



THE NCO DISTRICT ASSEMBLY **GOSPEL**

**GOOD
NEWS**

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes.

JULY 16, 2022 • MOUNT VERNON NAZARENE UNIVERSITY

*Dr. Gustavo A. Crocker, General Superintendent
Rev. Wendell D. Brown, District Superintendent*

 **NCO** NORTH CENTRAL OHIO DISTRICT
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

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Family Camp

with Dr. Scott Sherwood

July 19-21, 2023



District Assembly

with Dr. Gustavo Crocker

July 22, 2023 at MVNU

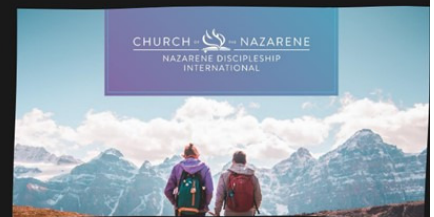
FALL TOUR

September 25-October 2



Monte Cyr
Nazarene Discipleship International
Coordinator
Church of the Nazarene Mesoamerica

Connect with district NMI president, Kathy Pelley to schedule speaking opportunities!





SAVE THE DATE!
Saturday, Sept. 17, 2022

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Clergy Kids Retreat
February 18-20, 2023



SAVE THE DATE

NCO DISTRICT Discipleship Dinner

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 2023 • WOOSTER, OHIO
with Comedian Jeff Allen



NORTH CENTRAL OHIO DISTRICT
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Children's Quizzing 1 & 2 Samuel



Contact Pastor Mindy Schemrich with questions
lakeholmkids@lakeholm.org



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family fun activities

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9 – 12 JUNE 2023

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**LOVE YOUR
NEIGHBOR**

10-16 JUNE 2023

**REGISTRATION BEGINS
JULY 2022!**



NORTH CENTRAL OHIO DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

July 16, 2022



Welcome to District Assembly!

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes... (Romans 1:16)

The power of the GOSPEL cannot be understated. Its power cannot be under-represented. We have passed from death to life because we believe in the Good News of Jesus Christ. The GOSPEL is the central reason why we gather today. There are reports, votes, and business items that must be done, but without the GOSPEL there is no reason to conduct the business of the church. The GOSPEL gives us our purpose, our mission, and our hope! As we gather, let us never be ashamed of what the GOSPEL has done, and as we leave today let us never be ashamed to tell the STORY of what the GOSPEL can do!

It is my prayer for each of us, in each of our churches, that the power of the GOSPEL enables us to share His love with a world in need! May God bless you, and may God bless our churches! Welcome to District Assembly by the power of the GOSPEL!

Rev. Wendell D. Brown
DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT



DISTRICT OFFICERS, STAFF, AND BOARDS

DISTRICT SECRETARY T.J. McNew III

DISTRICT TREASURER Patrick Rhoton

DISTRICT NMI PRESIDENT Kathy Pelley

DISTRICT NYI PRESIDENT Ben Price Jr.

DISTRICT NDI PRESIDENT Curtis A. Cecil

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT Crystal Browning

2021-2022 DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD

Ministers

Ryan M. Brown
R. Michael Dennis
Stephen M. Estep
Carolyn L. Joseph
Scott E. Sharpes

Lay

Jessica Dawes
Julie Gates
Bob Marcum
Mel Severns
Austin Swallow

2021-2022 MISSION STRATEGY TEAM

Ministers

Jonathan D. Barker
James Todd Gulley
Carolyn Ann Joseph
Keith Allen Martinez
Gregg E. Parkman

Lay

Michelle Edwards
Sharon Griner
Warren Neal
Mike Pelley
James Radcliffe

2021-2022 DISTRICT PROPERTIES BOARD

Ministers

Scott Eastburn
James A. Lillo
Richard A. Meier
Max M. Rodas
Peter J. Ryder

Lay

Bruce Heinlen
Jim Mayes
Donald Sharp
Jason Stuyvesant
Denny Taylor

THANK YOU, DISTRICT OFFICERS, STAFF AND BOARDS!

Thank you to each of you who has served our district so faithfully. Thank you for the hours of prayer as you have prayed for the ministries across our district. Thank you for the time you have given in serving. Thank you for the wisdom you have shared in our meetings and thank you for never being ashamed of the GOSPEL of Jesus Christ. This district cannot function without you, and I appreciate so much the partnership we share as we strive to resource, empower, and inspire our congregations to live and love like Jesus. I take great comfort in having you as a part of the NCO team and am so blessed that we have the privilege to serve Jesus Christ together! Thank you for serving!

In Christ,

Rev. Wendell D. Brown

District Superintendent

MISSION STATEMENT

The North Central Ohio District exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ by:

1. *Resourcing our Pastors*
2. *Empowering our Churches*
3. *Inspiring our People*

1. Resourcing Our Pastors to Fulfill The Great Commission.

This is realized through: Recruitment of passionate ministers.
Development of gifts and abilities.
Training in practical areas.

Our district believes that we are called to fulfill the Great Commission in our context. As such, we place a high premium on reaching people with the love of Christ. This is a worthy endeavor as everything we do affects the eternal life of the residents in our communities. It is our intent that our ministers recognize the importance of the task and the limited time in which we have to complete the task for the glory of God.

2 Timothy 4:2 Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction.

2 Timothy 2:2 And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others.

2. Empowering Our Churches for Cultural Engagement.

This is realized through: Seeking to understand our rapidly changing culture.
Being present in our communities.
Knowing who we are in Christ.
Loving because Christ loves us.

John 17:18 As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.

1 John 4:19 We love because he first loved us.

3. Inspiring Our People for Missional Living.

This is realized through: Recognizing individual responsibility to make disciples.
Learning how to make disciples where you live, work, and play.
Living each earthly moment with Spirit-filled eternal importance.

John 15:8 This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

Romans 12:1 Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.

GENERAL SUPERINTENDENT IN JURISDICTION



Dr. Gustavo A. Crocker was elected the 41st general superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene at the 28th General Assembly in Indianapolis, Indiana, in June 2013.

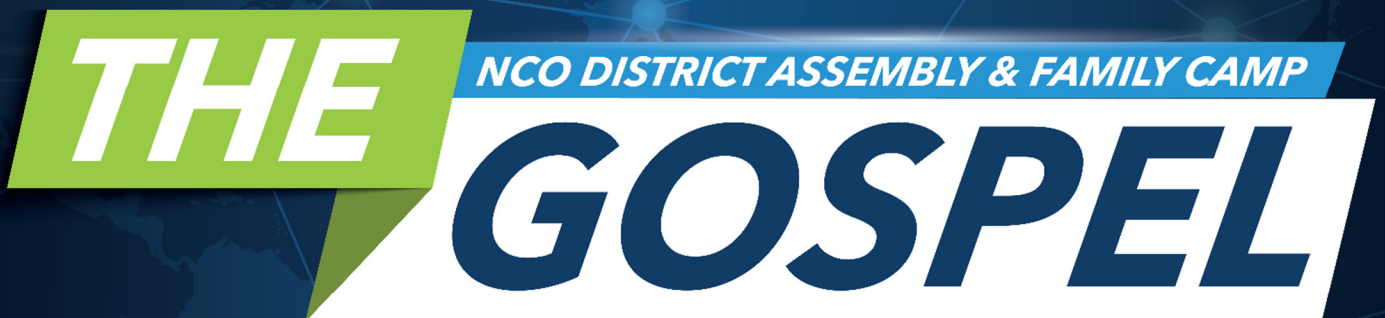
Prior to his election, Crocker had served as Eurasia regional director since 2004. Previously, he was senior vice president for programs at World Relief Corporation. Gustavo joined World Relief after serving as director of field management for Compassion International. Other ministry included several years as administrative director of Nazarene Compassionate Ministries International in Kansas City, Missouri, and three years as regional coordinator of Nazarene Compassionate Ministries out of Quito, Ecuador.

A Guatemalan by birth, Dr. Crocker was ordained as an elder in the Church of the Nazarene on the Mid-Atlantic District. He is a licensed architect with a master's degree in community planning from the University of Cincinnati, where he attended as a Fulbright Scholar. As a Latin American Leadership Scholar, he earned a Ph.D. in organizational leadership at Regent University. In 2014, Olivet Nazarene University honored him with a Doctor of Divinity degree for his contribution to the development of the global church.

Dr. Crocker has taught in various universities in Latin America, Europe, and the United States. He has also been a guest lecturer at several seminaries, colleges, and universities in the United States, Latin America, Asia, and Europe. Proficient in several languages, Dr. Crocker has authored several books and articles in Spanish and English, and his writings have been translated into more than 20 languages.

Dr. Crocker and his wife, Rachel, have two grown daughters, Raquel and Beth.

ASSEMBLY ORGANIZATION



AGENDA

SATURDAY, July 16, 2022, 9:00a.m.

Welcome	Rev. Wendell D. Brown
Opening Worship	led by Rev. Nate Ward
Devotional Message	Dr. Gustavo A. Crocker
Call to Order of the 48th Assembly	Dr. Gustavo A. Crocker
Organization of the Assembly	Rev. TJ McNew III
Special Greetings	Rev. TJ McNew III
Seating of Alternates	Rev. TJ McNew III
Acknowledge New Pastors/Spouses	Rev. Wendell D. Brown
Ministerial Credentials Board (full report)	Dr. Gustavo A. Crocker/Rev. TJ McNew III
Report of the Nominating Committee	Rev. TJ McNew III
Voting	Rev. Bernard J. Dickson
NTS Video presentation	Dr. Gustavo A. Crocker
DS Report	Rev. Wendell D. Brown
Board and Committee Reports	Rev. TJ McNew III
Advisory Board	
Ministerial Studies Board	
New Works Team	
Church Properties Board	
District Treasurer	
Assembly Finance Committee	
Nazarene Foundation Presentation	
University Report	Dr. Henry Spaulding II, President
Election Results/Voting	Dr. Gustavo A. Crocker/Rev. TJ McNew III
Special Recognitions	Rev. Wendell D. Brown
Memoirs Service	Rev. Wendell D. Brown
Receive additional reports/ Recognition of full-time evangelists, chaplains, missionaries, etc.	Rev. TJ McNew III
Announcements/Closing Remarks	
Motion to allow the district secretary to edit and print minutes and to adjourn the assembly (sine die)	Dr. Gustavo A. Crocker
Any other presentation as called for by GS	Dr. Gustavo A. Crocker
Election Results/Voting	Dr. Gustavo A. Crocker/Rev. TJ McNew III

ASSEMBLY ASSISTANTS, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND COMMITTEES

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY ASSISTANTS

Treasurer: Patrick Rhoton
Pages: Desiree B. Caluza, Philip A. Hurlbert, Carolyn A. Joseph
Elections Secretary: Bernard J. Dickson
Tellers: Christie Gulley, Danita Hurlbert, April Westover
Recording Secretary: Thomas A. Duncan
Assembly Minutes Editor: Ryan Downs

RECOMMENDED VOTING AREA

Electronically per Manual 204; delegates must be present to vote

RECOMMENDED TIME OF SESSION

Tuesday, July 16, 2022, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

RECOMMENDED TIMES FOR SPECIAL ORDERS OF THE DAY

10:00 a.m. District Superintendent Report
11:00 a.m. University Report
11:30 a.m. Memoirs Service
2:00 p.m. Celebration of Ministry Service

COMMITTEES

Assembly Finance (2021-2022): Wendell D. Brown, District Superintendent; Austin Swallow, Chairman; T.J. McNew III, Secretary; Patrick L. Rhoton, District Treasurer; Ryan M. Brown, R. Michael Dennis, Bernard J. Dickson, Stephen M. Estep, Donald E. Lain, Joseph Proudfoot, Peter J. Ryder, Keith Badger, Mark Gerber, Wade Gray, Gary Hardesty, Terry Johnstone, Andy Murphy, Mike Pelley, Bill Purtee, Patrick Rhoton, Bob Robbins, Chuck Service, Sue Sloan, Stuart Washington, Linda Wasil

Nominating: Wendell D. Brown, Chair, Billie Maglott (Ashland Zone), Rich Meier (Ashtabula Zone), Bernie Dickson (Bellevue Zone), Danita Hurlbert (Cleveland Zone), Tom Duncan (Coshocton Zone), Mindy Schemrich (Coshocton Zone), Rich Henry (Elyria Zone), Don Lain (Elyria Zone), Eric Anderson (Marion Zone), Desiree Caluza (Marion Zone), Pete Ryder (Wadsworth Zone) and Crystal Browning, Recording Secretary.

NORTH CENTRAL OHIO DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY STATISTICAL GROWTH CHART

BOARD OF GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS

2021-2022

NORTH CENTRAL OHIO DISTRICT

ATTENDANCE/MEMBERSHIP

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Conversions	1223	799	752	640	683	721	737	673	532	764
Baptisms	363	160	287	279	272	247	235	222	199	306
NDI Enrollment	15869	13550	14273	13991	14121	12558	12693	11945	10865	12143
NDI Attendance	8074	7284	7322	7585	7474	7340	7214	6912	6704	6229
Morning Worship	9106	8990	9028	9561	9171	9030	9231	8596	8380	8889
Church Membership	11252	11463	11355	11493	11628	11541	11200	10917	10398	10448
New Nazarenes	327	369	238	333	281	291	277	266	235	358
Total # of Org Churches	67	65	65	65	65	63	61	56	56	57
New Churches Organized	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Registered Churches	3	3	3	2	3	2	3	5	7	7
Total # of Churches	70	68	68	67	68	65	64	61	63	64

FINANCES

	<u>Amount Paid</u> <u>2021-2022</u>	<u>Goal Based</u> <u>on Income</u>	<u>Percent of</u> <u>Goal Paid</u>
World Evangelism Fund	\$699,750	\$747,818	93.57%
Pensions Fund	\$268,130	\$307,950	87.07%
Education Fund	\$255,656	\$307,950	83.02%
Fair Share Fund	\$630,236	\$650,113	96.94%
Total Church Income		\$ 14,930,118	
Total Adjusted Church Income		\$ 15,021,672	
Total Missions Specials		\$ 283,500	

(All amounts taken from Annual Pastors' Reports)

HONORS/AWARDS

All Allocations Paid in Full	41
World Evangelism Church	42
World Evangelism Church of Excellence	24
Ten Percent Churches	12
General Superintendent's Growth Award	1

FULFILLING THE GREAT COMMISSION

Churches that reported one or more conversions.

Amherst The River
Andover Cherry Valley
Ashland
Ashtabula Edgewood
Ashtabula The Ridge
Bedford
Brunswick
Bucyrus First
Cleveland Arabic
Cleveland Aviva
Cleveland Garfield Heights
Cleveland Lighthouse, Inc.
Cleveland Nueva Luz
Cleveland Richmond Heights
Cleveland Victory
Clyde
Coshocton
Crestline
Delaware Newstart
Eastlake Willo-Lake
Elyria Community
Fostoria First
Fremont
Galion Real Life
Grafton Harvest Fellowship
Jefferson

Kelloggsville
Lexington Journey
Loudonville
Mansfield Heart City
Marion First
Marion Life Link
Medina
Mount Gilead Fresh Faith
Mount Vernon First
Mount Vernon First Dios Es Suficiente
Mount Vernon Lakeholm
Mount Vernon New Life
Mount Vernon The Shepherd's House
N. Royalton State Road Comm.
Orwell Resurrection Life
Painesville
Sandusky Community
Sullivan
Tiffin
Vermilion
Wadsworth Now
West Lafayette Living Faith
Willard
Wooster

ALL ALLOCATIONS PAID IN FULL 2021-2022

Amherst The River
Andover Cherry Valley
Ashland
Ashtabula Edgewood
Ashtabula The Ridge
Bedford
Brunswick
Bucyrus First
Burton North East Community
Cardington
Cleveland Garfield Heights
Cleveland Lighthouse, Inc./Heaventrain
Cleveland Richmond Heights
Cleveland Victory
Coshocton
Crestline
Eastlake Willo-Lake
Elyria Community
Fostoria First
Fremont
Grafton Harvest Fellowship
Jefferson
Kelloggsville
Loudonville
Marion First
Medina
Mount Gilead Fresh Faith Community
Mount Vernon First
Mount Vernon Lakeholm
Mount Vernon New Life
Mount Vernon The Shepherd's House
Orwell Resurrection Life
Sandusky Community
Shelby
Sunbury
Tiffin
Wadsworth Now
Warsaw
West Lafayette Living Faith
Westlake Parkside
Willard

WORLD EVANGELISM CHURCH 2021-2022

Churches that give 5.5 percent of their income to WEF have met the base goal in their support of the global mission.

Amherst The River
Andover Cherry Valley
Ashland
Ashtabula Edgewood
Ashtabula The Ridge
Bedford
Brunswick
Bucyrus First
Burton North East Community
Cardington
Cleveland Garfield Heights
Cleveland Richmond Heights
Cleveland Victory
Cooperdale
Coshocton
Crestline
Eastlake Willo-Lake
Elyria Community
Fostoria First
Fremont
Grafton Harvest Fellowship
Jefferson
Kelloggsville
Loudonville
Marion First
Medina
Mount Gilead Fresh Faith
Mount Vernon First
Mount Vernon Lakeholm
Mount Vernon New Life
Mount Vernon The Shepherd's House
Orwell Resurrection Life
Painesville
Sandusky Community
Shelby
Sunbury
Tiffin
Wadsworth Now
Warsaw
West Lafayette Living Faith
Westlake Parkside
Willard

WORLD EVANGELISM CHURCH OF EXCELLENCE 2021-2022

Churches that give at least 5.7 percent (or \$1,500 USD, whichever is less) to WEF.

WEF giving beyond 5.5 percent invests in new world areas and works.

Amherst
Andover Cherry Valley
Ashland
Ashtabula Edgewood
Brunswick
Bucyrus First
Burton North East Community
Cardington
Coshocton
Crestline
Elyria Community
Fostoria First
Grafton Harvest Fellowship
Jefferson
Kelloggsville
Marion First
Mount Gilead Fresh Faith Community
Mount Vernon First
Mount Vernon Lakeholm
Mount Vernon The Shepherd's House
Sandusky Community
Wadsworth Now
Warsaw
Westlake Parkside

WORLD EVANGELISM TEN PERCENT CHURCH 2021-2022

Churches that give at least 10.0 percent to WEF and approved mission specials.

Amherst The River	10.07%
Ashland	11.69%
Bucyrus First	12.74%
Cooperdale	15.50%
Coshocton	12.51%
Crestline	11.02%
Doylestown	12.96%
Elyria Community	11.07%
Fostoria First	11.40%
Fremont	12.95%
Loudonville	10.14%
Mount Vernon Lakeholm	10.13%

NEW FACES ON THE DISTRICT

Mandy Cecil-Jefferson

Mandy and Curtis Cecil live in Jefferson with their 7 kids, ages almost 7 to almost 20. She has been married for 22 years this Sept. They have moved all over the place (IN, MI, IA, MD, DE) due to Curtis's previous job. But love living here in NE Ohio, with ALL the seasons, and ALL the snow! Mandy loves spending time with the family and going on Family Friday Fun Days! Never knowing where they will end up, or what will happen, never a dull moment in their family! Mandy homeschools all her kids. She doesn't have much time to do things on her own, but she really enjoys roasting her own coffee. She loves doing crafts of any kind, and really enjoys reading when she has the time. Mandy has recently taken the position as Children's Director at Jefferson Nazarene where Curtis has been the lead pastor since 2019.



Alexandria Channels-Bedford



Alex grew up in southwestern Ohio and was raised in the Nazarene church. She was saved at the age of five but began to take her life with Christ seriously as a sophomore in high school. The following summer she felt a call to ministry. She attended Mount Vernon Nazarene University and just graduated in December of 2021. In January 2022, she moved to Cleveland and is currently serving as the Children's Pastor at Bedford Church of the Nazarene. She married Timothy in May and they are looking forward to serving the Lord together. Alex enjoys spending time with friends and family, especially her niece.

Jimmy Copenhaver-Now

Pastor Jim Copenhaver has recently been named the Lead Pastor of Now Church. He had previously served as the Now Church Orrville Campus Pastor. Pastor Jim has over 20 years of ministry experience. His passion for preaching the gospel and making disciples of Jesus Christ is at the top of his priority list. Jim is also a Hall Of Fame area FCA board member bringing the gospel to local communities through coaches and student-athletes. Pastor Jim is a catalyst leader of the Liberty Church Network in Orrville, Ohio. Through LCN, local pastors come together to connect, care for, communicate and equip one another to make disciples of Jesus Christ in their local assemblies. Pastor Jim is excited about what God has in store for the future at Now Church. Jim received his Biblical Studies certificate from Liberty University, he is a recipient of an honorary Doctorate of Divinity, and currently studies at MVNU. He and his wife Angela, their son Hutson, and their dog Samson live in Wooster, Ohio.



Grayson George-Mission 59



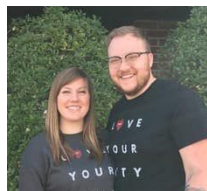
Grayson George is a pastoral ministry major at Mount Vernon Nazarene University and graduates in the spring of 2023. He enjoys communicating with others, pursuing art and music, and discovering new interests. He's excited to further his experience and discipline in ministry while in Cleveland this summer. He wants to feel challenged and joyful in this internship and to use this opportunity for the good of his calling and service to God and others.

Kayla Hamilton-Delaware Newstart

Kayla is serving as an Associate Pastor at Newstart Church of the Nazarene in Delaware, Ohio. She previously served as the Worship Pastor at Pataskala Church of the Nazarene in the South Central Ohio District. Kayla has been married to her husband, Kyle, for five years. They have two children, Violet and Charlie.



Corbin Kellum-Marion First



Corbin Kellum grew up in the North Arkansas and Midsouth Districts of the Church of the Nazarene. At twelve years old, Corbin felt a call to ministry while attending middle school camp at Camp Garner Creek. Corbin attended Barclay College in far west Kansas, where he met his wife, Lauren. He then went on to Fuller Theological Seminary to achieve a Masters of Arts in Theology. In ministry, he served as a relaunch pastor in Liberal, Kansas, and then went on to do youth ministry for four years in Abilene. In his spare time, he enjoys reading, hiking in western America backcountry, and being with his wife and ministry partner, Lauren.

David Phillips-Cooperdale

David and Naomi Phillips came to Christ as teens and met at God's Bible College in 1982. Both were called to missions and graduated from GBS with majors in missions. David later received an MDiv from Nazarene Theological Seminary. Pastoring in Cincinnati, Ohio; Newport, Kentucky; Beacon Hill, Massachusetts; Kansas City, Missouri; Fairfax, Oklahoma; and Devine, Texas, helped prepare them and their two children for service in the Philippines and Southeast Asia. Naomi likes playing with grandchildren, yard work, cooking new dishes, and road trips as well as good mysteries. David likes learning all kinds of things, puttering around with repairs, and watching old westerns. He is a nuclear power fanboy. Their new, small fishing boat will be put to good use this summer.

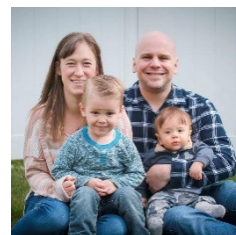
Nate Porter-Delaware Newstart



Nate Porter grew up attending Mount Sterling Nazarene church. He graduated from MVNU in 2010 with a degree in Youth Ministry and received ordination from the NCO district in 2016. Nate has served at Newstart since 2015 as an assistant pastor in various ministries. Nate and his beautiful wife, Kristen, have been married for twelve years and have three young boys - Cole, Gage, and Brody. Kristen and Nate are currently foster parents and reside in the city of Delaware. Nate enjoys coaching his kids' soccer & baseball teams, hiking, hunting, and anything outdoors. Nate loves getting involved in his community and is excited to be serving as a copastor at Newstart!

Tyler Skidmore-Medina

Tyler is pleased to serve as worship leader at the Medina Church. Growing up in the Church of the Nazarene, he enjoyed his involvement in local and NCO District ministries and events. He serves also as a choir and music theory teacher at Medina High School. Tyler has a degree in music education from Mount Vernon Nazarene University and a degree in voice performance from Kent State University. Tyler lives in Medina with his wife Melina, a violinist, and two sons, Michael and Jack.



Chris and Kirsten Umphries-Cardington



Kirsten and Chris both grew up on the NWIL District and were saved at a young age. They started dating in high school and after graduating they both attended Olivet Nazarene University together and got married following their junior year. After graduation, Chris received a pastoral staff position in Greeley, Colorado, and they followed the Lord's leading across the country. After four years, they moved to Ohio for a job at MVNU and eventually ended up moving to Mansfield to help plant Heart City Church. They have recently transitioned to being copastors at Cardington Church of the Nazarene and recently welcomed a baby boy (Wade Allen) into the world. In Wade's 4 months of life, he's already been fishing five times.

Aaron VanValkenburg-MV Lakeholm

Aaron grew up in Mount Vernon and met his wife, Sarah, while attending MVNU. They have moved around a lot as Aaron was going through graduate school for music: Waco, TX for 5 years (Baylor University), Rochester, NY for 5 years (Eastman School of Music), and then Pickerington, OH for 6 years (worship leader at PickNaz) before returning to Mount Vernon where Aaron leads music at Lakeholm Church. Sarah teaches English at Granville high school. They have two kids, Kamryn (12) and Lyvia (9). They love music, reading, video games, and watching classic movies with dad.



Bob Weaver-Crestline



Bob comes from a long line of preachers, but his part of the family didn't start attending church regularly until he was fourteen. Bob accepted the Lord as his personal Savior when he was fifteen and was sanctified at seventeen. In that same year, he received a call to preach. Bob was married to his best friend, Cindy Layton, when they were both just nineteen and on July 1, 2022 they celebrated fifty years of marriage. Their two sons, Paul and Seth have given us six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. We have pastored for almost forty-seven years and are enjoying the Lord's blessings of being back home in Ohio near family and old friends. Most recently Bob has taken up writing and has written two books: *A word from the weaver*, a 50-day devotional, and *A Long Line of Messed up Fathers and Sons*.

REPORTS TO THE ASSEMBLY



MINISTERIAL CREDENTIALS BOARD

2021-2022

We, the Board of Ministerial Credentials, respectfully submit the following reports.

Report No.1

We recommend the following transfers be received:

Elders:

John Mark Ballenger from South Central Ohio, education, Mount Vernon Shepherd's House

William A. Brown from Florida, retired minister, Mount Vernon First

Christina Axe Jones from Mid-Atlantic, education, Mount Vernon New Life

Joseph P. Knight from Eastern Michigan, associate, Delaware Newstart

Lynn D. Shmidt from Kentucky, general assignment, Marion First

Shearon L. Shmidt from Kentucky, general assignment, Marion First

Timothy B. Pusey from Intermountain, retired minister (RA), Bedford

Robert A. Weaver from Virginia, lead pastor, Crestline

Licensed Minister:

Kayla Rene Hamilton from South Central Ohio, associate, Delaware Newstart

Alexandria Gabrielle (Juniet) Channels from Southwestern Ohio, associate, Bedford

Christopher James Sommers from South Texas, SPC

We recommend the following transfers be granted:

Elders:

Jonathan D. Barker to South Central Ohio

Rochelle L. Head to South Central Ohio

Marylea E. Monroe to East Ohio

Larry R. Owsley to North Carolina

Victoria Noel Parks to East Ohio

Patras Rahmat to South Central Ohio

David Andrew Ross to Southwestern Ohio

Licensed Ministers:

Terry L. Adams to Northwestern Ohio

Sawyer A. Harlow to South Central Ohio

Kayla Ashley Reed to Oklahoma

Matthew S. Short to Florida

Report No. 2

We recommend the following candidates for election to elder's orders: Kayla Rene Hamilton, Andrew Kenneth Heller, Kirsten Joy Kohr,

Katherine Laura Morales, Mindy Kay Schemrich, Carrie Faith Taylor, Christopher Umphryes, and Donald Michael Weaver.

We recommend the following to be granted a minister's license (elder candidate): Benjamin Shem Brown, Kasey Ellen Kindle, Luke

Mohnasky, Jackson A. Moody, Jessica D. Stauffer, Kirsten Marie Umphryes, Lumar Vargas, and Jacob Elishah Wilcox.

We recommend the following be granted renewal of minister's license (elder candidate): Madalyn Elise Booher, William David

Browning, Alexandria Gabrielle (Juniet) Channels, James Russell Copenhaver, Joshua Paul Evans, Kayla Rene Hamilton,

Andrew Kenneth Heller, Joshua Dillon Kirksey, Kirsten Joy Kohr, Caitlyn Ashley Leimbach, Reshea Soma Lyn McKibben,

Katherine Laura Morales, Mark Norris Owen, Michael David Perry, Kathryn Ponsart, Ben Price Jr., Rhonda Reese Purtee,

Marcella Elaine Rivera, Mindy Kay Schemrich, Samantha Lynn Shreve, Erika Marie Snyder, William Charles St. John, Sheldon

Lynn Stauffer, Olivia Ann Stern, Carrie Faith Taylor, Christopher Umphryes, and Donald Michael Weaver.

Report No. 3

We recommend the following be granted a certificate as a commissioned minister of music (231.2): Keith Showalter.

We recommend the following be granted a certificate as a registered song evangelist (231.2): Rudy Cervantes and Rochelle L. Head.

We recommend the following be granted a certificate as a commissioned evangelist (231.2): Claude G. Nicholas.

We recommend the following be granted a certificate as a registered evangelist (231.2): George A. Small, Jr.

We recommend the following be granted a certificate as a commissioned minister of music (231.2): Keith Showalter.

