



September 2025
Alabaster Offering

Rhythm

For most families, the month of September represents the return to a regular rhythm. There is a normal routine that returns to the home after the summer of camps, vacations, and activities that ran on an irregular schedule. September comes and the schedule looks more regular. Bed time and wake up time is the same most days. There is the rhythm of school, sports, homework, extra-curricular activities, weekend activities all seem to run on a more regular rhythm. Life is still crazy-busy, but it is predictable, measurable, and “normal”.

I’m not sure that my life has any normal rhythm since I have entered into this particular role of ministry. Each week finds me moving from one corner of the district to another, trying to solve one problem or another. I am rarely in the same routine from week to week and hardly ever spend more than two consecutive nights in my own bed.

What anchors my life is the rhythm of worship. I can identify with the heart of David who said in Psalm 27: “I have asked one thing of the Lord it is what I desire: to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life gazing on the beauty of the Lord and seeking him in his temple.” (vs 4 CSV).

Even in the chaos of my normal, it is the determination to be in the house of the Lord on Sunday that has always been my anchor. It was when we had our family around us and it is now when our family is far away. That moment to stop from all the mess, the messy, and the messed up and “gaze on the beauty of the Lord” for an hour or two helps to accomplish a global reset of my heart and my life when normal is not so normal.

Worship is the fulcrum around which my heart finds its true north. Worship is the place where I find the One that my heart is searching for. Worship is the great cleansing of my over-filled life. Worship is the place where I find both the source and the summit of my heart’s true desire.

Rhythm? Is there really such a thing? Perhaps you struggle to find rhythm in the day to day like many people do. However, there is One who restores rhythm and rest to your whole being. “My heart says, ‘Seek his face.’ Lord I will seek your face.” (vs 8). In so doing so, my heart is shocked back into its true rhythm.

Dr. Larry



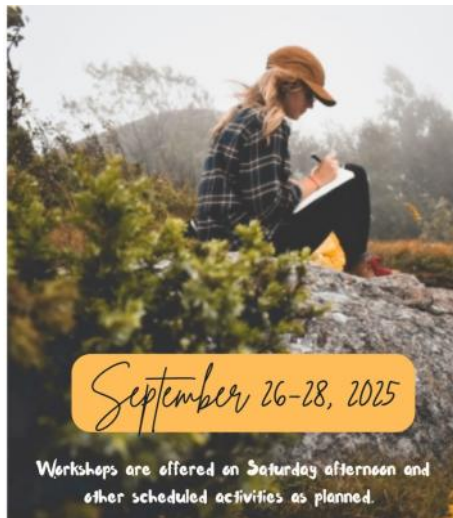
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A weekend to sit in the shade of the father,
and
"Pause in His Presence"

New Mexico WOMEN RETREAT

Bonita Park Campground
\$170 for Fri-Sun
(Price for Camp lodging or your own cabin)
\$121 Fri-Sat if leaving before Supper.
If you are bringing an RV hook-up.
Prices are extra.

Register now at: www.nmnaz.com

Rev. Stephanie Yocum is our speaker this year!
She is the Youth Pastor at Carlsbad Church Street.



Up Coming Important Dates for the New Mexico District 2025

SEPTEMBER

WOMENS RETREAT

SEPT 26-28

OCTOBER

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH!

MID YEAR MEETINGS

OCT 23-25

NOVEMBER

TIME CHANGE

NOV 1

BOARD OF MINISTRY

NOV 6

LEADERSHIP RETREAT

NOV 6-8

THANKSGIVING

NOV 27

THERE ARE SO MANY OTHER EVENTS HAPPENING ON OUR DISTRICT PLEASE

Check the district Calendar for complete schedule online: www.nmnaz.com

LADIES RETREAT WEEKEND SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Ladies Retreat Schedule

