



Showing Off

Many people like to show off. They love their “fifteen minutes of fame,” or forty seconds of Tik Tok fame. I remember being on my honeymoon in Jamaica and a man was walking on stilts covered in flowers, fruit, and colorful clothes. Just as I raised my camera and took a picture, someone advised “Don’t do it!” Sure enough, he was immediately at the bus window demanding that I pay him a dollar for the privilege of having his image on my Pentax.

Showing off is an international obsession. We see it displayed on television, in the streets, with vehicles, boats, clothing, and every sort of way, from tattoos to piercings, to hairdos or hair-don’ts. People watch to see which star is wearing who and which fad is next in line to get you noticed. From the rich and famous to the poor and destitute, everyone seems to be living life with one simple request of the world: “Notice me, please!”

Jesus taught a better way to live. In Matthew 5:16, He taught, ¹⁶ “In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Jesus wants us to live our lives in such a way that people notice God, not us. We do that by living in such a way that our life illuminates the goodness of God. Paul said it this way, ¹⁰ “For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do” (Eph. 2:10).

During this season between Easter and Pentecost, we have been praying about ways that we can be a blessing to our communities. We want to bless our communities because it is right and good for the church to do so. However, we also want to bless our communities so that our good work shows off the goodness of God. We want to demonstrate to our community that God is present and active, loving our community, redeeming our community, and touching them with grace. When our community sees the light of God at work, faith begins to emerge.

Sometimes we expect people to have faith before they have seen it in action. But it is our action that will activate their faith. That’s why Jesus wants you to be a showoff. He doesn’t want you to be the kind of show off that draws attention to yourself. We have plenty of those around already.

He wants you to be the kind of showoff that draws attention to the Father. When “they” see your good works, it makes them wonder what the source of that goodness is. Then you simply point to your source and say, “God did it, I’m just the tool.”

You are Loved,

Dr. Larry



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NM District Assembly and Conventions 2024

The dates and times for NM District Conventions and Assembly 2024. They are as follows:

Thursday June 20 7:00 p.m.-- Mission Rally

Friday June 21 8:00-12:00— NMI Convention

Friday June 21 1:30- 5:00— NDI Convention

Friday June 21 7:00 pm— District Assembly Convenes with Worship and the report of the District Superintendent

Saturday June 22: 8-10:30— District Assembly Continues

11:00— Ordination Service

12:30— Celebration Luncheon

All Events will be held at Roswell First Church: 501 N Sycamore in Roswell, NM

IMPORTANT PALCON INFORMATION!



JULY 22-24, 2024

PALCON Theme: One Heart.

This is the prayer of Jesus for us. It's also an invitation—an invitation into the love of God, **One Heart**...summons us to live into and from the promise of Jesus to accompany us as, together,

Here is the **conference website** (www.palcon.org) and the dates and location for the PALCON on your field.





Pastors please remember to have your APR completed and turned in no later than May 15. We have a much shorter window for publishing all your work to be ready for District Assembly In June.



Up Coming Important Dates for the New Mexico District

2024

May

Pastor's Report Due on this day! May 15

Pentecost Sunday May 19

June

Young Adult Retreat May 31—June 2

District Assembly and Conventions June 20 at 7pm –Sat June 22 -12 noon

July

District Childrens Camp July 8-12

District Teen Camp July 15–19

PALCON July 22-25

Family Camp July 26—July 30

August

Ladies Retreat Aug 23-25

Always check the district Calendar online: www.nmnaz.com



**NM District Young Adult
Conference
June 7th –9th**

It's that time again! Onward the NM district young adult conference is scheduled for June 7th, 8th, and 9th in Ruidoso.

The cost is \$120 per person. The purpose of this conference is to promote spiritual growth and fellowship in our young adult community. Our focus is to foster discussion on topics important to those in attendance. **This year's theme will be "Leading a God Centered Life"**

Required Information:

To Register, Email pfeifernathanielo@gmail.com [o is the number zero] with the following information

Name

Emergency contact

Food restrictions/allergies

Topics you would like to see discussed during our conference sessions

Sessions:

Friday 7-9Pm

Saturday 9-11Am, 1-3Pm, 7-9Pm

Sunday 9-11Am

I hope to see you there! Nathaniel

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Mark your Calendars!!! TEEN CAMP 2024



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE: www.nmnaz.com!!!!

Half Million Mobilization 2024

Half Million Mobilization (HMM) Call to Pray. [Click here](#) for the video of the HMM Call to Prayer for 2024.

HMM 2024 Prayer Journals. [Click here for HMM Prayer Journals](#) from the Foundry. Currently, preorders of the Prayer Journals are being accepted.