We recommend the following be granted retirement relationship:

Elders:

Bernard J. Dickson, RA
Thomas J. McNew III, RA
David B. Potter, RA
Sylvia A. Potter, RA
Lynn D. Shmidt, RA
Shearon L. Shmidt, RA
Donald L. Wilson, RA

We recommend the following be granted chaplain status (not CHP role codes):

Eric R. Anderson, Chaplain, law enforcement and healthcare endorsement
John R. Cadwell, Chaplain, workplace endorsement
Lester R. Champer, Chaplain, public school endorsement
R. Michael Dennis, Chaplain, law enforcement endorsement
Mark J. Dettmer, Chaplain, law enforcement endorsement
Bernie J. Dickson, Chaplain, healthcare endorsement
Randy Lee Diller Jr., Chaplain, healthcare endorsement
Stephen M. Estep, Chaplain, law enforcement endorsement
Richard R. Henry Jr., Chaplain, fire department endorsement
Hunter A. Hickman, Chaplain, law enforcement and healthcare endorsement
Ashley May Huber, Chaplain, healthcare endorsement
Philip A. Hurlbert, Chaplain, law enforcement endorsement
Andrew James Kohr, Chaplain, healthcare endorsement
David E. Langdon, Chaplain, healthcare endorsement
Janice C. LaSalle, Chaplain, healthcare endorsement
Ray LaSalle, Chaplain, healthcare endorsement
David Marine Mabry, Chaplain, law enforcement endorsement
Daniel K. Vickey, Chaplain, law enforcement endorsement

We recommend the following be granted chaplain status (With CHP role codes):

Rebecca R. Belt, Chaplain, healthcare endorsement, CHP Status
James C. Carder, Chaplain, healthcare endorsement, CHP Status
Rudy Cervantes, Registered Song Evangelist, CHP/SEC status
Sean Hampton, Chaplain, military endorsement, PAS/CHP Status
Charles H. Lahmon, Chaplain, military endorsement, CHP Status
James A. Laker, Chaplain, military endorsement, DA/CHP Status
Peter Michael Robinson, Chaplain, military endorsement, CHP Status
Kenneth T. Eash, Registered Evangelist, EVR status
George A. Small, Jr, Registered Evangelist, EVR status
Claude G. Nicholas, Registered Evangelist, EVR status

Report No. 4

We recommend the following be removed from the roll of ministers-deceased:

Elders:

Shirley W. Deemer
Titus Wayne Smith

We recommend the following district licenses not be renewed:

James Matthew Baldwin
Colton D. Dutiel
Christopher James Sommers

Respectfully submitted,
T.J. MCNEW, III, Secretary
WENDELL D. BROWN, Chair

DISTRICT NOMINATING COMMITTEE

2022

The Nominating Committee met via Zoom on April 11, 2022. Present: Wendell D. Brown, Chair, Billie Maglott (Ashland Zone), Rich Meier (Ashtabula Zone), Bernie Dickson (Bellevue Zone), Danita Hurlbert (Cleveland Zone), Tom Duncan (Coshocton Zone), Mindy Schemrich (Coshocton Zone), Rich Henry (Elyria Zone), Don Lain (Elyria Zone), Eric Anderson (Marion Zone), Desiree Caluza (Marion Zone), Pete Ryder (Wadsworth Zone) and Crystal Browning, Recording Secretary.

Pastor Brown reminded the committee of the following policies of the District Advisory Board to be considered:

8/25/18 Motion: (Dennis) Amended policy from 5/13/06: To be considered for service on District Advisory Board (Ministerial or Lay) the individual's local church must have all budgets paid and must have at least 1 new conversion by profession of faith. Churches that have a history of paying budgets in full and who have a single year of not paying will not be barred from nomination. However, two consecutive years does prohibit nomination to designated boards. Motion carried.

06/15/05 Motion: (Norris/Legg) Beginning with the 2006 nominations, a rotation system for the District Advisory Board will be implemented. No person will serve more than four consecutive years. Motion carried.

5/21/21 Motion: (Martinez/Swallow) Move to a three-year term with at least one year off prior to serving again. Motion carried.

DISTRICT BALLOT:

The Nominating Committee recommends the following names for the respective boards and committees formulate the official ballot to the district assembly and that all positions be elected by plurality where necessary. Incumbents were listed as nominations by the district superintendent.

Advisory Board (Ministerial Representatives: vote for up to 2)

Ray LaSalle – Bucyrus

Ben Lee – Bedford

Joe Proudfoot – Mount Vernon First

Advisory Board (Lay Representatives: vote for up to 1)

Robyn Harriman – Mount Gilead Fresh Faith

Lee Skidmore – Wadsworth Now

Nazarene Discipleship International (SDMI) (Ministerial Representatives: vote for up to 1)

Felix Muniz – Cleveland Nueva Luz

Stewart Oswald – Mount Vernon New Life

Nazarene Discipleship International (SDMI) (Lay Representatives: vote for up to 1)

Ryan Downs – Mount Vernon New Life

Billie Maglott – Lexington Journey

Mission Strategy Team (Ministerial Representatives: vote for up to 2)

Scott Eastburn – Elyria Community

Todd Gulley – Eastlake Willo-Lake

Brad Kochis – MVNU

Brian Westover – Burton Northeast Community

Mission Strategy Team (Lay Representatives: vote for up to 1)

Joanne Murphy – Westlake Parkside

Mike Pelley – Cleveland Victory

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

The Nominating Committee recommends the following committee appointments be approved.

Assembly Finance Committee 2023

Austin Swallow, chair, appointed

TJ McNew, secretary

Wendell Brown, ex officio

Patrick Rhoton, ex officio
Curtis Cecil, NDI chair
Mindy Schemrich, Children's Ministry Director
Ben Price, NYI President
Kathy Pelley, NMI President
Ryan Brown — Sandusky Community
Mike Dennis — Bedford
Bernie Dickson — Fostoria
Steve Estep — Marion First
Don Lain — Westlake Parkside
Joe Proudfoot — Mount Vernon First
Pete Ryder — Medina
Keith Badger — Mount Vernon First
Charley Fern — Amherst
Mark Gerber — Brunswick
Wade Gray — Sandusky Community
Gary Hardesty — Coshocton
Terry Johnstone — Mount Gilead Fresh Faith
Jim Mayes — Bucyrus
Andy Murphy — Westlake Parkside
Mike Pelley — Cleveland Victory
Bill Purtee — Marion Life Link
Bob Robbins — N. Royalton State Road
Sue Sloan — Elyria Community
Stuart Washington — Mount Vernon Lakeholm
Linda Wasil — Sullivan

GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

The Nominating Committee recommends the following as the General Assembly Delegate Nominating Ballot.

General Assembly Nominations (Ministerial Representatives: vote for up to 9)

Stephen Banks — Richmond Heights
Ryan Brown — Sandusky
Curtis Cecil — Jefferson
Lester Champer — Shelby
Mike Dennis — Bedford
Mandi Downs — Mount Vernon New Life
Steve Estep — Marion First
Todd Gulley — Eastlake Willo-Lake
Sean Hampton — Ashtabula First
Rich Henry — Amherst
Hunter Hickman — Galion Real Life
Carolyn L. Joseph — Cleveland Victory
Don Lain — Westlake Parkside
Ray LaSalle — Bucyrus First
Keith Martinez — Sunbury
Troy McNichols — Mount Vernon New Life
Rich Meier — Andover Cherry Valley
Lois Moranville — Tiffin
Pete Ryder — Medina
Doug VanNest — MVNU

General Assembly Nominations (Lay Representatives: vote for up to 12)

Crystal Browning – Mount Vernon New Life

Greg Catrow – Coshocton

Mandy Cecil – Jefferson

Jessica Dawes – Jefferson

Kim Deming – Sandusky

April Duncan – Mount Vernon New Life

Michelle Edwards – Crestline

Kathy Greenwich – Mount Vernon New Life

Jamie Hampton – Ashtabula First

Danita Hurlbert – N. Royalton State Road

Dawn Jessup – Delaware Newstart

Shawn Kline – Elyria Community

Billie Maglott – Lexington Journey

Bob Marcum – Bucyrus

Joanne Murphy – Westlake Parkside

Ken Overly – Eastlake Willo-Lake

Jim Radcliffe – Mount Vernon Lakeholm

Patrick Rhoton – Mount Vernon Lakeholm

Kelly Sawyer – Elyria Community

Don Sharp – Marion First

Lee Skidmore – Wadsworth Now

Tyler Skidmore – Medina

Nathan Smith – Jefferson

Austin Swallow – Mount Vernon First

Motion passed that the names nominated for the respective positions formulate the official ballot recommended to the District Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

CRYSTAL BROWNING, Recording Secretary

WENDELL D. BROWN, Chair

NOMINEE INFORMATION

Advisory Board (Ministerial Representatives: vote for up to 2)

Ben Lee – Bedford



Joe Proudfoot – Mount Vernon First

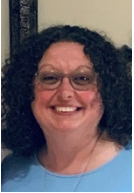


Pete Ryder – Medina



Advisory Board (Lay Representatives: vote for up to 1)

Robyn Harriman – Mount Gilead Fresh Faith



NMI President/Connections/Bridge Builder/Ladies Min.
District Restoration Plan Committee
Counselor, Family Life Counseling

Lee Skidmore – Wadsworth Now



Church Board/SS teacher
MVNU Trustee/District Advisory Board/ General Church
Legislative Comm
Attorney, Skidmore & Hall, LPA

Nazarene Discipleship International (SDMI) Council (Ministerial Representatives: vote for up to 1)

Felix Muniz – Cleveland Nueva Luz



Stewart Oswalt – Mount Vernon New Life



Nazarene Discipleship International (SDMI) Council (Lay Representatives: vote for up to 1)

Ryan Downs – Mount Vernon New Life



Children's Ministry volunteer/small group leader/sound tech
District SDMI Council/Assembly Staff/ Regional Blast Volunteer
Assistant Director of Student Financial Services, MVNU

Billie Maglott – Lexington Journey



Children's Ministry/Worship Leader
District Nominating Committee
Professor of Nursing, MVNU

Mission Strategy Team (Ministerial Representatives: vote for up to 2)

Scott Eastburn – Elyria Community



Todd Gulley – Eastlake Willo-Lake



Brian Westover – Burton



Mission Strategy Team (Lay Representatives: vote for up to 1)

Joanne Murphy – Westlake Parkside



Women's Min. Dir./Children's and Teen Min. Volunteer
District Mission Strategy Team
Administrative Assistant, Westlake Parkside Church

Mike Pelley – Cleveland Victory



SS Supt./SS Teacher/Treasurer/ Audio Visual person/
Compassionate Ministries leader
District Mission Strategy Team/District Finance Comm
Retired Engineer, Rockwell Automation

General Assembly Nominations (Ministerial Representatives: vote for up to 9)

Stephen Banks
– Richmond Heights



Mandi Downs
– Mount Vernon New Life



Hunter Hickman
– Galion Real Life



Rich Meier
– Andover Cherry Valley



Ryan Brown
– Sandusky



Steve Estep
– Marion First



Carolyn L. Joseph
– Cleveland Victory



Lois Moranville
– Tiffin



Curtis Cecil
– Jefferson



Todd Gulley
– Eastlake Willo–Lake



Don Lain
– Westlake Parkside



Pete Ryder
– Medina



Lester Champer
– Shelby



Sean Hampton
– Ashtabula First



Ray LaSalle
– Bucyrus First



Doug VanNest
– MVNU



Mike Dennis
– Bedford



Rich Henry
– Amherst



Keith Martinez
– Sunbury



General Assembly Nominations (Lay Representatives: vote for up to 12)

Crystal Browning – MV New Life



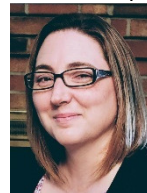
Church Board/Hospitality Team/Special Events/Nursery/Life Group Leader
Office Administrator, NCO District

Kim Deming – Sandusky



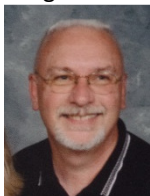
Former Youth Coord.
Attendance Secretary, Furry Elementary School

Jaime Hampton – Ashtabula First



Children's Ministry Director
District Counseling Resource
Licensed Clinical Counselor

Greg Catrow – Coshocton



Church Board/Building Trustee
Retired, Ford Parts Manager

April Duncan – MV New Life



Worship Team
Educator/Social Worker, Knox Co Head Start

Danita Hurlbert – N. Royalton State Road



Worship Team/SS Teacher/Small Group Leader/SDMI Council/Event Coord.
District Assembly Head Teller/Preteen Camp Co-Director/MVNU Clergy Kids Retreat Co-Director
Support Specialist, Indiana Wesleyan University

Mandy Cecil – Jefferson



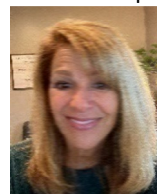
Life Group Leader/Website/
Social Media Manager
Children's Ministry Leader, Jefferson

Michelle Edwards – Crestline



NMI President/NYI President/Finance Committee/Comp. Ministry Comm.
District Mission Strategy Team
Senior Specialist, Electronic Data Submissions, Charles River

Dawn Jessup – Delaware Newstart



Min. Team Leader/Missions Team Asst./Nursery Director/Youth Volunteer
District Teen Camp Counselor
Care Ministries Dir., Delaware Newstart

Jessica Dawes – Jefferson



Church Board/NMI Comm/Children's Min Volunteer/Praise Team
District Advisory Board/NMI Council Assessment Consultant

Kathy Greenwich – MV New Life



Hospitality Team/Safety Team
District NMI Council/MVNU Trustee Superintendent, Knox County Career Center

Shawn Kline – Elyria Community



Church Treasurer/Church Board/
Local Blessing Wagon/Caravan Officer, State Highway Patrol

Billie Maglott – Lexington Journey



Children's Ministry/Worship Leader
District Nominating Committee
Professor of Nursing, MVNU

Jim Radcliffe – MV Lakeholm



Choir/SDMI and Nursery Volunteer
Lay Alumni Rep., MVNU Board of Trustees
Former Nazarene missionary, PNG
Retired Surgeon

Lee Skidmore – Wadsworth Now



Church Board/SS teacher
MVNU Trustee/District Advisory Board/
General Church Legislative Comm
Attorney, Skidmore & Hall, LPA

Bob Marcum – Bucyrus



Church Board/ SS Supt/Head Usher
District Advisory Board
Owner, Chatfield Hardware

Patrick Rhoton – MV Lakeholm



Church Board/Church Treasurer
District Treasurer
Retired, MV Nazarene University

Tyler Skidmore – Medina



Worship Leader
High School Vocal/Music Teacher

Joanne Murphy – Westlake Parkside



Women's Min. Dir./Children's and Teen
Min. Volunteer
District Mission Strategy Team
Administrative Assistant, Westlake
Parkside Church

Kelly Sawyer – Elyria Community



Church Board/Connections
Team/Worship Team
Receptionist, Elyria Church

Nathan Smith – Jefferson



Church Board/Finance Comm. Chair/SS
Teacher/Sound/Technology Coord.
Financial Advisor

Ken Overly – Eastlake Willo-Lake



Church Board/Treasurer/Sound
Tech/NYI Pres./Quiz Coach
District Advisory Board/District Youth
Family Camp Dir.
Software Engineer, Automated
Packaging Systems

Don Sharp – Marion First



Church Board/Finance
Chair/Greeter/Worship Team Life
Group Leader
District Properties Board
Principal Engineer, Salas O'Brien

Austin Swallow – MV First



SDMI Chair/SS Teacher/Usher
District Finance Comm Chair/Advisory
Board
Retired, MVNU Pioneer College
Caterers

ADVISORY BOARD

2021-2022

The District Advisory Board of the North Central Ohio District submits the following report to the forty-eighth annual District Assembly.

The Advisory Board met in six regular sessions (zoom and face-to-face) since being elected at the last assembly. District Superintendent Wendell D. Brown chaired all sessions of the board. I have served as recording secretary, recording, and keeping on file the proceedings of all meetings. The record shows that at each meeting Rev. Brown shared reports on specific churches, pastors, and various district activities. A devotional was offered at each of the meetings. The District Advisory Board has received regular financial reports from our district treasurer, Patrick L. Rhoton, and deems the district to be financially sound.

The District Advisory Board previously approved Patrick L. Rhoton to serve as district treasurer for a term of three years 2022-2024.

The District Advisory Board approved Beth Heath to serve as district secretary for a term of three years 2022-2024, until May 31, 2024.

The District Advisory Board approved the change in name of Ashtabula First to (Ashtabula) The Ridge.

The District Advisory Board approved the merger of Geneva into Ashtabula The Ridge.

The District Advisory Board declared the following churches inactive: Carey Ridge Chapel, Doylestown, and Port Clinton.

The following were registered as new churches: Dios Es Suficiente (from South Central Ohio, a PAC of Mount Vernon First) and Nueva Luz Grafton (a PAC of Nueva Luz).

The following took action to become organized churches: Mansfield Heart City and Sullivan.

The District Advisory Board approved setting the dates for the statistical year as June 1, 2022 - May 31, 2023.

The District Advisory Board approved the ballot for the upcoming district assembly.

The District Advisory Board approved that the District Finance Committee arrange for the auditing of the district financial records each church year and report those findings to each annual district assembly.

The District Advisory Board elected Crystal Browning and Patrick Rhoton as paid assistants for the statistical year of June 1, 2022 – May 31, 2023.

The District Advisory Board approved the appointment of the following pastors as listed:

Burton North East Community	Brian E. Westover
Cardington	Christopher Umphryes
Carey Ridge Chapel	David P. Flack (interim)
Cleveland Arabic	Asaad Wahba
Cleveland Aviva	Lumar Vargas
Cleveland Nueva Luz	Felix Muniz
Cleveland Victory	Carolyn L. Joseph
Clyde	Ricky Hammonds
Cooperdale	William David Phillips
Crestline	Robert A. Weaver
Grafton Harvest Fellowship	Max E. Wood
Lexington Journey	Scott P. Maglott
Loudonville	Beth Ann Heath
Marion Life Link	Rhonda Reese Purtee
Mount Vernon Shepherd's House	Joseph D. Noonan

N. Ridgeville Starting Point Worship	Lenny Scott Bush
Orwell Resurrection Life	Lester A. Bolen
Strongsville Centered Life	Jason R. Wilson
Sullivan	Howard Russell (supply as per Manual 212)
Tiffin	Lois E. Miller
Warsaw	Carrie Faith Taylor

The district superintendent with the consent of the church board and the District Advisory Board appointed Floyd Glick as interim pastor of Fostoria First.

The District Advisory Board approved the transfer in of the following:

Elders:

John Mark Ballenger from South Central Ohio, education, Mount Vernon Shepherd's House

William A. Brown from Florida, retired minister, Mount Vernon First

Christina Axe Jones from Mid-Atlantic, education, Mount Vernon New Life

Joseph P. Knight from Eastern Michigan, associate, Delaware Newstart

Lynn D. Shmidt from Kentucky, general assignment, Marion First

Shearon L. Shmidt from Kentucky, general assignment, Marion First

Timothy B. Pusey from Intermountain, retired minister (RA), Bedford

Robert A. Weaver from Virginia, lead pastor, Crestline

Licensed Minister:

Kayla Rene Hamilton from South Central Ohio, associate, Delaware Newstart

Alexandria Gabrielle (Juniet) Channels from Southwestern Ohio, associate, Bedford

Christopher James Sommers from South Texas, SPC

The District Advisory Board approved the transfer out of the following:

Elders:

Jonathan D. Barker to South Central Ohio

Rochelle L. Head to South Central Ohio

Marylea E. Monroe to East Ohio

Larry R. Owsley to North Carolina

Victoria Noel Parks to East Ohio

Patras Rahmat to South Central Ohio

David Andrew Ross to Southwestern Ohio

Licensed Ministers:

Terry L. Adams to Northwestern Ohio

Sawyer A. Harlow to South Central Ohio

Kayla Ashley Reed to Oklahoma

Matthew S. Short to Florida

The District Advisory Board approved the following licensed ministers serving as pastors or with special circumstances: Madalyn Elise Booher, Benjamin Brown, Joshua Dillon Kirksey, Luke Mohnasky, Kathryn Ponsart, Rhonda Reese Purtee, Carrie Faith Taylor, Christopher Umphryes, Kirsten Umphryes, and Lumar Vargas.

The District Advisory Board has granted permission for the following elders, deacons, and licensed ministers on the North Central Ohio District to serve outside the Church of the Nazarene within the geological boundaries of the North Central Ohio District for one year:

Elders:

Larry L. Carr - SPC-Pastor, Pierpont Presbyterian Church, Pierpont, Ohio

Thomas E. Clark - SPC-Envoy, Salvation Army, Coshocton, OH

Mark J. Dettmer - SPC-Pastor, Pleasant Grove Community Church, Bellville, OH

Thomas "Thom" S. Fowler III - SPC-Pastor, Liberty Chapel/Beulah United Methodist Churches, Mount Vernon, OH

Carolyn B. Greene - SPC-Pastor, United Methodist Church, Perrysville and Bigelow, OH

Russell F. Gumm - SPC-Pastor, Evangelical Friends Church, Alliance, OH

William J. Jones - SPC-Pastor, United Church of Christ, New Bedford, OH
Richard D. McCartney - SPC-Pastor, United Methodist Church, Crestline, OH
Darryle A. Moody - SPC-Director, Restored Ministries, Roseville, OH
Wayne Joseph Pessia - SPC-Faculty, Indiana Wesleyan University and Ohio Christian University
David Andrew Ross - SPC, Associate Pastor, The Gathering, Circleville, OH
Gary M. Sivewright - SPC-Interim Pastor, New Church Specialties as assigned
Robert E. Stanley - SPC-Indiana Wesleyan University
Erin Grace Valenti - SPC-Evangelist, County Seat Reclaimed Ministry, Jefferson, OH
Deacons:
Victoria Lynn Clark - SPC-Envoy, Salvation Army, Coshocton, OH
Steven C. Myers - SPC-Manager, Lower Lights Christian Health Center, Columbus, OH
Licensed Ministers:
Michael David Perry – SPC, Shepherd Community, Indianapolis, IN

The District Advisory Board has granted permission for the following elder to serve in a non-Nazarene assignment within the geographical boundaries and with approval of the Northwestern Ohio District.

Elder:

Frederick L. Below - Associate Pastor, Evangelical Free Church, Findlay, OH

The District Advisory Board has granted permission for the following elder to serve in a non-Nazarene assignment within the geographical boundaries and with approval of the East Ohio District.

Elder:

Russell F. Gumm - Pastor, Alliance Evangelical Friends Church

The District Advisory Board has granted permission to the following elders with membership on the North Central Ohio District to serve outside the denomination within the geological boundaries and with approval of the Southwestern Ohio District.

Elder:

David Andrew Ross - Associate Pastor, The Gathering, Circleville, OH

Jonathan D. Barker - Pastor, Capital City Church of Christ in Christian Union, Columbus, OH

The District Advisory Board has granted permission for the following elder with membership on the Northeast Oklahoma District to serve in a non-Nazarene assignment within the geological boundaries of the North Central Ohio District: Daniel Surratt – Lead Pastor, Lifehouse Church of Christ in Christian Union, Chardon, Ohio.

Interim ministerial transfers have been processed and referred to the Ministerial Credentials Board in accordance with Manual paragraphs 223, 228.9, 228.10, and 432.

Respectfully submitted,

TJ MCNEW III, Recording Secretary

WENDELL D. BROWN, Chair

MINISTERIAL STUDIES BOARD

2021-2022

We, the Board of Ministerial Studies, met twice this year to evaluate policies, students' educational progress and submit this report.

Elder's Course of Study:

We recommend that the following be graduated from the Elder's Course of Study: Benjamin Shem Brown, William David Browning, Alexandria Gabrielle (Juniet) Channels, Kayla Rene Hamilton, Andrew Kenneth Heller, Kirsten Joy Kohr, Katherine Laura Morales, Marcella Elaine Rivera, Mindy Kay Schemrich, Samantha Lynn Shreve, Christopher Umphryes

We recommend that the following be continued in Level Four: Caitlyn Ashley Leimbach, and Rhonda Reese Purtee.

We recommend that the following be placed in Level Four: Mark Norris Owen, Ben Price Jr., Kristen Marie Umphryes, and Jacob Elishah Wilcox.

We recommend that the following be continues in Level Three: Sheldon Lynn Stauffer

We recommend that the following be placed in Level Three: Madalyn Elise Booher, Joshua Paul Evans, Kasey Ellen Kindle, Joshua Dillon Kirksey, Luke Mohnasky, Jackson A. Moody, Erika Marie Snyder, and Lumar Vargas.

We recommend that the following be continued in Level Two: Reshea Soma Lyn McKibben, Caleb William Sowers, and William Charles St. John.

We recommend that the following be placed in Level Two: James Russell Copenhaver, and Jessica D. Stauffer.

We further recommend that senior pastors encourage their associates in their course of study and allow them time to complete their studies. The Plan of Examination can be found at www.ncodistrict.org/license

Every Nazarene minister, assigned or unassigned, is to complete annually a minimum of twenty (20) Lifelong Learning Hours (Manual 529.6). The goal of this requirement is to establish and perpetuate a culture of learning fueled by a passion for effectiveness and excellence in making Christlike disciples in the nations. Lifelong learning is an essential element of ministry in the Church of the Nazarene (Manual, 515.11, 529.6). Establishing a pattern of lifelong learning is necessary to understand changes in the wider church and in society and is foundational to furthering the spiritual, mental, and skill development of the minister. For this reason, each minister is accountable for pursuing a well-rounded lifelong learning plan aimed at increasing effectiveness in ministry and further personal growth. Ministers should create an account and track their lifelong learning hours at learning.nazarene.org.

Respectfully submitted,

LESTER R. CHAMPER, Secretary

JAMES TODD GULLEY, Chair

NEW WORKS TEAM

2021-2022

The North Central Ohio District Church Mission Strategy Team submits the following report to the forty-eighth District Assembly.

Starting with the last assembly year, the Mission Strategy Team selected five areas for consideration of additional “New Works” on NCO. It is our plan that these five locations will have ministries happening within the next 3 years.

The identified locations are:

Avon/Lorain County

Powell /Delaware County

Chagrin Falls/Cuyahoga/Geauga County

Lodi/Medina County

Millersburg/Holmes County

We are pleased to report a new work was established in Lorain County this year: Grafton (Lorain County) - Nueva Luz Church of the Nazarene (Parent Affiliated Congregation of Nueva Luz Cleveland).

We will be continuing to work on the strategies we have laid out in relation to our identified growth locations in the next two years as well, and are actively seeking church planters in the Geauga and Holmes County areas.

Additionally, we have approved the participation in a regional new works training center that will facilitate the training of our new works pastors. This regional event will happen in November of each calendar year and will further prepare our pastors for the task of church planting.

Finally, we have approved the renaming of our Mission Strategy Team to the New Works Team, with Advisory Board Approval. The purpose of the Mission Strategy Team is to guide the NCO District in the formulation of missional strategies to carry the Gospel to under-reached and under-achieved areas of our district so that lives might be changed.

Respectfully submitted,
WENDELL D. BROWN, Chair

MISSION 59

2022

Grace and peace to you in the strong name of Jesus Christ. As we focus this assembly on the Gospel, I am compelled to write the transformative power of the Gospel is present in Cleveland.

The Gospel is working itself out in Cleveland by weaving Cleveland's ministries and ministers together. This development speaks to the unifying power of the Gospel. Currently, a coalition of ministers and ministries are connecting regularly, planning works together, and seeking the best for one another.

Also, this summer Cleveland welcomed our first intern. Working with partners like Richmond Heights and HeavenTrain, Mission 59 is training future missionaries. As an urban center, Cleveland offers not only diverse people but diverse contexts pivotal in forming future missionaries that effectively show and share the love of Christ.

Finally, Mission 59 restored a home in the neighborhood of Cuddell. Nueva Luz Urban Resource Center generously gave this home to Mission 59 to use. The restoration of the home has added beauty to the community and provides a strategic point of influence where people of peace can provide hope in the neighborhood.

God is not finished in Cleveland. The Gospel is still transforming us, our neighbors, and our communities. We praise the Lord for the Gospel!

Grace and Peace,
JAMES LAKER, Missionary to Cleveland

CHURCH PROPERTIES BOARD

2021-2022

The Church Properties Board handles the requests of the churches of our district for property sale, purchase, remodeling, and refinancing.

