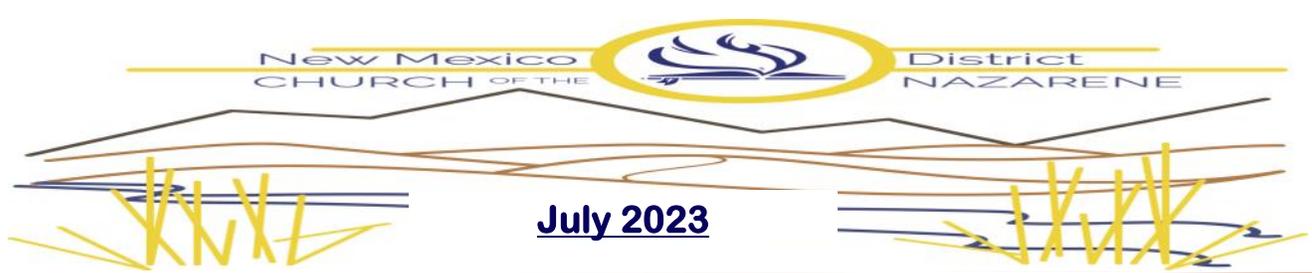




Dr. Lawrence Lacher



The Gathering Place

A few days ago, a childhood friend of mine visited me here at my house on the camp. It was the first time he has been here since we had come here together as fifth or sixth graders to boys' camp. That was about the time when Plunkett Hall was the "brand new hotel," and we did not yet own the meadow or had even thought about purchasing the lower meadow or the pear orchard.

He quizzed me about the 2012 fire, and I told him about the courage of the firefighters who stood line for a week on the Angus Cemetery Road and the road that runs behind my home and determined that they would not allow us to lose our camp. I told him the stories of the visionary leaders and the sacrificial givers and workers over the years the lead and worked, enabling us to rise out of the ashes and have camp a mere three weeks after the fire, while the hillside was still smoldering.

We got in my car, and I drove him up the hill and we remember what once was. We remembered the places where we had gathered to eat, to sleep, to worship, and to play. He was careful to tell his wife what a special place to old firepit was and how alive it was when we gathered for song and testimony. He remembered the old pie palace, Ryan Hall, and, of course, the snack shack! He couldn't believe all the cabins were just gone.

Then I took him down the hill. We drove past Armstrong and he asked if it was named for Rev. Armstrong. I said, "Yes," and he remembered what an amazing man he was. I talked about Morris Center and the miracle of Elk Run. Then I drove him down him by the pool and he was amazed that we had a pool. We went down that hill to see the new activity center and, somehow, he quit mourning the loss of the old gym. We walked down through the pear orchard and about got our heads knocked off by zip-liners. We saw the rivers, the fire pits, the challenge courses, and, even, the waste treatment plant. I told him that all of this will allow 9000 campers to gather in the presence of God this year and to get away from the pressures of the world to hear from Heaven. Those people come from churches, schools, business, and, even, military bases, to the special place called Bonita Park. They come every month of the year, from mostly Texas and New Mexico and Arizona. They speak Spanish and English, and they worship from before the sun comes up until well past midnight. Often one group is waiting on the porch while we clean the rooms because the other group just left. We have groups in excess of 500 and groups as few as 15.

In the month of July, Bonita Park becomes uniquely *Our* Gathering Place. Our district Nazarenes will come to this sacred place this month with great anticipation of meeting God here for food, fun, fellowship, and holy moments with God. Starting with Kids Camp July 12-14, then Youth camp, July 17-21, NMI Convention, July 21, Ordination, July 21 at 7p.m., District Assembly, July 22 at 8 a.m., Prayer Pond Ceremony, July 22 2 p.m., Mission Rally July 22 7 p.m., Family Camp July 23- 28 with Dr. Carla Sunberg and Dr. Norman Moore, Adams Voice and much more.

While there are many churches and organizations that think of Bonita Park as their Gathering Place, I am especially thankful that it is ***Our Gathering Place***. I am looking forward to seeing the family here soon as we have this unique opportunity this year to have District Assembly and Family Camp together. Let's be praying that amidst the food, fun, and fellowship, that we would, once again, gather in the presence of the Holy One and have life-altering encounters on this holy mountain of God.

