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**April 2023**

**Mobilize Your Prayer Force**

Just prior to his ascension into heaven, Jesus gave his disciples two things: 1. The battle plan (go into all the world and make disciples) and 2. Access to the supply chain (wait until the Holy Spirit is poured out).

Knowing that what Jesus was telling them to do was far beyond their current resources (they had failed him often), the disciples spent their season of waiting in prayer, searching the scriptures, and listening to God.

Once again, we have been invited to follow the example of the first followers of Jesus and to set aside the season between Easter and Pentecost to pray, search the scriptures, and listen to God. Why? Well, for the same reason as the early disciples. What Jesus is asking us to do is beyond our current resources and we need to be resourced with a battle plan and power to accomplish the mission that He has given us.

A year ago, we were asked to join in prayer with 1/2 million Nazarenes in the USA/Canada region during this same season. We were asked to listen and to report what the Spirit was saying to the church. We were listening to hear what God's orders for our region would be. As the reports came in, there was remarkable unity around the following four priorities:

1. The importance of "**mobilizing** all Nazarenes in unity" in the midst of a polarized world.
2. The calling of our churches to engage in " **blessing** our communities," to get out from behind our walls to be salt and light in our culture.
3. A passion for "**bringing** people to Jesus," especially younger generations.
4. A longing for the transformation of the whole person, "**becoming** Christlike disciples" mobilized to make a holy, positive impact in our world.

This year, we are being asked to pray for Revival and Resurgence. We are seeking to hear from God regarding his plans for us to execute the vision that He has given us.

To that end, I call on all New Mexico District Nazarenes to join together in prayer as the disciples did in the first century. Let us press in together so that we can hear from God regarding His action plan for our region, our district, and our local churches. Since He knows the plans He has for us, it is ours to enter the throne-room and receive His counsel to enable us to accomplish the mission He has given us.

To facilitate our season of praying together, our regional leaders have designed a prayer journal, sermon resources, and other resources to aid our listening. The prayer journal is free to download here: <https://usacanadaregion.org/pray#prayer-journal>. Other resources that can be used in your church, your small group, or your household can be found here: <https://www.usacanadaregion.org/pray>.

Please join me during this season of prayer. I will be excited to hear what God says to our churches during this season of waiting and listening.

In His Service,

Dr. Larry



**Praying The Spirit's Vision to Pentecost**

Join your church family across Canada and the United States in a prayer journey from Easter Sunday, April 9, until Pentecost Sunday, May 28.

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# Outreach Activities of our Churches

Sandia CON  
Kingdom Builders

Church Street CON



Trinity CON

Every month we share New Free clothing, shoes and other items with our community. It is a great way to meet our neighbors and create relationships with them



NW Missions Area Night at Aztec with 26:16 and special guest Pastor John Moore!

FOOD TRUCK PARTY @ Angus CON,

You'll want to be part of this. We'll have a program put on by the Childrens Wednesday night group, and the food will be provided by the Tiger Cafe from Capitan Schools!



Angus CON

Every Tuesday, from 11:30 - 1:30, The Master's Table (soup kitchen) will offer a different variety of soups: Last week's menu:

French Onion, Beef Stew, Broccoli Cheese Soup

All are welcome. Come and dine. 103 Bonita Park Dr, Angus, NM 575 802-3967




Hope Harbor Presents:  
An Afternoon of Hope 2023



**EASTER MORNING BREAKFAST**  
April 9th at 9 am

Lovington CON

Roswell 1st CON

<https://ros1naz.ticketleap.com/admin/events/ifroz1naz>



NBC appreciates letting churches know of NBC as an educational option for their ministry preparation training, both for pastors and called laymen.

Please use the link below to begin finding how NBC can be your education choice:

[www.nbc.edu/programs](http://www.nbc.edu/programs)

**Our purpose is clear:** Nazarene Bible College exists to glorify Jesus Christ as Lord by preparing adults to *evangelize*, *disciple*, and *minister* to the world. Since 1967 NBC, as a Holiness Christian College, has fulfilled its mission through Higher Christian Education by preparing men and women for ministry.



