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REVIVAL

Like me, I am sure that many of you have been watching with keen interest the stories of revival at Asbury and, now, breaking out across our nation and around the world. You may be asking as one pastor has been praying, “Why not here? Why not now?”

It is the longing of most of us to see true God-sent revival break out in our churches, our communities, and our district. This longing is so strong that we might find ourselves trying to manufacture revival through our own efforts so that we can experience what God is doing in our world.

In my studies of revival, I have come to a few conclusions about it that I want to share with you today.

First, revival is a divine activity. We can prepare for it, but we cannot cause it to come about. God determines when and where He will pour out the Spirit of revival. What we must do is to posture ourselves in such a way as to not hinder it, but to receive it gladly when God sends it out.

How then do we prepare for revival?

I have found that revival always involves three things on our part that must accompany the outpouring of His Spirit.

Prayer—When God sends revival, He prepares us for it by sending a spirit of prayer upon His church to prepare us for it. While we all pray individually, it is the power of corporate prayer that postures the church before God in a way that allows the Spirit to move freely in our midst. If you have a longing for revival, this is the time to call your church to prayer or to join the prayer efforts of your church family. These prayers are not the typical prayers of the church where we list off the various needs of the people we know and petition God to meet those needs. There is nothing wrong with praying that way. We *should* bring all our needs before Him. However, the prayer that postures us for revival is the kind of prayer that seeks God Himself, not His actions on our behalf. When we begin to pray in a way that simply seeks God and His presence to saturate and to control our church and life, we allow God to move as He chooses and to accomplish what He pleases.

Repentance—There is never revival without repentance from the people of God. Certainly, we want to see a revival that brings sinners to repentance and restores lost people to a place of grace and mercy. However, the fires of revival are tendered by the repentance of the people of God. When we, who are serious followers of Jesus, begin to open ourselves to God with the prayer of David, “Search *me* God...” (Ps 139:23). When we become open to letting God cleanse and purify the church, we become a place where the Spirit of revival can enter.

Worship—What seems to be the common factor in the revivals that are currently occurring in our nation and around the world is that they are the fruit of authentic worship, and they are fueled by authentic worship. In every place that revival comes, worship “in spirit and in truth” emerges. If we want to see revival, we must, somehow, return to the heart of worship, in our lives and in our churches. So often, our worship of God is half-hearted or unfocused. We might be present physically in a worship service, but our hearts and thoughts may be far from God. When worship becomes routine or performance, it stunts the Spirit of revival. Where our worship of God is authentic, passionate, and unhindered, God is free to move upon us with the fullness of His presence, which is what we experience when revival breaks out.

Let me say again, I do not believe that we can be the cause of revival. Revival does not come at our bidding. However, I am certain that we can posture ourselves in such a way that we either inhibit or welcome revival when it comes. Personally, I would love nothing more than to see true revival break out all over this district. Like some of you, I have been praying, “Why not here? Why not now?” What I do know is that the when and the where are up to God. **Yet, I want to do my part to be ready. Don’t you?**

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Chrysalis Spin
Laundromat Outreach
50/50 Wash
Sandia Valley Church of the Nazarene



Every Wednesday a group of ladies from our Chrysalis Housing and Education program, gather at the Adobe Acres Laundromat in South Valley Albuquerque to pay half of the customers wash! We have had a heart for families and individuals who struggle to make ends meet, so we decided to support them in this unique outreach opportunity. During the pandemic we opened our laundry facilities (on Campus) to help families that were referred to us by local partnerships, we provided supplies and free wash and dry also snacks, water, books for the family and educational toys for the children. We served over 5 families during the Pandemic, (reliable and adequate transportation limited most families from participating in our program) In late 2021 we participated in a FREE Laundry Day (partnered with Laundry Love, United Way and local Realtors)with our local Laundromat Adobe Acres. The evening was a success we raised over \$600 to provide laundry supplies, books, and toiletries to multiple families. We repeated the FREE Laundry Day in 2022 with similar success. We realized that we could support our community by providing the 50/50 WASH. Our core team has pledged support for this effort and we have a few community donors who support the Outreach. We have met numerous of families and have also received donations from patrons at the laundry facility to pay it forward. The Owner of the Laundromat was interviewed by the ABQ Journal as he shared our partnership with his business, he has shared with me that since we started our 50/50 wash, his business has received an increase in customers. We are planning to add additional days to the outreach as we have Volunteers who are ready to serve the community and as we raise additional funds