The Church Properties Board has worked in cooperation with the churches on the district seeking to give advice and help where needed for the various projects presented to us. After careful consideration, permission was granted to move forward with the following projects:

Brunswick to sell a parsonage

Cleveland Aviva to enter a rental agreement

Fostoria First to sell storage garage and surrounding green space

Marion First to sell a parking lot

Respectfully submitted,

WENDELL D. BROWN, Chair

TREASURER'S REPORT

NCO District - Church of the Nazarene
Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis
May 31, 2022

Assets

Current Assets

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 502,176.40
Prepaid Expense	<u>54,348.97</u>
Total Current Assets	556,525.37

Property and Equipment

Equipment	35,000.00
Vehicle	42,556.00
Buildings and Land	<u>410,000.00</u>
Total Property and Equipment	487,556.00

Other Assets

Investments - Nazarene Foundation	648,862.87
Loan Receivable - Ashtabula Edgewood	33,517.28
Loan Receivable - Grafton Harvest Fellowship	36,995.00
Loan Receivable - Starting Point Worship Center	17,020.85
Loan Receivable - Tiffin	<u>11,196.00</u>
Total Other Assets	<u>747,592.00</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,791,673.37</u>

Liabilities and Net Assets

Current Liabilities

Accounts Payable - Credit Cards	\$ 13,679.69
Deferred Revenue - Registrations	<u>9,964.98</u>
Total Current Liabilities	23,644.67

Long-Term Liabilities

None	<u>0</u>
Total Liabilities	23,644.67

Net Assets

Without Donor Restrictions	1,768,028.70
With Donor Restrictions	<u>0</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>1,768,028.70</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 1,791,673.37</u>

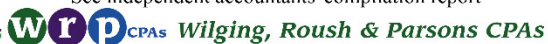
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NCO District - Church of the Nazarene
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Net Assets - Modified Cash Basis
For the Year Ended May 31, 2022

	Without Donor Restrictions	With Donor Restrictions	Total
<u>Changes in Net Assets</u>			
<u>Support and Revenue</u>			
Fair Share Revenue	\$ 624,425.66	\$ 0.00	\$ 624,425.66
NCO Non Budget Income	17,024.59	0.00	17,024.59
NMI Revenue	1,805.00	0.00	1,805.00
NYI Revenue	56,379.55	0.00	56,379.55
NDI Revenue	9,218.00	0.00	9,218.00
Children Revenue	21,002.09	0.00	21,002.09
MVNU Education Revenue	255,490.68	0.00	255,490.68
Interest and Dividend Income	11,910.95	0.00	11,910.95
Realized Gain (Loss) on Sale of Investments	29,947.97	0.00	29,947.97
Unrealized Gain (Loss) on Investments	(82,231.74)	0.00	(82,231.74)
Miscellaneous Income	11,962.11	0.00	11,962.11
Donation - Church Sales	419,195.48	0.00	419,195.48
Net Assets Released from Restrictions	35,728.15	(35,728.15)	0.00
Total Support and Revenue	1,411,858.49	(35,728.15)	1,376,130.34
<u>Expenses</u>			
NMI Expense	13,364.25	0.00	13,364.25
NYI Expense	78,275.84	0.00	78,275.84
NDI Expense	26,553.84	0.00	26,553.84
Children Expense	51,526.06	0.00	51,526.06
MVNU Education Expense	255,490.68	0.00	255,490.68
Churches Helping Churches Expense	35,728.15	0.00	35,728.15
Ministerial Assessment	1,422.48	0.00	1,422.48
District Assembly Expense	35,163.12	0.00	35,163.12
District Administrative Expense	6,999.01	0.00	6,999.01
Salaries and Wages	260,921.16	0.00	260,921.16
Employee Benefits	27,119.00	0.00	27,119.00
Payroll Taxes	26,432.64	0.00	26,432.64
Retirement Expense	6,640.00	0.00	6,640.00
Liability Insurance	16,699.43	0.00	16,699.43
Maintenance and Repair	1,577.13	0.00	1,577.13
Printing and Postage	5,236.14	0.00	5,236.14
Rent	4,800.00	0.00	4,800.00
Utilities and Telephone	6,808.97	0.00	6,808.97
Office Expenses	26,626.18	0.00	26,626.18
Fees and Charges	8,048.19	0.00	8,048.19
Professional Expense	6,930.46	0.00	6,930.46
Meetings and Conference Expense	12,571.48	0.00	12,571.48
Pastor Expenses	54,332.08	0.00	54,332.08
Travel, Meals and Mileage Reimbursement	14,882.02	0.00	14,882.02
Miscellaneous Expense	8,306.26	0.00	8,306.26
NCO Ministry Support	147,810.69	0.00	147,810.69
Total Expenses	1,140,265.26	0.00	1,140,265.26
Increase in Net Assets	271,593.23	(35,728.15)	235,865.08
Net Assets, Beginning of Year	1,496,435.47	35,728.15	1,532,163.62
Net Assets, End of Year	\$ 1,768,028.70	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,768,028.70

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NCO District - Church of the Nazarene
Schedule of Revenues and Expense - Modified Cash Basis

NMI
For the Year Ended May 31, 2022

Schedule I

	<u>Amount</u>
<u>NMI Revenue</u>	
Fair Share Allocated Funds	\$ 23,000.00
Crisis Care Kit	321.50
District Convention	983.50
Work and Witness	<u>500.00</u>
Total NMI Revenue	24,805.00
<u>NMI Expenses</u>	
Deputation	824.48
District Council Meeting	1,084.26
Honorarium	1,200.00
Links	(120.00)
Missionary Care Fund	1,800.00
Missionary Christmas Gifts	1,000.00
Administrative Expenses	2,941.46
District Convention	4,634.05
Designated Funds Transfer	<u>5,400.00</u>
Total NMI Expenses	<u>18,764.25</u>
Net NMI Revenue	<u>\$ 6,040.75</u>

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NCO District - Church of the Nazarene
Schedule of Revenues and Expense - Modified Cash Basis

NYI
For the Year Ended May 31, 2022

Schedule II

	<u>Amount</u>
<u>NYI Revenue</u>	
Fair Share Allocated Funds	\$ 52,100.00
Impact Team Donations	18,994.62
BLAST Registrations	6,848.00
Quizzing	2,099.32
Encuentro 2020 Registration	7,300.00
Teen Camp Registrations	<u>21,137.61</u>
Total NYI Revenue	108,479.55
<u>NYI Expenses</u>	
BLAST	11,750.19
Clergy Kids Retreat	1,900.00
Impact Team	15,148.67
Leadership Conference	1,863.78
Administrative Expenses	484.02
Stipends	1,050.00
Quizzing Expense	6,423.78
Teen Camp	39,655.40
Designated Funds Transfer	10,600.00
Prior Year Carryover	<u>(3,108.86)</u>
Total NYI Expenses	<u>85,766.98</u>
Net NYI Revenue	<u><u>\$ 22,712.57</u></u>

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NCO District - Church of the Nazarene
Schedule of Revenues and Expense - Modified Cash Basis

NDI
For the Year Ended May 31, 2022

Schedule III

	<u>Amount</u>
<u>NDI Revenue</u>	
Fair Share Allocated Funds	\$ 21,000.00
Discipleship Dinner Registration	<u>9,218.00</u>
Total SDMI Revenue	30,218.00
<u>NDI Expenses</u>	
Prime Time Ministries	4,045.99
General Expenses	
Discipleship Dinner Expense	19,584.14
Convention Expense	2,110.61
General Administrative Expenses	813.10
Designated Funds Transfer	<u>750.00</u>
Total General Expenses	<u>23,257.85</u>
Total NDI Expenses	<u>27,303.84</u>
Net NDI Revenue	<u>\$ 2,914.16</u>

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NCO District - Church of the Nazarene
Schedule of Revenues and Expense - Modified Cash Basis
Children Ministries
For the Year Ended May 31, 2022

Schedule IV

	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Children Ministries Revenue</u>	
Fair Share Allocated Funds	\$ 45,000.00
Children's Quizzing Registration	1,762.00
Pre-Teen Camp	8,571.40
Primary Camp	<u>10,668.69</u>
Total Children Ministries Revenue	66,002.09
<u>Children Ministries Expenses</u>	
Camp Meeting Program	2,810.70
Children's World Quiz	1,991.24
Children's Bible Quizzing	3,556.80
Pre-Teen Camp Expense	19,375.07
Primary Camp Expense	22,234.32
Children Administration	1,557.93
Designated Funds Transfer	<u>8.76</u>
Total Children Expenses	<u>51,534.82</u>
Net Children Ministries Revenue	<u>\$ 14,467.27</u>

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ASSEMBLY FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

2022

The Assembly Finance Committee of North Central Ohio met at the Brunswick Church on May 7, 2022 with the following members present: Wendell D. Brown, District Superintendent; Austin Swallow, Chairman; T.J. McNew III, secretary; Patrick L. Rhoton, ex officio, District Treasurer; Cecil Curtis, NDI Chair; Ryan Brown, Bernie Dickson, Steve Estep, Wade Gray, Josh Kirby, Terry Johnstone, Bill Purtee, Bob Robbins, and Linda Wasil.

We, your committee on finance, submit the following recommendations to the Annual District Assembly and go on record instructing the local churches to comply with the following:

Funding the Mission

The stewardship of the local church is a very sacred responsibility that requires administration. As part of the denominational organization, each local pastor and church embraces their responsibility of supporting the North Central Ohio District, Mount Vernon Nazarene University and the global church and its missionaries. Just as individuals are instructed in the Word (Malachi 3:8-10) to bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so should a local church set aside a portion of the tithes and offerings they receive to share with others. Each pastor and congregation should make adequate provision in their yearly budget planning process for their assigned commitment to the district, the university and the general church. The Finance Committee recommends weekly or monthly support.

Each church should remit payment for all funds using the Funding the Mission link, located on the district website, located on the district website www.ncodistrict.org/treasurers or the denominational website www.fundingthemission.org. This interactive website offers a "track giving" tab which has been designed to help local churches monitor their progress towards full payment of their allocations as well as several other features that add value.

Each church, in accordance with the formula set out by the global church to shall give at least

- 5.50% of its income base to the World Evangelism Fund (WEF)
- 2.25% of its income base to Pensions and Benefits
- 2.25% of its income base to Mount Vernon Nazarene University
- 4.65% of its income base to the District Fair Share Fund

This covers all district operations, provides for district ministry support and the three departments (NYI, NMI and NDI).

Notes: Amounts given to WEF and approved mission specials are excluded from the income base and NOT to be included when figuring total income. Church income is any donation received by the church that qualifies as a charitable contribution. All donations that qualify to appear on a charitable contribution receipt are included in church income. This includes all non-cash donations of \$5,000 or more.

Pastoral Support

A. The support of a pastor is a sacred honor and responsibility of the church board. Manual 32.3 states: **The church is obligated to support its ministers, who have been called of God, and who, under the direction of the church, have given themselves wholly to the work of the ministry.**

B. As a district, we understand more than 40% of our pastors are considered bi-vocational. As such, we encourage congregations not to demand or even suggest that a person needing to work outside the church to provide for their families commit full-time service to the church. Furthermore, any spousal income should have NO bearing in determining financial compensation for the pastor.

C. Therefore, we suggest each church board designate a committee (be it the Finance or Personnel Committee or a separate stand-alone committee) to oversee the care of the pastoral family(ies) shepherding their congregation.

D. As part of the process of calling a new pastor, that a compensation agreement detailing the annual salary, benefits and reimbursements be drafted and signed to avoid misunderstanding by either party prior to the beginning of the relationship. Manual 115.4.

Copies should be sent to the district office and entered into the official church board minutes.

i. The district has provided a compensation worksheet to assist this process, located on the district website

www.ncodistrict.org/treasurers.

E. That annually, the church board review all pastoral staff compensation and adjust in accordance with stated pastoral performance goals for the year and the income of the church. Manual 129.8

i. When conducting said compensation review, church boards be reminded of the difference between a COLA (cost of living adjustment) and a salary increase. A COLA simply brings a pastoral salary up to last year's level. It is not an increase.

ii. Employee benefits and reimbursement adjustments are handled differently by the IRS and are not considered salary increases. While appreciated, these adjustments generally have minimal impact on the financial welfare of the pastoral family.

- F. The general church has informative resources that are readily available as well. These may be found at pbusa.org/memos.

Compensation Package

Part 1: Cash Salary

Actual cash salary is but one part of a compensation package for a full-time pastor. Provisions for housing, appropriate benefits, plus reimbursements for applicable business and professional expenses, and providing for retirement equal the entire compensation package which are the church's responsibility.

Above all, we are reminded while there is no one definitive source a church board can look at to determine an equitable compensation for their leaders, we urge local church boards to consider the following resources:

- Our district superintendent
- The Pensions and Benefits office of the general church which has an annual compensation by size and location report posted under the resource tab <http://pbusa.org/pbusacalculator>
- Local sources, such as the school board and/or hospital salary scales

Most importantly, the central objective of a church's compensation package should be to allow a pastor to effectively carry out his/her responsibility to the church and to God, both administratively and spiritually while not having to worry about providing for his/her family.

1. With the recent changes in tax law, it is important to remember each church board should attempt to structure compensation packages to help the pastor minimize their annual tax liability.

2. All employees, ministerial or lay, must be provided a W-2 each year which reflects cash salary paid as compensation, any bonus or love offering, social security/Medicare tax allowances and taxable fringe benefits.

Compensation Package

Part 2: Housing Allowance

Whether the local church still maintains a parsonage for their pastor(s) or provides rental or mortgage assistance, the federal tax code (Section 107) contains wording that creates a substantial tax benefit to pastors.

In the case of a minister of the gospel, gross income DOES NOT include

1. *the rental value of a home furnished to him/her as part of their compensation OR*
2. *the rental allowance paid to him/her as part of their compensation, to the extent used by him/her to rent or provide a home and to the extent such allowance does not exceed the fair rental value of the home, including furnishings and appurtenances such as a garage, plus the utilities and reasonable repair costs.*

Bi-vocational ministers may have a housing allowance, but only from their ministerial income. It can however, be up to 100% of that compensation. It cannot exceed it.

Each church board must designate this amount in advance (with official action and recorded in the minutes). It is suggested church boards either make this declaration part of the agenda for the first meeting of each calendar year or make the wording open-ended enough upon hire to cover from that point forward.

While excluded from federal income tax, housing allowances must be included for Social Security and Medicare tax purposes (SECA) in those computations. Church treasurers are urged to work with their pastor(s) to ensure compliance with the tax code and reporting. Additional assistance is available from the district finance team and the general church Pensions and Benefits website pbusa.org/memos.

Compensation Package

Part 3: Benefits

Self-Employment Tax: (SECA) Most laity do not realize the Social Security rules for pastors are different and each pastor must pay this tax. It is currently 15.3% of reported cash income. Each church should budget for this amount when determining pastoral compensation.

Retirement: Supporting pastors in retirement requires planning and saving, just like it does for laity. Whether churches use the Nazarene 403(b) retirement savings plan or work with their pastor(s) on an individualized plan, a designated amount should be set aside monthly as part of their compensation. Designated amounts can be sheltered from income tax.

Health Insurance: No pastoral family should serve without health (including dental) insurance coverage. With the passage of the Affordable Care Act back in 2010, those who cannot find an available and applicable group policy, may purchase insurance through government-supported plans. The enrollment period is in the fall of each year. In the case of a bi-vocational pastor or a pastor whose spouse has an insurance option available, the church board should work to provide either the monthly premium or applicable spousal contribution amount.

Life and Disability:	If possible, policies are available at relatively low cost and should be considered as part of a compensation package. It is far better to plan ahead rather than have to face the issue of what to do if a pastor passes away or is disabled and unable to serve for an extended period of time.
Death Benefit:	The district provides a \$10,000 benefit to the designated beneficiary on file at the district office for any district lead pastor who passes while serving in that role. Please contact the district office for further details and beneficiary form.
Education:	The Nazarene church has long supported the educational aspirations of their pastors. Indeed, the creation of our Nazarene colleges and universities across the world have benefited our local congregations throughout the years. However, many pastors have significant educational debt and church boards should work to assist in the repayment of that debt AND/OR expenses should the pastor(s) wish to gain further education.
Vacation:	Each local church should provide for annual time away for their pastor(s). Our district recommendation is based on years of ministerial service: 1-5 years in the ministry 2 weeks (including 2 Sundays) 6-10 years in the ministry 3 weeks (including 3 Sundays) 10-15 years in the ministry 4 weeks (including 4 Sundays) over 15 years in the ministry 5 weeks (including 5 Sundays) That any pulpit supply be remunerated by the church. Furthermore, that each church should remember the pastor(s) and their family(ies) at Christmas with at least an additional week's salary.
Sabbatical:	Each church should establish a policy to respond to the need of pastors for withdrawal from the day-to-day rigors of an assignment for scholarly review and personal renewal. This policy should be planned for and included in the annual budgeting process. Within the seventh year of a ministry assignment, the pastor, be they serving in a senior pastorate or staff position, should develop and plan for his/her reflection and renewal for a period of time up to seven weeks and present the plan to their church board and the District Superintendent. A follow-up with "lessons learned" should also be presented to both the local church board and the District Superintendent.
Maternity/Paternity:	A maternity leave of six weeks and/or a paternity leave of two weeks is recommended upon the birth, adoption, or
Leave	assumption of legal guardianship of a child. We recommend an additional two weeks be granted for a birth by Cesarean section or other birthing complication(s). We recommend pastors receive their full salary and benefits while on such leave. Should a church have either a long-term or temporary disability plan that could be utilized in such a situation, we recommend that such a plan be used to offset the pastor's salary and benefits provided by the church during the maternity and/or paternity leave.

Compensation Package

Part 4: Business and Professional Reimbursements

With the 2017 tax reform, it behooves a pastor and church board to examine their reimbursement agreements. Unless a structure is set up to reimburse the pastor (upon receiving receipts within thirty (30) days and/or detailed documentation as to use, that money **MUST** be added to the annual W-2 as TAXABLE income to the pastor. The District Finance Committee recommends that each church board formally adopt and record a reimbursement policy to include:

- provisions for ministry use of an automobile (mileage at IRS standards)
- If a church provides a vehicle, the pastor must keep track (with detailed odometer readings) of miles used for personal use which includes driving to and from the church from home.
- Business-related entertainment
- professional books and magazines
- professional membership dues
- stationery and stamps for ministry use
- cell phone
- educational expenses: to include seminars for ongoing learning (see benefits)

Many of these expenses should be included in your annual budgeting process.

Furthermore, it is recommended each church budget for and pay all expenses for

- the pastoral family to attend district meetings such as district assembly, district family camp, district gatherings, and pastor and spouses' retreats.
- if at all possible, to allow the pastor (and family) to attend the General Assembly by providing for their expenses. Since this global church event is held once every four years, the church board is advised to set aside an amount in their annual budgets to offset these expenses. Time spent attending assemblies or gatherings should NOT be considered part of a pastor's vacation time.

The district has a compensation worksheet available on the district website www.ncodistrict.org/treasurers. It is strongly advised each church board annually use this form which then should be forwarded to the district superintendent each year.

Local Church Procedures

- A. That a committee of two or more non-related individuals shall count and record all money received by the church. (Manual 129.22)
- B. That the church board arranges for an annual financial review of the treasurer's books and that each church that operates a daycare, elementary or secondary school additionally forward said financial review to the district superintendent within sixty (60) days of the close of the statistical year. (Manual 129.23)
- C. That the treasurer's book be open at all times to the pastor and the district superintendent or their designate.
- D. In no case should a person serve as treasurer of a local church who is not willing to conform to the position(s) of the Manual.
- E. All elected or appointed church officials, with the exemption of the pastor(s), shall serve without remuneration.
- F. That when payment of funds has been approved by the church board, that such payment should be made as expediently as possible and for the purpose(s) designated.
- G. In the handling of all funds for future expansion and development that such funds be deposited in a separate account and that no withdrawals be made without two signatures.
- H. Each church shall implement a proper screening process for both volunteer and employed persons who work with children and teens as it pertains to sexual and physical abuse (Manual 129.30) including budgeting for appropriate background checks. We further recommend that insurance programs be reviewed periodically in this area.
- I. When calling an evangelist to conduct a meeting at a local church: that their remuneration be twice the weekly salary of the senior pastor, plus SECA expense and one-way travel.
- J. That in the annual budgeting process, a goal of at least 10 percent of all money received be paid to the World Evangelism Fund (WEF) and approved specials with priority being given to WEF.
- K. That the local church financially supports any student attending Mount Vernon Nazarene University with a minimum scholarship of \$1,000.

District Policies and Procedures

- A. It is the local church's responsibility to budget for and pay all general, district, and university allocations. Manual 130. The District Advisory Board will appoint a committee to assist any church unable to pay their annual budgets with setting a balanced budget for the upcoming district year.
- B. When a local church has not paid budgets in full for two (2) consecutive years or has not had at least one (1) conversion by profession of faith, no member of that church's congregation may be entered into nomination for an elected district office/board position. (District Advisory Board 8/2018)
- C. The District Advisory Board has adopted criteria for potentially closing a church per Manual 106. When 3 of the 4 criteria for consideration are present for two years, the church will be considered for closure at the first DAB meeting of the following assembly year. (District Advisory Board 10/2018)
- D. No congregation may undertake a building expansion and/or remodeling project that exceed 10% of the annual amount raised for all purposes until such proposed expenditures are approved by the District Church Properties Board Manual 234
- E. A district allocation exemption will be made available to congregations conducting a capital stewardship campaign which has been approved by the District Properties Board. To qualify, a project must equal or exceed the annual income of the church. The exemption will extend for three years and will only apply to giving designated for the approved project.
- F. Any district church or compassionate ministry receiving district support shall apply annually for renewal. Applications are due August 1st of each year with decisions being made to fund at the August District Advisory Board meeting. Successful applicants shall make a report to the following assembly.
- G. Pastors and church boards are reminded that before hiring pastoral staff members and/or during the annual rehiring process, approval of the district superintendent must be obtained Manual 129.2
- H. When there is a pastoral change at a district church, the District Finance Committee will appoint a representative to conduct a review of the church's financial records, policies and procedures and present a report to the District Superintendent and the District Advisory Board prior to the calling of a new pastor. (District Advisory Board 11/2019)
- I. If a district ministry department (NMI, NDI, or NYI) should for any reason overspend its budget in one district year, that same amount will be reduced from the next budget cycle. (District Advisory Board 3/2018)
- J. Any district sponsored group travel shall be coordinated through the approved travel agency on file at the district office. No individual arrangements are to be made. (District Advisory Board 8.18)
- K. In the event of a merger between two churches, a property transference agreement should be completed, and a copy submitted to the district office. (District Advisory Board 10/2019)
- L. Per IRS regulations, any self-employed individual or an unincorporated business receiving \$600 or more from a church or ministry during the calendar year must receive a Form 1099-MISC showing the compensation amount.
- M. As part of his/her yearly responsibilities, the District Treasurer will contract with an accredited accounting firm to conduct a certified financial review of the district's finances for that year. Said review will be completed prior to and included in the printed assembly journal.
- N. We recommend each church utilize the Church of the Nazarene Foundation to facilitate planned and deferred gifts from their members to any Nazarene ministry, including gifts to the local church, and to use the foundation to manage investment accounts, endowments or charitable trusts. Information can be found at cnf.NazareneFoundation.org or by calling 866-273-2549.

O. The Assembly Finance Committee Secretary shall be authorized to edit the Assembly Finance Committee Report as needed and appropriate.

IV. Finances

A. That a sub-committee of the Finance Committee be charged with creating a yearly budget to be presented to the full committee for their review and recommendation to the District Advisory Board.

B. That the Advisory Board be authorized, in their discretion, to make proper adjustments in the event of inequity in the application of the Pensions and Benefits Fund for a deceased minister's family if the local church has not paid their budgets in full.

C. That the Fair Share district budget as recommended by the district Finance Committee and approved by the District Advisory Board is 4.75%.

2022-2023 Budget

I. District Ministries

A. District Activities

Clergy Excellence Initiative	6,000	
District Activity Administration	4,000	
District Activities Contingency	2,500	
District Assembly/Campmeeting	30,000	
Mileage and Meals	6,000	
Ministerial Assessment	2,000	
Ministry Support Grants	6,000	
NCO General Assembly	0	
Pastor and Spouse Retreat	31,000	
Pastor Counseling	1,000	
Pastor Vision/Dental Insurance	1,356	
Pastor's Christmas Dinner	14,000	
Pastor's Continuing Education	1,000	
Pastor's Life Insurance	3,400	
Subtotal		\$108,256

B. District Office Business/Professional

CM Professional Expense	1,500	
DS Auto Travel & Repairs	4,500	
Auto Trade-In	5,000	
DS Discretionary	2,500	
DS Meetings, Conferences, Cont. Ed.	11,000	
DS Professional Expense	4,500	
Subtotal		\$ 29,000

C. District Office Operations

Audit	3,000	
Equipment	3,000	
Insurance	11,500	
Maintenance and Repair	1,000	
Postage	2,000	
Printing	3,000	
Rent	4,800	
Stewardship Tech Fees	1,500	
Supplies	7,000	
Utilities	2,000	
Web Ops	4,500	
Subtotal		\$ 43,300

D. Staff Benefits

AA – Administrative Assistant	19,308	
CM – Missionary to Cleveland	14,881	
DS – District Superintendent	45,580	
TR – Treasurer	2,800	
Worker's Compensation Insurance	800	
Subtotal		\$ 82,569

E. Staff Salaries	\$262,064
(Cleveland Missionary, District Superintendent, District Secretary, District Treasurer, Office Administrator, Support Personnel)	

F. NCO Ministry Support	\$ 77,780
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Total District Expenditures	\$602,969
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G. Departments		
CHILDREN	45,000	
NDI	21,000	
NMI	22,500	
NYI	52,100	
Subtotal		\$ 140,600

Total Unified Budget	\$ 743,569
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V. Education

- A. That each church on the district welcomes representatives from Mount Vernon Nazarene University. We urge our churches to cooperate fully in supporting our Nazarene educational institutions, including Nazarene Theological Seminary and Nazarene Bible College by receiving a generous annual offering. We also urge our church attendees to support Mount Vernon Nazarene University by participating in their employer's matching fund program. (For church's reporting purposes, the personal contribution portion may be applied to the assigned educational budget of the local church but NOT the matching fund portion.)
- B. That the pastor's continuing education is important. The district has set aside funds to assist pastors who desire to pursue advanced degrees. A set amount will be placed in the yearly budget and distributed until depleted. Applications will be due by June 15th for the following Fall semester and grants awarded following the August District Advisory Board meeting.
- C. It is our desire to help build up a new generation of top talent for the district and the church in general. The district has adopted a policy for supporting such calls. Based on the model of investing in an individual's promise in return for a prescribed period of working to repay the investment, the district will identify such worthy individuals upon a pastor or professor's recommendation and application process. (District Advisory Board 8/2020)
- D. Per agreement with Mount Vernon Nazarene University, all funds given over 85% of the University's allocation in any given year will be directed to the district's endowed scholarships housed within the university's endowment.

Respectfully submitted,
T.J. MCNEW, III, Secretary
AUSTIN SWALLOW, Chair

MEMOIRS REPORT

July 16, 2022

In Loving Memory

We pause to remember those from the North Central Ohio District who have joined the Church Triumphant this past year.

May God bless the memory of each one as He gives comfort to their loved ones and friends.

<i>ELDERS</i>	<i>Shirley W. Deemer Titus Wayne Smith</i>
<i>Amherst</i>	<i>Rich Moran</i>
<i>Andover Cherry Valley</i>	<i>Ellis Horner, Pat Lavalette, June Maynard, Connor Sayers</i>
<i>Ashtabula Edgewood</i>	<i>Chris Kettunen, Ruth Thompson</i>
<i>Ashtabula The Ridge</i>	<i>Jerry Justice, Leroy Spade</i>
<i>Bedford</i>	<i>Don Bish, Virginia Davison, Robert Karhan, Vicki Mazur, Alice McHugh</i>
<i>Brunswick</i>	<i>Jenny Galloway, Louise Lowrie</i>
<i>Bucyrus First</i>	<i>Shirley Assenheimer, Howard Champion, David Coulter, Vicki Crabaugh, Mabel Kirby, Wilma Oberlander, Pamela Ruhl, Linda Shuck</i>
<i>Cardington</i>	<i>Randy Carpenter</i>
<i>Cleveland Aviva</i>	<i>Irene Ortiz</i>
<i>Cleveland Nueva Luz</i>	<i>Benjamin Muniz</i>
<i>Cleveland Richmond Heights</i>	<i>Jeryl Wasniak, Michelle Williams</i>
<i>Clyde</i>	<i>Bob Burr, Juanita Burr, Todd Cunard</i>
<i>Cooperdale</i>	<i>Betty Howell</i>
<i>Coshocton</i>	<i>Betty Arnold, Martin Baumgardner, Alva Hardesty, Tommy Jones</i>
<i>Delaware Newstart</i>	<i>Marvin Welty</i>
<i>Eastlake Willo-Lake</i>	<i>Caroline Wheaton</i>
<i>Elyria Community</i>	<i>Kevin Garcia, Jack Loftin</i>
<i>Fostoria First</i>	<i>Doris Barlekamp</i>
<i>Fremont</i>	<i>Juanita Billow, David Setzler</i>
<i>Galion Real Life</i>	<i>Lois Thornton, Ross Kendall</i>
<i>Jefferson</i>	<i>Mary Lou Hines, Shirley Wolfgang</i>

<i>Kelloggsville</i>	<i>Charles Furmage, Ken Furmage</i>
<i>Lexington</i>	<i>Jewell Dovenbarger, Annetta Glick, Gretchen Payton, Barb Pue, Mary Jane Wymer</i>
<i>Loudonville</i>	<i>Betty Kick, Walter Matz, Charlie Reynolds, Les Seibert</i>
<i>Marion First</i>	<i>George Christian, Greg Christie, Ron Dawson, Lefa Gorslin, John Hopkins, Lauranel McQuiston, Jerry Reamsnyder, Jim Rhodes, Nancy Riley, Pam Ruhl, Peggy Wright</i>
<i>Marion Life Link</i>	<i>Anita Albright</i>
<i>Mount Gilead Fresh Faith</i>	<i>Lillie May Long, Cynthia Delane Standley Sherman</i>
<i>Mount Vernon First</i>	<i>Norann Amos, Rachel Archer, Dorothy Gallagher, Virginia Jenner, Dean Jordan, Charles Moore, Jolene Stulka, John Zweering</i>
<i>Mount Vernon Lakeholm</i>	<i>Clifford Anderson, Antonius 'Ton' Badoux, Virginia 'Ginny' Cameron, Donald Duncan, Myrtle Litteral, Virginia Jenner, Paul Nixon, Owen Quinn, Patrick Quinn, Ondalee Roberts-Sipe, Roy Sipe, Phyllis Taylor</i>
<i>Mount Vernon New Life</i>	<i>Gloria Smith</i>
<i>Mount Vernon Shepherd's House</i>	<i>Elizabeth Haley, Mary Williams</i>
<i>Painesville</i>	<i>Cathy Moore</i>
<i>Sandusky Community</i>	<i>Louettia Bailey, Walter Gray, Shirley Wollam</i>
<i>Shelby</i>	<i>Linda Peterson, Ronald Peterson, Lena Tell</i>
<i>Sunbury</i>	<i>Martha "Ann" Dill</i>
<i>Tiffin</i>	<i>Connie Biller</i>
<i>Wadsworth NOW</i>	<i>Jim Diller</i>
<i>Warsaw</i>	<i>Tyler Bolen</i>
<i>Willard</i>	<i>Tim Kilgore</i>
<i>Wooster</i>	<i>Dan Daugherty, Jim Daugherty, Wanda Griffith, Mary Jane Hess, Tony Rodak, David Specht, Ken Stiffler, Shirley Troxell, Daniel Yoder</i>

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY SERVICE

SATURDAY, July 16, 2022, 2:00 p.m.

Order of Service

Statement of Purpose and Invocation
Processional/Congregational Hymn
Presentation of the Ordinands
Receiving and Examination of the Ordinands
Scripture Reading
Recognition of Retiring Ministers
Challenge to Newly Licensed Ministers
Minister's Choir
Manual Reading 502.1-502.6
Message
Ordination Ritual and Prayer
Presentation of gift from MVNU
Sending Forth and Benediction

Newly Licensed Ministers

Benjamin Shem Brown
Kasey Ellen Kindle
Luke Mohnasky
Jackson A. Moody
Jessica D. Stauffer
Kirsten Marie Umphryes
Lumar Vargas
Jacob Wilcox

Ordination Class of 2022

Kayla Rene Hamilton was born in Westerville, Ohio. Kayla accepted Christ as her Savior at the age of five and was sanctified in middle school. Since was a child, Kayla has been committed to following God and has had a heart for the church. At the age of 15, Kayla accepted her call to ministry, knowing that she wanted to share God with people. After learning to love preaching through opportunities in her home church, Kayla decided to attend Mount Vernon Nazarene University to earn a degree in Pastoral Ministry while also completing her course of study for ordination. While serving on a Music and Ministry team at MVNU, Kayla found that her calling also included music and discipleship. Kayla received her first district minister's license in 2017 in the North Central Ohio District. Kayla graduated with her Bachelor of Arts through MVNU.

Kayla is serving as an Associate Pastor at Newstart Church of the Nazarene in Delaware, Ohio. She previously served as the Worship Pastor at Pataskala Church of the Nazarene in the South Central Ohio District. Kayla has been married to her husband, Kyle, for five years. They have two children, Violet and Charlie.

Andrew Kenneth Heller was born in Wooster, Ohio. Andrew accepted Christ as his Savior at the age of 10 and was sanctified at 20. After going on several mission trips in high school, God opened Andrew's eyes to ways in which he could serve people and point them toward God. Andrew felt a calling to ministry, and the calling was confirmed and supported by other faithful believers in his life. While entering college, Andrew chose to ignore God's calling on his life and majored in English. In his sophomore year, Andrew gave his life entirely to God and changed his major to Youth and Educational Ministry. Andrew received his first district minister's license in 2018 from the North Central Ohio District. Andrew has a Bachelor of Arts from Malone University and completed his course of study through the Nazarene Bible College.

A favorite verse of Andrew's is 1 Peter 1:14-16.

Andrew now serves as an Associate Pastor in the Wooster Church of the Nazarene where he grew up. Andrew has been married to his wife, Samantha, for 11 years. They have two children, Judah and Emery.