Dr. Lacher



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District Conventions and Assembly and Family Camp Schedules

New Mexico District Conventions and Assembly Schedule:

Friday July 21—12:00 noon NMI delegate Registration

Friday July 21—1:00pm—5:00pm NMI Convention (Angus) with Rusty and Diane Robbins

Friday July 21—7:00pm Ordination Service (Armstrong Tabernacle) Reception to follow at Angus

Friday July 21—6:00pm D.A. Delegate Registration

Sat. July 22—8:00am—Noon District Assembly (Armstrong Tabernacle) Dr. Carla Sunberg

Sat. July 22—2:00pm Prayer Pond Ceremony— [Family Camp Begins](#)

Sat: July 22—7:00pm Mission Rally (Armstrong Tabernacle) NMI Reception following service

Sun: July 23— 9:00a, Sunday School with Dr. Lacher

Sun: July 23—10:30am Worship Dr. Norman Moore and Adam's Voice

Sun: July 23 -5:00pm Adam's Voice in concert

Sun: July 23- 7:00pm Evening Worship Dr. Carla Sunberg and Adam's Voice

Monday July 24—1:00pm—5:00pm NDI Convention (Angus)

Mon—Thurs- Evening Services each night

Tues—Fri am School of Prophets and Morning Worship each day

FAMILY CAMP— Featuring Dr. Norman Moore -Dr -Carla Sunberg and Adams Voice.

(Continues through Friday July 28 noon (See the attached flyer)

Up Coming Important Dates for the New Mexico District

July

NYC in Tampa July 5-9

Childrens Camp July 12-14 Wed through Fri

Senior High and Jr High Camp July 17-21 Mon through Fri (See flyer)

NM Conventions and Assembly July 21-22 Bonita Park

NDI Convention July 24 Bonita Park

Family Camp July 22 -28 Bonita Park

August

NBC zoom with Board of Ministry Aug 18

October

Mid-Year Meetings Oct 19-21

November

Leadership Retreat (All pastors, staff and Licensed ministers) Nov 9-11

Kids Camp 2025 Campfire Stories



July 12-14

KIDS CAMP
WED—FRI

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN AT NMNAZ.COM

What's Happening around out District!



Wacky Wednesdays at Portales CON

Rio Vista CON teen and kids Indian Taco fundraiser and Car Wash fundraiser.



NMI KIDS

BLESSING THE COMMUNITY

NM NMI Kids. Don't forget to take pictures of your VBS missions project or any service or compassionate ministry project your kids have done this year for the NMI Rally this year at District Assembly. Send me your church name, what your kids did and who it was for along with your pictures. These will be in slideshow and poster. If you have any questions let me know.



Heights 1st CON VBS

FUNDRAISER FOR KIDS CAMP!!!!

Car wash
1902 W Main
ARTESIA



FATHER'S DAY BAPTISMS
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Crossroads Cowboy Community Church of the Nazarene



Mt Taylor Church of the Nazarene:

Thanks to "Green Heat Alliance", we are able to fix up the wood yard. The kids ministry group of Gallup, worked hard 3 days cleaning, mowing, setting fence t-post.

They were awesome...



Mission: El Paso! We are harvesting daily from the Hoop House / Community Garden!



Crossroads Cowboy Community CON has suffered severe flooding due to the storms in late May. The church and parsonage took extensive damage. They are currently worshipping with a Methodist church. Please keep them in your prayers!



Hope Harbor in the 4th of July Parada



Mountainair Living Hope CON 4th of July Parada

New Mexico District Family Camp 2023

SOMETHING OLD • SOMETHING NEW
OUR GATHERING PLACE!!!!!!

July 22-28, 2023

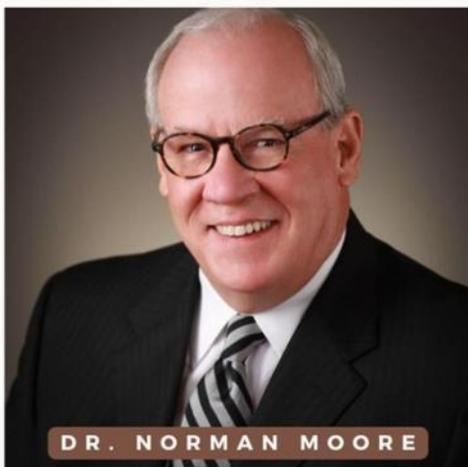
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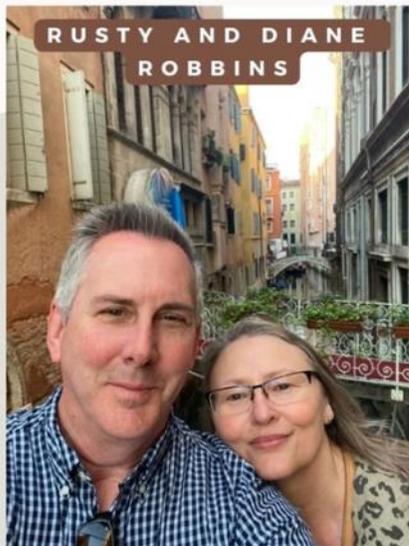
DR. CARLA SUNBERG
REV. CHUCK SUNBERG