It's almost that time again! Onward, the NM district young adult conference is scheduled for June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup>.

Save the date and stay tuned for more info.

**Up Coming Important Dates for the New Mexico District**

**April**

**Ordinand's Retreat (Bonita Park) Apr 12**

**Year End Meetings (Bonita Park) Apr 13-15**

**District MAN Camp (Bonita Park) Apr 20-22 (Thurs—Sat)**

**May**

**ANNUAL PASTOR'S REPORTS DUE May 19**

**June**

**ONWARD Young Adults Conference June 2-4th**

**30th General Assembly in Indianapolis June 9 - 16**

**July**

**NYC in Tampa July 5-9**

**Childrens Camp July 12-14 Wed through Fri**

**Senior High and Jr High Camp July 17-20 Mon through Thurs**

**NM Conventions and Assembly July 20-22 Bonita Park**

**Family Camp July 22 -28 Bonita Park**

# Kids Camp 2023

## Campfire Stories



July 12-14

Kids \$150

Counselors \$130

Registration opens soon on [nmnaz.com](http://nmnaz.com)

### [Kids Camp 2023](#)

This years camp will be Wednesday to Friday  
Start firing up the Excitement with your Kids!!





Info & Register at [nmnaz.com](http://nmnaz.com)

Speaker: Dr. Tim Gaines

Tim Gaines is currently serving as Associate Pastor at TCC in addition to his work as Associate Professor of Religion at Trevecca Nazarene University. Prior to his time at Trevecca, Tim has served as a lead pastor, a youth pastor, and a worship pastor at churches in California, Illinois, and Kansas City. He holds degrees in theology, ethics, philosophy, and ministry from Point Loma Nazarene University (BA, MA), Nazarene Theological Seminary (M.Div), and Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary (Ph.D) and has authored or edited several books, including *Following Jesus: Prophet, Priest, King and Kings* and *Presidents: Politics and the Kingdom of God*.



He is married to Shawna Songer Gaines, Trevecca Nazarene University's chaplain, and they are raising two children, Callen (6) and Evalynne (5). Together with Shawna, he hosts *The Sermon Studio*, a podcast dedicated to the art and craft of preaching.

**MAN CAMP**   
April 20-22, 2023

Calling all men! You deserve some rest, relaxation, and retreat. Good news, Man Camp is on its way at Bonita Park, April 20-22, 2023. The cost is \$140. This year we are experimenting with retreat running Thursday night through Saturday as many have wanted to be back home to participate in your regular Sunday service's. Please talk to your men's group, friends, and grab your sons and grandsons. As well as all those who might be interested and make plans to attend this year's Man Camp. Registration information will be available on [nmnaz.com](http://nmnaz.com).

Our speaker this year, Dr. Tim Gaines, who is a professor at Trevecca Nazarene University and in the staff of Trevecca Community Church. He recently was one of the speakers at our New Mexico District Family Camp.

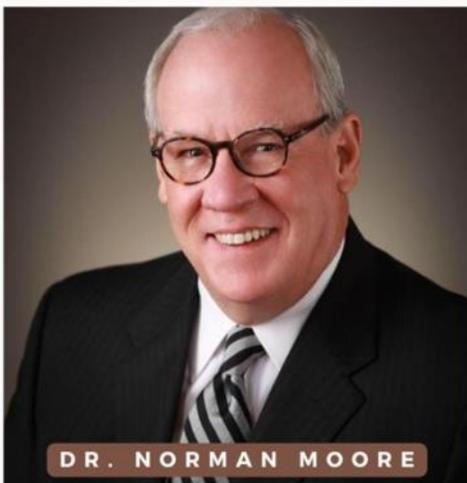
If you have any furthering questions, please email me at [wade.elftman@yahoo.com](mailto:wade.elftman@yahoo.com) or call 575-522-7120.