Kirsten Joy Kohr was born in Salem, Massachusetts. Kirsten accepted Christ as her Savior at a young age in her childhood church and was sanctified at the age of 23 while in college. With a call to leadership, Kirsten received a Religion and Youth Ministry degree through Eastern Nazarene College. After serving in a Christian School, Kirsten sensed God calling her into full-time ministry and accepted a full-time position as a Children's Pastor. Kirsten's first district minister's license was granted in 2018 in the Maine District. Kirsten earned a Bachelor of Arts from ENC and is now working towards a Master of Divinity at Nazarene Theological Seminary.

A significant verse for Kirsten's life has been 1 John 4:15-16.

Kirsten serves as a Co-Pastor with her husband, Andrew, at the Geneva campus of The Ridge Nazarene Church. She previously served as the Children's Pastor at Ellsworth CotN in Maine. Kirsten and Andrew have two children, Jude and Silas.

Katherine Laura Morales was born in Canton, Ohio. Kathe accepted Christ as her Savior at the age of five at Whitehall Church of the Nazarene. She received a call to ministry at age 15 during a mission trip to Mexico. As years went on, Kathe chose to wander from God rather than accept her calling. Years later, Kathe was working with the children in her church and felt God calling her to a more permanent position. Several trusted people affirmed this call. At an NCO campmeeting service at MVNU, Kathe was convicted to give her life completely to God. Shortly before her 40th birthday, Kathe was sanctified and had her calling to become a children's pastor affirmed at that campmeeting service. Kathe received her first district minister's license in 2018 in the North Central Ohio District. She has a Bachelor of Science from MVNU and finished her course of study for ordination through Nazarene Bible College.

A verse that has impacted Kathe's life is Psalm 37:4.

Kathe now serves as the Children's Pastor at Mount Gilead Fresh Faith Community Church of the Nazarene. She has been married to her husband, Armando, for 23 years. They have four children, Brandon, Ashleigh, Ana, and Caleb.

Mindy Kay Schemrich was born in Columbus, Ohio. Mindy accepted Christ as her Savior when she was 11 and was sanctified at 31 during a Tragedy into Triumph service. During that service, Mindy began writing down what she felt God was calling her to do, one of which was ministering to children and families. A year later, Mindy stepped out into faith as she quit her job and trusted on God to direct her. Mindy felt God leading her to full-time ministry during this time, and she began the ordination process while serving in her local church. She then felt God calling her family to Mount Vernon to serve at Lakeholm Church of the Nazarene. Mindy was granted her first district minister's license in 2019 on the North Central Ohio District. Mindy has a Bachelor of Science from Capital University, a Master of Business Administration from Mount Vernon Nazarene University, and completed her course of study through both Nazarene Bible College and MVNU.

A favorite life verse of Mindy's is Philippians 4:6-7.

Mindy serves as the Pastor to Children and Families at Lakeholm Church of the Nazarene. She also serves as the NCO District Children's Director and the NCO District Bible Quizzing Director. Mindy previously served as an Associate Children's Pastor and Upward Director at Heritage Church of the Nazarene in Circleville, Ohio. Mindy has been married to her husband, Joseph, for almost 19 years. They have three children, Olivia, Zoe, and Gabriella.

Carrie Faith Taylor was born in Placerville, California. Faith accepted Christ as her Savior at the age of five during a Vacation Bible School at Placerville Church of the Nazarene. Faith was sanctified at 21 during a Church History class. As an overly-serious seven-year-old, Faith wanted a direction for her life and felt God was calling her towards ministry. Not knowing women could be pastors, Faith said she wanted to be a missionary in her home country, the United States. As she got older, Faith's call was clarified as God led her toward chaplaincy, especially in hospice. She received her first district minister's license in 2017 in the North Central Ohio District. Faith has a Bachelor of Arts from Mount Vernon Nazarene University and a Master of Divinity from Nazarene Theological Seminary.

A significant verse for Faith's life is Romans 12:12.

Faith serves as the Lead Pastor at Warsaw Church of the Nazarene. She previously served as an intern and assistant pastor at Mount Vernon First Church of the Nazarene. Faith and her husband, Grant, recently celebrated their tenth wedding anniversary. They have three rabbits, Ralph, Ivan, and Cinna.

Christopher Umphryes was born in Macomb, Illinois. Chris accepted Christ as his Savior at the age of seven at the Manville Nazarene Children's Camp. While in high school, Chris' eyes were opened to the brokenness in the world, and he felt a calling to share the love of Christ. Chris was sanctified when he was 19 at Olivet Nazarene University. This calling took various vocational roles for Chris as he followed the Spirit's leading. He received his first district minister's license in the Northwestern Illinois District. Chris earned a Bachelor of Arts from Olivet Nazarene University.

A verse that has impacted Chris' life is Ephesians 3:17-18.

Chris now serves as a Co-Pastor at Cardington Church of the Nazarene. He previously served as a Co-Pastor at Heart City CotN in Mansfield, Ohio, and a Worship Pastor at Greeley First Church of the Nazarene in Colorado, and Bradley Church of the Nazarene in Illinois. Chris has been married to his wife, Kirsten, for seven years. They have a baby son, Wade.

Donald Michael Weaver was born in Canton, Ohio. Don accepted Christ as his Savior in his late twenties through a process of encountering God and being drawn into God's saving grace. He was sanctified at the age of 30. Early in his faith journey, Don was excited about sharing the Word of God and felt a call to ministry. Don's idea for his ministry did not include pastoring or preaching. However, he felt God was directing him toward a pastoral ministry. Don wanted confirmation and waited for God to make this calling clear. At a North Central Ohio District Campmeeting service, Don felt an overwhelming conviction to go to the alter. While there, Don knew that God was telling him that God would work in his weaknesses and lead Don through his ministry. Don received his first district minister's license in 2015 on the North Central Ohio District. He completed his course of study through Mount Vernon Nazarene University.

A favorite life verse for Don is Philippians 1:6.

Don serves as an Associate Pastor at Living Faith Church of the Nazarene in West Lafayette, Ohio. Don and his wife, Tammy, have three sons, Scott, Anthony, and Justin.

Robert "Kirk" Scott grew up near Milford Center, Ohio. He accepted Christ as his Savior at the age of 20 and was sanctified during the Sidney Emmaus pilgrimage walk when he was 35. Prior to being sanctified and called into ministry, Kirk worked in financial services for agriculture. During his Emmaus Walk, Kirk felt God calling him into ministry. While his calling was not clear, Kirk faithfully followed God's leading, which led to a ministry position at Quest Community Church of the Nazarene in West Liberty, Ohio. Kirk entered the ministry in 2015. He has earned a Bachelor of Science from The Ohio State University and completed his course of study through Mount Vernon Nazarene University. Kirk is a licensed minister on the Northwestern Ohio District.

A significant verse for Kirk's life is Joshua 1:9.

Kirk serves as the Connection and Discipleship Pastor at Quest Community Church of the Nazarene. Kirk and his wife, Pam, have two adult children, Katie and Aaron. Katie and her husband, Zach Sherman, recently had a baby boy named Eli.

Retiring Ministers

Bernard J. Dickson was ordained as an Elder in the Church of the Nazarene in 1989. He has served at Churches of the Nazarene in Salina, Smith Center, Newton all in Kansas, as well as Bedford and Fostoria, Ohio. Bernie has an Associate of Arts from Mount Vernon Nazarene College, and a Bachelor of Science from Bethany Nazarene College (now called Southern Nazarene University) and a Master of Divinity from Nazarene Theological Seminary. One of Bernie's greatest joys from his time in ministry has been watching his children fall in love with Jesus and continue to grow in their faith and love for Christ.

To those entering ministry, Bernie passes on the insight that the church is not built with ease but is built with sacrifice.

A significant verse for Bernie's life is Exodus 20:2.

Bernie now resides in Fostoria, Ohio. His life has been blessed by his wife, Edie, their two children, their children-in-law, and three grandchildren.

Thomas "T.J." Jefferson McNew III was ordained an Elder in the Church of the Nazarene in 1996. T.J. has served as a pastor at Antioch Church of the Nazarene in Kansas, and Galion, Medina, and Mount Gilead Fresh Faith Community Churches of the Nazarene, all of which are in Ohio. T.J. has also served on multiple district boards and as the Elections Coordinator for General Assemblies. T.J. has a Bachelor of Science Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy from Ohio Northern University and a Master of Divinity from Nazarene Theological Seminary. While there are many fond memories and joys from his time in ministry, one of the greatest joys for T.J. was watching his prodigal son return to his faith in God during T.J.'s time at Fresh Faith. This prodigal return led to T.J. being able to baptize his son, daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren and dedicate his son's four children.

To those entering ministry, T.J. advises that ministry is not for cowards. Those who are called into ministry must constantly seek the source of their strength and boldness that is found in the empowering of the Holy Spirit.

A beloved life verse for T.J. is Acts 22:15.

T.J. now resides in Galion, Ohio. His life has been blessed by his wife, Gloria, their two biological children and one spiritual daughter, their children-in-law, their five biological grandchildren and three spiritual grandchildren.

David and Sylvia Potter were ordained as Elders in the Church of the Nazarene; David in 1997 and Sylvia in 2014. They have served for 30 years as missionaries, representing Christ and the Church of the Nazarene in Papua New Guinea and Vanuatu. David and Sylvia received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Point Loma Nazarene University. David also received a Master of Arts in Missiology from Nazarene Theological Seminary. Sylvia received a Master of Arts in Spiritual Formation from Northwest Nazarene University. David and Sylvia's greatest joy from their ministry has been to walk alongside fellow believers in Papua New Guinea and Vanuatu. They have witnessed many people become Christlike leaders in their churches who go on to make Christlike disciples in their nations. To those entering ministry, David advises that one must stay close to Jesus. Sylvia reminds us that we must remain teachable and sensitive to God's Spirit.

A favorite life verse for David and Sylvia is Philippians 4:4-7.

David and Sylvia will reside in Burnips, Michigan. Their lives have been blessed by their three sons, children-in-law, and their seven grandchildren, and by God's faithfulness to them in their marriage.

Lynn D. Shmidt and Shearon Lynn Shmidt were ordained as Elders in the Church of the Nazarene; Lynn in 1990 and Sherry in 1998. They have served as missionaries, pastors, and educators in Botswana, Kentucky and Ohio. Lynn received a Bachelor of Arts from Olivet Nazarene College, and a Master of Arts from Asbury Theological Seminary. One of Sherry's most fond memories from her time in ministry was journeying with a young man who received a call to ministry after he preached alongside Sherry in Botswana for a few months. Though he was a computer programmer and supervisor at a local bank, God touched his heart and called him to ministry. One of Lynn's greatest joys from ministry has been training people called to missions. Lynn has been able to teach people from many areas of the world as they feel called to serve in areas outside of their home countries. He trained missionaries in Africa, Asia, and the United States. It has been a great blessing for Lynn to see God using people from all languages and ethnicities to reach out to areas where the church has not yet ventured.

To those entering ministry, Lynn reminds them that God will not lay out one's entire life plan. Sometimes, all we can see, or the only thing we can handle, is the very next step. Walk with the Lord one step at a time, and then looking back, there will be a clear pathway marked by God's faithful presence. God directs our paths.

To those entering ministry, Sherry advises them always to keep their eyes on Jesus and guard their hearts. Make room in each day for quiet time with God and always find a day of the week for Sabbath rest.

A favorite verse of Sherry's is Isaiah 51:16a. A life verse for Lynn has been John 17:21 because it shows that we are able to directly communicate with God through Jesus Christ as we share the Good News.

Lynn and Sherry now reside in Delaware, Ohio. Their life has been blessed by their two children, their children's spouses, and eight grandchildren.

Donald L. Wilson was ordained as an Elder in the Church of the Nazarene in 1978. He has served as a pastor in Kansas, Ohio, Maine, Florida and Michigan. Chaplain Colonel Wilson served for 35 years with the United States Army ministering to soldiers and their families and training many chaplains. One of Don's greatest memories and joys was being present for soldiers and helping lead them to Christ. There was a lot of time dedicated to training with the soldiers, but there was also the opportunity for one-on-one conversations. Don came to love the question, "Hey Chaplain, have you got a minute?" During a three-week training deployment, Don was able to preach almost every day throughout the unit's training battlefield and discipled many soldiers. During the deployment, eight soldiers either committed their lives to Jesus Christ for the first time or renewed their relationship with God. Don was truly honored to serve God as what he calls "a Missionary in Uniform."

To those entering ministry, Don advises that there will be tough times ahead. Hardships are inevitable in ministry. Therefore, Don reminds ministers to be sure of and hold fast to their calling.

A significant verse for Don's life is Psalm 91:1-2.

Don now resides in Mount Vernon, Ohio. His life has been blessed by his wife, Paula, their two children, and six grandchildren.

CHURCH REPORTS

ALPHABETICAL LISTING



Amherst The River

Richard R. Henry Jr., Elder

Organized: 1967

Pastor Began: 3/21/1988

Address: 210 Cooper Foster Park Rd., Amherst, OH 44001

Pastor Email: racquetwarrior@gmail.com

Phone: 440-988-9014

Statistics:	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>			
Conversions	3	2	5			
Baptisms	3	1	0	<u>Funding the Mission</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Worship Average	64	25	35	World Evangelism	\$12021	Yes
NDI Average	29	29	30	Pensions Benefits	\$2823	Yes
New Nazarenes	0	3	2	MVNU	\$2771	Yes
Membership	77	77	75	District	\$6772	Yes
Total Raised	\$125622	\$111685	\$134949	10% Missions Giving	10.065%	

Report to the Assembly: *What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?*

"Tanya" attended one of our Spiritual Warfare Conference services this spring. It was her first time to attend a service. She had been attending one of the Alcoholic Anonymous meetings at the church and came to the service with her mother. God moved and spoke clearly to her and she gave her life to Christ as a result. Battling with the issue of her dark past she has been cleansing her home and life of those items connected to the demonic. We continue to help her advance in her relationship with Christ.

Highlights...

- Increasing prayer for spiritual awakening
- Raised money to assist our Love INC, (clearinghouse for people in need)
- Raised funds for Cornerstone Pregnancy Services (abortion alternative services)
- We have opened our church to those struggling with addiction – hosting 3 AA meetings each week
- The pastor is accountable to & disciplined by another district pastor
- Working toward establishing discipleship groups in the neighborhoods where our people live
- Major improvements to the building, preparing for future ministry.

Andover Cherry Valley

Richard A. Meier, Elder

Organized: 1922

Pastor Began: 8/1/2010

Address: 3410 US Highway 6, Andover, OH 44003

Pastor Email: pastorrich@centurylink.net

Phone: 440-293-7937

Statistics:	2020	2021	2022			
Conversions	6	12	13	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Baptisms	4	2	3			
Worship Average	91	66	80		World Evangelism	\$9084 Yes
NDI Average	48	52	80		Pensions Benefits	\$3593 Yes
New Nazarenes	3	3	0		MVNU	\$3622 Yes
Membership	57	57	57		District	\$7646 Yes
Total Raised	\$142452	\$159765	\$168450	10% Missions Giving	6.580%	

Report to the Assembly: What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?

As I gave thought to highlights and how we at Cherry Valley Nazarene are sharing the Gospel of Jesus to the community around us and answering what good news is happening in our church or who is being transformed by the good news, I thought, "Where do I start?" We have made outreach our goal. We have tried to think outside the box with things like having church at the county fair during fair week on that Sunday. We had over 50 in attendance. Another way in which I see lives being changed is through personal discipleship. Some would call it wise counsel at times, but we know the Lord, through the Holy Spirit is using our people to disciple our influx of new people since COVID. Our people are learning that it's not the pastor that does all the praying, teaching and discipling. Two Times this year I felt the Lord wanted us to continue to bless other ministries that bless and enrich us as a body and so I did something I'm not sure I would suggest that is good for every pastor, but I went before the congregation and said "whatever we raise in a love offering, the church will match the funds" without asking a single board member. I felt the Holy Spirit would honor that, and

God's people agreed, and we were able to bless those ministries such as Heaven Train, and The Impact Team with around \$2500.00 each on different occasions, and I didn't even get fired. Ha-ha. As much as I hate to talk about money, ministry costs money and God, not us, blesses and expands it when we are faithful. We take no credit for what God is doing; and giving, discipling, teaching, and praying is so much fun when the Holy Spirit is leading.



Ashland

David E. Langdon, Elder

Organized: 1926

Pastor Began: 11/9/2014

Address: 1196 Milton Township Rd. 1506, Ashland, OH 44805

Pastor Email: pastordlangdon@gmail.com

Phone: 419-289-2664

Statistics:	2020	2021	2022			
Conversions	3	4	7	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Baptisms	5	0	5			
Worship Average	73	73	64		World Evangelism	\$7780 Yes
NDI Average	65	65	45		Pensions Benefits	\$3037 Yes
New Nazarenes	0	0	3		MVNU	\$3037 Yes
Membership	125	123	126		District	\$6411 Yes
Total Raised	\$155170	\$146847	\$147061	10% Missions Giving	11.686%	

Report to the Assembly: *What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?*

For the last few years, we have been following a vision of “building a church for the next generation.” In June we completed the main phase of updating our sanctuary by installing new carpet. Along with replacing the pews with chairs, this has created a welcoming, family-friendly atmosphere. The flexibility of the chairs also provides great opportunities to “circle up” and come together in a variety of new ways.

In August, we hosted a block party event called “New Horizons.” This outreach event was specifically geared toward families of children and youth. In addition to games, food, and a bounce house, a professional skateboarder, Doug Brown gave a demonstration and shared his testimony. We had a great turnout of young families. Most importantly, six individuals responded to the gospel presentation at the end!



We have seen an increase of involvement with our youth group. Several of our teens have been involved in district events for the first time this year. They will also be spending six days serving others together on a trip to Kentucky in June. In the fall, we hosted the NCO District Impact Team with a powerful service and prayer response around the altar. God is on the move with our young people!



I was generously granted a 6-week sabbatical from February 14 to March 29. The church was in good hands under the leadership of Pastor Jim Carder in my absence. In

every way, the experience served its purpose to encourage personal and spiritual renewal and rest. I returned with a renewed sense of joy in ministry and a much-needed change of perspective.

We have been blessed with several new people joining us for worship this year. We just received three new Nazarenes into membership. Five individuals were baptized in the fall. We celebrate the spiritual victories and growth taking place in our church family. The church is coming together to fulfill its mission as we see God leading us in new ways. We are in a season of transition, but also a season of new opportunities. As we adjust to the challenges, we will continue to guide individuals through the next steps in a discipleship journey to know God, find freedom, discover purpose, and make a difference.



Ashtabula Edgewood

Kevin D. Ellis, Elder

Organized: 1955

Pastor Began: 1/22/1996

Address: 3025 N. Ridge E., Ashtabula, OH 44004

Pastor Email: revkevinellis@icloud.com

Phone: 440-997-5645

Statistics:	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>			
Conversions	0	0	6			
Baptisms	0	0	1	<u>Funding the Mission</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Worship Average	15	15	19	World Evangelism	\$2404	Yes
NDI Average	8	0	5	Pensions Benefits	\$984	Yes
New Nazarenes	0	0	6	MVNU	\$984	Yes
Membership	121	119	124	District	\$2090	Yes
Total Raised	\$48792	\$52828	\$43706	10% Missions Giving	6.038%	

Report to the Assembly: *What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?*

It is with great pleasure to bring to you this, my twenty-seventh annual report on behalf of the wonderful Edgewood Family. It has been a difficult year personally, having lost my father in October and our granddaughter in February. Yet, God has been faithful and good.

We continue to boldly represent the Good News with our community. There are times when tragedy turns to triumph as we've witnessed this year. After a longtime member, children's and youth worker passed away this year, a family whom she had touched came to the funeral and returned to our congregation. This year we added all six of them to our membership. Aside from their own four children, Bill and Pam have been bringing grandchildren as well. Following a long hiatus without children attending during covid restrictions, it is good to have children coming back.

We've opened our facility again this year to a local AA meeting; twice we have allowed our facility to be used by recovery treatment groups hosting a recovery event prior to their drug court graduation; and at the time of this writing, we have been asked if we'd host another 12-Step recovery meeting. With each of these comes opportunities for the unchurched to get in our doors...and just maybe a life can be touched for Him.

Whether deeds great or small, we seek to be used for His glory and honor.



Ashtabula The Ridge

Sean M. Hampton, Elder

Organized: 1921

Pastor Began: 11/25/2018

Address: 1820 S. Ridge W., Ashtabula, OH 44004

Pastor Email: pastorsean.afc@gmail.com

Phone: 440-992-0246

Statistics:	2020	2021	2022			
Conversions	5	25	5			
Baptisms	1	1	4	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	130	130	165	World Evangelism	\$13911	Yes
NDI Average	80	80	119	Pensions Benefits	\$5691	Yes
New Nazarenes	6	11	8	MVNU	\$5691	Yes
Membership	266	118	187	District	\$12013	Yes
Total Raised	\$290261	\$313465	\$270250	10% Missions Giving	6.849%	

Report to the Assembly: *What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?*

In August of 2021, Ashtabula First celebrated our 100th anniversary. Over an entire weekend we engaged the community through an outdoor concert, a Christian comedian, food vendors, special speakers, children's games, a juggler, inflatables and rides. Then we finished it all off with a fish fry and BBQ. Those that were already part of the church could not believe such a large event was taking place on our church grounds. Others who came by community invitation were impacted by the care of the volunteers, the music and worship, the attention given to the children, and the speakers who lifted the name of Jesus. A young man named Michael who did not know the Lord was invited to help on set-up day by our Family Life Pastor. Over 4 days he heard about the good news of Jesus, and he saw it lived out by the church. In the weeks following, he began attending Sunday morning services and other events, and he helped with facility renovation projects. In February he gave his life to Jesus and in March he was baptized. His is just one story of many from our celebration weekend.



In November, our church voted to merge the Geneva Church of the Nazarene as a campus location. Everything passed and as of January 1st, two churches became one. We have been working to support the campus ministries and renovate the facility. As a part of the merge, we voted to change the name of our newly expanded church. On Easter Sunday 2021 we became known as The Ridge Nazarene Church.

We took steps this past year to further increase engagement of our online congregation. We average 35 online for Sunday morning worship from multiple states. Some of these people will never walk through the doors of our physical building, so we wanted to make sure we began to take every step in keeping them connected. We have continued to improve technology and encourage chat during services; and most recently, we contracted a digital marketing professional to use social media more effectively.

This past year we held our 15th annual NazCar Cruise In, continued our 30 plus years of the Whosoever Club in the local low-income housing areas, hosted our 2nd Upward Soccer league season and 1st Community Night of Worship, and sent a team of 13 to the Native American Christian Academy for work and witness.



Bedford

Organized: 1937

Address: 365 Center Rd., Bedford, OH 44146

Phone: 440-232-7440

R. Michael Dennis, Elder

Pastor Began: 8/13/2013

Pastor Email: mdennis248@aol.com

Statistics:	2020	2021	2022			
Conversions	28	2	10			
Baptisms	8	2	7	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	339	343	340	World Evangelism	\$33087	Yes
NDI Average	287	320	330	Pensions Benefits	\$13603	Yes
New Nazarenes	8	12	3	MVNU	\$13602	Yes
Membership	463	463	465	District	\$29921	Yes
Total Raised	\$638384	\$622644	\$637078	10% Missions Giving	6.714%	

Report to the Assembly: *What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?*

"I will build my Church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it."

Matthew 16:18

I want to thank God that in his grace he has allowed me to serve him in the Church of the Nazarene for these past 39 years! He has been so good to Debbie and I since we began pastoring in 1982. We can't praise him enough.

Jesus enabled us to see people saved and baptized this year, several of whom have become members of our church. For the first time, we offered baptism on Resurrection Sunday. It was a glorious day! Baptized were 7 members of the Abercrombie family. The mother, Neasha, had been awakened by the Holy Spirit and told her husband, "God told me we need to find a church!" Not knowing which church to attend, they left home on a Sunday morning to search for a church

(Pictured is the entire family on that joyous day.) When they saw our sign, they pulled in, and haven't missed a service since! While attending a membership class, we learned that they had not been baptized and were willing to do so on Easter Sunday!



Next, there was a 14-yr-old student who suddenly appeared on the platform. Jordan Wade had been attending our church and youth group for over a year. I had spoken with him following an earlier service and he told me that he was an atheist. I asked some of the teens to pray for him, and during the youth retreat, he was curious. He suddenly realized during the Easter service that he had to be baptized! He clearly gave testimony to the Lord's grace and forgiveness in his life. He went home wet but joyful. His parents have begun to attend and will soon become members of BedNaz!



I would be remiss to omit the report that as of January 1, our church had completely eliminated our indebtedness through sacrificial giving even during the pandemic. Jesus be praised!

Brunswick

Joshua Dillon Kirksey, Licensed Minister

Organized: 1958

Pastor Began: 3/21/2021

Address: 3965 Center Rd., Brunswick, OH 44212

Pastor Email: pastorjoshk@brunsnaz.org

Phone: 330-225-6957

Statistics:	2020	2021	2022			
Conversions	3	0	9	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Baptisms	6	0	0			
Worship Average	64	64	67		World Evangelism	\$6740 Yes
NDI Average	34	34	93		Pensions Benefits	\$2725 Yes
New Nazarenes	0	0	16		MVNU	\$2670 Yes
Membership	110	105	123		District	\$5630 Yes
Total Raised	\$117904	\$117621	\$125976	10% Missions Giving	7.503%	

Report to the Assembly: What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?

We have had an awesome year of growth and getting back into the Brunswick community. God has given us favor with the leadership here in the community and it has helped the church have the opportunity to model Jesus to Brunswick and beyond.

Our kids' program (called the Jungle) has grown and has done some fantastic events for families and the community. We had over 172 people come to our trunk or treat event in October and then this past Easter we did an egg hunt where we had over 150 kids and families on our grounds. Another amazing thing was our kids raised money this past Christmas to help support and feed a few families in Africa. We also hosted our 1st Hope over Heroin Awareness service for the Hope Recovery Center and the families of Medina County, 150 people attended that evening to hear the message of Hope over addiction. We plan to do another one this August.

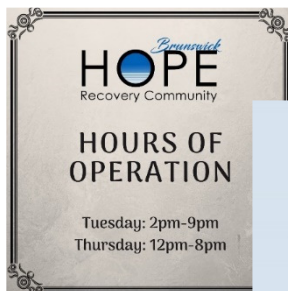


We are Seeking people, Loving people, and Sharing the Story (Gospel) to our community and families of 3 counties and more.

Our church has become the 1st church in the state to fully partner and work with an RCO (Recovery Community Organization) to help reach people and families and fight the battle against addiction. We have been working with Hope Recovery Community and Cathy's House (recovery housing organization) very closely to help share the Gospel with anyone we can. Seek. Love. Share!



God is doing a Great thing in Brunswick and our church. Young and old have come to know Jesus and are experiencing life change! I am so humbled and thankful to play a small part!



Bucyrus First

Ray LaSalle, Elder

Organized: 1933

Pastor Began: 12/27/1992

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Pastor Email: rl@rrhio.com

Phone: 419-562-0256

Statistics:	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>			
Conversions	31	25	27			
Baptisms	8	13	10	<u>Funding the Mission</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Worship Average	832	832	897	World Evangelism	\$65180	Yes
NDI Average	354	354	269	Pensions Benefits	\$25725	Yes
New Nazarenes	4	34	30	MVNU	\$25785	Yes
Membership	786	811	833	District	\$55350	Yes
Total Raised	\$1041523	\$1132311	\$1249596	10% Missions Giving	12.741%	

Report to the Assembly: *What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?*

The 2021-2022 year of post-Covid has been an interesting thriller. Numerous new visitors are coming to both of our services each Sunday. Giving has gone up in spite of not passing collection plates. It's interesting to note that the choir has almost doubled. The Upward Basketball program has grown substantially. Plans are underway to begin the Upward Football program. The Gospel seems to be the one constant in a changing world.

The online ministry has attracted attention with a steady stream of viewers. The Easter Passion Play and the Totally Christmas audiences have shown incredible growth. Twenty-nine years of radio broadcasting over the local station has established our presence of ministry in our county. Television outreach with the Voice of the Nazarene has greatly deepened the roots of the Gospel in other cities.

Four years ago, we met with a handful of ladies, whose church was about to close in Upper. They agreed to become a campus of BNC which has resulted in a beautiful congregation of believers in Upper Sandusky under the leadership of the Andersons as the West Campus pastoral team. It is becoming a strong entity in that city.

Excitement is building as Ridge Chapel in Carey has decided to become another campus. Our goal is to not allow the message of the Gospel to die in any of our nearby cities.

In the midst of the happenings, it seems that ministry is becoming more messy. People with needs in their lives are showing up. I believe that the Gospel is the POWER of God for every life. The board and staff are bonding intentionally to reach people.

Burton North East Community

Brian E. Westover, Elder

Organized: 2013

Pastor Began: 7/8/2003

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Pastor Email: april4brian@gmail.com

Phone: 440-636-2836

Statistics:	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>			
Conversions	0	2	0			
Baptisms	0	2	0	<u>Funding the Mission</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Worship Average	55	55	65	World Evangelism	\$4986	Yes
NDI Average	61	61	42	Pensions Benefits	\$1992	Yes
New Nazarenes	5	0	0	MVNU	\$1991	Yes
Membership	29	29	27	District	\$3982	Yes
Total Raised	\$91000	\$92747	\$90412	10% Missions Giving	5.836%	

Report to the Assembly: *What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?*

Over the past year, we have continued to be diligent to make disciples where we are at. We appointed a small group coordinator and have seen small group attendance improve. However, we continue to see that one on one discipleship continues to be the most productive forms of spiritual growth. Bob Hanusosky has been attending North East Community for approximately 15 years. He became a new believer while attending North East and became quite involved. Over the years he became discouraged and in the last 3 years went through a divorce. He had lost hope and pulled away from all ministry, church attendance, and any Bible study. We continued to pray and stay in touch with Bob. I would periodically meet with Bob to try and encourage him. In the last year Bob and I have been meeting regularly every Monday morning for Bible study and discipleship. He is reading his Bible with excitement and he has said "I've never felt such a desire to want to study God's word and it's coming from the inside." He is learning to let the Bible interpret the Bible, moving from Old to New Testament standing in awe asking, "Why isn't anyone seeing these things and why are preachers not teaching these things?" I have been encouraged to see such growth and desire to know Christ in Bob's life.

Cardington

Christopher Umphryes, Ordinand, **Kirsten M. Umphryes**, Licensed Minister

Organized: 1926

Pastor Began: 10/31/2021

Address: 328 Water St., Cardington, OH 43315

Pastor Email: christopherumphryes@gmail.com; kumphryes@gmail.com

Phone: 419-864-6801

Statistics:	2020	2021	2022			
Conversions	3	1	0	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Baptisms	0	0	0			
Worship Average	51	164	32		World Evangelism	\$3856 Yes
NDI Average	35	35	30		Pensions Benefits	\$1578 Yes
New Nazarenes	3	1	0		MVNU	\$1577 Yes
Membership	68	47	48		District	\$3331 Yes
Total Raised	\$82712	\$70738	\$64297	10% Missions Giving	9.164%	

Report to the Assembly: What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?

