

# KyNaz News

Kentucky District Church of the Nazarene

## Calendar 2022

### June

12-14 District Assembly  
19 Father's Day

### July

8-11 Children's Camp Garner Creek  
18-22 Teen Camp Garner Creek

### October

13-16 Pastor & Spouse Retreat  
Orange Beach, Al

### November

4-6 District's Layman's Retreat  
6 Daylight Savings Time ends

### December

3 Minister's Christmas Event  
Bowling Green



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## AN INVITATION TO JOY

by BRIAN L. POWELL



The Kingdom of heaven is overflowing with joy. Therefore, celebration is a necessary part of the Christian life, as it calls attention to our hope in Christ. As followers of Jesus, we are called to rejoice because we have a hope that never runs dry, never runs out, and never gets old. Thus, the more we celebrate, the more joy we experience.

The problem is that many Christians don't know how to celebrate. They are not accustomed to the idea of God throwing a big party. It seems to contradict the seriousness they've attached to the nature of God. However, when I think about how scripture describes the Kingdom, a joyful celebration is all that comes to mind.

Jesus likens the Kingdom to a wedding feast. The announcement is made: "The banquet is all prepared. My oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered. Everything is ready. Come join the festivity!" Yet many were not interested, as they were too busy with their own affairs.

Remember, God not only offers forgiveness and reconciliation, but He also invites us to enter into joy. The King requests that all the people around Him participate in the celebration. This is not a private affair; everyone is invited.

Throughout the Bible, God's people gathered regularly to celebrate His goodness and provision. Christian celebration is like medicine for the soul, as we rejoice in the fact that God is good, Jesus is alive, and the Holy Spirit is with us!

The Kentucky District has much to celebrate. This Sunday at 6:00 p.m. (central), we begin a two-and-a-half-day celebration known as District Assembly. This time has been set apart for us to corporately unite and rejoice in God's faithfulness.

Celebration belongs to the Kingdom. When we don't take time to rejoice, we sabotage the joy God offers. So come with holy anticipation, invite your family and friends, and experience the joy of the KYNAZ district celebration!



*"For the lips of a priest should keep knowledge, and people should seek the law from his mouth; For he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts."  
Malachi 2:7*

If you are pursuing ordination in the Church of the Nazarene or simply want to get top-notch instruction in Biblical, Theological and Historical learning, Bresee Bible College is a way to accomplish your goals.

During your time with us you will be challenged, stretched, and encouraged to grow in your capacity to love God with all your mind. You will be instructed by people who share a passion for the Church and for preparing others to be healthy, effective, and spiritually mature servants to the Church. Our mission is "Equipping the called to serve the Church." Whether you are called to full-time ministry or to serve in your local congregation, Bresee Bible College can be a resource for you.

Upcoming courses:

**Fall 2022 Schedule**

Intro to the NT	Dr. Hopkins
The Practice of Christian Ministry	Dr. Sellers
Pauline Epistles	Rev. Newman
Christian Preaching I	Dr. Powell

Courses for Ordination - \$140

Courses for Audit - \$70

Courses for Bachelor of Arts through Nazarene Bible College - \$140 + service fee from NBC.

In His Service

Rev. Doug Hopkins (D.Min)



Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

The close of the 2021-22 church year came and the new 2022-23 church year just started recently and with that I would like to offer some helpful guidance in relation to the collection of statistics and reporting information.

First, I would encourage every pastor and local church treasurer to utilize the Funding the Mission website (<https://fundingthemission.org/>). Through this website, each local church can input their monthly income throughout the church year and also submit electronic payment for WEF, P&B, Alabaster, and other Mission Specials. Submission of payment/s (both check and electronic) are collected and shown toward the allocation goals for each local church. As well, at the end of this past 2021-22 church year, Debby Sherrill provided each church's Unified Ministry Funds (for the KY district) within Funding the Mission, which was very helpful. If you would like to begin utilizing this tool or would just like some further help with it, please contact myself or Debby Sherrill.

Second, throughout the year questions arise out of situations and circumstances involving procedures or methods outlined in the Manual (for both pastors and local church leaders). This is especially true of things like membership, persons eligible to serve on the church board, voting procedures, providing local minister's licenses, conducting background checks, entering persons into the course of study, etc. Again, please know that myself and Debby are more than willing to help you navigate and understand such procedures and methods.

Lastly, it is a truly wonderful privilege that each local congregation is given to affirm the gifts and graces of persons who are called of God to minister to His people. Such affirmation comes through various opportunities given to persons to minister to others and to also provide a local minister's license and to enter them into the Course of Study. Providing a local license involves several steps:

- 1). Candidate needs to complete the Application for Local Minister's License <https://usacanadaregion.org/sites/usacanadaregion.org/files/PDF/ApplicationLocalLicense.pdf>
- 2). Recommendation by a pastor to a local church board to provide a local minister's license and approval by a local church board
- 3). Completion of a verification of credential history check and criminal background check (contact Debby Sherrill regarding the completion of both these checks)
- 4). Submit a request to order a printed Local Minister's License <https://www.usacanadaregion.org/clergy-development/call-ministry/request-for-local-ministers-license>
- 5). Contact Andy Newman ([asnewman10@gmail.com](mailto:asnewman10@gmail.com)) to enter the local minister into the Course of Study

Grace and Peace,  
Andy Newman





Kentucky District  
NMI Convention  
Tuesday, June 14, 2022  
8:30 a.m.



