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Prayer Mobilization

Tomorrow begins the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday. In the Church, for nearly two-thousand years, Lent has signaled a season to pause and reflect on our own spiritual condition as we, like Jesus, set our faces toward Jerusalem. In this season, when we begin to intentionally journey toward Jerusalem and the passion of our Lord, Lent is a season in which Christians have chosen to follow the example of Jesus in the wilderness to take forty days for prayer, fasting, and drawing close to the Father before launching into the next season of ministry that He has for us

In a lot of ways, this Lent seems to me to be even more important and significant than Lenten seasons I have traveled in the past. With war in the Ukraine, the hope of seeing an end to Covid restrictions, social and moral chaos in our own nation, and our Regional call to Prayer Mobilization that will reach to all of us by Pentecost, I am feeling that this Lent calls us to spend time in the wilderness with God, praying, fasting, and seeking to hear from Him with a level of desperation that we have not, perhaps, felt before.

We need to hear from Him for ourselves. Most everyone I have spoken with is at a level of wrung out that they have never experienced before. Pastors and laypeople alike are just at the end of themselves. They feel like they are just “going through the motions.” They, we, need to hear from God in a new and fresh way. We need to drink from streams of living water and have our souls restored from the Shepherd who “leads us beside still waters; who restores our souls.”

We need to hear from Him for our churches. As churches discover what it means to be the church in a post-pandemic world, we need to hear from the One who has a plan for us. Jeremiah 29:11 tells us that He has a plan and it is a good one, full of hope and prosperity. We need to hear that plan, because “we got nuttin’.” Read Jeremiah 29:12-13 and it will tell you how to download God’s good plan. Here’s a hint: you can do it during Lent.

We need to hear from Him for our nation. If you haven’t figured it out, our leaders have no clue how to fix the mess we are in. That’s not because they are Republicans or Democrats. It’s because they are human. We keep trying to fix problems that only have Divine solutions with human ingenuity. Our leaders simply are not smart enough, clever enough, or decisive enough. They also don’t pray enough. However, we can intercede for them in such a way that we can help them to hear from God in such a way that they think God’s idea is their good idea. Let’s quit fighting against our leaders and start fighting for them—on our knees.

We need to hear from Him for our region. Our regional director, Dr. Stan Reeder, has called the USA/Canada Region to mobilize all 500,000 of us to pray for God to lead our region into a new era of missional effectiveness. As I said before God has a plan and we need to hear it. You will be hearing from your pastor in the coming days about how you can be a part of “hearing and speaking” as we seek the leadership of the Spirit preparing for another Pentecost for USA/Canada in the Church of the Nazarene.

John Wesley said, “God does nothing but in answer to prayer.” Jesus told us to pray that the Kingdom would be on earth as it is in Heaven. If we want God to release the things He has in store for us on earth, we have to “ask, seek, and knock.” There is no better time to storm the gates of heaven in prayer than Lent. I hope you will join me.

In His Service, and Yours

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To see the entire NM District schedule go to: nmnaz.com and look under the Calendar tab.

ACTIVITIES IN SOME OF OUR CHURCHES



Farewell Service; Rev. Benjamin Lopez was called to be the pastor of the Chandler AZ Spanish church. He remains the DS, or the Latin American District, he is now pastoring at a different church within his district.

Farewell at 1st Hispanic in Las Cruces

Mission: El Paso! We had a wonderfully successful Give-A-Way today in the Lower Valley! Thanks to all the Volunteers who helped make it happen!

We distributed more than \$50,000 (Retail Value) of Merchandise in 2 Hours. Bicycles! Microwaves, Lawnmowers, Toys, Electronics, etc. If you have ever witnessed one of these events, you know how amazing they are.



Ruth Hasensuer, Her resilience, passion, driven personality won't let her take a day of rest when there is someone hungry or after so many bags sorted and messes cleaned up! She is in charge of our "compassion Wednesday" and I do Bible study on Fridays with my new ministry commitments. Praying for health, helping hands this hectic ministry time, coming summer and as we seek Gods will in important decisions and transition. Thank you for partnering with us!