Friday	Saturday		Sunday
3-5pm Registration MORRIS CENTER	7:30 am - Coffee	1:00 – 2:15 ZIP LINE	7:30 am - Coffee
5:30-6:16pm- Dinner	08:00 – 08:45-Breakfast	1:00-4:30 MINI GOLF	08:00 – 08:45-Breakfast
6:30- 6:45- Welcome/Games	9:30 – 10:00 PRAYER GATHERING	1:00 - 4:30 Events Center open	9:30 – 10:00 PRAYER GATHERING
7:15-8:30pm- Worship	10:00-10:30- Cinnamon Roll / Break time	2:30-3:30 DRY SLIDE	10:00-10:30- Cinnamon Roll / Break time
Hot Tubs and Pool open 9-10:30	10:30-10:45- Welcoming Games	2:30-3:30- Sky Trail	10:30-10:45- Welcoming Games
	10:45 - 12:15 Worship/Message	3:30-4:30- Rock Wall	10:45-12:15Worship and Communion Service Pick up your box lunches for your ride home!!
	12:15-1:00 -Lunch	5:30-6:15- Dinner	<i>See you Next year! Sept 25-27 2026</i>
	1:00 to 2:15 Painting Class with Megan Davis EVENTS CENTER	6:30- 6:45- Welcome/Games	
	2:30-3:15 Water Aerobics Class – Regena Fry and Erna Crosby POOL HOUSE	7:15-8:30pm- Worship	
	2:15 -3:30 Spiritual Formation Journey Nicole Young and Stephanie Yocum EVENTS CENTER	"ASK THE PASTOR PANEL" LED BY SOME OF OUR FEMALE PASTORS (FOLLOWING SERVICE)	
	3:30 -4:30 Bible Study Fundamentals Rev. Alana McDuff EVENTS CENTER	9:00-11:00PM Pie Time/Board Games Following Discussion (MORRIS)	

What to bring to Ladies Retreat 2025

- 1.Jacket/Sweater
- 2.Bed linens / Blanket
- 3.Bath towels/soap/toiletries
- 4,Fan if you need it.
- 5.Pillows
- 6.Dress- casual comfortable , Jeans etc Good walking shoes/hiking shoes
7. Chair cushion
- 8.Bible/ Flashlight
9. Journal/notebook
- 10.Swim wear/coverup/beach towel
11. Snacks to share with everyone
11. Themed Basket from each church for Silent Auction

***No alcohol/Tabacco/Marijuana/Vaping allowed on Campgrounds**

*******Please read:** All children must be registered regardless of age and those over 4 will be the same price as everyone. Our price for children is based on our food and staffing needs. You will need to sign an insurance form for the Campground for any children and teens that you bring at your time of arrival at the Campground. They are welcomed to be with you but must remain with you the entire time. They are not allowed to remain in the cabin or on the grounds unmonitored.

New Mexico DISTRICT YOUTH!!

Grace & Peace Wade Elftman



NYC Registration is open for our District Students and Sponsors.

You should have received a previous email from Cindy Byerly.

If you have questions or need ideas for fundraising, please reach out to us.

The registration for NYC 2026 is now open. Here is the link:

<https://nazareneyouthconference.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2663599>

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. Feel free to forward the link to those who need access to it.

Hello Youth Leaders!

Here is the link for the payment schedule plus fundraising ideas:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/13CvBHlc3zwKgE93t5_zSuHrY0792JOycoAgRHY_uOtc/edit?usp=sharing

Here is Larry Fry's mailing address:

3101 N Mesa Verde St

Roswell, NM 88201

Please remember to send one church check to Larry with your payment. Be sure to have the check made it **NM District NYI**. Please put NYC 26 in the memo line.

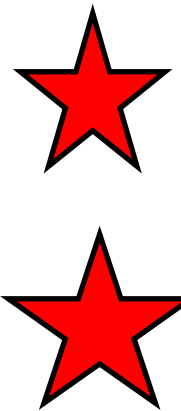
Also, just in case, here is the link for registration as well:

<https://nazareneyouthconference.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2663599>

Thank you for all that you do in getting our teens to NYC! Can't wait to see what God does!

Blessings,

Cindy Byerly



DISTRICT NMI NEWS

Please Read!!!