[2024 Blessing Our Community Sermon Series](#) is available in English now with other translations coming soon. The Blessing Our Community Sermons are intentionally integrated with the day-to-day devotionals of the Prayer Journal

Children's Resources. These resources will also coincide with the sermon series that runs from Easter to Pentecost.\

Cycle of Resurgence / Blessing Our Community 2024

The Blessing Our Community Website is live. This is the place to find all available resources, links and everything Blessing Our Community. Please visit <https://usacanadaregion.org/cycle-of-resurgence/blessing-our-community> for all available resources.

Intro to Blessing Our Community Webinar. Please keep sharing the link to the Webinar being held January 17th from 12 Noon to 1pm Central Standard Time. [Register Here](#). We currently have over 130 people registered! Thanks for participating and sharing!

KIDS CAMP 2024



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SOLDIER OF PURPOSE
2 TIMOTHY 2:3-4

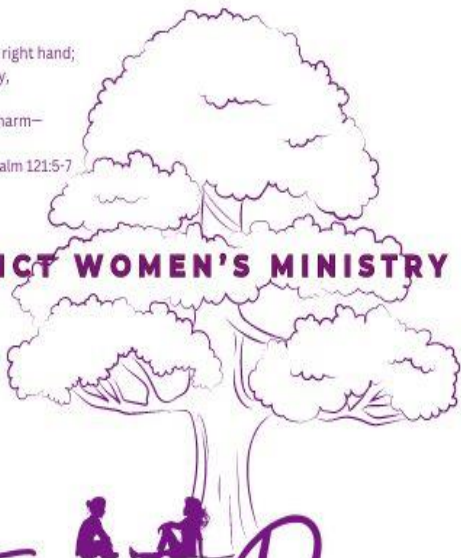
JULY 8-12
\$230.00 CAMPER
\$185.00 SPONSOR
REGISTRATION COMING SOON: NMNAZ.COM

Hello my NM District Family... Sign up your children for this Amazing event. I will be the Camp speaker, I will be Challenging, Encouraging, and Reminding our Kiddos that they have a Purpose in Jesus Christ. Blessings.

Pastor Johnny Pacheco

The Lord watches over you—
the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.
The Lord will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;
Psalm 121:5-7

NM DISTRICT WOMEN'S MINISTRY



Rest and Renew Weekend

In the Shade of the Father

Womens Retreat 2024!!

The women's Ministry Council
Has been working hard
To create a Retreat to
Give our women Rest and Renewal!

Save the Date!!!

Aug 24—26

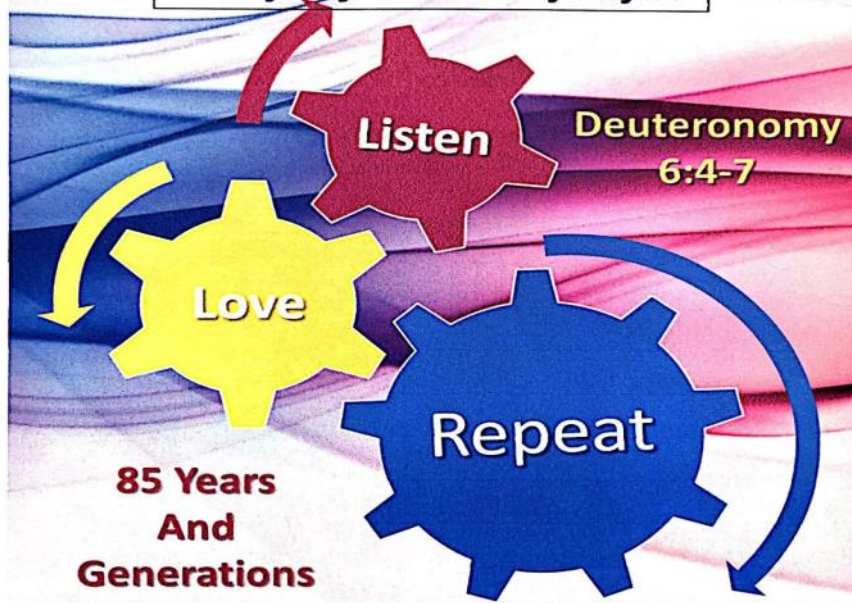
Come and bring your friends
To sit in our Father's SHADE to-
gether this weekend. New format
through out our weekend in
His SHADE.

Cost—\$165.00 per person

Registration opens on the district website May 15!!!

NM District Family Camp 2024

Friday July 26- Tuesday July 30



**85 Years
And
Generations
To Come**

For Reservations
Call 575-336-4404

Featuring

Rev. Vicki Copp—Speaker
Mackenzie Wood—Worship Leader
Rev. Josh Herndon—Missionary Guest
Rev. Jon Twitchell—Nazarene Foundation
Dr. Rusty Brian—School of Prophets