Often, about this time of the year, we will hear ads that will say something like, "Nothing says I love you like...."

How would you finish that sentence?

- ... roses
- ... a box of chocolates?
- ... diamonds?
- ... a Caribbean cruise?
- ... a walk in the woods?
- ... a gift card to a spa?

There could be a number of things that you might identify as the ultimate gift that you might want to receive as an expression of someone's love for you. Knowing this fact, marketers love to emphasize Valentine's Day as an opportunity to get you to spend large amounts of money trying to prove that your love is authentic for the sake of that "special someone."

Biblically, the best gift of love ever given was the gift of eternal life (Romans 6:23), given through Jesus (John 3:16), and received by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8). It is this gift that we have been commissioned to share with the world (Matthew 28:19) as Ambassadors of God's love to the world (II Corinthians 5:19). As Fredrick Martin Lehman wrote:

The love of God is greater far Than tongue or pen can ever tell. It goes beyond the highest star And reaches to the lowest hell.

While we know that the greatest gift, we can give to someone is the knowledge of the love of God, most of us feel Ill-equipped to share that gift. We might be better at purchasing tangible gifts than sharing good news, finding ourselves tongue-tied or feeling awkward. If you are one of those people, I encourage you to sign up for the webinar that is taking place on March 11 at 11:00 Mountain time. This webinar will help you to "say it with Jesus." It may help you give the one gift that lasts forever.



Bringing People to Jesus Webinar

March 11, 2025 12:00 CST

Topic: Multiplying Churches by Cultivating a Culture of Missional Evangelism

Guest Speakers: Jad and Jamie Levi, pastors of Trinitas Church

Description: It's been said that in the West, "we don't plant churches—we start services." Join us as we explore practical ways to plant the gospel and establish Christ-centered communities by living out foundational Kingdom principles rooted in prayer and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Register Here https://nazarene.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN hfSQix2JQ9Otomld-3tWyw#/registration

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Man Camp is on its way at Bonita Park, May 2-4, 2025. The cost is \$160. 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. Bring your Star Wars gear to wear on Star Wars Day & May the Fourth Be With You!

Our speaker this year, Rev. Joe Ibanez, who is a pastor at Georgetown Church of the Nazarene in Georgetown, TX.

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

FEBRUARY IS ALABASTER MONTH!!!



Huon Gulf Church of the Nazarene in Papua New Guinea

Alabaster Offering provides funds for property and buildings around the world. While we understand the church consists of the people of God and not a building, buildings erected for the purpose of ministry help provide a sense of permanence, functionally enhance ministry efforts, and convey an attitude that the Church of the Nazarene intends to "put down roots."

Hi Friends, We all are heart broken and want to help our brothers and sisters in California. Here are some ways to do that! How to Give:

Churches and individuals worldwide can provide support through the Los Angeles Wildfire Response Fund at ncm.org/lafires

Check and Cash Donations will be used for immediate needs as well as long-term recovery and rebuilding efforts.

To send donations by mail:

In the United States -

Make checks payable to "General Treasurer" and send them to:

Global Treasury Services

Church of the Nazarene

17001 Prairie Star Pkwy

Lenexa, KS 66220

Be sure to put 140061 in the memo area of your check.

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Talk to your Youth Leaders!!

NYC coming up next year!!!!

Global NMI received permission to send out the instructions for the New Protocol for Crisis Care Kits in light of the fires in Southern California.

<u>Please see the link below and follow the instructions VERY Carefully. CCKs that are sent with any other items or in any other way CANNOT be utilized. It is a waste of your efforts to contribute if the instructions are not followed to a T.</u>

This is for you to share with your local church and use to create Kits that bring immediate provisions for people all over the world. Crisis Care Kits are collected all throughout the year and kept in facilities in strategic locations to be distributed when needs arise.

We used to have a connection on our district for driving CCKs to the distribution center in Idaho. If you, or someone you know, can do this for us, I would love to make a large collection of CCKs at our District Convention this June. Please reach out if you have someone who can help with this.

Joyfully, Nicole Young

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Link for new Crisis Care Kits protocol



<u>Up Coming Important Dates for the New Mexico District 2025</u>

FEBUARY

M25 (Kansas City) Feb 10-12

MARCH

Church Planting Essentials Mar 28—29 El Paso

APRIL

Palm SundayApril 13EasterApril 20Church Year EndsApril 30

MAY

Man Camp May 2-4
Annual Pastor's Reports Due May 15

JUNE

Onward Young Adult Conference at Ruidoso June 6-8

NM District Conventions and Assembly Clovis June 26-28

Always check the district Calendar for complete schedule online: www.nmnaz.com

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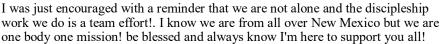
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I hope all is well! I have been praying for all of you and the ministry you do! I was blessed to see that Winter retreat was amazing!

Children's quizzing has been rocking it! As we approach the final months of quizzing, continue to encourage our kids and churches!

I wanted to share a thought from my NDI PLNU meeting last night.



I also would love to know of any events or outreaches that the local churches are doing. Sandia will be hosting a daycamp during Albuquerque Public School spring break. If there are any youth groups looking for a mission project we would appreciate the help. We can provide free lodging and food. The youth also do nightly outings and prayer services! Please feel free to contact me or Rebekah Landry.

OUR LINKS FAMILY FOR 2025

Greetings, District Family!

I wanted to send out our new Links Assignment for 2025. Thank you for loving on and lifting up our 2024 family, Chad and Lindsey Dickerson. Remember, they will be on a deputation tour later this spring, so we will get a chance to see them in person!



Our 2025 Links Missionary is:

Carrim, Errol & Rhonda

Email:

rcarrim@africanazarene.org

Profile Page:

https://give.nazarene.org/pledge/carrim

Languages: English Serving in: Africa

Please feel free to reach out to them, pray for them, and count them as part of your church family for this year! You can also send them love offerings and gifts via the link on their profile page.

Joyfully,

Nicole Young

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The USA/Canada Regional Office is excited to introduce USA/Canada Kids! This is a renewed emphasis on child discipleship. The regional office, in partnership with Equip to Engage, is creating resources for child and family discipleship.

All of these resources PLUS more created by various departments of the Church of the Nazarene can be found at the NEW online hub for USA/Canada Kids at https://brnw.ch/21wQy3Z! If you will be at M25, stop by the booth to see the free resources

CYNTHIA MEYERS Pay it FORWARD KOB4

Pay It 4ward: Woman thanked for helping preschool in SE Albuquerque



ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – If you ask anyone at the Kingdom Builders Preschool and Daycare in Albuquerque, they'll say there are few people on the globe as dedicated as Cynthia Myers.

"And you see it every day that you walk in. She always has a smile on her face. This is what she loves to do, and it shows," said Victoria Roybal, a Pay It 4ward nominator.

Not only does she help teach and watch over the children and help with things like schedules, she even drives the van to help pick them up to take them to the daycare.

The facility is in what can be a tough area, the International District. But on the inside is love and strength

SAVE THE DATEChurch Planting Essentials

New Mexico District Training Event promoting the development of new and renewed churches.

March 28-29: El Paso, TX



Schedule: Friday Mar. 28, 9:00 a.m.- Sat. Mar. 29, 4:00 p.m.