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New Mexico and El Paso, Texas



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District Superintendent

Coming Together

In southeastern Wisconsin there is an area called the Kettle Moraine. Moraine is a random conglomeration of rock and debris that is left behind after a glacier has melted and withdrawn. The Kettle Moraine was created when the Green Bay glacier coming from the West collided with the Great Lakes glacier coming from the east. The collision caused both glaciers to lose large deposits of rock and ice. The large ice deposits got buried and, when they melted, left depressions, called kettles, which filled in with water and became lakes and small ponds.

The former glacier is now Lake Winnebago, a 28-mile long and 11-mile-wide lake, and Green Bay, that odd funny thumb of Lake Michigan left behind by the melting glaciers some 20,000 years ago. The moraine is a ridge of rock that was collected from all over Canada and carried to the point of collision. Rock from eastern Canada met rock from western Canada and now lives together in one large pile in southern Wisconsin.

The church is a moraine of sorts. The church consists of people from all sorts of different places that have been pushed together by the power of the Spirit of God to form a community of grace and love. Most of us would have no reason to know each other and no reason to be together, except for the fact that God has carried us to this place and pressed us together in His love.

The Church around the world is as well. The Spirit of God has collected us from the four corners of the earth to unite us in one Lord, one faith, one baptism. We are of different cultures, different languages, different histories; but, we are united together in our faith in Jesus. We have been bound together by forces greater than ourselves.

Having encountered this irresistible force, we have been broken away from our entrenched stations and carried away to new adventures and wonderful places. In the process, we have been smoothed of our rough edges and melded together into a new way of being. We are no longer isolated from those who are not like us; we have become combined with people from all sorts of places and compositions, so that we have all become something new—something we could never be without personal and corporate transformation. We have become a new community—a new communion. We are The Church! This process of becoming the church cannot happen digitally or virtually. We need the coming together, with all its pressures, complications, and difficulties to challenge us, smooth us, and to shape us into the Body of Christ. Now that we can, let's start getting back together. The Spirit is drawing us. The Spirit is pushing us. The Spirit seeks to move us from our place of comfort and isolation to a place where we can become something of significance together. Together, we mark the landscape.

We are the miracle of grace—The Church of Jesus Christ.

GALATIANS 3: 26-29 (TPT)

²⁶ You have all become true children of God by faith in Jesus Christ! ²⁷ Faith immersed you into Christ, and now you are covered and clothed with his life. ²⁸ And we no longer see each other *in our former state*—Jew or non-Jew, rich or poor, male or female—because we're all one through our union with Jesus Christ.

²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are now Abraham's "child" and a true heir of all his blessings because of the promise *God made to Abraham!*

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UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE DISTRICT 2021

Easter Sunday:	April 4:
Year end Meetings:	April 8-10 – Virtual
Man Camp:	April 23-25– On Bonita Park Campground
Church Year ends:	April 30
District Assembly & Conventions	June 17-19
Children’s Camp	CANCELLED!!!
Teen camp	July 19-23
Family Camp	Aug 2-8 PLAN NOW– MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS AT BONITA PARK

MAN CAMP 2021 APRIL 23—25



CALLING ALL MEN! YOU DESERVE SOME REST, RELAXATION, AND RETREAT. GOOD NEWS, MAN CAMP IS ON ITS WAY AND IT WILL BE IN-person at Bonita Park, April 23-25, 2021. There will be restrictions that pertain to COVID safe practices for Bonita Park such as social distancing and wearing masks. In order to make this happen we do need your participation and for you to let us know that you are coming as soon as possible. Please talk to your men’s group, friends, and those who might be interested in coming and please email us and let us know how many will be coming to Man Camp 2021. Registration information is AVAILABLE ON AT [NMNAZ.COM](http://nmnaz.com) UNDER THE EVENT PAGE. YOU CAN COMPLETE YOUR REGISTRATION ONLINE OR PRINT OFF THE REGISTRATION FORM AND BRING TO CAMP. IF YOU HAVE ANY FURTHER QUESTIONS PLEASE EMAIL ME AT WADE.ELFTMAN@YAHOO.COM OR CALL 575-522-7120.