Dr. Erika Hasensuer, Neuva Esperanza

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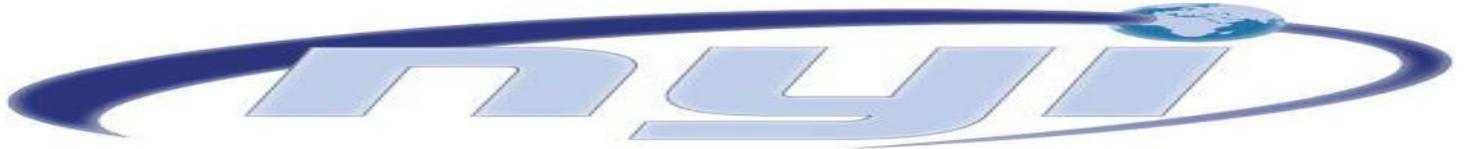
Raising money for our teens for camp and mission trip! Update: The money raised was the highest amount "The Main Event" has ever paid out.



LOCATION: Main Event ABQ - 4040 Pan American Fwy NE, ABQ NM 87107
DATE: Sunday, February 20th 2022
TIME: 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm



Aztec Church of the Nazarene - Alabaster activity for the month of February We had folks design collection boxes and will be voting on the best box by putting offering into the boxes of their choice. 4 Categories of designers!



SDMI



Children’s District Quiz Meet- March 5th at Carlsbad Church St.

NYI Xtreme at Bonita Camp it is March 18-19

Women’s Retreat- March 25-27 at Bonita Park Registration forms and flyer on: www.nmnaz.com

Leadership Zoom with Dr. Lacher- Mondays 10 AM and/or 7 PM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89933483743?pwd=WXRxVUITVlIFazYxVDh2dlo0TkpCQT09>

Ryan Nelson

SDMI President



**Invite children to join *The Great Investigation!*
A Free VBS for 2022 . Download the lessons now!**

Put your detective hats on and pull out those magnifying glasses as we join *The Great Investigation* to track down God’s plan for us. This free VBS curriculum is now available for download in English and Spanish at www.nazarene.org/vbs!



This is a free monthly update from our SDMI director. It highlights ideas for each month. Great stuff ! GREAT

Scott Rainey,
SDMI Global Director

www.nazarene.org/SDMI

For all your SDMI resources!! Mark this page on your search engine!!

Did you know that Scott Rainey provides a You tube video of each weekly SS lesson (Faith Connection) on You tube and facebook. What a great resource and an additional way to teach !

www.youtube.com Search for Scott Rainey to see all the videos for this quarter.

These ideas aren’t just for Sunday school, look at small groups outside of church, life groups, where ever and when ever you meet weekly with people who you share Jesus and discipleship learning with! There are tools to help you with each lesson.

Man Camp 2022



Calling all men!

You deserve some rest, relaxation, and retreat. Good news, Man Camp is on its way at Bonita Park, April 22-24, 2022. The cost is \$140. 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. Then be on the lookout for registration information in the coming weeks.

Our speaker this year, Dr. Jaron Graham, is a home-grown New Mexico boy, who grew up on our district and has served it in a variety of ways. Most recently he was a pastor and District Superintendent in New Zealand.

If you have any furthering questions, please email me at wade.eftman@yahoo.com or call 575-522-7120. We are interested in creating some excursions, for those interested, so if would be interested in heading up golfing, hiking, frisbee golf, or a motorcycle ride please let me know ASAP.

Man Camp Director: Rev. Wade Eftman.