Pastor Patti Rivas

Getting Ahead Graduates
Fall 2022
Mission Training Center

Getting Ahead is a 16 Session Workshop for families who wish to improve their economic stability. Getting Ahead provides a way to investigate the impact that this had on you, your family and your communities. It provides a safe, agenda free learning environment where adults can reflect on their lives, examine where they are at, assess their own strengths and resources, investigate new possibilities, make plans for their own future stories, offer ideas for building a prosperous community, and choose a team to help them fulfill their goals and dreams.

Our site held its 2nd Workshop which included, Graduates from our 1st Workshop have been hired for paid positions! Apprentice Worker, Hospitality Leader, Kid Club Leaders, and Co Facilitators. The 95% of the class spoke Spanish, so we became a Bilingual Class, the 1st attempt in ABQ, which was a success and the Co Facilitator, former Graduate has been hired for a Workshop starting Spring 2023. Our Graduates from the second workshop built their future stories for their families and communities, they are in a better position to fulfill their dreams and goals to include financial stability, physical, spiritual and mental health. The children of the graduates attended a Financial Workshop geared for ages 4-18. Our leaders were phenomenal! The kids excelled in their knowledge of counting money, savings and planning for a future family vacation! The families represented 5 different schools from the surrounding community. We are expecting to lead our 3rd Workshop in Fall 2023 as we partner with our local school district and Shine ABQ. Pastor Patti Rivas



Installation of Rev. Patti Rivas



Rev. Patti Rivas was installed as pastor of the Apache Street CON on Dec. 11, 2022 by Rev. Michael Andrew the DS of the SW Native American District of the Church of the Nazarene. Pastor Patti remains the lead pastor of Sandia South Valley CON.

Congratulations Pastor Patti May you feel the presence of God in your daily life as you begin this very exciting and busy time in your ministry!!

Retiring Pastors on the New Mexico District

Rev. Dale Wesley; Living Stones Church of the Nazarene, Clovis, NM Dale's last Sunday was Feb. 26. Dale and Sheila will be moving to Arkansas.

Rev. Sharla Parker; Hobbs 1st Church of the Nazarene, Hobbs, NM. Sharla's last Sunday was Feb. 26. Sharla and Greg will be moving to Oklahoma.

The New Mexico family says Thank you to both of you for your years of shepherding your flocks, feeding your sheep, and following God's call on your lives. Enjoy your new adventures!



Up Coming Important Dates for the New Mexico District

March

NM XTREME/NYI Convention (Bonita Park) Mar 17-18

Women's Retreat Mar 24-26

April

Ordinand's Retreat (Bonita Park) Apr 12

Year End Meetings (Bonita Park) Apr 13-15

District MAN Camp (Bonita Park) Apr 20-22 (Thurs—Sat)

May

ANNUAL PASTOR'S REPORTS DUE May 19

June

General Assembly in Indianapolis June 9 - 16

July

NYC in Tampa July 5-9

Childrens Camp July 12-14 **Wed through Fri**

Senior High and Jr High Camp July 17-20 **Mon through Thurs**

NM Conventions and Assembly July 20-22 Bonita Park

Family Camp July 22 -28 Bonita Park

WOMENS RETREAT 2023!!!!



Bonita Park
Camp and Conference Center

Women's RETREAT

Learning to Love Like Our Sensational God!

Pastor Amber will speak to us about our sensational God who desires to sanctify our senses in a way that allows us to know God deeper, becoming greater Spirit-filled ambassadors for Christ.

Amber Gunter
Children's Pastor, wife and mother of two teenagers

24-26
MARCH
2023

Register online: www.nmnaz.com
Spanish Translation Available
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A few things to note.

Get your registrations in early.

Online registration is easy -- go to nmnaz.com --click on events --select. Women's retreat--click registration; fill in the blanks.