The Good News of the Gospel lived out is making a difference in the community of Cardington. We are working hard to share the Gospel in our community. The Cardington Community Food Pantry has served more people than ever this year and the people of our church have been a huge help in collecting and distributing donations. Our church was able to celebrate Teacher Appreciation Week by delivering Dunkin Donuts + Coffee to a local elementary school as well as giving a donation to the local library for the summer reading program. We are working to create good relationships in our community in which we can intentionally share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. God is on the move in Cardington and we are expecting big things in the coming days. We are believing people will be saved, baptized, and sanctified this year. To God be the Glory.



Thank you to the Cardington Nazarene Church for supplying us with coffee and doughnuts to the Elementary School! Thank you Pastor Chris and Kirsten!!



Brittany Arnold and 37 others

17 comments

Cleveland Arabic

Asaad Wahba, Elder

Organized: 2011

Pastor Began: 4/19/2009

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Phone:

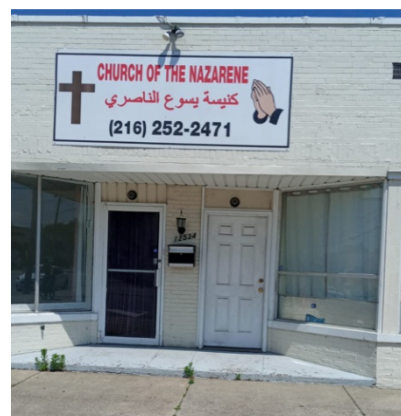
Statistics:	2020	2021	2022			
Conversions	2	10	15			
Baptisms	0	1	2	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	12	7	10	World Evangelism	\$0	No
NDI Average	12	7	19	Pensions Benefits	\$0	No
New Nazarenes	1	0	2	MVNU	\$0	No
Membership	17	17	19	District	\$360	Yes
Total Raised	\$10080	\$7200	\$6000	10% Missions Giving	0.00%	

Report to the Assembly: What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?

I. The power of God that saves any sinner that comes to Jesus, appears in a man and his wife who joined our church. They are from the Catholic denomination. They used to worship Mary the mother of Jesus (as their church teaches them). However, they quickly accepted the truth that it is only Jesus who saves. The power of salvation appears quickly in them. When I asked them to pray loudly, they did without hesitation. They also quickly joined our songs praising Jesus. Who can make this fast change? He asked me to get the Bible. I was so happy when I saw his hunger for the word of God. He got the Bible to be his guidance all his life. It is only Jesus who saves.

II. Another person visited our church and his life also changed. Unfortunately, his wife did not yet come with him. We still are praying for her. She still believes in the Catholic traditions and worshipping Mary the mother of Jesus. He asked some questions about the gospel we preach. He did not oppose the good news about Jesus. He understands our message. He agreed that not one of prophets can save any sinner. He loved the church and soon will be qualified to officially become a member. We praise God for his working in the church and saving those who believe. We believe that Jesus, who saves him, will save his wife too.

III. As Arabic Christian and pastor, I have a special mission among our Muslim friends. They do not have hope after death. They need Jesus. We are proud to tell them about Jesus and His salvation. I shared the Gospel through big debates with Muslim leaders. Hundreds attend the debates on Paltalk and YouTube. The last debate was under this title: "Who is the final messenger and the chief Messiah: Jesus or Mohammed?" I was so proud to prove to those who attend the debate that Jesus is totally superior to Mohammed the prophet of Islam. In conclusion, I showed more than 15 points where Jesus is superior to the prophet of Islam. It was obvious who is the greatest. Jesus is the only hope and we are proud to be his disciples.



Cleveland Aviva

Organized: New Start

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Lumar Vargas, Licensed Minister

Pastor Began: 9/1/2020

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Phone: 802-432-8482

Statistics:	2020	2021	2022
Conversions		4	112
Baptisms		0	0
Worship Average		30	75
NDI Average		0	55
New Nazarenes		2	80
Membership		2	81
Total Raised		\$39574	\$82000

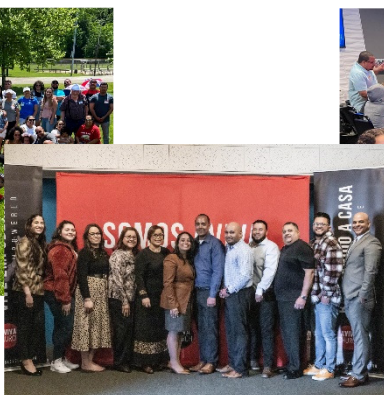
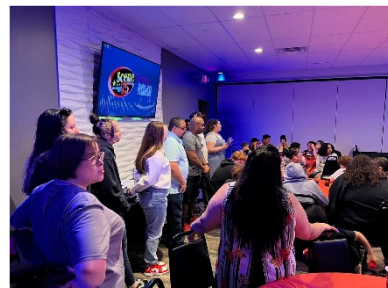
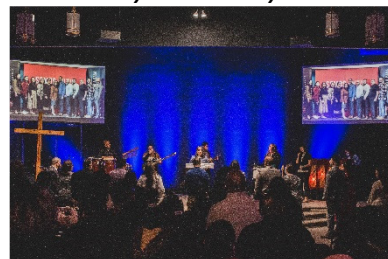
Report to the Assembly: *What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?*

Aviva Church launched officially on April 3, 2022. The year prior to launching, we reconnected with people in the community, calling them to be part of the work by believing in Jesus and the church again. We are specifically serving the dechurched and unchurched Latino community in Cleveland near the densest population of Hispanic and Latino residents in the state of Ohio, where there are 64% Latinos from various nations (MetroWest, 2018). In America today, 1 in 4 people under the age of 30 are Latino-Americans, and the second generation is the largest growing generation (Valdez & Tran, 2020). In the past few months, we have noticed the average age of our church has dropped significantly. We are reaching youth and young adults.

As part of our pre-launch, we dedicated six months to teaching the Emotionally Healthy Church and building a culture around our vision to restore, transform, and empower. We formed a leadership team of 12 people to serve in various areas and connected them to mentors for their personal leadership development. The leadership team represents different Latino/Hispanic countries and generations. This summer, youth, outreach, marriage/family, and small group ministries are launching teams within our church with a missional focus.

We often hear people say, "I feel welcomed here." Every Sunday, people are giving their lives to Jesus and committing to the church. Extended families and multiple generations are worshipping together. This looks like first-generation parents answering altar calls with their second-generation adult children, and their children's children. Cousins, brothers, sisters, sons-in-law, grandparents, etc. are coming together to worship at Aviva with people of different Latino nations (Puerto Rico, Mexico, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Peru, and more.)

We are excited to baptize for the first time this year and continue to call many to Jesus, the church, and empower them to function in their gifts and go and make disciples.



Cleveland Garfield Heights

Max M. Rodas, Elder

Organized: 1953

Pastor Began: 7/11/2012

Address: 5711 Turney Rd., Garfield Heights, OH 44125

Pastor Email: mrodas@nlurc.org

Phone: 216-587-2660

Statistics:	2020	2021	2022			
Conversions	0	3	1			
Baptisms	0	0	0	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	40	40	60	World Evangelism	\$3634	Yes
NDI Average	30	30	0	Pensions Benefits	\$1487	Yes
New Nazarenes	3	3	1	MVNU	\$1487	Yes
Membership	94	97	102	District	\$3139	Yes
Total Raised	\$55600	\$60000	\$70000	10% Missions Giving	6.437%	

Report to the Assembly: *What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?*

After 2 years of COVID and the fear associated with this infection, our folks are returning to worship services for the most part.

1. At NLURC we were able to re-imagine ourselves and now we deliver food bags Monday-Thursday to around 640 families a year. A car was donated to us to make those deliveries.
2. Our Garfield church continues to draw folks that live and represent our community, and our leadership is thinking of creative ways to do ministry in the coming year.
3. Both Garfield and NLURC continue to be the place where people find hope and are able to survive emotionally, spiritually, and physically.

Salient Realities:

1. The lack of housing is rampant in Cleveland and Lorain among low-income people, and we have 8 members of our staff preventing evictions and making sure people have a roof over their heads.
2. God has opened an open door of ministry with refugee youth from Africa and Afghanistan and our ministry is now collaborating with an organization called The Refugee Response. We have been engaging them in the last month, and from June-August, we will run a Summer Camp for them teaching them Shao Lin Kung Fu and boxing. We have 24 young people engaged in the program so far.
3. Due to over 3 decades of ministry in Cleveland, the newly elected Mayor of Cleveland, Justin Bibb, requested Pastor Max Rodas to be one of the ministers that prayed over him as he was inaugurated in his new office.



Cleveland Lighthouse, Inc.

Organized: Compassionate Ministry

Address: , PO Box 602720, Cleveland, OH 44114

Phone: 216-279-4119

Judith A. Bean, Elder

Pastor Began: 7/17/2013

Pastor Email: jud4142@ameritech.net

Statistics:	2020	2021	2022
Conversions	11	0	4
Baptisms	0	0	0
Worship Average	0	0	0
NDI Average	454	214	257
New Nazarenes	0	0	0
Membership	18	18	12
Total Raised	\$142000	\$0	\$81804

Report to the Assembly: *What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?*

HeavenTrain is up and running! All glory to God for answering prayers that He would bring more children to hear His Word. The Lord provided excellent weather on both HeavenTrain days in May as we saw a total of 466 children and caregivers who came to learn about God in Cleveland's Central neighborhoods. We are seeing lots of returning HeavenTrain kids - adults included - as well as new children.

May's Bible verse "For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9 (sung to the tune of "She'll be coming 'round the mountain...") is a repeat of the October 2021 Bible verse as we transition to this season's Bible lessons focusing on the Fruit of the Spirit from Galatians 5:22-23. June's Bible lesson will begin with the Fruit of LOVE; love covers everything as the Apostle Paul wrote to the Corinthians "But the greatest of these is love." (1 Corinthians 13:13b) We are encouraged to see the children are learning and retaining God's Word through the mini-Vacation Bible School format as we teach them through songs, Bible verse activities, and the Bible lesson; some children are even recalling verses from last season's teachings!

On Saturday, May 28th, Pastor Judy Bean, HeavenTrain Coordinator who leads the teaching team, had many notable conversations with our HeavenTrain kids; she said, "I would have to write a book if I mentioned them all." Here are two of them: One little boy asked me as he got off the bus, "Will I see Jesus when I die?" I told him, "Yes, if you ask Him into your heart." He then made a big fist bump and yelled out a big, "YES!" Another little girl was telling Pastor Judy her Bible verse and when asked what she thought it meant, she replied, "He will be near me wherever I am, but only if He's in my heart". Pastor Judy reflected that she thought it was notable that many of the responses came from boys. Usually, girls at that age seem to pay more attention.

A high praise to the Lord for our faithful servants of the Lord who make the choice to serve on HeavenTrain all day, in the mornings or in the afternoons. We welcome guests to experience HeavenTrain for up to three visits before deciding to become a regular team member. We pray for additional bus drivers, food truck & trailer drivers and screened team members as they are always needed. For details, please contact Judy Tyreman, Volunteer Coordinator, at volunteer@urbanlighthouse.org.

We also praise the Lord for the food preparation team led joyfully by HeavenTrain's Lunch Program Coordinator, Mary Smith. One way to serve in this ministry is by gathering a group of friends for a couple of hours to make and assemble sack lunches for the HeavenTrain children and caregivers. For information, please contact Mary at msmith@plidco.com.



Cleveland Nueva Luz

Felix Muniz, Elder

Organized: 1975

Pastor Began: 6/5/2005

Address: 2226 W. 89th St., Cleveland, OH 44111

Pastor Email: munizfel@aol.com

Phone: 216-651-8236

Statistics:	2020	2021	2022			
Conversions	2	0	2			
Baptisms	0	0	0	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	25	20	30	World Evangelism	\$0	No
NDI Average	39	39	28	Pensions Benefits	\$0	No
New Nazarenes	2	0	2	MVNU	\$0	No
Membership	91	89	90	District	\$0	No
Total Raised	\$38898	\$46999	\$51678	10% Missions Giving	1.820%	

Report to the Assembly: What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?

The Gospel! Romans 1:16: For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes. Nueva Luz is not ashamed of the Gospel because it is the power of God that brings salvation and liberation to those who are in bondage to their fleshly desires, addictions, mental health disorders and all kinds of sin. Nueva Luz just recently opened another Hispanic/Latino Church at Harvest Fellowship Church of the Nazarene in Grafton and we work in collaboration with Pastor Max Wood precisely because we are not ashamed of the Gospel. Just recently 4 souls were delivered from substance use disorders at the church in Grafton. Nueva Luz continues to thrive and flourish by preaching, teaching, and healing individuals, families, and communities through the Gospel of Jesus Christ under the anointing of the Holy Spirit.

Nueva Luz houses two additional programs as an indication that we are not ashamed of the Gospel. The Thriving Church Ministry Program and the Substance Use Disorder Training/Educational Program. The Thriving Church Ministry Program is a mentoring program that provides pastors and church leaders with practical skills for effective ministry and for transformative and adaptive leadership. The Substance Use Disorder Training and Educational Program provides training to pastors and church leaders on how to deal with individuals with substance use disorders. This year over 40 pastors and church leaders received these trainings and were certified by the Ohio Chemical Dependency Professional Board. Pastors and church leaders learned how to do assessments evaluations, individual therapy, group therapy, and referrals. All these programs are biblically based and theologically sound because we at Nueva Luz believe that the Gospel of Jesus Christ has the power and is the power of God that brings salvation, liberation, and healing.



Cleveland Nueva Luz

Organized: 1975

Address: 6600 Detroit Ave., Cleveland, OH 44102

Phone: 216-651-8236

Max M. Rodas, Elder

Pastor Began: 8/16/1999

Pastor Email: mrodas@nlurc.org

Founded in 1999, Nueva Luz Urban Resource Center (NLURC) originally broke ground as Proyecto Luz. The goal was clear: reduce the negative impact of HIV/AIDs in our community. We believed that HIV/AIDs among Cleveland's less fortunate was a manifestation of various different circumstances. As NLURC further ingrained itself into the community, it became clear that our neighborhoods were in real need of a community-focused and culturally competent urban resource center. Two decades later, NLURC is proud to provide its community the housing, nutrition and legal resources they deserve.



Cleveland Richmond Heights

Stephen M. Banks, Elder

Organized: 1956

Pastor Began: 8/21/2005

Address: 499 Trebisky Rd., Richmond Heights, OH 44143

Pastor Email: pastorstephenbanks@gmail.com

Phone: 216-486-6674

Statistics:	2020	2021	2022				
Conversions	43	10	5	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal	
Baptisms	7	0	3		World Evangelism	\$5595	Yes
Worship Average	170	170	140		Pensions Benefits	\$2290	Yes
NDI Average	65	65	85		MVNU	\$2500	Yes
New Nazarenes	10	3	3		District	\$6000	Yes
Membership	155	158	159		10% Missions Giving	5.499%	
Total Raised	\$105045	\$126833	\$107332				

Report to the Assembly: *What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?*

- What happens when people want to be baptized and you don't have a baptism? You have your first Hot Tub Baptism!
- Donated personal care kits to the Police Department
- Kindness Festival
- Churchwide prayer & fasting focus during Lent
- Did a kitchen remodel twice when had to tear the floor up for a broken pipe less than 6 months after it was finished
- At Christmas, we gave away over \$7,000 (our goal was \$5,000) to people in our community, for mission work on Christmas Day, and for mission work around the world.



Cleveland Victory

Carolyn L. Joseph, Elder

Organized: 1983

Pastor Began: 6/1/2013

Address: 1632 E. 55th St., Cleveland, OH 44103

Pastor Email: cityofhope4him@aol.com

Phone: 216-881-3115

Statistics:	2020	2021	2022			
Conversions	4	2	4	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Baptisms	2	0	0			
Worship Average	58	57	49			
NDI Average	59	58	49			
New Nazarenes	0	0	1			
Membership	16	16	17			
Total Raised	\$60567	\$58551	\$64643			
				World Evangelism	\$3375	Yes
				Pensions Benefits	\$1500	Yes
				MVNU	\$1860	Yes
				District	\$4092	Yes
				10% Missions Giving	7.793%	

Report to the Assembly: *What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?*

God is Good!

This year at Victory has been a time of great wonder and awe! As we reflect on these weeks gone by, we are amazed at how God is working!!!

Our Thursday night meals have become more than just handing out food. We are building relationships and people are beginning to respond. Thank you to Willo-lake, Bedford, State Road and Medina for your faithful dedication to provide food for the hungry of Cleveland!

We had an excellent indoor camping experience with our children. Children's pastor, Rev. Carolyn A Joseph encouraged not only the children but also the parents.

We also have experienced an outpouring of God's blessing financially. During the pandemic, our concern was that we would not be able to keep up... but God did a miracle!

Connie and her family went to church during my children's ministry days. We lost touch after I moved to Port Clinton.

In 2020 we reconnected due to her mom's illness and subsequent passing.

She started joining us on Zoom and became a faithful participant of our church.

Recommitting her life to the Lord led her to join the Victory Church on Easter Sunday Morning this past April!

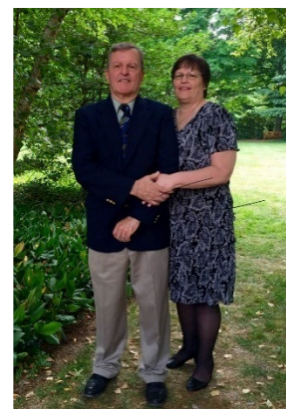
We have been praying that God would send workers who see the need and are willing to step in where God leads them.

Pray with us that others will join us!!!!

This year we are challenging ourselves to be more intentional about discipleship.



Children's indoor Campout



This man makes ministry seem like a breeze! He is the best!

Clyde

Ricky Hammons, Ministry Leader

Organized: 1938

Began: 4/1/2022

Address: 148 White St., Clyde, OH 43410

Pastor Email: ricky_cd_88@yahoo.com

Phone: 567-855-5002

Statistics:	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>			
Conversions	4	2	2			
Baptisms	2	3	2	<u>Funding the Mission</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Worship Average	26	26	12	World Evangelism	\$0	No
NDI Average	39	39	0	Pensions Benefits	\$0	No
New Nazarenes	2	3	0	MVNU	\$0	No
Membership	38	41	38	District	\$1500	Yes
Total Raised	\$26513	\$21362	\$21632	10% Missions Giving	0.00%	

Report to the Assembly: *What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?*

This year was a struggle as our leader, Todd Cunnard, passed away. His unexpected death caught us all by surprise; however, we are so thankful for his godly leadership among us. Under Todd's leadership, 41 people either accepted Christ, joined the church, or were baptized. We rejoice that Todd is in heaven, and we are thankful for the time we had under his leadership. We have continued in ministry as we partnered with OhioCan to provide a recovery and re-entry program and have seen many people take steps to find Christ.

We have seen a few different life changes. Two women in our church jumped up to help lead our Monday night group Celebrate Recovery after Todd passed away; they made sure the group didn't miss a beat. Two people in the group have given their lives to Christ.

Also, as a church family, we've been sharing the love of God. Showing the city of Clyde the love of God any way we can. We have changed the way we invite and follow up with new guests when they come and visit. We want to show Clyde and all the cities around us that God loves them. We are planning to pay for people's laundry at the laundry mat right next to our church and just tell people God loves them and we love them. We are planning a family and friends day in August, where we will be hosting an art show for children to have their art pieces hang in our basement for people to see all their hard work after church for a few hours.

We are being transformed by the good news of Jesus. It is evident on the faces of our congregation as they share what Jesus has done for them in the past week and when a friend responds to an invitation to attend a service. Weekly, we receive messages sharing how God spoke to them and how they feel like they can use the message from God in their life or who they can share the message with. We are excited to see what God has planned for us during the upcoming church year.

Cooperdale

William David Phillips, Elder

Organized: 1924

Pastor Began: 9/26/2021

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Pastor Email: wmdavidp@gmail.com

Phone: 740-454-7105

Statistics:	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>			
Conversions	2	0	0			
Baptisms	5	0	0	<u>Funding the Mission</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Worship Average	50	50	48	World Evangelism	\$4530	Yes
NDI Average	28	28	40	Pensions Benefits	\$1819	Yes
New Nazarenes	24	0	1	MVNU	\$1793	Yes
Membership	47	52	37	District	\$3753	Yes
Total Raised	\$41391	\$60209	\$87775	10% Missions Giving	15.503%	

Report to the Assembly: *What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?*

1. Returning to the church of their youth.

More and more people are returning to the Church they grew up in. One couple tepidly returned for the first time since their teens last November. The husband was reserved, cross-armed perhaps a little fearful. Three weeks later they joined in every event with enthusiasm. They are growing in faith, listening carefully, asking many questions, and willing to volunteer at every turn. They are not yet members!

Another family has returned after 60 years. Married in the church, his parents were founding members. Now with the church close to their home it has become their old age passion to help, encourage and join. The wife was the first person to take the new membership class.

I asked a person who started faithfully attending our church just a few months ago when he started walking with Jesus. He was not able to say the day. However, he said that he had greatly grown in his spiritual life in the last few months. He is not yet a member.

2. Renewing a 100-year-old building

The building is an icon in the community. Every Sunday the bell rang for church. The last renovation was in the 1970s. A paint job has turned into full renovation with dozens involved and thousands donated. All debt free. Many in the community are surprised.

3. Wednesday night discipleship/youth

Three years ago we started free meals and teaching on Wednesday nights. Between 5 to 15 teens attend with 3 to 10 children and 10 to 20 adults. Most are from the local community. The numbers are increasing.

4. Re-organized leadership / Church board

After several years without a functioning Nazarene structure, the church elected all new leaders this year.

5. Increased attendance

6. We average 48 on Sunday but with 78 regular people and 43 first-time visitors in the past 5 months. This shows life and opportunity.

Within 3 miles of our church are nearly 3,000 people, within a 15-minute drive there are more than 20,000. Our church could plant 10 churches of 70 people like ours in Coshocton County and not touch many unreached people. The Church board set a goal of 15 new believers, 15 new baptisms, and 20 new members this year.

Coshocton

Organized: 1919

Address: 1058 Orange St., Coshocton, OH 43812

Phone: 740-622-1912

Andrew Bird, Elder

Pastor Began: 11/1/2020

Pastor Email: andybird72@gmail.com

Statistics:	2020	2021	2022			
Conversions	12	0	2			
Baptisms	3	5	6	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	227	227	139	World Evangelism	\$17850	Yes
NDI Average	120	120	59	Pensions Benefits	\$6525	Yes
New Nazarenes	0	5	0	MVNU	\$6525	Yes
Membership	533	535	527	District	\$13411	Yes
Total Raised	\$350796	\$324826	\$313168	10% Missions Giving	12.509%	

Report to the Assembly: *What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?*

Good News in Coshocton.

We are not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone in Coshocton who believes. God is up to something in Coshocton. Evidence of His handiwork is on our people and in our community. We have celebrated the life-changing power of the Gospel with multiple baptisms of young and not-so-young. People are not only getting wet but having life changing encounters with Christ.

We have watched in awe as God has continued to make Cosh Naz Kids a place of excitement and growth with a news Kids Director, Dawna Hardesty, this past year. This last week we celebrated the salvation of one of our youngest. We see new faces almost weekly at Cosh Naz Teens that are taking their next steps of faith with Christ and look forward to adding a Youth and Family Pastor to our pastoral team this year. Instead of serving ourselves Thanksgiving Dinner this year, we delivered that dinner to those in need around our community. We also served a monthly community dinner for our community. The intergenerational nature of all ages serving together is a blessing.



We began the renovation of our platform and installing our new projection system to better proclaim the Gospel within the walls and beyond. We have been the recipient of the tremendous blessing and provision of God and we plan to finish that renovation this year. There was wall-to-wall excitement with a powerful VBS this year. Our VBS offerings were matched, and we were able to pay for several fresh water wells constructed in villages that desperately needed fresh water. And lastly, we partnered with our district family to give our fair share to our North Central Ohio District Church of the Nazarene family, World Evangelism, and MVNU.



We continue to be challenged and changed by the Gospel and look forward to another year of ministry together.



Crestline

Robert A. Weaver, Elder

Organized: 1936

Pastor Began: 8/1/2021

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Pastor Email: b.c.weaver@citynet.net

Phone: 419-683-1700

Statistics:	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>			
Conversions	2	0	3			
Baptisms	0	0	0	<u>Funding the Mission</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Worship Average	53	53	43	World Evangelism	\$6990	Yes
NDI Average	62	62	26	Pensions Benefits	\$2255	Yes
New Nazarenes	0	0	1	MVNU	\$2255	Yes
Membership	101	43	49	District	\$4760	Yes
Total Raised	\$129468	\$110018	\$108211	10% Missions Giving	11.018%	

Report to the Assembly: *What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?*

The life of a pastor can be challenging. The main reason is that we are called to work with people and people can be variable. A second challenging factor can be changing circumstances; Covid comes to mind. But no matter, because our God is bigger and has more power and resources available than anything that we may face, and that is the good news that keeps us doing what we do every day.

Crestline Nazarene is a good example of a normal church. Attendance has been declining for several years for legitimate reasons. It might be a good time to give up, but the people here have a vision of what God can do and have been faithfully putting forth their time, talents, and treasures to see things turn around. Let me give you three examples.

First, we have more than 20 people involved in our monthly food pantry that helps to feed around 50 families every month, with enough food to provide over 1000 meals. This is done because of the diligent efforts of Karen Eichelberger and her helpers who unload trucks, organize and box up the food and then meet again on Saturday morning to distribute it to waiting cars.

Second, we have started a midweek women's Bible study that meets every Thursday morning with 9-12 each week in attendance.

Third, we have started a new adult Sunday school class that is being taught by Reverend John Ernsberger. John and his wife Cindy have brought a breath of fresh air to our congregation. They served Crestline Nazarene Church several years ago and already know most of the people, so it's like they've come back home. The old saying is that you can't go home again. John and Cindy disprove that. I am glad they are here.

Cindy and I have been here less than a year and have fallen in love with this wonderful family of God who work tirelessly for His kingdom. I wish I had time to tell you about the one who gives hours to the music program; or the one who stops at the church a few times a week "to tend things" before even going home after working a 12-hour night shift; or the person who is wheeled in to teach a Sunday School class after being released on Friday from a week-long hospital stay. Time fails me to talk about our planning for a VBS this August or our Sunday morning service being live-streamed with 300-500 folks watching every week.

In closing Crestline Nazarene is alive and moving forward. We have decided to put off our death and allow the Lord to resurrect the church.

To God be the glory!

Delaware Newstart

R. Gregory McNichols, Elder, **Nathaniel Joseph Porter**, Elder

Organized: 2004

Pastor Began: 9/1/1999

Address: 795 Pollock Rd., Delaware, OH 43015

Pastor Email: gregm@NewStart4U.org

Phone: 614-785-9908

Statistics:	2020	2021	2022			
Conversions	30	18	12			
Baptisms	10	13	6	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	264	264	241	World Evangelism	\$0	No
NDI Average	85	85	181	Pensions Benefits	\$1000	No
New Nazarenes	0	8	6	MVNU	\$0	No
Membership	222	215	201	District	\$14000	No
Total Raised	\$620776	\$693283	\$663619	10% Missions Giving	1.262%	

Report to the Assembly: *What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?*

What a remarkable year to celebrate the beautiful stories of lives transformed by God in Delaware. We continued to ask, "Who are you reaching for Christ?" as a vision for our church. One of the incredible stories of people sharing the good news of the Gospel of Jesus that has emerged in this last year occurred through our marriage ministry.

A nurse unaffiliated with Newstart connected with our marriage team due to a crisis in her marriage. Our team worked with her and her husband to provide solid Biblical coaching and teaching that transformed their relationship. While at work, a patient in the doctor's office struggled with stress and anxiety from her falling apart marriage. The nurse (who does not attend our church) passed along the marriage ministry information, and the new couple set up an appointment. After a few coaching sessions and invitations, they finally attended a worship gathering and loved the warmth they found. From that moment, they began to get connected to the life of the church, serving at our community hot meal. As a result, on Easter Sunday, she accepted Christ into her life and is excited to share her story with others! Their marriage is doing so much better, and they continue to be faithful in serving and understanding each week. We continue to walk alongside them through their faith journey as they begin to share their story.

Listed below are snapshots of the lives impacted through the ministries of faithful people being obedient to God's call in their lives.

- The Loro family found community when they moved from Brazil through our ESL Ministry.
- There have been many students and kids that have accepted Jesus in our NextGen Ministry.
- We connected and resourced families by offering an indoor Easter Egg Hunt in the rain.

We continue to equip the saints for the work of ministry. These are the people who are unashamed to reach their neighbors, friends, employees, and even patients with the Gospel that has the power to change lives and where salvation is found.



Eastlake Willo-Lake

James Todd Gulley, Elder

Organized: 1958

Pastor Began: 1/1/2009

Address: 34950 Lakeshore Blvd., Eastlake, OH 44095

Pastor Email: pastortoddg@hotmail.com

Phone: 440-946-7712

Statistics:	2020	2021	2022			
Conversions	1	1	1	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Baptisms	0	1	0			
Worship Average	42	42	32		World Evangelism	\$4264 Yes
NDI Average	27	27	16		Pensions Benefits	\$1757 Yes
New Nazarenes	5	0	0		MVNU	\$1756 Yes
Membership	118	114	113		District	\$3681 Yes
Total Raised	\$91340	\$96551	\$82620		10% Missions Giving	7.627%

Report to the Assembly: What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?

This is my 14th report as pastor at Eastlake Willo-Lake. This year has been challenging in many ways, but God continues to prove Himself faithful. Overall giving is down this year, yet all bills are paid, and we are 100% on all allocations. I am grateful to have received the Pensions & Benefits bonus contribution to my retirement fund, due to the church board's and treasurer's care and attention to exhibit faith in God to provide for all our needs as we give to the WEF, P&B, MVNU, and District Fair Share.

Our church sent a group to serve alongside Co.Mission Toledo. This is our second year spending a weekend with them. This year we helped with landscaping and painting at a local community center and refurbished a bathroom in the home of a local resident. Our team also went on a prayer walk in the community with Pastor Jacob Hawes. We are grateful for their partnership in the Gospel.

Locally, we are praying and seeking new partnerships with local ministries and other churches to share the Gospel in word and deed, through compassionate acts of service and prayerful contemplation and anticipation, we believe that God will do above and beyond anything we can ask or imagine.