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR THE DISTRICT 2022

March

<i>Dist. Kid Quiz</i>	<i>Mar 5</i>	<i>NM Xtreme NYI</i>	<i>Mar 18-19</i>
<i>Women's Retreat</i>	<i>Mar 25-27</i>	<i>Level Club Dues</i>	<i>March</i>
<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	<i>Mar 2 (Lent Begins)</i>		

April

<i>Ordinand's Retreat</i>	<i>April 6-7</i>	<i>Year End Meetings</i>	<i>April 7-9</i>
<i>Palm Sunday</i>	<i>April 10</i>	<i>Easter</i>	<i>April 17</i>
<i>Man Camp</i>	<i>April 22-24</i>	<i>NM District Year ends</i>	<i>April 30</i>

May

****ANNUAL PASTOR'S REPORTS DUE May 11** District NMI council *May 24*

July

****District Assembly and Conventions July 7-9 2022 (Abq Heights First)**

<i>Kids Camp</i>	<i>July 11-15</i>	<i>Teen Camp</i>	<i>July 18-22</i>
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****District Family Camp July 25 -31**



No Women in Ministry Zoom for the month of March! See you all at Ladies Retreat!!
See you all in April.



Hello, NM District!

I am praying for each of you as you continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus in your communities and around the world! Below you will find information on NMI Central, which is now the NUMBER ONE place to find the most up-to-date information about NMI. Included in each weekly email are links to the most current information for you to promote mission in your churches. Please sign up today! You will also receive prayer guides through our Global Week of Prayer from NMI Central.

Mission and Holiness are what unite us as Nazarenes! The connection of our Global Church is a beautiful picture of unity and the movement of God in the hearts of people!

Thank you for playing a vital role in who we are and in the work of God to the people He loves!

Joyfully,
Nicole Young

NMI Central

All of us can receive the *NMI Central* every Wednesday. Go to www.nazarene.org/nmi scroll to the bottom of the page where it says Quick Links, click on NMI Central. You will need to subscribe to receive them. These are available in English, French, Portuguese, and Spanish. Each week country information, prayer requests, stories, and ways to be involved are shared, all formatted for easy viewing on smartphones. Follow the global NMI Facebook [page](#) where pieces of *NMI Central* are shared.

District Work and Witness Opportunity

Our District is partnering with Mountainair to restore their church parsonage in preparation for a new pastor. Pastor James Landry, the interim pastor, is coordinating teams and project phases to get the work done efficiently and quickly. Please feel free to contact him if you are able to assist in any way. His contact information was sent out in a previous email. Contributions can also be made through our NMI account and count towards your 10% giving specials. These funds can be sent to our District Treasurer.

Global Week of Prayer

This upcoming 2022 Global Week of Prayer will be the 26th year of NMI calling the church to pray for the needs of our global churches and districts with requests gathered from the leadership from the regions. Follow us on Instagram and Facebook in preparation for us to share updates.

Our 2022 resources will include promotional materials for the Global Week of Prayer as well as a prayer resource booklet with prayer requests and stories of prayers for each day.

[Click here](#) to download the 2022 Global Week of Prayer list or

www.nazarene.org/who-we-are/organization/ministries/nazarene-missions-international/nmi-prayer



Women's Retreat 2022



NM District Women's Retreat March 25-27, 2022

"Choose: An Invitation to the Best Day Ever Adventure" With Carrie Wisheart

She is a mom, wife, worship leader, song writer, prayer warrior, author, high school educator/principal.

It is going to be an exciting time!!! Plan to join us and bring some ladies with you.



Remember, the first 150 ladies to register will receive a book by Carrie.

**Spanish Translation
Available**

**Saturday Night Theme:
Your BEST Adventure!!!!**

Registration is open online just go to nmnaz.com.

Wow, I hope you are having a great day! I am so excited about the things we have planned for our retreat. Finally, we are going to get to have Carrie with us! So glad that we will be together in person at Bonita Park.

As you know the governor has cancelled the mask mandate. Things are starting to turn around with COVID numbers decreasing and such. At retreat you will not be required to wear a mask. If you feel better wearing one at anytime, you are more than welcome to do so. The choice is up to you and you are welcome to make that choice based on what you feel is best for you.

Registrations are coming in and we are excited to see that. Remember the easy way to register online is click <https://form.jotform.com/212948706588168>.

There is one correction on the registration price. For private/cabin housing there is the usual \$15 discount.

If you have any questions, please let me know. You can call, text or email me. pastordeann16@gmail.com

Can't wait to see you,
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