# New Mexico District Family Camp 2023

SOMETHING OLD • SOMETHING NEW

## July 22-28, 2023

SATURDAY-FRIDAY



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

**Sandia Valley CON and a day with the Isotopes mascot Orbitz!**  
**Activities took place on the community Ball Field of Hope.**  
**We had a Blast! Donated great food for the UNM Food Pantry.**  
**Thank you Pastor Pattie for all your loving hard work!**



**THE 30<sup>TH</sup>  
GENERAL  
ASSEMBLY  
& CONVENTIONS**

9-16 JUNE 2023

INDIANAPOLIS  
INDIANA, USA

[nazarene.org/generalassembly](http://nazarene.org/generalassembly)

[Homepage | General Assembly 2023 \(nazarene.org\)](http://nazarene.org)

[NDI | General Assembly 2023 \(nazarene.org\)](http://nazarene.org)

[NMI | General Assembly 2023 \(nazarene.org\)](http://nazarene.org)

[NYI | General Assembly 2023 \(nazarene.org\)](http://nazarene.org)

Visit these links for all of your General Assembly questions and schedules

[NYC 23 – Nazarene Youth Conference](http://nazarene.org)

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



**GA Kids 2023**

GA Kids will include age-specific services for early childhood and elementary, an intergenerational service, and engaging opportunities for the entire family to connect with the global Nazarene family.

Learn more and register at

[.nazarene.org/kids!](http://nazarene.org/kids!)

Make sure you get all your kids registered for the weekend activities!

## NMI/NDI INFORMATION FOR GEN. ASSEMBLY DELEGATES



**Dear District NM Presidents-**

Our **year-end reports** are right around the corner! It is not too late to get up to date on all 5 of the NMI Impact areas!

- Prayer** (Pray for missions!!)
- Care and Connection** (This is your connection with missionaries and includes Links!!!)
- Children and Youth** (Engage the next generation!)
- World Evangelism Fund** (5.5% of your budget)
- Alabaster Giving** (There is no minimum for this one!)

We will be sending out these reports to fill out digitally next month. If you have had any changes in NMI leadership, please send me an updated email address/contact so I can get this to the right person at your church. It is best if the NMI president gets the church membership numbers from the Annual Pastors Report -- these numbers need to match.

### VISITING MISSIONARIES ON OUR DISTRICT!!

#### DEPUTATION OPPORTUNITY

Albuquerque Heights has missionaries from Indonesia, Joe and Cheryl Young, visiting on May 21st for Deputation. Please see their attached bio. The Youngs would be available to stay on the District through June 4th if there are any other churches who would like to host them.

If you are interested in having the Youngs at your church, please contact Regena Fry as soon as possible.

575-914-6050

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Greetings New Mexico NDI Council & Delegates,

I wanted to pass along some information from the Global Office about NDI and General Convention:

The dates for General Convention are June 8-12. The Global office is requesting that all delegates attend and be on time for their respective conventions.

There will be an NDI Meet & Greet Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> from 10:30-11:30. More information will be coming.

The Global NDI Office is asking that delegates to the NDI convention watch at least 6 workshop videos that have been released. I am send the link for USA/Canada workshops that have been release. You can also view workshops from the other world regions. You can click this link to find the USA/Canada workshops <https://nazarene.org/NDIWorkshops/USA-Canada>

There are a few other events taking place that you are welcome to attend:

- Tuesday March 28<sup>th</sup> there is a FREE webinar from Discipleship Place. The title of this webinar is "Creating a Church-wide Discipleship Culture". There will be another webinar on April 13<sup>th</sup> titled "Lived Holiness". More information can be found here: <https://discipleshipplace.org/index.php?lang=en>
- Lastly, the next Leadership Conference (LC 2024) will be November 5-7, 2024 in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

**Thank you for all that you do for the Kingdom!**

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