Elyria Community

Scott Timothy Eastburn, Elder

Organized: 1930

Pastor Began: 8/2/2021

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Pastor Email: scotte@elyrianaz.org

Phone: 440-324-5700

Statistics:	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>			
Conversions	20	0	7			
Baptisms	0	0	2	<u>Funding the Mission</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Worship Average	124	124	109	World Evangelism	\$14287	Yes
NDI Average	79	117	86	Pensions Benefits	\$5054	Yes
New Nazarenes	3	4	3	MVNU	\$5054	Yes
Membership	352	354	330	District	\$10670	Yes
Total Raised	\$270843	\$267213	\$241743	10% Missions Giving	11.073%	

Report to the Assembly: *What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?*

In the past year, the community of Elyria has experienced an increased level of crime and difficulties. Our mayor called a meeting of community members from all walks of life, from business owners to stay-at-home moms to churches, to come together to brainstorm and problem solve and try to figure out how to change the current course of our community. When one of our church attenders asked the mayor what he needed most from the churches, the mayor responded "We need your building space." He explained that post-Covid, it has been very difficult for the city to find organizations that are willing to open their facilities. It just so happens that opening our building to the community is part of a vision God has given us to reach our community, so our response was to welcome community groups and organizations with open arms. So far, we are hosting a Girl Scout troop and some regional Girl Scout events, we are preparing to host an Alzheimer and Dementia group in the Fall, we have hosted funerals for families without churches, and we continue to be a polling location for the Board of Elections for Lorain County. We have a young lady connected to our church who works for Mercy Health who will be teaching Family and Community Health classes at the church. In addition, we also hope to host a Community Awareness Day in the Fall, with the idea of providing like-minded organizations the opportunity to share what they offer our community in terms of services and public safety. Simply, we believe that the church should be open for business. Finally, God has given us a vision of reaching into the lives of every family in Lorain County. We believe there is great potential for growth and expansion in Lorain County and our first step is launching an online campus this fall. We are grateful to the District for the generous Outreach Grant we received. This grant covered a portion of the technology and equipment required to launch our online campus. We know God is on the move in Elyria and Lorain County and the people of ECCN desire to be right at the center of it all.

Fostoria First

Bernard J. Dickson, Elder

Organized: 1930

Pastor Began: 2/8/2004

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Pastor Email: bdickson5@gmail.com

Phone: 419-435-6262

Statistics:	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>			
Conversions	2	2	4			
Baptisms	0	0	1	<u>Funding the Mission</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Worship Average	41	52	30	World Evangelism	\$5850	Yes
NDI Average	28	28	16	Pensions Benefits	\$2260	Yes
New Nazarenes	0	0	2	MVNU	\$2370	Yes
Membership	79	77	77	District	\$5290	Yes
Total Raised	\$89394	\$96134	\$106790	10% Missions Giving	11.409%	

Report to the Assembly: *What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?*

This has been a good year for Fostoria with several breakthrough highlights.

Pastor Dickson has continued to be engaged in the community. He continues to serve as a chaplain at the hospital and gives leadership to an organized grassroots movement to bring awareness and education to the effects of drugs on individuals and families. The group has a strong prevention presence and offers direct encouragement to the recovery community within Seneca County.

New members have been received into the church and there was a first-in-a-long time service of baptism. Each individual received into membership and baptized is currently receiving one-on-one discipleship. Each person has a remarkable life-changing story to tell as they are building a fresh relationship with Christ.

A final highlight has been that there have been more first-time visitors and repeat attenders during the past year than during the previous five years combined. This has created a fresh atmosphere of fellowship and encouragement for the congregation. The congregation is witnessing the moving to faith in these new attenders.

These highlights and the continued movement of the Holy Spirit upon the community will sustain the church as a change in pastoral leadership transpires over the next few months.

Fremont

Daniel K. Vickey, Elder

Organized: 1933

Pastor Began: 2/1/2010

Address: 1925 N. 5th St., Fremont, OH 43420

Pastor Email: d789_77sun@yahoo.com

Phone: 419-332-6427

Statistics:	2020	2021	2022			
Conversions	6	0	2	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Baptisms	8	0	0			
Worship Average	73	73	63		World Evangelism	\$5800 Yes
NDI Average	48	48	21		Pensions Benefits	\$2373 Yes
New Nazarenes	0	0	0		MVNU	\$2373 Yes
Membership	102	100	88		District	\$5009 Yes
Total Raised	\$132728	\$134742	\$114189	10% Missions Giving	12.949%	

Report to the Assembly: *What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?*

We are still on the rebound from the past two years of Covid. However, God is alive and well and giving us some amazing opportunities for outreach in our community.

Serving as Chaplain for the Ohio Highway Patrol has been a great blessing. We, as a church, had the opportunity to dedicate Wrenley Grace Schlottag in May. I had the privilege of performing the marriage ceremony for Janelle & Alex last year.

God is good. We are also serving our local Police and Fire Department as well as beginning to participate in our city's Parks Ambassador Program.

We served over 40 meals to our Police, Fire, and EMS on Christmas Day.

One summer afternoon last year I heard a knock on our door and much to my surprise during a thunderstorm a group of youth who had been at Cedar Point wanted to use our parking lot to have pizza. No way was I going to have them eating outside in the rain. We opened the doors of our church, and they ate pizza and enjoyed the dry comfort of our fellowship hall.

It has been a joy to share the Good News of the Gospel in new ways and open doors.

We are anticipating what God has planned for us in the coming year.



Galion Real Life

Hunter Anthony Hickman, Elder

Organized: 1926

Pastor Began: 11/15/2019

Address: 777 Fairview Ave., Galion, OH 44833

Pastor Email: pastorhunter@reallifenaz.com

Phone: 419-468-1262

Statistics:	2020	2021	2022			
Conversions	0	1	1			
Baptisms	0	6	5	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	95	74	70	World Evangelism	\$39	No
NDI Average	94	85	61	Pensions Benefits	\$15	No
New Nazarenes	5	8	20	MVNU	\$0	No
Membership	71	78	93	District	\$0	No
Total Raised	\$107198	\$136843	\$147749	10% Missions Giving	0.332%	

Report to the Assembly: *What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?*

I believe the best way to spread the Gospel is through relationships. This last year our church has had countless opportunities to build relationships in and around our community. These ministry “wins” are very hard to measure, they don’t always equate to first-time visitors. However, I am very excited about our church’s engagement in Galion. People all around our town are hearing about Real Life and the impact being made in this community.

- Fellowship of Christian Athletes has hired Pastor Hunter as their Ambassador over the surrounding counties with the intention to soon hire him as FCA Director over the same area. Through many meetings, we will open FCA in Buckeye Central, Wynford, and Crestline in the Fall. Galion’s FCA has now been open for 2 years.
- Pastor Hunter preaches in Galion H.S. to both the girls & boys’ basketball programs and is now a track coach during the spring season.
- Real Life received a grant to help fund a \$12,500 playground that will be opened to the public leaving only \$1,700 out-of-pocket expenses.
- Working annually with the League of Rider’s Motorcycle Club to host a scavenger cruise to raise money for specific needs for our children’s ministry. The founder of the club and owner of the tattoo/vape shop downtown sits regularly to talk about Scripture with us.
- Meraki Counseling LLC is now run through the back end of our church facility.
- Galion’s AA and Alanon meet in our church 3x/week.
- Crawford County’s Safety Council will meet 1x/month in our Dome beginning in June.
- We have counted over 100 new Sunday visitors over the last year; many are still attending, several became members, and quite a few are now tithing.
- We co-lead a parenting group led by the local coffee shop owner who does not attend church and yet has a deep relationship with two of our members.
- Pastor Hunter’s kids have made an impact on the tattoo artist downtown; now when he walks in the coffee shop Ryiah and Ezekiel scream, “Marcus” and ask, “Do you have any new tattoos?”
- Congregational Worship has improved where many feel we are more open to the moving of the Spirit of God.
- Galion Police Department has requested Pastor Hunter to be sworn in in July as their Police Chaplain; Real Life Nazarene will host the Police Department every year during an appreciation dinner. This has not happened in over a decade.



The good news of Jesus’ love for everyone is alive and real; but, it takes time and intentional actions to build relationships. Our church is striving to see the opportunities and seize the moments to plant a seed where relationships can be nurtured. This last year, we adopted new Mission and Vision Statements. The goal of which is to restructure our church to meet those outside of our walls and create more potential to plant. We feel, as we look around Galion, there is no other church that is striving to reach the unchurched, the hurting, and what we have now coined, the “Hope-lost”. The Gospel is that there is always hope, but so many in our town have no idea where to find it. That hope is offered and accessible, but they have misplaced it. The below Mission and Vision has given us a springboard to bounce every program and ministry off of; we really desire for every effort, sacrifice, and dollar to be used to grip those that are hope-lost. We have begun to make changes in order to reach those individuals.

Mission: To faithfully respond by reaching others for Christ through the Spirit’s empowerment

Vision: To Revive believers, Reach the community, Renew culture, and Restore Hope

Tagline: A church for the “Hope-lost”

Grafton Harvest Fellowship

Max E. Wood, Elder

Organized: 1958

Pastor Began: 4/1/1995

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Pastor Email: maxwood100@yahoo.com

Phone: 440-748-1067

Statistics:	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>			
Conversions	3	9	6			
Baptisms	0	0	0	<u>Funding the Mission</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Worship Average	15	22	21	World Evangelism	\$1215	Yes
NDI Average	8	9	21	Pensions Benefits	\$498	Yes
New Nazarenes	3	5	6	MVNU	\$498	Yes
Membership	25	28	32	District	\$1605	Yes
Total Raised	\$17109	\$22331	\$21127	10% Missions Giving	8.055%	

Report to the Assembly: *What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?*

This has been a blessed year of ministry for Harvest Fellowship. We have had an increase in attendance, income, and spirituality. Our church services have become alive with the presence of the Lord. We have been able to see six new members from our community join our church by profession of faith!

An outstanding feature in our services has been residents from our rehabilitation program occasionally sharing their stories in our church services. Through the rehabilitation branch of our ministry we are giving wives back their husbands, families back their fathers, and parents back their children. Nothing speaks of success for us like the changed lives of those who pass through our doors.

We had several special events on the property this past year, by which we were able to connect with new people from outside of our church.

We have been able to upgrade the property by building a new porch for the back door of the church and replacing the old beat-up shed behind the church with a new 10 x 20 metal building. We were also able to purchase a new commercial mower for our 4 acres of lawn. The mower was definitely overkill but it should last until Jesus comes.

This past year we also began partnering with our Nueva Luz ministry in Cleveland using our facility for the launching of a new Latino work in our area and possible use of our facility as an extension of the Galilean Center, which is an extension of the Nueva Luz ministry. This is an exciting opportunity for solid holiness training for future Latino ministry on our district as well as preparation for substance abuse counseling.

In every way, this has been a red-letter year in bringing souls to the knowledge of Christ. We are believing, seeing and living the reality of the gospel of Christ being the power of God unto salvation to all who believe. Every advancement we have seen this year in our local setting has been by the power of God which is available to all who cooperate with Him. God has been so good in bringing opportunities our way to minister to the lost. All praise to Jesus!



Jefferson

Curtis Andrew Cecil, Elder

Organized: 1932

Pastor Began: 4/8/2019

Address: 55 E. Satin St., Jefferson, OH 44047

Pastor Email: pastorcurtis@jeffnaz.org

Phone: 440-536-8575

Statistics:	2020	2021	2022			
Conversions	34	38	41			
Baptisms	11	5	6	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	274	274	297	World Evangelism	\$24078	Yes
NDI Average	121	121	155	Pensions Benefits	\$9904	Yes
New Nazarenes	10	3	3	MVNU	\$9903	Yes
Membership	310	314	313	District	\$21708	Yes
Total Raised	\$473257	\$505031	\$436328	10% Missions Giving	6.904%	

Report to the Assembly: What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?

This past year we have seen the dividends of being a church FOR OUR VILLAGE.

Summer Concert Series

This past summer we put on concerts at both our local park that has a pavilion designed like a covered bridge as well as in Pastor Curtis' front yard. We invited the entire community to attend and had great participation. We had some great artists like Graham Jones, Brothers McClurg, The Arcadian Wild, and Christopher Williams. We are already scheduling for this next year with Andy Gullahorn, Christopher Williams and others!

One man was riding past on his bike as we held a concert. He stopped and I was able to speak with him in depth about God's forgiveness and love for us thanks to the story behind a song the artist shared.



Friday Family Fun Nights

All through the month of July on every Friday night, we host a family-oriented event at the church. Most evenings we provide a meal or ice cream. These events ranged from Movie Nights, to Game Nights, to even an ESCAPE ROOM with kids competing to finish before the Adults (and the KIDS WON!).



Village Involvement

As we continue to do more events reaching our communities (National Day of Prayer, sponsoring little league teams, sponsoring local events/festivals) we have become known as a church that cares for the village. This has resulted in multiple calls to help for other events that the village or county is putting on. God is enlarging our territory to help people DISCOVER JESUS, to find a safe place to be DISCIPLED, and to DEPLOY out into our surrounding community!

Kelloggsville

In Transition

Organized: 1944

Address: 4841 Bushnell Rd., Conneaut, OH 44030

Phone: 440-224-1415

Pastor Began:

Pastor Email:

Statistics:	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>			
Conversions	3	4	4			
Baptisms	15	10	5	<u>Funding the Mission</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Worship Average	124	138	90	World Evangelism	\$11128	Yes
NDI Average	30	30	12	Pensions Benefits	\$4566	Yes
New Nazarenes	3	2	4	MVNU	\$4587	Yes
Membership	140	145	145	District	\$9665	Yes
Total Raised	\$201499	\$212921	\$205856	10% Missions Giving	6.752%	

Report to the Assembly: *What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?*

We had a difficult year this year as our Pastor, Titus Smith, lost his struggle with cancer but gained eternity in heaven.

Under Pastor Titus' leadership, we were able to take in 37 new members into our church and saw 45 accept Christ or follow into Christian baptism. We also were able to pay off our mortgage, purchase a playground for our children and pave our parking lot. We are so thankful for the time God gave us with Pastor Titus and believe he prepared our church well for the next chapter. Although we miss him, and pray for his wife Andrea and daughter Addie, we know that God has great things in store for our church and expect to see so many more come to know Christ in the days ahead.

Lexington Journey

Scott Patrick Maglott, Elder

Organized: 1957

Pastor Began: 5/1/2017

Address: 154 Clever Ln., Lexington, OH 44904

Pastor Email: scottymaglott@gmail.com

Phone: 419-884-3600

Statistics:	2020	2021	2022			
Conversions	1	1	1			
Baptisms	0	0	1	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	33	33	35	World Evangelism	\$692	No
NDI Average	17	17	18	Pensions Benefits	\$25	No
New Nazarenes	3	0	0	MVNU	\$0	No
Membership	80	74	57	District	\$0	No
Total Raised	\$39118	\$35889	\$28401	10% Missions Giving	4.662%	

Report to the Assembly: What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?

Taking the lead for us in sharing the gospel has been our children. Sarah Maglott, who was baptized in October, has been living out her baptism, loving her neighbor friends and telling them about Jesus, all while singing to the tune of "Let me tell you about my Jesus" by Anne Wilson. We are also seeing our children's ministry growing through the effort of our kids who know Jesus, sharing with others who come that don't know Him and are hungry to learn more.

Adults are intentionally building relationships with neighbors, seeking to be Jesus, praying with and sharing the gospel with them. Tyler is one who continues to find victory and healing as he surrenders to the Lord.

We have also partnered with other local churches in sharing the gospel with our community through combined worship services and outreach events.

And even though she only recently transferred churches, we still claim Hope Maglott for one more year, as she got her local minister's license and is working towards ordination. This year, she has been working with kids as part of an afterschool ministry program and became part of a Church Plant Launch Team in Tennessee.



Loudonville

Beth Ann Heath, Elder

Organized: 1933

Pastor Began: 6/13/2021

Address: 507 N. Union St., Loudonville, OH 44842

Pastor Email: bethbheath@gmail.com

Phone: 419-994-3690

Statistics:	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>			
Conversions	1	0	2			
Baptisms	0	0	0	<u>Funding the Mission</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Worship Average	35	35	39	World Evangelism	\$4469	Yes
NDI Average	22	22	30	Pensions Benefits	\$1829	Yes
New Nazarenes	1	0	1	MVNU	\$1828	Yes
Membership	61	61	58	District	\$3859	Yes
Total Raised	\$66786	\$59415	\$87770	10% Missions Giving	10.143%	

Report to the Assembly: *What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?*

Connection has been the focus of the year at Loudonville: Connecting to God, Connecting to each other and Connecting to the Community. We have done this through starting small groups, a family fun day, VBS, an intergenerational service once a month, starting a school age Wednesday night ministry, a monthly connections group for those caring for babies and toddlers, involvement in community services, involvement in community events, quarterly appreciation for teachers, staff, and administration in our school district and intentionally connecting with those who are or were a part of our congregation. Each of these events, interactions, programs connected our congregation to God, connected others to God and our congregation and to the Hope, Love, and Good News of Christ. We hope and pray that we will continue to grow in sharing the hope, love, and good news of Christ and that lives will continue to be transformed through what God is doing in, through, and around us. God is working and moving in Loudonville, and we get to be a part of it. We are excited to see how God is going to continue to work in the years to come.

Highlights –

- Children at school greeting myself and my son by saying, “Hey I know you from VBS. When we will be able to have that again?”
- Someone who reconnected with our congregation, proclaiming “this is my church” and sharing the books we have been studying and devotionals we have been providing have helped her grow closer to God and learn more about Him.
- Students in Wednesday program during a time where we report highs and lows; sharing that their high is being at church on Wednesday nights.



Mansfield Heart City

Jacob M. Booher, Elder, **Madalyn E. Booher**, Licensed Minister

Organized: 2022

Pastor Began: 6/1/2020

Address: 675 Straub Rd., Mansfield, OH 44904

Pastor Email: jmbooher13@gmail.com

Phone:

Statistics:	2020	2021	2022			
Conversions	0	7	7	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Baptisms	0	8	6			
Worship Average	0	40	50		World Evangelism	\$0 No
NDI Average	0	26	32		Pensions Benefits	\$0 No
New Nazarenes	0	2	9		MVNU	\$0 No
Membership	0	8	26		District	\$0 No
Total Raised	\$0	\$22828	\$54573	10% Missions Giving	0.552%	

Report to the Assembly: What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?

Heart City Church was planted in 2021 because almost 70% of the Mansfield residents do not have a relationship with Jesus or a connection to the Church. This city NEEDS some Good News; and we have the Good News that they need! We have been actively sharing the Good News with the community, and we are seeing lives changed! This year we saw 5 people give their lives to Jesus Christ and receive salvation! We also had the privilege of baptizing 5 individuals as they publicly professed their faith in Jesus! We also dedicated 6 children, as parents are choosing to raise their children up in the knowledge of the Lord. God continues to move and call people into deeper relationships with Him as we have welcomed 17 people into membership of the church. We have also been able to affirm the calling of the Lord into ministry, as we have given local minister's licenses to 7 men and women; two of them will be receiving their district license during this year's assembly. On top of that, we were able to launch a non-profit ministry here in the county as well as form our very first church board. God has been faithful in the spiritual life of our church, but He has also blown us away with his faithfulness in the financial state of the church! Our giving this year has nearly DOUBLED from last year! On top of that, our roof is being replaced (and is being covered 100% by insurance), and they have finally begun the work. We truly serve the God of Good News, and the power of His gospel is transforming this church and this community. We cannot wait to see how He absolutely blows away our expectations in the years to come. And we know He will because our God is faithful. Now isn't that some Good News?



Marion First

Organized: 1913

Address: 233 W. Church St., Marion, OH 43302

Phone: 740-383-6021

Stephen M. Estep, Elder

Pastor Began: 6/4/2017

Pastor Email: sestep@marionnaz.org

Statistics:	2020	2021	2022			
Conversions	12	17	39			
Baptisms	17	19	37	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	968	968	709	World Evangelism	\$71189	Yes
NDI Average	287	287	371	Pensions Benefits	\$27152	Yes
New Nazarenes	6	7	13	MVNU	\$27151	Yes
Membership	1021	915	879	District	\$62179	Yes
Total Raised	\$1840209	\$1469027	\$1273854	10% Missions Giving	6.311%	

Report to the Assembly: *What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?*

The business of the church is to share the Good News, and business is good at Marion Naz! Children are responding to the Gospel. In September 2021 we added a children's and teen element to our Celebrate Recovery program that meets on Thursday nights. We have experienced great growth and are regularly seeing 200+ people every week who are finding freedom from their hurts, habits, and hang-ups. Elementary-aged siblings Matthew and Yasmina live in the neighborhood and began attending without their parents. They were warmly welcomed. They learned that God loved them and felt that love through His people. Both Matthew and Yasmina became followers of Jesus. It wasn't long before their mom Naomi came with them. During her first time at Marion Naz, she committed her life to Jesus. On Easter weekend all three of them were baptized.

Teenagers are responding to the Gospel. Ava grew up in an atheistic home. Invited by a friend she began attending our youth group. She became a follower of Jesus and at our youth retreat in 2022 Ava felt that God was calling her to ministry. (18 people in the last 4 ½ years have felt that call at Marion Naz). When Ava was baptized on Easter Sunday, many of her family members, including her atheist parents, were there to see it and to hear her incredible testimony. They have returned several times and their interest in Jesus is growing.

Michael is a 41-year-old who by his own admission went his whole life without taking any responsibility for his actions, addictions, or failures. It was always easier to blame someone else, and he did. That changed on a Sunday morning when the Spirit drew him, and he said yes to becoming a follower of Jesus. For the first time in his life, Michael owned his sin, confessed it, and experienced the hope that can only be found in Jesus! He and his son were baptized a few weeks later.

God is blessing the proclamation of the Gospel to all ages at the downtown campus, Kensington Campus, Celebrate Recovery, in our life groups, and as Marion Nazarenes are sharing the good news of Jesus with their friends. Good News is our business. Business is good!



Fall 2021 Inaugural T-ball Season
with 100+ kids



April 2022 First Step Welcome Lunch



Oct 2021 Wall Build
for our 4th house with Habitat for Humanity

Marion Life Link

Rhonda Reese Purtee, Licensed Minister

Organized: 2001

Pastor Began: 6/4/2017

Address: 248 Olney Ave., Marion, OH 43302

Pastor Email: rhondapurtee@yahoo.com

Phone: 740-387-6822

Statistics:	2020	2021	2022			
Conversions	6	2	4			
Baptisms	3	0	2	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	26	26	28	World Evangelism	\$0	No
NDI Average	19	19	20	Pensions Benefits	\$1285	Yes
New Nazarenes	0	2	2	MVNU	\$0	No
Membership	90	71	42	District	\$300	No
Total Raised	\$53643	\$53907	\$57107	10% Missions Giving	1.017%	

Report to the Assembly: What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?

God continues to enable the Body at Life Link to extend the good news of Jesus into our community.

Paul is one of our Board Members and spearheads our recovery-support ministries. Some folks in recovery are hesitant to name their Higher Power as God; Paul has no such hesitation. He boldly and unapologetically looks for opportunities to share his testimony of victory in Jesus over & over again. Whether at the Bible study group he participates in weekly at the jail, or at the 8 recovery support group meetings 6 days a week he participates in onsite at Life Link, he remains so excited and impassioned by the transformational work of God in his life since 1971 that he has a 3-minute sand timer he uses in his group meetings to nudge him toward brevity. Being the resident preacher, I have not encouraged him to share that such a device is kept in our building. ;-)

We hosted a party for Paul earlier this year celebrating his 50th year of sobriety. It was beautiful to see all those who came giving testimony to the impact Paul has had and continues to have across our community. With the recovery-support groups as an entry point to Life Link we have had the opportunity to pray for salvation with multiple participants. We seek to build genuine relationships with group members and some now volunteer with our facility maintenance & our compassionate ministries. And having group members join in Ash Wednesday, Lent, Good Friday, Advent, and Christmas Eve special services is one of my favorite things.

There is some overlap between our recovery-support ministry and our food pantry. Those new to recovery are often also needing assistance with food, and thankfully God has positioned us to meet this need. Some recovery participants, once sober, go on to work/volunteer in social service areas. They then have the opportunity to direct others back to our ministries. The need for food pantry assistance is currently experiencing an explosive year-over-year 500% increase. We praise God that His guidance & provision had us staffed and stocked to meet this need.

We are a body of people eager to share the good news of Jesus through tangible ministries like a food pantry and traditional ministries like church worship services. Whatever is required to give encouragement to the confined, administrate ministries, care for facilities, enable worship, connect needs to intercessors, feed the hungry, preach good news to the poor, release to the captive, and liberty to the oppressed in our neighborhood is what we endeavor, by God's grace, to be.



Medina

Peter J. Ryder, Elder

Organized: 1941

Pastor Began: 12/1/2002

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Pastor Email: ryder@medinanazarene.org

Phone: 330-722-7683

Statistics:	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>			
Conversions	3	3	2			
Baptisms	4	0	1	<u>Funding the Mission</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Worship Average	66	66	75	World Evangelism	\$7340	Yes
NDI Average	41	41	26	Pensions Benefits	\$3003	Yes
New Nazarenes	2	0	5	MVNU	\$3003	Yes
Membership	122	121	131	District	\$6340	Yes
Total Raised	\$135599	\$144383	\$139855	10% Missions Giving	7.250%	

Report to the Assembly: *What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?*

This has been a great year of growth at Medina Naz. Not only have we increased in membership & attendance, but our people are also growing spiritually, and that's Good News!

In the Fall we hosted two different sessions of the Alpha Course, one for adults, and another for our youth group. It was a great experience as the basics of Christianity were presented in an engaging way. The sessions resulted in good discussions, people growing in their faith, and one of our teens committed his life to Christ. He was baptized in February! Good News!

We were struggling in the music department this time last year. Several on our worship team had moved or drifted away during Covid, and we were having trouble having consistent music week to week. After selling a piece of property and lowering our monthly mortgage payment, in October we hired Tyler Skidmore to serve as our part-time worship leader! Tyler has been a great addition to our team, breathing new life into our worship each Sunday. He is expanding the team and helping our folks to engage in worship as never before. We have also upgraded the online experience, with higher quality audio and video, and people are faithfully engaging every Sunday. There's Good News in our worship ministry!

One of our guiding beliefs is that people who are maturing spiritually will naturally share their faith with those in their sphere of influence, so in March we kicked off a new Discipleship Group, focused on truly living out our faith day by day. It has been a transforming experience as our group members are memorizing Scripture, studying together, loving the people in their daily lives, and helping each other develop spiritual maturity. The group is growing in relationship with each other and in their walk with Christ – and that's Good News!

Throughout the year we also volunteered at our local Township's Easter Egg Hunt, hosted a Veteran's Dinner, a family hayride & bonfire, Vacation Bible School, and more. We're building relationships and growing in our faith – ***We live to love people to life!***



Mount Gilead Fresh Faith

Thomas J. McNew III, Elder

Organized: 2011

Pastor Began: 9/1/2002

Address: 4444 State Route 95, Mount Gilead, OH 43338

Pastor Email: ffcpcastortj@gmail.com

Phone: 419-751-7065

Statistics:	2020	2021	2022			
Conversions	12	6	86			
Baptisms	7	8	2	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	130	130	118	World Evangelism	\$9775	Yes
NDI Average	130	130	62	Pensions Benefits	\$3838	Yes
New Nazarenes	7	4	5	MVNU	\$5388	Yes
Membership	125	130	129	District	\$7929	Yes
Total Raised	\$185049	\$199567	\$176842	10% Missions Giving	7.274%	

Report to the Assembly: What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?

DIFFERENT – The theme of the NCO District and my One Word for 2022 is DIFFERENT. Different would also be a great way to share with my district church family the ways in which this has been true for us at Fresh Faith.

The year was just in its infancy when we had another stellar Vacation Bible School where 9 children accepted Christ as their Savior. One young lad said to his teacher, “I may have made this decision before, but this is the one I am holding onto. I want this one to stick.” We are so very blessed to have such a phenomenal Children’s Pastor in Kathe Morales and her team of helpers: Katie Scohy, Jane Baldwin and Tonya Temple.



A bit further into the church year, four men with a passion to reach the youth of our county kicked off the second year of 4 F Flag Football – FFFF = Fresh Faith Flag Football. Last year we had 22 children (only 3 of whom attend FCCOTN). This year we had 96 sign up. Of those who signed up, many accepted Jesus Christ as their Savior on our Championship Sunday. The 4 men are Brian Dye, Ed Temple, Brandon Hayes and Brandon Fleming.



We have been having an outreach at a campground near the church for 5 years. The first year we had a Thanksgiving and Christmas outreach. We have expanded our outreach each year since. In our third and fourth year, we also cleaned up 5 lots of condemned trailers. Our fifth year, through an alliance with 12 other churches from Morrow County, we were able to help clean up 71 lots. In addition, we had a children’s camp once monthly during the summer. Through the efforts of one of our board members, one of those year-round residents accepted Christ and has been a regular in church and at a men’s group. Thank you, Chris Harriman, for having a heart for the lost.



I close my report by sharing that in January 2022, our dear church treasurer and secretary, Cindy Sherman passed away. In trying to decide how to honor her the most, God empowered me to lead her husband to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

This year has indeed been DIFFERENT, but it has been DIFFERENT good!

Mount Vernon First

Joseph Proudfoot, Elder

Organized: 1922

Pastor Began: 10/1/2019

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Pastor Email: jproudfoot@firstnaz.net

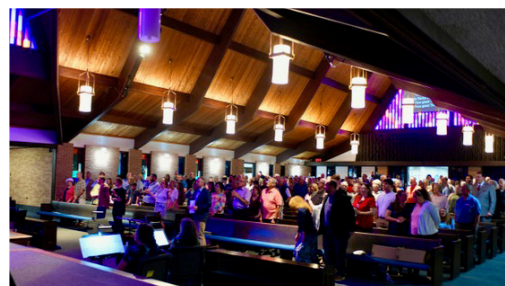
Phone: 740-392-8466

Statistics:	2020	2021	2022			
Conversions	29	21	4			
Baptisms	0	0	9	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	432	432	479	World Evangelism	\$56761	Yes
NDI Average	210	210	336	Pensions Benefits	\$21236	Yes
New Nazarenes	11	1	13	MVNU	\$21235	Yes
Membership	592	591	608	District	\$44830	Yes
Total Raised	\$858771	\$955835	\$1008861	10% Missions Giving	8.226%	

Report to the Assembly: *What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?*

God is on the move here at Mt. Vernon First Church. As we have slowly emerged from the pandemic this last year, we have seen God's hand at work in so many lives. A few of those stories:

- Sam had been struggling with addiction and alcoholism. Her life felt hopeless. A friend invited her to one of the services in the fall. Hesitant, she decided to watch online for a few weeks before she attended. After watching online, she "knew" she needed to come to church. During her second week attending, she yielded her life fully to God. On Easter, she was baptized. Today she celebrates sobriety, overcoming addiction, and God's amazing love demonstrated by not giving up on her.
- April was invited to our church by someone she met at work. She repeatedly responded that "no church would accept her." Her life had been filled with pain, regrets, hurt, and disappointment. Yet, her friend didn't give up. Finally, one Sunday, she attended. She would later tell us that she didn't remember much from her first service at First Church because she wept. She was overwhelmed by the love, acceptance, and hopefulness offered to her that day. In March, April and her husband became members, attended a small group, and are now seen smiling and shaking hands with new friends every Sunday.
- Tina attended our church for years, but as an aid helping a patient. She would listen to the messages and enjoy the music but was more concerned about doing her job than her consumption. One weekend, her daughter stopped by her house unannounced, dropped off her two kids, and disappeared. Tina knew she had struggled with addiction but underestimated how ugly it had become. Scared and unsure where to turn, she called a family she met through our church. Through them, Tina contacted the pastoral staff, and within hours, food, clothing, rent help, and babysitters were made available. Tina was overwhelmed by the support. Through the experience, she has found what she calls her "childhood" faith. The faith she had as a child, but she lost in the cold complicated world of adulthood. Each week she, her grandkids, and lately, her daughter worship together with a new sense of hope.
- Not only are we celebrating lives changed at First Church, but we are also celebrating our 100th Anniversary, 9 baptized on Easter, a remodel, growth in nearly every area of ministry, and the addition of new staff! What a great year!!