Join us as we go  
**Mining for Missions**

Can't wait to see you in Bowling Green as we gather to see all that God has accomplished through the Kentucky District and plans for how he might use us this coming year!

Our plans are to mine for the following:

- The business of missions!
- Mining for work and witness
- Mining for new missionaries
- Mining for better care of current missionaries

We will hear from Dr. Duarte and also Ben Ponder.

How many "**nuggets**" do you think you can mine at our convention!





## Seasoned Wisdom

By: Rev. Jera Tidball

Seasoned Wisdom, is a phrase a few weeks ago, and I could not let go of it. As disciples of Christ, we should continuously be growing wise. Those of us who have been walking with the Lord for a long time should be seasoned with wisdom. Yet, too often, we find ourselves on a dead end or in a ditch because of foolish choices. God's Word is full of wisdom, and the Book of Proverbs provides many of God's detailed instructions for how to deal successfully with practical affairs of everyday life. My study Bible states that wisdom is the ability to live skillfully, but a godly life in an ungodly world is not an easy assignment.

Wisdom helps us to know how to act and speak in different situations. It provides the ability to avoid problems as well as the skill to handle them. Wisdom goes beyond simple intelligence. The search for wisdom is not based on human speculation. Instead, to be wise, we must explore the teachings of Scripture, and seek to learn God's principles for right living. We must listen for God's voice in everything we do; everywhere we go. A truly wise person knows how to order his life in obedience to God's will

Godly wisdom doesn't just think about today and tomorrow but considers the inevitable consequences of our decisions. Worldly wisdom, by way of contrast, thinks primarily about the present, and wants immediate gratification—and makes light of preparation for eternity. Worldly wisdom thinks of clever ways to find pleasure in the here and now; for the most part, it ignores the future.

Obviously, there are tremendous benefits when we live according to the wisdom of God's Word. One of them is the Light of Jesus becomes visible in our lives. Wisdom is gained as we observe the lives of other Christians. That is why our walk with Jesus must be authentic, must be a priority; someone who lacks wisdom may be watching our life. Are you seasoned? Then who are you seasoning?

*"My child, listen to me and treasure my instruction. Tune your ears to wisdom and concentrate of understanding."* Proverbs 2:1-2



Dear KY District,

The last six months at OverflowCC has been amazing! This past winter we were able to remodel the whole building. The downstairs is split into two departments. The left side is the Kingdom Pantry Grocery Store style and the People's Outlet. The right side is the education side with Flow Academy and Game City.

In March we opened the new Kingdom Pantry. All we can say about it is WOW! We are open every Monday night from 5-7. The great news is we averaged 50 families a night which is 750 people a month. We have been able to build relationships with so many people! We have been able to pray and share with people and create an atmosphere of FUN! This past Easter we hosted an egg hunt in which over a 100 people came from the community. We got to share the message of Jesus with kids and parents and we all had a great time.

The Western KY Relief Effort is in full swing. We have been able to help all the Nazarene families affected by the Tornadoes. Now we are partnering with HR Ministries in Princeton, KY to help them build homes for families that lost theirs. There are so many homes to build that we will need to team to come and help build for years to come. If you are interested in bringing a group, please reach out to me and I will let you know what dates are available.

If you would like for me to come and share about compassion, OverflowCC of the Western KY Relief Effort please reach out. You can call at 336-471-4338 or email at [overflowccbob@gmail.com](mailto:overflowccbob@gmail.com). I can't wait to see everyone at District Assembly!

Pastor Bob McCabe  
Compassionate Ministries Director









Through my youth NYI, the program itself, the leaders, and members have had such a positive impact on my life. As a result of this my goal has and always will be to Serve and Lead so that the youth of today will grow to become the leaders/servants of tomorrow. My life started in a Nazarene church and because of that the lessons I often learned revolve around the groups of people and families in my churches. I know today that these experiences from NYI camps, retreats, and missions were the building blocks to my life and what I want to help students also experience.

Our events that are up and coming are always going to have some of the same components of camps and retreats that were in the past, but our leaders are always trying to figure out what will create the best learning experience for the teens. We are constantly dreaming about the ways we can impact the world around us by being Servants like Christ.

A few upcoming events are  
Camp in July  
Breakaway in October, and  
Next summer we have the Nazarene Youth Conference.

WE have information that is currently out or going to be out on remind app, Facebook, and sent to your local church via USPS. Please keep an eye out for this information and share this with your youth in church and the groups that you have.