Women’s Retreat Recap

Women’s retreat was real - even though it was virtual. God’s Spirit moved among the ladies. One breakout group leader said about her group, “Jesus spoke to them in great ways. . . . It was a blessing. . . they were listening to Jesus and courageous to be vulnerable. It was really good. This was a great event. . . . It made a difference for the ladies in my group.” Worship was awesome led live by Lizzie Wenrich. How great it was to be able to gather through zoom!

Next year is even going to be better, meeting in person at Bonita Park on March 25-27, 2022!!!
Choose to be with Carrie Wisheart as she leads us to choose
The Best Day Ever Adventure.



Greetings to the NM District,

I wanted to let you know that Jessica Zottneck, who has served as our district children's ministry director for many years, has resigned. Jessica has done a great job in this role. Thank you to Jessica for all the great work she has done these many years leading our children's ministry.

I am very pleased to inform you that Diana Bloomquist has accepted the role to lead our NM district children's ministry. Diana is a longtime Nazarene and leads children's ministry at Heights First Church in Albuquerque. She holds degree in Elementary Education from NM State. Diana teaches kindergarten and first grade and has a deep love for children. She and her husband Eric have 2 children.

Pastors and church leaders, if you would be so kind, please send Diana the name, email address and phone number of the children's ministry leader at your church. Thank you in advance for providing that information to Diana as it will be very helpful to her.

Diana's contact information is:

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Diana, welcome to the team.

Mark Asplund

NM SDMI Chairman

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Women in Ministry Virtual Fellowship

Saturday April 17 1:00—2:00pm

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.

Lisa Lacher

Please be watching for the new NMI Monthly Focused Zooms!

Nicole will be sending out the needed information for each as the time gets closer.

Next one April 27

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>

2021 YEAR END MEETINGS SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, April 8, 2021 - Virtual

8:00	*Board of Ministry Meeting Discussing process improvement
12:15 PM	Lunch
1:00 - 2:30	*Board of Ministry Interviews
2:30	Board of Ministry Wrap-up
6:00	District Finance Sub-Committee

FRIDAY, April 9, 2021

8:30	Family Camp Committee
10:00	Break
10:30	Assembly Finance Committee
11:45 AM	Lunch
12:30	Nominating Committee
2:00	NazSafe Committee Meeting
3:00	Break
4:30	DAB
5:30	Dinner
6:00	DAB Continued (If Needed)
8:00	Calendar Meeting (Following DAB)

SATURDAY, April 10, 2021

8:45 AM	Camp Board Meeting
12:00	Lunch
12:30 PM	DAB (If Needed)
1:00	SDMI

*Board of Ministry includes Board of Ministerial Studies Board and Ministerial Credentials Board



What a great way to end our quizzing year!! Great job by everyone. We had a lot of close matches, so many bonus questions that were answered correctly, several bold challenges, and lots of memory verses.



youth quizzing

We ended the year with 496 memory verses having been correctly quoted. There were probably about 30 more that were attempted during the quizzes. Awesome job by everyone.

Again, I haven't heard anything final on Field quizzing yet. The last I heard, we are still planning for Memorial Day weekend and they are looking at trying to have it in the Anaheim area so it is close to Disneyland. As soon I get more information, I will send it out. If you are planning to participate in the field quizzing, please make sure you continue to study and practice with your quizzers to keep the information fresh in their minds.

Team

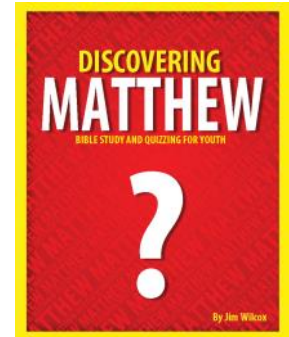
- 1st place – Hope Springs/LL Cornerstone
- 2nd place – Heights
- 3rd place – Aztec/Heights

Individual

- 1st place – Allison Storch, LL Cornerstone
- 2nd place – Toby Compton, Heights
- 3rd place – Erika Cooke, Living Stones
- 4th place – Josiah Hurst, Heights
- 5th place – Taylor Todd, Aztec

Rookie – Miriam Hurst, Heights

Memory Master – Allison Storch, LL Cornerstone



The new NYI Council for the Mission2021 -2022...