Mount Vernon First Dios Es Suficiente

Joseph Proudfoot, Elder

Organized: New Start

10/1/2019

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Pastor Email: jproudfoot@firstnaz.net

Phone: 740-392-8466

Report to the Assembly: *What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?*

We are grateful to MVNU for sending us students from the Education and Social Work departments, as well as COSMO volunteers, to make our tutoring program possible.

\A family was reunited last summer (their children were held on the border in detention for two years), and they attend multiple times a week.

We are grateful to Shepherd's House Church of the Nazarene for partnering with us in ministry to Hispanic families in our community.

We are delighted for so many children from immigrant families attending our regular weekly Children's Ministries at First Church.

Mount Vernon Lakeholm

Scott E. Sharpes, Elder

Organized: 1970

Pastor Began: 8/28/2011

Address: 16001 Glen Rd., Mount Vernon, OH 43050

Pastor Email: pastor@lakeholm.org

Phone: 740-397-1105

Statistics:	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>			
Conversions	13	4	14			
Baptisms	7	3	3	<u>Funding the Mission</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Worship Average	290	290	294	World Evangelism	\$32328	Yes
NDI Average	416	416	164	Pensions Benefits	\$13533	Yes
New Nazarenes	6	2	0	MVNU	\$13033	Yes
Membership	462	455	453	District	\$27440	Yes
Total Raised	\$717001	\$639930	\$604571	10% Missions Giving	10.134%	

Report to the Assembly: What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?

It's interesting that as one door of ministry concludes, God opens another window of opportunity.

We spent the better part of the last church year ministering to our community through the distribution of our Milk Ministry. It was a great way to celebrate our 50th anniversary year last year. With the change in governmental leadership, that ministry's resources became more and more scarce. Even though that ministry concluded, two ladies have now started in attendance, one of which began the process of membership and the other prayed at our altars desiring to seek more of God.

Praise the Lord.

But as that opportunity concluded, God opened another window. Our children's ministry has been reaching out to one of our local elementary schools with the establishment of a Good News Club. Mindy Schemrich, our children's pastor, reported that 11 children had accepted Jesus for the first time, with 9 of the children beginning to attend church somewhere with a parent or grandparent.

Again, praise the Lord.



We look forward to continuing our partnership with Twin Oaks as we begin a reading/mentoring program in the fall with 2nd and 3rd graders. We're looking to make a difference in their lives first so that we can share with them the love of Jesus.

Also, three of our laymen were honored for 15+ years of service at the Escape Zone where teenagers' lives are impacted by Jesus. It was great to hear testimonies of what God has been doing.



Lastly, we continue to see the beginning fruit of our discipleship ministry. Those who have participated have remarked that they've done a 180 in their relationship with Jesus. It's completely changed their lives. We look forward as we enter this new church year with a renewed emphasis on making disciples who make disciples.

Ephesians 1:17-19 (MSG)

I ask—ask the God of our Master, Jesus Christ, the God of glory—to make you intelligent and discerning in knowing him personally, your eyes focused and clear, so that you can see exactly what it is he is calling you to do, grasp the immensity of this glorious way of life he has for his followers, oh, the utter extravagance of his work in us who trust him—endless energy, boundless strength!



Mount Vernon New Life

Troy C. McNichols, Elder

Organized: 1985

Pastor Began: 5/15/2001

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Statistics:	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>			
Conversions	25	42	27			
Baptisms	13	11	27	<u>Funding the Mission</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Worship Average	686	409	557	World Evangelism	\$64115	Yes
NDI Average	222	141	156	Pensions Benefits	\$26230	Yes
New Nazarenes	18	7	5	MVNU	\$26230	Yes
Membership	259	251	240	District	\$55370	Yes
Total Raised	\$1097249	\$1035663	\$1239770	10% Missions Giving	7.248%	

Report to the Assembly: *What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?*

There have been many great things going on through the ministry of New Life over this past year. Here are just a few stories. One man was married previously to a licensed pastor, who had an affair with another pastor. He was deeply hurt. He has since remarried and is finding great healing, community, and a renewed sense of his call to ministry while being a part of New Life Church. There's another couple whose marriage is being reconciled. Their kids were baptized. And they're growing as a family.

There's a couple with young kids who had been struggling in their marriage and were separated. The wife's parents had been attending New Life and invited them to come. The couple's 9-year-old daughter was also invited to New Life by a friend from school. She and her siblings loved it so much that they encouraged their mom to keep coming back. And she did! After they had been attending New Life for several months, the mom encountered Jesus in such a real way that she made steps to reconcile her marriage. The couple has now reconciled, and reunited as a family and the couple is going to marriage counseling. They've been attending church together as a family every week. All of their kids have chosen to follow Jesus and their daughter was baptized this winter!

Good things have been happening in the teen group. They did a work trip to Appalachia Reach Out in Eastern Kentucky. They had several teens come back saying there was a change in them that happened on the trip and had several parents witness change in teens. They spent the whole week working hard and selflessly. I believe many of them gained a heart for missions and serving others in need. Regarding the fall teen retreat, we had many teens coming forward to pray and say "Yes" to Jesus in some way, either for the first time or in surrender in another area of their life.

We have had several new attenders join our women's Bible study over the past several months and really start to dig in and build community. It's been fun to watch them start to reach out to each other. The IF Gathering was also a step toward building community with women as well.

There's a couple who hadn't felt connected/supported in a faith family as they have been raising one of their children that needs extra care. They have felt very alone and haven't been in a church service together for years. The family heard about our Buddy Ministry, visited, and is now becoming a regular part of our church, allowing God to heal and restore them.

One lady and her family had not been able to attend church together for years due to the needs of one of her children. Through word in the community of our Buddy Ministry, she and her family have been able to be connect with the church together. As a result of her family being connected and growing, their high school-aged daughter has recently given her life to the Lord and was baptized.



Mount Vernon The Shepherd's House

Joseph D. Noonan, Elder

Organized: 2011

Pastor Began: 11/1/2019

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Pastor Email: noonen.joe@gmail.com

Phone:

Statistics:	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>			
Conversions	2	2	1			
Baptisms	0	2	1	<u>Funding the Mission</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Worship Average	31	31	35	World Evangelism	\$2776	Yes
NDI Average	10	10	0	Pensions Benefits	\$1077	Yes
New Nazarenes	0	2	0	MVNU	\$1176	Yes
Membership	39	28	32	District	\$2243	Yes
Total Raised	\$57500	\$51000	\$49400	10% Missions Giving	6.826%	

Report to the Assembly: *What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?*

What are we willing to risk for the sake of the gospel? Where do we place our confidence and to whom do we pledge our ultimate allegiance? How much do we value the truths entrusted to us?

The Shepherd's House gathered to share a meal and to engage in vision casting to address these questions. During that meal, commitments were made to care for our neighbors. We were not ashamed to place our confidence in the Good News and in carefully considering what it would look and sound and feel like for our community.

A little house with food. A little clothes rack with coats and hats and gloves for the winter. Someone scribbled on the little house: "This is where I meet God."

Random thank you notes. We are learning the difference between the gospel and the results of the gospel communicated in a relevant manner. For the man who needed a pair of boots, new boots were good news. For those who needed warm coats and food, good news is a warm coat and a bag of food.

What about a mother who had been separated from her two daughters at the border for over two years? What is the gospel? Being reunited? We have invested in bringing a mother and her two daughters to Mount Vernon. We have invested in legal assistance. We have traveled to asylum hearings. We have prayed.

One of the children was involved in an accident on a school playground and was taken to an Emergency Room. Through a translator, the mother was asked about her religion to which she replied: Shepherd's House!

Mustard seeds of grace-filled acts of loving obedience. We are blessed with new life in several families where the "little sprouts" have brought joy. We are blessed to be present in the lives of several of our online families who invest in the good news through prayer and sharing resources. We are blessed with story after story which proves to us that we have formed an alliance with the King of Kings and Lord of Lords as we understand that the essential underlying element of the gospel is: Jesus is Lord. We wrestle with the question: what would it look like if God was completely and totally in charge and Jesus was truly Lord? How can we as Shepherd's House be used to bring healing and hope to our community?

N. Ridgeville Starting Point Worship Center

Lenny Scott Bush, Elder

Organized: 1974

Pastor Began: 10/27/2013

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Pastor Email: lenny@startingpointworship.org

Phone: 440-327-1687

Statistics:	2020	2021	2022			
Conversions	1	4	0			
Baptisms	2	0	4	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	25	25	18	World Evangelism	\$0	No
NDI Average	31	31	18	Pensions Benefits	\$0	No
New Nazarenes	1	0	0	MVNU	\$0	No
Membership	27	27	27	District	\$0	No
Total Raised	\$19863	\$15643	\$10987	10% Missions Giving	3.549%	

Report to the Assembly: *What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?*

Last summer we started a disability ministry called "Access Point". It was created in hopes to connect our church with local adults with disabilities. We then formed a relationship with a residential home called Echoing Hills. Four to five members of the home, along with their caretaker, have been attending our church regularly. We are able to show the love of Jesus to them through our Sunday services. Three of the members of the home and their caretaker requested to be baptized at our next "Celebration Service" where we do baptisms, baby dedications, and recognize new memberships. We held specially adapted baptism classes to teach what it means to be baptized and why we should be baptized. We then cheered them on as they were baptized shortly after.

It is a blessing to see how much our friends love church. No words can express the joy we feel watching them get excited over a song the worship team plays or seeing them praying and reading their Bibles. Having them worship with us has created some of the most impactful and beautiful moments.



N. Royalton State Road Community

Philip A. Hurlbert, Elder

Organized: 1961

Pastor Began: 2/5/2007

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Pastor Email: philhurlbert@sbcglobal.net

Phone: 440-237-2344

Statistics:	2020	2021	2022			
Conversions	3	5	5			
Baptisms	2	2	3	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	57	57	76	World Evangelism	\$339	No
NDI Average	54	54	74	Pensions Benefits	\$146	No
New Nazarenes	2	2	3	MVNU	\$146	No
Membership	157	150	151	District	\$309	No
Total Raised	\$73746	\$98203	\$100192	10% Missions Giving	3.549%	

Report to the Assembly: *What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?*

There are many things I could share concerning good news in regard to what is happening in our local church as well as throughout the communities in which our congregation serve and live.

One piece of good news has come from our ministry to children. During Covid, my teenage son felt a burden to continue to minister to children even though we were not able to gather together in the building. He single-handedly prepared lessons, presented the lessons in front of a camera, edited the videos, uploaded the videos to servers, and worked hard on engagement so that children could still have consistency in discipleship.

He experienced the same disappointment and frustration every Christian leader did during this time, but he continued to push through finding new ways of presenting the materials and developing new partnerships with other children's ministry leaders across our district. As a result, it kept getting better and better.

When we opened after the shutdown, he was still busy at work serving and ministering to kids with the help and supervision of some amazing adult volunteers.

In April, he caught me after service to tell me that two of the children made first time decisions to follow Jesus. The Lord has given them a number of children they would like to see saved in this coming year. As a team, they are praying into that and I believe they are going to continue to see a harvest of souls.

I am proud of him and encouraged about the future of the Church. God has given us amazing students who have a heart for the Kingdom.



Orwell Resurrection Life

Lester A. Bolen, Elder

Organized: 1953

Pastor Began: 1/1/2018

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Statistics:	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>			
Conversions	5	3	4			
Baptisms	6	0	0	<u>Funding the Mission</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Worship Average	63	60	60	World Evangelism	\$5598	Yes
NDI Average	33	35	38	Pensions Benefits	\$2286	Yes
New Nazarenes	0	0	0	MVNU	\$2286	Yes
Membership	0	0	0	District	\$5334	Yes
Total Raised	\$87153	\$94230	\$107180	10% Missions Giving	5.877%	

Report to the Assembly: *What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?*

It is my pleasure to report that the people of Res. Life are sharing the good news. The best part is they are doing it on their own! No organized program, no guilt trips, no committee to report to. Here is how it is happening. We have a solid group of 20-somethings that are witnessing to friends, classmates, and professors by taking their stand for what they believe. They are investing in the lives of others by hosting Bible studies and walking through life together.

We have a gentleman who has been doing some work around the outside of the building and as people go by, he starts conversations and asks them if they have a church home, or more importantly if they have an up-to-date relationship with Jesus. Our people share the good news with each other by praying together, taking meals to families after surgeries, and being there for one another. I believe God's promise that His word never goes out void but will always bring a return.

Painesville

Organized: 1937

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Brian M. Forney, Elder

Pastor Began: 11/26/2017

Pastor Email: bforney34@gmail.com

Statistics:	2020	2021	2022			
Conversions	8	7	4			
Baptisms	6	0	1	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	141	93	112	World Evangelism	\$13449	Yes
NDI Average	113	88	93	Pensions Benefits	\$2751	No
New Nazarenes	0	11	0	MVNU	\$2293	No
Membership	219	223	224	District	\$4840	No
Total Raised	\$255972	\$254819	\$260855	10% Missions Giving	6.836%	

Report to the Assembly: What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?

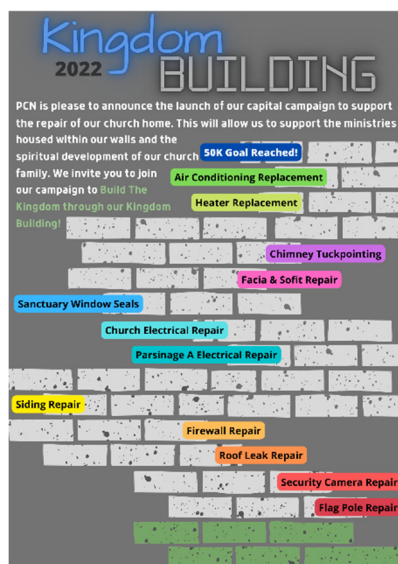
Over the last year, we have been reaching out to our local community to minister to many people who do not have the physical ability or transportation to come to our gatherings. Each week, our connections team provides transportation for several people from our local community to and from our worship services. Because of this ministry, we have seen many new faces and have seen lives transformed. Our new friends have been plugged into our PCN community and now take part in discipleship classes and fellowship opportunities and regularly invite their friends to join them.

Over the last year, we have continued to see some incredible things happening with the younger people at PCN. This group is the most engaging and community focused age group in our church and they go to great lengths to draw the community of Christ together as one Body. We are also seeing great spiritual growth and a sense of calling in this ministry. One student was recently baptized and is being called to pastoral ministry. Another young adult was recently presented with her first local minister's license and a third young person is currently preparing to go on a mission trip this summer.

This past year we began a capital-giving campaign for the sake of our building and ministry here at PCN. We viewed the KINGDOM BUILDING as an opportunity for us as a House to give above what we normally give to go beyond where we would normally go—to dream beyond our borders and meet new opportunities that we are believing God to bring.

The campaign largely focused on building repairs and restoration, but its purpose was so much more. It's about making a place and opening wide the door for someone who is just arriving. It's for the men and women who will step into mercy. It's for the children who will encounter truth and acceptance. It's for the teenagers who will find a love that never fails. It's for both the young and the old, who will realize that there is a divine purpose for their lives—that they are chosen by Jesus. It's because every Sunday is another miracle in the making. Every Sunday is a future being born. Every Sunday is a heart being healed.

Every Sunday is someone's first Sunday. I am delighted to report that God was glorified by our faithfulness in giving to this campaign and he is blessing his church in tremendous ways.



Sandusky Community

Ryan M. Brown, Elder

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Pastor Began: 8/15/2017

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Statistics:	2020	2021	2022			
Conversions	20	25	22			
Baptisms	19	16	13	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	291	291	301	World Evangelism	\$25808	Yes
NDI Average	266	266	184	Pensions Benefits	\$10207	Yes
New Nazarenes	24	14	4	MVNU	\$10207	Yes
Membership	346	346	349	District	\$21547	Yes
Total Raised	\$492232	\$446883	\$478571	10% Missions Giving	6.040%	

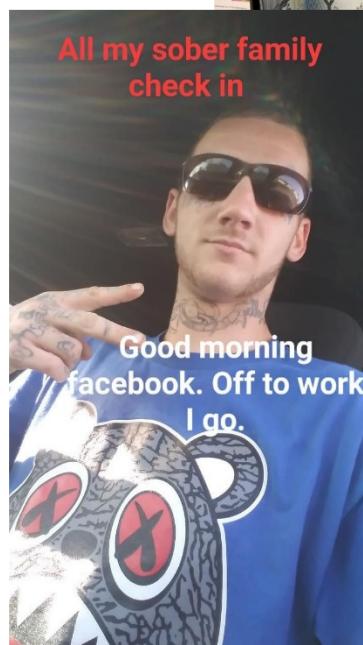
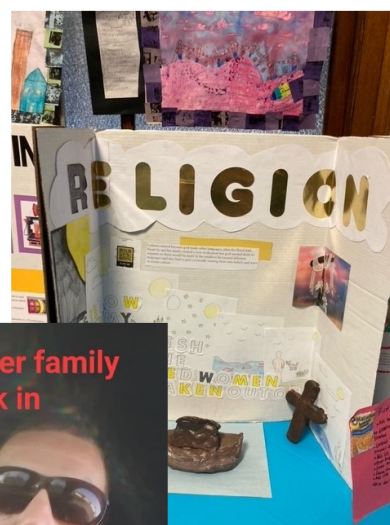
Report to the Assembly: *What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?*

SCCN has really had a strong focus on being a Spring of Hope (our vision) in our community. With this intentional effort, a few stories come to mind.

The Duncans began attending the church a few months ago. They were invited by another family in our church. While mom (Danielle) and dad (Jonathan) had some church background, daughters Kelsey and Larissa had never been to church. They attended and right away found their fit. God began to transform their family. Jonathan was baptized on Easter morning and both girls have become active in the youth group. Kelsey even did a presentation at her school about her relationship with Jesus and has begun a blog about it.

SCCN has also reached another halfway home in town. This is a recovery home for people (male and female) in addiction recovery. They heard that the Women's Halfway Home Foundation worships with us and is well accepted and loved, so they began to come. At first it was just 4 or 5 that attended, but now, they bring a van load of wonderful folks that are on the journey of recovery. Each week I get the privilege of loving on these folks with the gospel of Jesus and watching how he continues to transform their lives.

Joey is a young man who started attending SCCN through a recovery group. Joey just came to get out of the house, since church was an approved space but quickly found his fit. Joey didn't expect to be accepted and loved at church because he has tattoos. Tattoos on his face. Joey doesn't (as he puts it) look very approachable. To Joey's surprise, he was accepted and loved at SCCN. Joey gave his life to Jesus and began our discipleship program on Wednesday evenings. Joey had to move away to continue his recovery, but Joey and I still keep in contact. He is still watching our services online and Jesus still has control of his life.



Shelby

Lester R. Champer, Elder

Organized: 1929

Pastor Began: 11/13/1995

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Statistics:	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>			
Conversions	3	2	0	<u>Funding the Mission</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Baptisms	0	1	0			
Worship Average	50	50	45		World Evangelism	\$8914 Yes
NDI Average	50	50	104		Pensions Benefits	\$3652 Yes
New Nazarenes	0	2	0		MVNU	\$3652 Yes
Membership	110	108	105		District	\$7709 Yes
Total Raised	\$143310	\$144121	\$171667		10% Missions Giving	5.999%

Report to the Assembly: *What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?*

On March 29, 2020, two weeks after the world was closing shop due to the Covid 19 pandemic, and churches closed to services, I was set up for Facebook Live. Since that starting date, now over two years in, we have had over 15,000 people hear the Gospel message from around the world. Because the message each week is public, there is no way to know who is listening except if there is either a public or private response back to me. Every so often I get a message from a person who shares they are listening and how God spoke to them that day through the spoken Word. Typically, the responses are from those who would never darken the doors of a church building but can listen in the privacy of their own home. They are also from those who one would never guess would be listening just from their known worldly lifestyle.

So, every time a response comes, there is renewed affirmation that no one is exempt from the Gospel and the Good News message. It is also a renewed affirmation that no one is too "bad" to respond to God's love and grace.

15,000 people to date is an amazing figure considering that if we weren't on Facebook Live each week, the message would be to just us. Heaven only knows what has happened at this point in people's lives and the stories that one day will be shared because of a public forum to preach the Good News.

Other stories of what God is doing come from our church childcare ministry that continues to have stories of God speaking to children and adults. One little boy visiting with his family, watching a video of Jesus' death and resurrection, and never hearing that story, asked the question in Junior Church, "What did I do to make Jesus have to die for me?" That led to a beautiful explanation of the Good News of the story of Jesus.

The Good News story is as relevant today as ever and just as impactful and life-changing.

Our K-City Day Care/Preschool – ministering to 100 children and 50 families.

40 Day emphasis and Celebration Sunday

Hosting summer lunches for 500 community children

Continuation of Facebook Live services

Spring Event - Outreach banquet

Combination Day Care Graduation/High School graduation outreach Sunday and meal

Continual outreach ministry to High School Football team and families



Strongsville Centered Life

Jason R. Wilson, Elder

Organized: New Start

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Pastor Began: 9/1/2020

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Report to the Assembly: *What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?*

What a year it has been! In my years of ministry, I have found that planting is by far a marathon, maybe even an ultra-marathon in the time and peace that is required to keep going. In our outreach attempts, we had a water station at one of the metro parks in Strongsville and attended two craft fairs, one in Lorain where we met people who knew of the church in Elyria and a couple where we gave them Elyria's contact information as it was the closet church to the craft fair. And a second in Strongsville, where we passed out Halloween candy (which is difficult at a craft fair) and made contact with some more people. During our outreach opportunities, we shared the love of Jesus with everyone we came into contact with, through simple conversations and pouring ourselves out. I will say that the biggest transformation that is happening at Strongsville Centered Life is happening in me. The Lord is showing me that the road is long, but not lonely and He is shaping me and our small team to be willing to reach out for help when it is needed. We have reached out to our sister church in Brunswick and are co serving with the team there while we re-group and work towards gaining momentum to continue to bring the good news of the Gospel to Strongsville!! Pam, Katie and I appreciate your prayers for us as we continue to move forward one step at a time.



Sullivan

Organized: 2022

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Howard Russell, Ministry Leader

Began: 11/5/2020

Pastor Email: howardrussell71@gmail.com

Statistics:	2020	2021	2022			
Conversions	2	1	3			
Baptisms	0	0	0	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	30	20	24	World Evangelism	\$0	No
NDI Average	32	32	34	Pensions Benefits	\$700	No
New Nazarenes	3	0	7	MVNU	\$0	No
Membership	32	32	51	District	\$0	No
Total Raised	\$31057	\$39119	\$31073	10% Missions Giving	0.811%	

Report to the Assembly: *What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?*

We are not ashamed, and we are boldly proclaiming.

Unless they hear. A phrase that is simple but too often finds itself lost in the efforts to attract. We have determined that our focus must be on proclaiming the WORD of God with confidence, appeal, love and honesty.

We preach and live the WORD. Our life and our instruction coordinate to demonstrate to the people that the peace and haven for which they seek is found in the WORD.

We are not ashamed, so we demonstrate confidence in what we believe. The people recognize that this message, confidently given, is what they have been seeking.

The message is appealing because it rings true in our words, our practice, and our relationships. It is what they have been seeking.

Our hearts are filled with love which impacts the delivery of the message. The Shepherd is radiant with love. Every action of the Shepherd is driven by love. The management of those in the Body is focused on one outcome, the love of God to humanity.

We are honest. The people can see through "insincere and phony" extremely easily. The dishonest delivery of the message of the WORD is shallow. It is like the morning dew on a rock. It does nothing but disappears.

This year we have seen God move in several families. One family had not previously been involved in church. They allowed their children to come; then they came to experience their children sharing their talents. They were "hooked." They have become regular attenders; made a decision for salvation, joined church membership and were baptized.

The shepherd of our congregation has paid close attention to the needs of all ages, from children to seniors. Some who are senior saints were dying alone because no one cared. We cared. The response is new life, merged with mature life, mixed together and spread as the beautiful result of lives transformed. The pictures show the interest. The adults are as fascinated as the children, and they all respond with the joy of their salvation growing and becoming contagious to all who come near.



We are going together, enjoying the trip, and getting used to the family we'll spend eternity with. Learning to love, how easy it is, getting used to the Family of God.

That's what is happening at the Sullivan, Ohio, Church of the Nazarene.



Sunbury

Keith Allen Martinez, Elder

Organized: 1944

Pastor Began: 4/2/2017

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Pastor Email: kamartinez81@gmail.com

Phone: 740-965-2760

Statistics:	2020	2021	2022			
Conversions	0	0	0			
Baptisms	0	0	0	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	62	56	69	World Evangelism	\$8950	Yes
NDI Average	44	37	27	Pensions Benefits	\$3642	Yes
New Nazarenes	0	0	0	MVNU	\$3642	Yes
Membership	166	166	166	District	\$7688	Yes
Total Raised	\$156962	\$180923	\$173530	10% Missions Giving	7.713%	

Report to the Assembly: What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?

We are extremely excited about what God is doing at SunburyNaz! Jesus came to make all things new, and we certainly see evidence of that everywhere we look at SNC. After such a long drought, we are beginning to see growth in many areas of ministry.

In March '21 we flipped our Sunday morning format on its head. We now gather for worship at 10 a.m., and then after worship, we break up into Connect Groups at 11 a.m. Our connect groups are focused on using the sermon text to make disciples. While talking about how we live out the verses preached, we take time to pray with each other and figure out ways to do life together. In the process, we have witnessed reconciliation and restoration as well as a deeper sense of belonging. As a result of the change, Discipleship attendance increased by 60% as our people are leaning into the new Connect Group experience. There are five people new to ministry at SNC who have stepped up and are making Connect Groups a success.

As a part of our format change, we re-established our Kid's Konnection ministry to provide our children with their own "Kid's Church" experience. Now the children have their own Sunday School class as well as Kid's Church, led by "pk" (yours truly). We are thankful to God for the ten adults who have stepped up to serve in Children's Ministries. We wouldn't be able to do what we do without them!

As this report is being typed, we are making plans to participate in a Community Church service which will be held at an old football stadium in town. Area churches are partnering together to make this happen and people from SNC will be leading in worship and preaching the word. We are grateful to God for the open door into the community.

God is doing so much at SunburyNaz. We have new folks attending, He continues to bless us financially, we are ministering to more children, and people are learning how to love, trust, and do life together. He is opening doors for us to minister out in the community, people are learning to stand on the promises of God, people are growing in their faith, and The Good news of Jesus continues to be preached and Holiness taught with clarity...God is good, and the best is yet to come!



Tiffin

Organized: 1931

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Phone: 419-447-0363

Lois E. Miller, Elder

Pastor Began: 9/22/2019

Pastor Email: loismoranville@icloud.com

Statistics:	2020	2021	2022			
Conversions	3	6	5			
Baptisms	0	5	3	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	44	44	69	World Evangelism	\$3642	Yes
NDI Average	24	26	27	Pensions Benefits	\$1480	Yes
New Nazarenes	0	4	3	MVNU	\$1480	Yes
Membership	52	34	36	District	\$3123	Yes
Total Raised	\$49829	\$69359	\$69778	10% Missions Giving	7.713%	

Report to the Assembly: *What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?*

The power of God has brought salvation to 5 persons, 3 were baptized, and one was called to pastoral ministry over this past church year. Many others have testified of the power of God in physical and emotional healing. God is renewing, restoring, and reviving His church!

In 2009, a seed was planted in Will through the pastor and church reaching out to a community addictions rehabilitation center. Will was a resident of that facility. His roommate weekly begged him to "come to church with him." Will finally agreed to go and found a warm welcome. He returned weekly and eventually gave his life to Jesus.

After Will's release from the center, he relapsed and spent some time in prison. BUT God... Will's prison job was to be a helper to the chaplain. Through that experience, God placed a hunger and thirst for His Word in Will. Will continues to be strengthened through daily reading and study of God's Word. When he was released from prison he returned to Tiffin and the Nazarene church where he was loved and mentored.

A charge was made against Will, and he found himself before a judge again. This time the pastor and Will's Sunday school teacher went with him to testify on his behalf. As a result of the testimony of his changed life Will was granted probation and he began to earnestly seek to build a relationship with God.

Will and Julie are blessed with 2 children. Will's transformation story has now been shared at the facility where he spent time, and he senses a definite call to ministry. We are delighted to have this family as members of the family of God and our local family Tiffin Nazarene.

Current residents of the rehabilitation facility have now been attending services at the church; two of the women received Christ on Easter! We are excited to see the POWER of GOD work to transform lives.

Our church is hosting a tent at the County Flea Market to share the Gospel and pray with those who have needs. We exceeded our goal for Operation Christmas Child and will increase it next year. Through our annual outreach Blessing of the Wheels, we were blessed to minister to 2 local sheriff deputies and bless their vehicles. God has blessed us with multiple opportunities to share His story of redemption, love and grace throughout this year.



Vermilion

David R. Johnson, Elder

Organized: 1960

Pastor Began: 1/6/1986

Address: 14907 Kneisel Rd., Vermilion, OH 44089

Pastor Email: djohnson34068@roadrunner.com

Phone: 440-320-8567

Statistics:	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>			
Conversions	3	4	2			
Baptisms	0	0	0	<u>Funding the Mission</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Worship Average	38	38	22	World Evangelism	\$1000	No
NDI Average	18	18	14	Pensions Benefits	\$1190	Yes
New Nazarenes	0	0	0	MVNU	\$0	No
Membership	74	73	73	District	\$0	No
Total Raised	\$62299	\$62546	\$53526	10% Missions Giving	2.00%	

Report to the Assembly: *What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?*

What a wonderful year where we have seen God moving in a new and powerful way. We have seen God bring new young families and return other young families to the church. We see anywhere between 5-14 children in the church. What a joy to hear them singing in the worship service as we sing together. God has brought new life into our church, and we are seeing the young families getting involved. We had a little Christmas and Easter program and are looking forward to VBS this June. We had two baby dedications for the first time in 5 years. In December, we started a Food Pantry to reach out to our community and in the first month we had 4 people show up. In May we had 15 people show up with a need for food. God is helping us reach our community. God is helping us change lives and we are seeing hearts touched through the power of prayer. God is working and He is not done with us yet!!! Praising God every step of the way.