ADAM'S VOICE



DR. NORMAN MOORE



RUSTY AND DIANE
ROBBINS



REV. DAVE RALPH

CONTACT US TODAY
TO MAKE A RESERVATION:
575-336-4404
INFO@BONITAPARK.COM

School of Prophets, Family times, Pond Memorial, Evening Fellowships, Time to Explore, Childrens Times, Teen Times, Quiet times, Wondering times Etc.

OUR GATHERING TIMES!!

**Please join our pick up Choir
Monday—Thursday evenings.
Everyone is invited! See Lisa**

30th General Assembly in pictures!!



CONGRATULATIONS

to the 44th & 45th General Superintendents for the Church of the Nazarene!



T SCOTT DANIELS



CHRISTIAN SARMIENTO

Join us in prayer that the Lord would bless these leaders and give them wisdom as they guide the Church of the Nazarene.



G.S. Dr Graves celebrated on his Distinguished service as he retires.



Some of Dr. Lacher's grandchildren having a photo op with the General Superintendents

Our New General Superintendents For the Church of the Nazarene



Global NMI convention



Christine Trent-Mosuela is the new global NMI president!

NYI



W&W Name Change



World Quiz! Over 1,300 quizzers received awards: 542 red level and 788 blue level.



THE 30TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA, USA 9-16 JUNE 2023
nazarene.org/generalassembly



Teens -61
Adults - 21
Churches—16

July 5—9 2023

NYC 23 – Nazarene Youth Conference

Here is the home page for NYC. Find all sorts of information along with short videos for your church and teens as they all get ready to send their youth and Go!

Travel Schedule:

Below is the tentative travel schedule for our district:

- Wednesday,
 - Travel to Tampa Bay
 - NYC Registration
 - Check into Hotel
 - Field Event
- Thursday, July 6
 - NYC Events
- Friday, July 7
 - NYC Events
- Saturday, July 8

NM DISTRICT TOUR OF ISRAEL TRIP 2024

New Mexico District
Church of the Nazarene

Sept 7th-17th 2024

TOUR OF ISRAEL

A WORSHIP PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Galilee

Jerusalem

The Dead Sea & More

Where the Bible comes alive...

Join us as we travel the Holy land and spend time learning about historic Biblical sites from Reuven Zusman; a very experienced, educated, and certified tour guide in Israel. We will also be led in worship by Dr. Larry Lacher whose study, passion, and leadership of worship will come alive in new ways for you at these incredible sites.

\$5,500
PRICE INCLUDES

- ✓ Airfare
- ✓ Hotels (Double Room) (Dan Panorama, Leonardo Plaza)
- ✓ Ground Transportation
- ✓ Tour Guide
- ✓ All Admission Fees
- ✓ Breakfast and Dinner at Hotel
- ✓ Farewell dinner
- ✓ Tips

SITES INCLUDE*

- ✓ Jaffa
- ✓ Caesarea-by-the-Sea
- ✓ Mount Carmel
- ✓ Jezreel Valley & Megiddo
- ✓ The Sea of Galilee
- ✓ Capernaum
- ✓ Tabgha (Loaves and Fishes).
- ✓ The Mount of Beatitudes
- ✓ Beit Shean
- ✓ Baptisms in the Jordan
- ✓ Cana of Galilee
- ✓ Nazareth
- ✓ The Dead Sea
- ✓ En Gedi
- ✓ Caesarea Philippi
- ✓ Golan Heights
- ✓ Jericho
- ✓ Mt of Olives
- ✓ Upper Room
- ✓ Israel Museum
- ✓ Dead Sea Scrolls
- ✓ City of David
- ✓ Garden of Gethsemane
- ✓ Kidron Valley
- ✓ House of Caiaphas
- ✓ Pool of Bethesda
- ✓ Pilate's Judgment Hall
- ✓ Via Delarosa
- ✓ Church of the Holy Sepulcher
- ✓ Masada
- ✓ A Day of Leisure in Jerusalem
- ✓ Plus More

ONLY 30 SLOTS AVAILABLE
\$100 DEPOSIT DUE BY SEPT 30TH, 2023

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*visits may be changed if circumstances require