



## OCTOBER 2020



### A Tale of Two Streams

A few weeks ago, we had the opportunity to take a bit of vacation in a remote area. While we were there, we went to two canyons that had streams in them and were filled with palm trees, a stark contrast to the barren desert around them.

The first stream had quit running. The water left was found in pools that were not yet dried out by the heat. Obviously, water had gushed through the canyon in the past, but what was left were luke-warm pools of stale water filled with moss and algae. These pools did not smell good, and you would not dare drink the water from them.

The other canyon, not a mile away, looked similar at a distance. It was also full of palm trees and appeared to be a beautiful oasis from a distance. This canyon oasis, however, had a rushing stream. The water was cold and refreshing. People were splashing in the pools of water the stream created. The water looked refreshing as it spilled over the rocks.

What was the difference? The first canyon only received new water from time to time, when the rains came. Those came only occasionally, forcing the stream to try to hold on to all the water it could. As a result, it became luke-warm and brackish.

The other stream had tapped into an underground source of water. This living spring gushed to the surface and flowed down the mountain canyon, uninterrupted by heat and drought.

Watching these two streams made me contemplate our current situation. There are those individuals and churches who are just trying to hold on through this COVID-caused drought. They are just trying to survive until we can get back to normal and the rains can come again. These people and churches look good from a distance, but they are beginning to show signs of stress and are losing the refreshing quality that they are known for.

Others have decided that there is a spring of living water that they can access under any circumstances, even in the harshest drought and heat. They have determined to seek even greater intimacy with Jesus, since they have more time and greater need. These people and churches are still providing refreshing to the people they encounter. They are a joyful oasis during this season of heat and drought. They have learned that Jesus can provide "springs of living water" to those who come to Him.

The question that came to my mind was, "Which stream do I want to be?" Which stream do you want to be? Which stream are you? Are you hanging on to rainfall from long-past days or are you drinking, today, from the Spring of Living Water? How you connect to Jesus during times of heat and drought makes all the difference.

In His Service, Dr. Larry Lacher

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It is with heavy hearts that we announce that Darryl Tennesfos was gathered into glory Darryl faithfully interined for the Portales Church even while taking treatments for his esophageal cancer. Despite aggressive treatments, the cancer continued to spread until it was medically unmanageable.



Please remember the Tennesfos family and the Portales church in your prayers.

### New Pastor coming to the New Mexico District

We are happy to announce that Lovington has called a new pastor. Pastor Chris Tiner, wife Stephanie, and their four children will be moving from the Houston area to Lovington soon..

# Save the Date!

## *New Mexico District Leadership Retreat November 14-16, 2020 Bonita Park Camp and Conference Center*

Good Afternoon,

I spoke with Connor and Brenda (our camp directors) and they have assured me that we can have our Leadership Retreat this year while maintain the COVID-safe restrictions required by the state and our common concern for each other. Therefore, I am delighted to open up registration for District Leadership Retreat, Nov. 14-16, 2021 at Bonita Park Nazarene Camp. The cost is \$110 per person (regardless of where or how long you stay), \$55 per person for retired ministers and their spouses. You may register here: <https://form.jotform.com/202577117226150>.

### Some Details

**Theme:** Robust Discipleship

**Speakers:** Hal and Debbi Perkins

**Worship:** Nate and Rebekah Beinhoff

**Schedule:** 3:00 p.m. Saturday (11/14) through 11:00 a.m. Monday (11/16).

**For Housing:** Contact Shelly Jones at 575-336-4404 also inform her if you have any special dietary needs.

Remember that we are inviting all ministers and ministers in training who have applied for (or holding) a district license. There will also be a few of our lay district leaders coming as well. I will send an invitation to those for whom I have email addresses. Please share this information with those who need it (active or retired).

### COVID Restrictions

We will be following the best guidance we have regarding staying COVID safe. We will ask you to wear a mask any time you are out of your room unless sitting at a table and eating in the dining hall. Groups of more than ten are discouraged. Hand sanitation and social-separation will be practiced in public gathering spaces.

### Special Features

**DBJ:** Throughout this retreat, you will have opportunity to learn how to be Discipled by Jesus and to teach others how to be.

**Christmas Dinner:** We will celebrate Christmas together at Sunday Dinner on the 15<sup>th</sup>. We have several special things planned for this time.

**Free Time:** All of Sunday afternoon is unscheduled so that you have time to relax and rejuvenate.

**Communion:** Our time together will close with communion on Monday morning.

Lisa and I are certainly looking forward to spending time with all of you. There is more information on the district website (nmnaz.com) under the events tab. You can register there as well.

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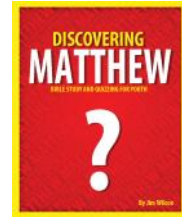
**November 14th (Virtual)- Matthew 1-11**

**December 5th (Virtual)- Matthew 1-14**

**January 23rd (TBD)- Matthew 1-21**

**February 20th (TBD)- Matthew 1-25**

**March 6th (TBD)- Matthew 1-28**



Our virtual quiz season is under way and everyone is still welcome to join in!

If you are interested in participating or have any questions, please email [nmquiz.nyi@gmail.com](mailto:nmquiz.nyi@gmail.com).

Jordin West

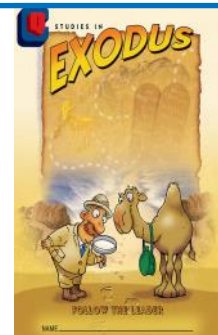
**Children's District Quiz Dates for this year**

**11/14**

**1/9**

**2/13**

**3/6 District Quiz Meet**



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.

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## SDMI

Pastors and SDMI leaders,

I trust that you are doing well. We have added an SDMI page to the New Mexico District Church of the Nazarene district website. In response to the changes happening in our world due to the Covid-19, useful online information continues to become available. On the new SDMI page I have placed some links that you might find of interest. Here is a link to that new SDMI page: [https://www.nmnaz.com/?subpages/SDMI/NM\\_SDMI.shtm](https://www.nmnaz.com/?subpages/SDMI/NM_SDMI.shtm)

The SDMI organization in Kansas City produces a monthly communication titled “SDMI Connections”. In case you are not already receiving that communication, here is a link to the most recent “SDMI Connections”: <https://t.e2ma.net/message/16zpid/hvpejh>

If you would like to receive the “SDMI Connections” via email, you can sign up through a link at the bottom of the “SDMI Connections” publication.

Thank you,

Mark Asplund

NM District SDMI Chairman

## W.I.M.

### Women in Ministry Virtual Fellowship

**Saturday Oct. 24 10:00am.** We will enjoy a time together on Zoom.

**Meeting ID on zoom ; 831 5944 5875**

**Passcode: 806233**

**Invite link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83159445875?pwd=S1jCOXMya0JOUhFhYnlGMVKUT09>**

**This Fellowship is for all our Women in Ministry– Ordained, Licensed, Pastors, Pastor’s wives including Staff. If you have not received an invite to this then I don’t have your email address. PLEASE send it to me ASAP. [lacherlisa@yahoo.com](mailto:lacherlisa@yahoo.com)  
Looking forward to seeing you all in Oct!!**

**Lisa Lacher**