- Vice President: Wade Elftman
- Secretary: Sherri Todd
- Young Adult Representatives: Josiah Martin & Allison Storch
- High School Representatives: Morgan Boatwright & Jake Pope
- Middle School Representatives: Abi Chandler & Maddox Jennings

Thanks,
Jordin



**EASTER OFFERING
APRIL 4, 2021**



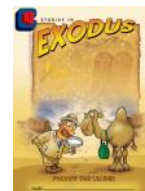
NM District Children's Quiz PAGE

Greeting New Mexico!

Blue Level				
Placing	Name	Score	Church	Qualify for World Quiz
1st	Charise Young	300	Carlsbad	Yes
1st	Evan Young	300	Carlsbad	Yes
1st	Adah Young	300	Carlsbad	Yes
2nd	Mallorie Ford	295	LSCC	Yes
2nd	Abbi Hurst	295	Heights	Yes
3rd	Arianna Landry	290	Sandia	Yes
4th	Javan McCord	285	LSCC	Yes
4th	Jeminez Ortega	285	Sandia	Yes
4th	Brennan Myers	285	Sandia	Yes
5th	Jeminez Ortega	275	Sandia	Yes
5th	Madison Strange	275	LSCC	Yes
5th	Annabelle Bloomquist	275	Heights	Yes
6th	Alex Byerly	270	La Vista	Yes
7th	Keilah McCord	265	LSCC	Yes
7th	Kalvin Nebris	265	El Paso Trinity	Yes
7th	Cayla Keller	265	Carlsbad	Yes
8th	Leon Ortega	260	Sandia	Yes
8th	Abbie Compton	260	Heights	Yes
9th	Bree Laughlin	250	Carlsbad	Yes
10th	Cassie Keller	215	Carlsbad	No
Participant	Bobby Armijo	200	Sandia	No
Participant	Lathan Ingram	200	Carlsbad	No
Participant	Iris Loftis	200	Carlsbad	No
Participant	Janay Gibson	200	Carlsbad	No
Participant	Freedom Laughlin	195	Carlsbad	No
Participant	Rosalynn Martin	180	Heights	No
Participant	Ruben Diaz-Jemeniz	175	La Vista	No
Participant	Leah Ingram	155	Carlsbad	No
Participant	William Cooke	145	LSCC	No

Final District Meet March Quiz Results

Red Level				
Placing	Name	Score	Church	Qualify for World Quiz
1st	Rhett Ford	215	LSCC	Yes
2nd	Ben Compton	200	Heights	Yes
3rd	Joshua McCord	190	LSCC	Yes
4th	Jeremiah McDuff	185	Los Lunas	Yes
5th	Jonah Byerly	180	La Vista	Yes
5th	Genieve Anderson	180	La Vista	Yes
6th	Nate Hurst	175	Heights	Yes
7th	Kit Kat Ortega	170	Sandia	Yes
8th	Zaina Mielewa	160	Sandia	Yes
8th	Neema Mielewa	160	Sandia	Yes
8th	Trenton Strange	160	LSCC	No
9th	Myles Yocom	150	Carlsbad	No
9th	Maddie Bloomquist	150	Heights	No
9th	Dorothy Martin	150	Heights	No
10th	Annabelle Yocom	145	Carlsbad	No
Participant	Joy Anderson	140	La Vista	No
Participant	Elizabeth Carmona	140	Sandia	No
Participant	Alyssa Carmona	135	Sandia	No



NEW MEXICO DISTRICT FAMILY CAMP

Aug 2—8

At Bonita Park Campground