One of NMI's areas of impact is providing care & connection to missionaries. In this area, we often focus on Links and Deputation, but today I'd like to share another practical way to care for our missionaries.

I've just found out that the missionary healthcare fund is beginning to run low. This important fund provides health insurance and medical care for missionaries and their families. Removing the worry of paying for medical needs is a great way to show our missionaries love.

When Nazarenes purchase Memorial Roll certificates or Distinguished Service Awards, the money goes to missionary healthcare. This program is such a powerful way to honor both living servants of the church and the memory of those who have gone to heaven! (By the way, those certificates are currently being redesigned, and the new ones are beautiful. The new designs will be available soon, and I think you will love them.)

Right now, though, the cost of insurance and care is depleting missionary healthcare funds more quickly than they are coming in. If your district churches want to help meet an ongoing need, encourage them to give people a chance to contribute to missionary healthcare.

Thank you for all you do to love and support Nazarene missionaries!

Action: If you feel your churches would like to give toward missionary healthcare, please share the need. The best way is to give through their local church and mark it "Missionary Healthcare, fund 215." Thank you!

DISTRICT NMI NEWS



1) Getting Started with Nazarene Missions

Are you interested in discovering how God might use you in missions? Join Sam and Kristi Senica from the USA & Canada Regions Missions Mobilization team for an engaging 45-minute webinar on September 9th at either 12:00 p.m. CST or 8:00 p.m. CST.

This session will cover essential topics, including our Nazarene identity, missions beliefs, regional and global service opportunities, and the pathway to serve with Global Missions. Whether you're a pastor, leader, or simply curious about missions, this webinar is designed for YOU!

If you are unable to attend, mark your calendar for the next quarterly session on January 6th at the same times. It will be the same material as the Sept 9th Webinar.

Register for the 12:00 p.m. CST session or the 8:00 p.m. CST session. Stay updated by following Kristi and Sam on Instagram and Facebook!

Everyone is welcome—pastors, laypeople, NMI, NCM, and NYI leaders, as well as all missions-minded Nazarenes.

Registration links:

Register for 12:00 CST: https://nazarene.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_FFIYUU87RiGp7WeTKbt2Tw#/registration

Register for 8:00 CST: https://nazarene.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_srV1wTVQsGP77lib2hYlQ#/registration

2) Explore the New Global Nazarene Website

Visit <https://nazarene.org/> to explore the new, updated Global Nazarene website. Although additional content is still being added, the site is user friendly and easy to navigate. We encourage you to check back regularly as new resources are added.

3) Jen Staut, Global NMI Project Coordinator, has created a video on how to use **Kids Kaleidoscope**. You can find it here: <https://nazarene.org/resources/nmi-training-video/> or on the Nazarene.org website under the Resource Center tab. Many local churches have requested this resource. Be sure to watch it and learn how to utilize this great resource in your church!

September is our traditional **Alabaster Collection month!** The NMI website has a lesson plan and resources available to you for sharing about this incredible offering!



ALABASTER OFFERING

[Sign Up Here!](#)

I hope you are all gearing up for this next fall season with school, sports, ministry, and the upcoming holiday season.

Don't forget to check out Nazarene Compassionate Ministries for ideas for Christmas Projects and other compassionate ministry projects to support this holiday season. While there are countless ways to give during the holiday season, I would love to see an outpouring of our Nazarene churches supporting our Nazarene Compassionate Ministry projects this year!

The 2025 NCM Christmas Project, *Unboxing Hope: Give the Gift of Learning*, will focus on children in Jordan and Lebanon who attend Nazarene schools designed to nurture the whole child—mind, body, and spirit. Many of these students are refugees who have been displaced by war and violence, and school becomes their safe haven: a place to grow, heal, and thrive.

With your help, these children receive so much more than an education. They experience the care of loving teachers, hear about God's love, build deep friendships, and gain access to vital resources like healthcare, food vouchers, and trauma support—all through their local Nazarene church.

This Christmas, we're inviting both churches and individuals to help us unbox hope for these students. *Will you join us?*

Nicole