One thing I would like to encourage is for People who are interested in and have been positively impacted by the NYI program at your church while growing up is to think about how you can be someone who serves in some way. Ask yourself “How can I become involved and impact youth”? This does not mean that you travel with the students and chaperone every event, it could simply be working with them on a fundraiser, or helping organize a fun night with the youth leader. Being someone who serves in a youth program is often overlooked and seems to be unappreciated but being a servant is what Jesus calls us to be.

Brad Luke  
NYI President



Revitalization/Revival report  
Spring 2022

Mistaken Identity and Lost Purpose

Word association exercises are often good indicators to the mindset and worldview of the participants involved. Sociologists often use this method to determine the thought process of their subjects. If you ask a group of people to express words that they would associate with *small*, you will get a wide range of responses. With most, if not all, the responses are negatively charged in application. This should be of no surprise since if one would look up the word *small* in the dictionary it has been portrayed negatively in many of the same ways. Definitions such as having comparatively little size or slight dimensions; minor in influence, power, or rank; little or close to zero in an objectively measurable aspect.

With the latter definition mentioned it is no wonder that the small church struggles with loss of identity and loss of purpose for themselves. If you would do the same exercise with "small church" you would get many of the same negative results: insignificant numbers, lack of money, handful, inexperienced and entry level pastors. Often people inside and outside the church define small churches by the numbers they have, or even the lack of. Numbers are most often used when judging the small church, pointing out its inadequacies or devaluing its effectiveness.

"Esteem has to do with identity and well-being; it is connected with the discovery or recovery of one's God-given individuality."

This is the struggle for the churches with such dynamics within its body. They see themselves as insignificant and many times impotent. Their self-esteem is negative and self-defeating. Psychologist Marsha Sinetar has this to say about the subject: "Self-esteem is just an idea we have about ourselves...about our competence, our worth, and our power...a picture we have in our minds about ourselves." She further suggests that "we often lose sight of our identity and self-esteem, or find it distorted, damaged, or hidden."

It is very often that small churches, like individuals, lose the image of themselves that God intended for them in the culture that they exist. They are many times swayed by the image dictated by peers, society as a whole and a culture that is dominating, an image backed by past failure and depression.

The mission is to rediscover and capture that healthy God-given image that He intended and recover the small churches self-esteem and be transformed in it. Sinetar concludes: "[self-esteem is feelings] and self-pictures that we ourselves make real, and only we can change it for the better, for our own good, forever."

When identity is lost or distorted then purpose is lost or distorted as well. The uncertainty of self causes us to drift from the center, and left unchecked and uncorrected will lead to areas never intended to be dwelled in. No church happens accidentally. There is intention and purpose driving the new congregation of believers. But time seems to cause drift and slackness. We all become complacent in our worship, satisfied with tradition and status quo.

For far too long the small church has bought a bill of goods that does not need to be true. They have bought into the assumption that since they are small then they must be insignificant. Small does not have to mean it is negative but that in fact it is positive. The words that can accentuate the positive can be close, community, family, intimacy, and trusting are some of the things that can be said, but potential is another. If you take a moment and think about the size of the church, then you can see that the small church has tremendous potential to do the mighty things for God. The smallest obedient deed can be magnified because no one expects much from them. God receives multiplied glory in the midst of His small body of believers. The light is the brightest in the deepest darkness, even so is God in the midst of His chosen few.

I am looking forward to visiting and working with churches all across the district to see revitalization and God given revival come.

Rob Beckett



## Prayer & Intercession

I've heard it said that prayer is boring, or, that it is hard to have a conversation when no one talks back. I can assure you both of those statements are false and inaccurate. If you think prayer is boring, then you're doing it wrong. Remember that prayer is our conversation with the Almighty God. (How could that be boring?) That means in this form of communication we talk and He listens and He talks and we listen. (He does speak back to us!) How exciting that the King of the universe both listens and talks to us!! I LOVE His voice!

In the spirit of excited anticipation, let's agree in prayer for our upcoming gatherings! Let's pray together for our local services and our District Assembly "Unshakable" services! Let's pray in agreement, believing in faith, these prayer points, in Jesus' Name:

1. There be no spirits of distraction
2. The entire assembly would be encountered by the presence of the manifest Holy Spirit
3. Every heart would be soft unto submission to Holy Spirit
4. Every person have open, unblocked ears to hear the truth
5. Every person have an open heart/mind to receive the truth in good soil
6. All speakers would share the anointed truth of God's word obediently
7. All hearers would respond to the truth obediently
8. The entire assembly would be forever transformed, and matured unto the likeness of Christ
9. All church business be reflective of the nature of the Kingdom of God and His purposes
10. The Lord God is praised & glorified and the bride of Christ is edified in all endeavors

If you have a prayer need we can agree with or prayer over, please don't hesitate to reach out! You are loved and appreciated!

Melissa Wright