Good afternoon! Soon we can say that in person. Have you enjoyed this cold weather and snow? The mountains and trees were so beautiful. I am glad we only have it here for a little while. I enjoy the warm weather more and we have it most of the time.

We have only 24 days left to get in for early registration. The first day of retreat is in 35 days! This is a great time to talk to ladies you know to join you in coming to retreat.

May you have a blessed day,
DeAnn



Info & Register at nmnaz.com

Speaker: Dr. Tim Gaines

Tim Gaines is currently serving as Associate Pastor at TCC in addition to his work as Associate Professor of Religion at Trevecca Nazarene University. Prior to his time at Trevecca, Tim has served as a lead pastor, a youth pastor, and a worship pastor at churches in California, Illinois, and Kansas City. He holds degrees in theology, ethics, philosophy, and ministry from Point Loma Nazarene University (BA, MA), Nazarene Theological Seminary (M.Div), and Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary (Ph.D) and has authored or edited several books, including *Following Jesus: Prophet, Priest, King and Kings* and *Presidents: Politics and the Kingdom of God*.



He is married to Shawna Songer Gaines, Trevecca Nazarene University's chaplain, and they are raising two children, Callen (6) and Evalynne (5). Together with Shawna, he hosts *The Sermon Studio*, a podcast dedicated to the art and craft of preaching.

MAN CAMP 
April 20-22, 2023

Calling all men! You deserve some rest, relaxation, and retreat. Good news, Man Camp is on its way at Bonita Park, April 20-22, 2023. The cost is \$140. This year we are experimenting with retreat running Thursday night through Saturday as many have wanted to be back home to participate in your regular Sunday service's. Please talk to your men's group, friends, and grab your sons and grandsons. As well as all those who might be interested and make plans to attend this year's Man Camp. Registration information will be available on nmnaz.com.

Our speaker this year, Dr. Tim Gaines, who is a professor at Trevecca Nazarene University and in the staff of Trevecca Community Church. He recently was one of the speakers at our New Mexico District Family Camp.

If you have any furthering questions, please email me at wade.elftman@yahoo.com or call 575-522-7120.

Completed grades 2nd—6th

Kids Camp 2023 Campfire Stories



July 12-14

Kids \$150

Counselors \$130

Registration opens soon on nmnaz.com

[Kids Camp 2023](#)

This years camp will be Wednesday to Friday
Start firing up the Excitement with your Kids!!





Greetings, NM District! I can hardly believe it is already February! We are well into 2023 and it is an exciting time to be on mission for the Kingdom of God!

Our district team had an amazing experience working at Africa Nazarene University in Kenya this past month! We can't wait to share a report with all of you at our NMI Convention this summer. Thank you for your continued support and prayer for our brothers and sisters at ANU. They have such an amazing opportunity as they impact the whole continent of Africa for the glory of God! You can follow them on Facebook or Instagram to stay up-to-date.

I enjoy following many of you and staying up to date with the ministries you are involved with in your local communities and across the world. Please don't hesitate to reach out to me when you have updates and news. I love to partner with you in prayer and offer my support however I can.

I am creating a private Facebook Group where our NMI Presidents and Pastors can have access to more NMI-related content and interact together. Please request to join this group by scanning this QR code:



District Teen Quizzing Results

For our February quiz, we took 12 students to Tucson, AZ for some off-district experience. We had 2 teams competing in the Novice division and 1 team in the Intermediate division. AZ was thrilled to have us, and I overheard a team from the Expert division sounding very disappointed that they wouldn't be quizzing against NM. We had a lot of fun and hope to make this an annual trip. Next time we will have a team in the Expert division!

Results of the Novice division:

Team: We took 1st and 2nd place (Bridge C/La Vista and Bridge B)

Individual: We took 5 of the 6 individual awards.

- Keilah McCord – 1st
- Aeson Coville – 2nd
- Gracie Blashke – 4th
- Ethan Dearth – 5th
- William Cooke – 6th

Results of Intermediate division:

Team: We took 1st place (Bridge A)

Individual: We took 3 of 10 individual awards.

- Brennan Coville – 1st
- Nesira Blashke – 4th
- Topher Oaks – 6th