Wadsworth NOW

Jonathan D. Barker, Elder

Organized: 1926

Pastor Began: 10/1/2018

Address: 743 High St., Wadsworth, OH 44282

Pastor Email: jimmycopenhaver18@gmail.com

Phone: 330-336-4258

Statistics:	2020	2021	2022			
Conversions	20	30	66			
Baptisms	12	27	52	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	171	178	241	World Evangelism	\$18399	Yes
NDI Average	95	125	152	Pensions Benefits	\$7564	Yes
New Nazarenes	30	31	22	MVNU	\$7563	Yes
Membership	135	143	151	District	\$15937	Yes
Total Raised	\$284077	\$330885	\$320647	10% Missions Giving	8.125%	

Report to the Assembly: What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?

What an amazing year of ministry it has been at Now Church. We continue to see lives changed by the power of God's word, the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and the indwelling of His Holy Spirit. We are boldly proclaiming, Romans 1:16: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes."

Our Rittman Campus continues to be the hands and feet of Jesus as they feed 60 families every month through our partnership with Matthew 25 Ministries. Recently they received a trailer donation to help make the food distribution easier every month for our volunteers, which has been an answer to prayer.



We continue to see growth and development in all areas of ministry. Our student ministries attended Winter Jam this year, and the teens and adults all had an impactful time together listening to the artist and their testimonies. College ministries have kicked off with weekly volleyball, and small groups. We also launched our first Citi-Group, where multiple families gather together in homes for fellowship, food, and fun.



Our Easter weekend was a success including a jam-packed Good Friday service at our Orrville Campus, an Egg Scramble for our Kids on Saturday and over 400 in attendance in all three of our campuses. Our Orrville Campus had 10 salvations that day and 5 baptisms. It was an incredible weekend, and we are so thankful for all of our volunteers and staff that made it so memorable.

We had Friends Day at our Orrville Campus in May where we encouraged our church to invite friends and family members to church. It turned out to be a huge success, with over 300 in attendance, over 40 cars in a classic car show, and a guest favorite, the Swenson's food truck. Swenson's told our leadership that the event was so large they were going to bring multiple trucks next year because they were having trouble keeping up with the crowd. It was an amazing day.



We are so thankful for the great year of ministry at Now Church, and we are excited about what the future holds. We know that our world needs the Good News of Jesus Christ more than ever and we plan to continue to be passionate about reaching our communities with His glorious Gospel.



Warsaw

Carrie Faith Taylor, Ordinand

Organized: 1932

Pastor Began: 7/7/2019

Address: Mail: PO Box 235 (117 Bridge St.), Warsaw, OH 43844

Pastor Email: cfaithtaylor@gmail.com

Phone: 740-507-7664

Statistics:	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>			
Conversions	0	1	0			
Baptisms	0	0	0	<u>Funding the Mission</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Worship Average	10	10	8	World Evangelism	\$1546	Yes
NDI Average	0	10	13	Pensions Benefits	\$441	Yes
New Nazarenes	0	0	2	MVNU	\$396	Yes
Membership	24	22	26	District	\$834	Yes
Total Raised	\$24272	\$13635	\$19382	10% Missions Giving	9.856%	

Report to the Assembly: *What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?*

This year we've been focused on getting in the community and doing good in the name of Jesus. A few highlights include:

- We handed out over 200 treat bags on Halloween. We plan to build on this event next year, but it was amazing seeing so many people come up to the church steps.
- We provided dozens of winter items to those in need through our winter charity line. Many of those items were handmade by ladies at the church.



West Lafayette Living Faith

James A. Lillo, Elder

Organized: 1927

Pastor Began: 2/12/1999

Address: 21066 State Route 751, West Lafayette, OH 43845

Pastor Email: pjllilo@yahoo.com

Phone: 740-545-6407

Statistics:	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>			
Conversions	4	3	4			
Baptisms	0	1	1	<u>Funding the Mission</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Worship Average	60	60	60	World Evangelism	\$6530	Yes
NDI Average	30	30	30	Pensions Benefits	\$2680	Yes
New Nazarenes	0	3	0	MVNU	\$2680	Yes
Membership	90	93	93	District	\$5555	Yes
Total Raised	\$111861	\$125132	\$123305	10% Missions Giving	5.900%	

Report to the Assembly: *What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?*

I'm not ashamed, but I'm scared. I've been dealing with a number of people that have been overwhelmed with all the doom and gloom. I'm so glad we have kept our church doors open with no mandates throughout these troubled times.

People still want to hear the good news, people still need to be encouraged, and people need to see that God is in complete control. I believe we have done that at Living Faith.

Westlake Parkside

Donald E. Lain, Elder

Organized: 1932

Pastor Began: 9/22/2019

Address: 23600 Hilliard Blvd., Westlake, OH 44145

Pastor Email: dlain1058@gmail.com

Phone: 440-333-3998

Statistics:	2020	2021	2022			
Conversions	1	2	0	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Baptisms	0	0	0			
Worship Average	47	47	50		World Evangelism	\$9040 Yes
NDI Average	122	83	95		Pensions Benefits	\$3896 Yes
New Nazarenes	1	2	4		MVNU	\$3911 Yes
Membership	97	98	104		District	\$8221 Yes
Total Raised	\$149342	\$178740	\$169036		10% Missions Giving	6.990%

Report to the Assembly: What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?

This year Parkside Nazarene has done it's best to present Christ to our community in various ways. As a pastor, I am attempting to model the importance of having specific people to minister to with the goal of winning them to Christ. I share my own experiences with the congregation and encourage them to also have specific places they go to and seekers they are ministering to. This year we held two successful Community Impact Events (see pictures below). In the Fall we held a Nature/Nurture Event and invited our community to an event with live animals, gardening/composting displays, nature crafts, face painting, and a bounce house. Over 100 attended, most from our immediate community. In the Spring we held an Easter Scavenger Hunt and had a significant number of children come. The Easter story was shared as a part of the event. Throughout the year Parkside runs one micro-church held in the home of one of our district licensed pastors. This group ministers to around a dozen seekers. So far one of the seekers has found Christ. We are believing that others will follow. Currently, the church is working on identifying where God would have us plant a new church. Once identified, with God's help, we will begin the process of planting a new church. Our target is young families with children. Our goal is to reach many families that do not yet know Jesus and offer to them the gift of salvation. We are a small church, but we understand that no matter what our size, God has called us to be missional. Sadly, there were no new converts this year. Our prayer is that this will NEVER happen again. People need the Lord.



Nature/Nurture Community Impact Event
Around 100 from surrounding community attended



Nature/Nurture Community Impact Event



Children hearing the Easter Story after
Easter Scavenger Hunt

Willard

Organized: 1941

Address: 4414 Townline Rd. 12, Willard, OH 44890

Phone: 419-935-4851

James Damon Pomerich, Elder

Pastor Began: 12/1/2020

Pastor Email: pomerich@gmail.com

Statistics:	2020	2021	2022			
Conversions	10	6	9			
Baptisms	0	0	6	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	95	85	98	World Evangelism	\$7549	Yes
NDI Average	108	85	51	Pensions Benefits	\$3089	Yes
New Nazarenes	0	4	6	MVNU	\$3089	Yes
Membership	170	105	103	District	\$6520	Yes
Total Raised	\$136687	\$133693	\$146483	10% Missions Giving	6.770%	

Report to the Assembly: What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?

A phrase that you often hear with us is that we want to invite people to have their lives wrecked (in a good way) by the Gospel of Jesus Christ! This year I was given advice on how to conduct membership classes and one of the key things we implemented was a requirement for everyone to give their testimony. What started in these classes overflowed to our morning time of worship and others came forward to regularly share how God had changed their lives. People have testified and heard how the Good News outshines words like cancer and death. They heard how Christ brought people out of addiction and freed them from lifestyles that were nothing but filled with bondage. Accounts of Christ bringing marriages back from near-collapse were spoken and Christ was the reason for all of this!

Jesus Christ and the Good News have turned our lives upside down and I pray that we share that message boldly with everyone that Christ puts into our paths. Romans 1:16: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes." This was lived out this year when we were blessed to baptize six people on a public beach. This was our first baptism in several years - praise God! One publicly testified to what Christ had done in their life. We also served food in our downtown to get an opportunity to let people know that there is a God who cares about them.

We have also strived to be salt and light in our community by participating in a pregnancy center's walk for life. The director came and spoke to our church and gave a testimony on how God used Covid to prevent a woman from having an abortion. I've had the opportunity to pray at City Council meetings and at community events like Wreath Across America. God prompted us to reach out to our community and other churches to participate in gathering crisis care kits to send to Ukrainian refugees. We placed a blessing box on our property, and it is regularly used. Meals are being provided not only for church members, but we have also been reaching out to those that we hear about going through tough times. In all this, we hope to not only be reflections of Christ but also share Him and His Good news. Finally – praise God we are debt-free!

Highlights:

Abigail Pregnancy Center's Walk For Life – Won award for the raising most money of any organization

Coordinated with our community to raise 444 Crisis Care Kits for Refugees from Ukraine

Helping three Haitian Families in our community

Teens served by cleaning up yards in community

6 New members

6 Baptized (first baptisms in several years)

First Annual Mother & Daughter Banquet

Candy Palooza, Fall Festival and VBS for Children's outreach

Served community meal downtown, helped with Food distributions

Blessing Box ministry started for community

Started a Hospitality and Meal ministry

Participated in Wreaths Across America

Sunday School and Wednesday nights started back up.

Paid off our remaining debt.

Dedicated Prayer Team in place



Wooster

Nathan P. Ward, Elder

Organized: 1927

Pastor Began: 5/1/1995

Address: 3100 Oak Hill Rd., Wooster, OH 44691

Pastor Email: npw@woosterchurch.org

Phone: 330-262-1471

Statistics:	2020	2021	2022			
Conversions	220	150	74			
Baptisms	14	30	66	Funding the Mission	Paid	Goal
Worship Average	1148	1148	1796	World Evangelism	\$68691	No
NDI Average	1993	1993	1705	Pensions Benefits	\$20000	No
New Nazarenes	47	23	51	MVNU	\$10000	No
Membership	1106	1120	1162	District	\$88583	Yes
Total Raised	\$1732222	\$1832743	\$1936575	10% Missions Giving	3.981%	

Report to the Assembly: What Good News story are you not ashamed to share? How has Jesus been shared with your community?

This note, as written, was recently received from a little girl, new to our church. "You are the best 'paster' ever and your super nice thank you for washing away our sins that is 'alsome' that you love everyone. from Esmae." Her theology may be off, but she's quickly picked up that a major and constant emphasis at Wooster Naz is on people saying, "Yes to Jesus! [Y2J]" Through the power of the gospel, people of all ages are coming to faith in Jesus regularly.

Many go through our very strong BASICS Classes, the first of which we call "My Start." The gospel is clearly presented in every class with an opportunity to respond immediately by saying "Y2J." This challenge is accompanied by strong basic theology and practical disciplines of faith.

Our wonderful altars are used consistently in our gatherings. In response to the Holy Spirit, it's common for people to make a public profession of faith as they kneel, sit, or stand there before God and man.

Recently we conducted a memorial celebration for a senior adult who was promoted from here to heaven. Nancy and her husband came to faith and a personal relationship with Jesus when they were well beyond seventy ... at our altar!

We still do baby dedications, one Sunday a month, that touch the tender hearts of families and friends. One of the requirements is for the couple to meet privately with one of our pastors before the event. The primary purpose is to make sure the parents have a relationship with Jesus. In one of these very recent meetings, a father, a former agnostic, said "Y2J!"

We've had many baptisms this year and what celebrations they are! The emotions and exchanges around the "baptismal tank" are so powerful and moving as people testify of their love-relationship with Jesus. Baptisms are a definite favorite at Wooster Naz!

Finally, we lost a young firefighter, Phil, who died in the line of duty. He had come alive spiritually in recent months, was baptized, and was on fire for God. He "fell asleep" in the arms of Jesus, but the impact and influence of his life and love for God live on as new people are coming to church and saying "Y2J!" Phil was definitely "not ashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ" ... and neither are we!!!



DISTRICT CALENDAR



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	1	2
NYI Quizzing National Q Event						
NYI Teen Camp (combined Middle School and High School)						
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Family Camp				District Assembly		
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
				Children's Camps		
				Impact Camp		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Children's Camps						
Impact Camp						
31	1	2	3	4	5	6

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
	8	9 Clergy Excellence w/ Jay	10	11	12	13 Advisory Board
7	15	16	17	18 NDI Council	19	20
14	22	23	24	25	26 MVNU Move-In Day	27
21	29 MVNU classes begin	30	31	1	2	3
28						

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29 MVNU classes begin	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 Impact Team NYI Quiz
11 Impact Team	12	13	14	15	16	17 New Works Team
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 Children's Quiz

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	1 Children's Quiz
2	3	4	5	6 Pastors and Spouses' Fall Retreat	7	8
9 Impact Team	10	11	12	13 NDJ Council	14	15 MVNU Fall Break NYI Quiz
16 MVNU Fall Break	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 Advisory Board (zoom)	28	29
30	31	1	2	3 MVNU Board of Trustees	4	5 Children's Quiz

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	31	1	2	3	4	5 Children's Quiz
6	7	8	9	10	11	12 Impact Team
13 Impact Team	14	15	16	17	18 NYI Quiz	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	1 NCO Christmas Dinner	2	3

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	29	30	1 NCO Christmas Dinner	2	3
4	5	6 New Works Team (zoom)	7	8 MVNU Last Day of Exams NDI Council	9 NYI Quiz	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 MVNU Offices Closed	23	24
25 MVNU Offices Closed	26	27	28	29	30	31

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	31	1	2	3	4 Impact Team
5 Impact Team	6	7	8	9 NDI Council	10	11 NYI Quiz
12 Children's Quiz (District)	13	14	15	16	17	18 Clergy Kids Retreat
19 Clergy Kids Retreat	20	21	22	23	24	25 MVNU Spring Break
26 MVNU Spring Break	27	28	1	2	3	4
					NDI Discipleship Dinner	NYI Quiz

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
	Nominating Committee					
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
					MVNU Easter Break	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
MVNU Easter Break						Impact Team
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Impact Team					Credentials/Studies Board Meetings	
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
					MVNU Baccalaureate	MVNU Commencement

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
					MVNU Baccalaureate	MVNU Commencement
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
				NYT Quiz		
				NDI Council		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
				Advisory Board		
28	29	30	31	1	2	3

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
				General Conventions		Children's World Quiz
						General Assembly
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
General Assembly						
General Conventions						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	1

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
NYC 2023 @ Tampa Bay, Florida, USA						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
NYC 2023 @ Tampa Bay,						
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
			Family Camp			District Assembly
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
		Preteen Kids' Camp				
30	31	1	2	3	4	5

MATERIALS FOR PASTORS





CLERGY EXCELLENCE SERIES 2022-2023

Every Clergy Excellence event this year will feature panel/round table discussion with real world scenarios.



August 9

THEME: The Good Samaritan (Leadership Changes to Engage Around You)

1-4 PM – Bedford Church

Led By: Jay Height, Executive Director Shepherd Community Center

September 16-17

THEME: Churches Planting Churches

(Each Pastor should bring one lay person with them.)

9/16 6-9 PM & 9/17 9 AM-4 PM – Wadsworth Church

Led By: Mark Bane, Director of New Church Development



November 1

THEME: The Chameleon Effect (Counterintuitive Leadership)

1-5 PM – Medina Church

Led By: Mike Rhodabarger, Founder of ExecuSpect and Ordained Elder
PhD in organizational leadership and will provide a leadership assessment instrument.

January 17

THEME: Communicating Change

2-4 PM – Brunswick Church

Led By: Greg McNichols, Copastor, Delaware New Start Church



March 28

THEME: Connecting with People

1-3 PM – Wooster Church

Led By: Nathan Ward, Lead Pastor Wooster Church



PASTORS AND SPOUSES' RETREAT

October 6-8, 2022

Maumee Bay Lodge and Conference Center

Registration Due September 1

SPEAKERS:

District Superintendent Emeriti David Wilson and Steve Ward will share along with our District Superintendent Wendell Brown!

COST:

Thursday-Saturday Package: Two people per room--\$420
One person per room--\$360

*NCO will cover half for retired ministers to attend **either** the Adult Retreat in May or the Pastors' Retreat in October.*

Ala Carte: One night lodging \$155/room
Brunch \$20/person Dinner \$25/person

SCHEDULE:

Thursday: 3:00-8:00pm – Registration
6:30-7:30pm – Pizza
8:00pm – Worship Service

Friday: 9:30am – Brunch
Afternoon – Free time
5:30pm – Dinner
7:30pm – Worship Service

Saturday: 9:30am – Brunch
10:30am – Worship Service
12:00pm – check-out of rooms

Registration Due September 1

North Central Ohio District Church of the Nazarene

Pastors Safety Network

There are times in life and ministry when we feel overwhelmed and unable to cope with the pressures that exist. I have an open door policy and want to serve as your pastor. I promise to do my best to encourage you and will always pray with you and for you in any situation.

Realizing that there are times and situations where you may need and desire help beyond what friends, church, family and even the district can offer, we have developed a list of professional counselors around Ohio who are available for your personal use. In an effort to support your family, the district will provide senior pastors, pastoral staff and/or your spouse and dependent children with an initial assessment visit and follow-up visits in accordance with our contracts after insurance. Our typical benefit is \$500 per person per church year. If you would like to continue counseling services beyond the contract stipulations and are unable to afford them, please simply contact me so that we can extend our agreement with the counselor. All counseling services are provided anonymously. The district simply receives an invoice for Jane or John Doe. This map shows the various locations. Contact information is included on the reverse side.

We serve a great God and I'm thankful for His call in your life. Our paths are often filled with bumps and potholes that even our most intense times of personal prayer and reflection are not enough. It is my desire and that of the Advisory Board that this additional resource will help to heal and equip your spirit, your marriage and your family.

*With deep concern,
Wendell Brown, District Pastor*

Arbor Counseling

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Daniel Ward Counseling

264 S Main St.
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Cornerstone Counseling

www.ashlandcornerstone.com
259 Sandusky St.
Ashland, OH 44805
419-289-1876

Life Changing Counseling Center

Jaree Ward
223 East Atwood, Galion, Ohio 44833
Jareeward2000@yahoo.com; 419-989-8260

North Coast Family Foundation

www.northcoastfamily.com
Parma Hts. Office
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Parma Heights, OH 44130
440-842-6867

Akron Office
1653 Merriman Rd., Suite L-1
Akron, OH 44313
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Pathways Christian Counseling

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Dynami Counseling, LLC

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Jaime Hampton
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Meraki Counseling, LLC

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Ashley Hickman, MA, LPC
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Additional Counselors

Ron Seigman(Jefferson CotN)
PO Box 993, Ashtabula, OH 44005
ronsjubari@rocketmail.com; 440-275-3520
(cannot accept insurance; will bill district)

Angela J. Stanley, MA, LPCC
Mount Vernon, OH
740-358-0593

For the most up-to-date list, please visit
www.ncodistrict.org/pastors

If you would like to recommend an agency/counselor, please contact the district office.



Spiritual Health

Leadership

- Lives Out Mission
- Encourages Congregants to do the same
- Leads in Faith

Discipleship Plan

- Evangelistic Training
- Holiness Teaching (Heart, Head, Hand)

Outward Focused

A Spiritually Healthy Church Will...

- Have New Converts, New Members, & New Baptisms Annually*
- Will have congregants that engage the world, make disciples, and pursue holiness*

Physical Health

Financial

- Proper Records/Accountability
- Congregants are encouraged to give/tithe
- Working Toward Cash Reserves
- Mission Support (Local/District/Global)

Building

- Neat/Orderly
- Security Plan In Place

Community Connection

A Physically Healthy Church Will...

- Have A Good Reputation in their local community and larger faith community*
- Have congregants embrace their responsibility to financially support the mission of the church*

Emotional Health

Fellowship

- Unity of Believers
- Relevant & Vibrant Worship
- Small Groups/Gatherings
- Regular Prayer Ministry
- Hospitable/Intentional with new comers

Leadership

- Sense of Teamwork Amongst Leaders (Pastor/Laity)
- Bilateral Love (Pastor to Congregation-Congregation to Pastor)

Agreed Purpose For Church Existence (Mission Statement)

An Emotionally Healthy Church Will...

- Have an attitude of worship when gathered (minors stay minor)*
- Have congregants who know their purpose*

NCO POLICIES, PROCEDURES AND FORMS

POLICIES FOR PASTORS:

[Creating a Culture of Confession](#) (as of 9/9/2020)

[Restoration Plan](#) (as of 6/8/2021)

[Standards for Ministers](#) (updated as of 8/24/2021)

[Lead Pastor Designation of Beneficiary](#) (as of 11/19/2020)

[Vacation/Pay](#) (per Assembly Finance Committee Report)

[Counseling Policy/Pastors' Safety Network](#) (as of 2/18/20)

Counseling Policy: Counseling services will be provided for North Central Ohio District Church of the Nazarene clergy, spouses, and dependent children. The District will reimburse up to \$500 per person per year for counseling fees after insurance directly to the contracted agencies or to the individual if receipts are submitted. (District Advisory Board 5/20/2021)

[NCO Sabbatical Information](#) (as of 10/10/18)

[Transferring Credentials](#) - if you are coming to the NCO district, please contact your former district (give them your new assignment, home address, phone number and local church membership) and ask them to transfer your credential. If you are leaving the NCO district, please contact the district office (ncodistrict@mynu.edu) and simply provide your new assignment, home address, phone number, district and local church membership.

[Lifelong Learning Hours](#) - per Manual 529.6 A minimum expectation is 20 hours of lifelong learning each year or the equivalent. All assigned and unassigned licensed and ordained ministers shall report on their progress in a program of lifelong learning as part of their report to the district assembly.

[State of Ohio Minister License/Officiating a Marriage in Ohio](#) - click [here](#) for information from the Ohio Secretary of State's office

POLICIES FOR CHURCHES:

[Allocations/Amounts](#) (per Assembly Finance Committee)

[Loans to Churches/Churches Helping Churches](#)

NCO District Lending Funds to Church Policy. As a general rule, the NCO district does. Not loan money to churches. It is the intent that each local church should find ways to fund ministry locally and be good stewards of the resources that God has supplied to them. (Refer to district finance report for further financial information.) (District Advisory Board 5/20/2021)

[Criteria for Consideration of Church Closure](#) (as of 10/8/2019)

[Sabbatical Leave](#) (per Assembly Finance Committee)

[Church Health Quarterly Report](#)

[Church Health Explanation](#)

[Church Health Survey](#)

[Ministry Grants](#) (as of 9/15/2020 Finance Committee)

Applications for the 21-22 budget year will be due by August 1. As a Finance Team, we will make a recommendation for funding to the DAB at their August planning session. Goal is to present criteria plan and application process to DAB at October meeting. ([Special application](#))

[State of Ohio Articles of Corporation](#) - [check your status](#), [download forms](#) to renew or change agent

[501c3 Tax Status Verification](#) - Please complete this form to request a 501c3 letter from the General

Church. <https://forms.nazarene.org/published/general-secretary/501c3.php>

POLICIES FOR DISTRICT:

[1099 required for payments over \\$600](#)

Churches/District should issue an IRS Form 1099 for any payment of \$600 or more in a year as a gift, stipend for volunteer services, honorarium, etc. to an individual (not a corporation). If an IRS Form W-9 Request for Taxpayer Identification Number and Certification is not already on file, the taxpayer will need to complete the form before a check is issued to the taxpayer.

[Group Travel Guidelines](#)

Any district sponsored group travel shall be coordinated through the approved travel agency on file at the district office. No individual arrangements are to be made. (District Advisory Board 8/25/2018) Group Travel should be used for all group trips for all ministry departments on our district both domestic and international. They can be reached at: grouptravelservices.com/, 407.331.3237, 1.800.499.7516, ext. 5, or travelwithgts@aol.com

[Qualifications for Serving on District Advisory Board/Department Leader](#)

When a local church has not paid budgets in full for two (2) consecutive years or has not had at least one (1) conversion by profession of faith, no member of that church's congregation may be entered into nomination for district advisory board or ministry department chair. (District Advisory Board 8/2018)

Pastor Brown reminded the committee of the following policies of the District Advisory Board to be considered:

8/25/18 Motion: (Dennis) Amended policy from 5/13/06: To be considered for service on District Advisory Board (Ministerial or Lay) the individual's local church must have all budgets paid and must have at least 1 new conversion by profession of faith. Churches that have a history of paying budgets in full and who have a single year of not paying will not be barred from nomination. However, two consecutive years does prohibit nomination to designated boards. Motion carried.

[Best Financial Practices for District Ministry Departments/](#)

[Reimbursement/Check Requests/Budget/Large Purchases](#)

[District Ministry Department Budgets](#)

If a district ministry department (NMI, SDMI or NYI) should for any reason over spend it's budget in one district year, that same amount will be reduced from the next budget cycle. (District Advisory Board 3/2018)

[Mandatory Financial Review for Church in Transition](#)

When there is a pastoral change at a district church, the District Finance Committee will appoint a representative to conduct a review of the church's financial records, policies and procedures and present a report to the District Superintendent and the District Advisory Board prior to the calling of a new pastor. (District Advisory Board 11/2019)

[Property Transfer Agreement](#)

As a district we uphold the idea that we are "Better Together". As such, when a larger church assumes the ministerial work at a smaller congregation's location; whether that work will be conducted through a merger or closing of the smaller congregation; the larger church would inherit the asset of the smaller churches property at a rate of 20% per year for 5 years. At the end of 5 years, the property will be considered 100% the asset of the church and would be free to be used in a manner that blesses the congregation, even if that includes liquidating the property for the betterment of their financial picture. (District Finance Committee 7/31/2019)

[Properties Board forms](#)

(necessary for permission to sell church property, build/remodel an edifice, purchase an existing dwelling/property, borrow money, change a church name)

NORTH CENTRAL OHIO DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE MISSION AREAS

METRO

1. Bedford
2. Cleveland Arabic
3. Cleveland Aviva
4. Cleveland Garfield Heights
5. Cleveland Heaventrain
6. Cleveland Nueva Luz
Cleveland Nueva Luz-Grafton
7. Cleveland Nueva Luz URC
8. Cleveland Richmond Heights
9. Cleveland Victory
10. N. Royalton State Road
11. Westlake Parkside

MID CENTRAL

1. Ashland
2. Brunswick
3. Loudonville
4. Medina
5. Strongsville Centered Life
6. Sullivan
7. Wadsworth Now
Wadsworth Now-Rittman
Wadsworth Now-Orrville
8. Wooster

MIDWEST

1. Bucyrus
Bucyrus-Upper Sandusky
Carey Ridge Chapel
2. Crestline
3. Fostoria First
4. Galion Real Life
5. Shelby
6. Tiffin
7. Willard

NORTHEAST

1. Andover Cherry Valley
2. Ashtabula Edgewood
3. Ashtabula The Ridge
Ashtabula The Ridge-Geneva
1. Burton North East Community
2. Eastlake Willo-Lake
3. Jefferson
4. Kelloggsville
5. Orwell Resurrection Life
6. Painesville

NORTHWEST

1. Amherst The River
2. Clyde
3. Elyria Community
4. Fremont
5. Grafton Harvest Fellowship
6. N. Ridgeville Starting Point
7. Sandusky Community
8. Vermilion

SOUTHEAST

1. Cooperdale
2. Coshocton
3. Mount Vernon First
Mount Vernon First-Dios Es Suficiente
4. Mount Vernon Lakeholm
5. Mount Vernon New Life
6. Mount Vernon The Shepherd's House
7. Warsaw
8. West Lafayette Living Faith

SOUTHWEST

1. Cardington
2. Delaware Newstart
Delaware-1040
3. Lexington Journey
4. Mansfield Heart City
5. Marion First
Marion First-Kensington
6. Marion Life Link
7. Mount Gilead Fresh Faith
8. Sunbury

Northwest (8)

- Seneca
- Huron
- Lorain

Midwest (7)

- Wyandot
- Crawford
- Richland
- Ashland

Mid Central (8)

- Medina
- Wayne
- Holmes

Metro (11)

- Cuyahoga
- Gauga
- Summit

Southwestern Ohio

- 81 churches

North Central Ohio

- 62 churches

North Central Ohio

- 64 churches

East Ohio

- 69 churches

South Central Ohio

- 71 churches

Southwest Ohio

- 81 churches

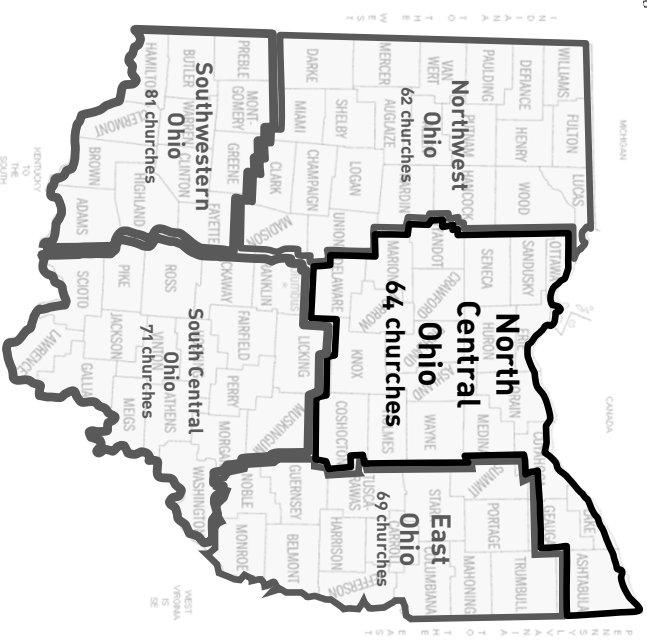
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Regions:

- Northwest (8)
- Midwest (7)
- Mid Central (8)
- Metro (11)

Churches and Ministries:

- Sandusky Campus
- Upper Sandusky
- Mansfield Heart City
- Mount Vernon
- Westlake Parkside
- Burton North East
- Orwell Resurrection Life



The North Central Ohio District
s to make disciples of Jesus Christ by:

1. **Resourcing** our Pastors to fulfill the Great Commission.
2. **Empowering** our Churches for Cultural Engagement.
3. **Inspiring** our People for Missional Living.