kickball and volleyball while others enjoyed the playground. Some gathered in the shade and partnered up to play corn hole. The next Zone event will be fellowship oriented. The tentative plan is to meet up at the CORE in Hobbs, NM on December 10, 2024. If you have any questions about Zone Events, please, contact Summer Neill (sdneill81@icloud.com or 803.257.2067). May the Lord bless you and keep you safe and well until we meet again.



Hurricane Ian: How to Respond through the Church of the Nazarene

Many of you will want to know how to help your congregations know how to respond to help those in Florida who have been impacted by hurricane Ian. Because you are part of the Church of the Nazarene, you can be assured that your church is already there providing emergency aid and help in this time of need. You can help us help by contributing to Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, knowing that every dollar sent to NCM will turn into direct aid to people in need in Florida.

To help, you may use this link: <https://give.ncm.org/donate/140017>

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