

KyNaz News

Kentucky District Church of the Nazarene

Calendar 2022

September:

10 – District Team Building Day – First Church, Louisville
10 – District Golf Tournament
27 - District Advisory Board Mtg – District Office

October: Pastor Appreciation Month

13-16th – Pastors & Spouse Retreat | Orange Beach, AL
21-23 – Breakaway, Camp Crestwood, Crestwood, KY

November:

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

December:

3rd – Ministers Christmas Event | Bowling Green, KY

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The Wellspring

by Dr. Brian Powell



Everything is easier when I'm functioning out of the wellspring of God's provision. In this place, I'm a better husband, a better dad, a better friend, a better leader, a better pastor, a better preacher, and better at everything (except golf). Regrettably, stepping into the wellspring requires something that we have less of today than we did yesterday: TIME.

With the pressures of juggling a family, ministry, career, and Lord only knows what else, it's easy to neglect spending time with Jesus. When that happens, we grow weary and frustrated and start feeling like we need a break.

One thing I wish I would've learned as a young adult is that following Jesus requires that we SLOW DOWN. Dallas Willard said, "Hurry is the great enemy of spiritual life in our day. You must ruthlessly eliminate hurry from your life."

Remember that Satan doesn't show up with horns and a pitchfork trying to scare us. He's not an imaginary monster hiding under the bed. Pop culture has taught us to think about the devil as if he were a cartoon character. However, he's far too intelligent and strategic to approach us in some nonsensical way.

In reality, we're more likely to run into the devil in the form of a message on our phone, binge-watching our favorite shows, or scrolling social media for hours. Living in a pleasure-driven society has produced a generation of dopamine addicts, which is why people's faces stay planted on their phones. By design, many things that demand our attention today rob us of our most valuable commodity; again, I'm speaking of time.

What do people usually say when you ask, "How are you?" "Oh, I'm good—just busy." Unfortunately, people are too busy to live spiritually vibrant lives. The result is that their family suffers, their ministry suffers, and ultimately, they suffer.

Keep in mind that there is a healthy kind of busyness where life is full of things that matter, not wasted on trivial pursuits. By that definition, Jesus Himself was busy. So, the problem isn't when you have a lot to do. It's when you have too much to do, and the only way to keep up is to hurry.

Guess what else is painfully time-consuming? LOVE. Jesus said the greatest command is to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, mind and strength," followed only by "love your neighbor as yourself."

My relationships with my wife, kids, family, and long-term friends are only good because I've invested time in loving these people. On the other hand, my worst moments as a father, husband, pastor, and even human being, happen when I'm in a hurry to too busy to pay attention—e.g., late for an appointment, behind on a deadline, trying to cram too much into a single day.

Anxiety, pressure, impatience, complaining, irritability, saying things you'll regret, and other repercussions are the fruit of hurry and busyness. If you don't believe me, next time you're running late and trying to get your spouse and kids out of the house, pay attention to how you relate to them. Does it look like love? Or does it feel more like annoyance?

In our culture, SLOW is viewed negatively. When a restaurant has bad service, we call it slow. When a movie is boring, we complain that it's slow. The message is clear: slow is bad; fast is good. Yet, the Kingdom's value system teaches the opposite: hurry is of the devil, and slow is the way of Jesus.

God knows something about us that we have yet to learn: No one loves well in a hurry. So, slow down. Rest in His presence. Talk to Him. Listen for His voice. Linger in the wellspring. Abide in the place where life and ministry feel less like work and more like victory. It really is the essence of freedom!

(Sources: "The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry" by John Mark Comer; "Soul Keeping" by John Ortberg)



He said to them, "Therefore every teacher...who has become a disciple in the kingdom of heaven is like the owner of a house who brings out of his storeroom new treasures as well as old."

Matthew 13:52

If Pastor/Teachers are going to have treasures to share with others, they will first have to spend some time and energy growing a collection, a treasure. Bresee Bible College can be that treasure source for you!

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 Sunday school/small-group leadership in your local congregation, Bresee Bible College can be a resource for you.

Over the course of the summer and this fall semester we have 30 students taking classes with us from several Nazarene Districts.

Upcoming courses for the next session:

Winter 22/23' Schedule

Interpreting Scripture
Spiritual Formation
Developing a Missional Church
Pastoral Care and Counseling

Doug Hopkins
TBD
Daniel Bradshaw
Mike Justice

Courses for Ordination - \$140

Courses for Audit - \$70

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

Register @ <http://kynaz.com/bresee-bible-college/>

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In His Service

Rev. Doug Hopkins (D.Min)



Life Long Learning

We have been journeying through the summer months and something that I always enjoy in the summer is the game of baseball. For many of you reading this, that is not a surprise at all, as you have probably heard me talk about baseball (especially the Phillies) or you have seen me wearing a red, Phillies ballcap. My earliest childhood memories involve watching or playing the game of baseball and it continues to be a favorite activity to engage and enjoy for me. Throughout my life I have come to learn more about the game of baseball and had opportunity to experience different aspects (from going to new ballparks to reading about the lives of those who have played the game). Learning more about the game of baseball recalls a quote from the poet/writer Maya Angelou, who once said: *"I've learned that you shouldn't go through life with a catcher's mitt on both hands; you need to be able to throw some things back."*

The whole purpose of a catcher's mitt is to be able to catch what is coming down the plate, even if it has some heat/velocity with it. Life certainly throws many things at us, and we would probably like to wear two catcher's mitts to try our best to not be caught off guard and at the very least to take in all that comes our way, though not everything that comes our way is helpful nor something we should hold onto. As we go through life, we receive many things along the way, but we must also learn what is worth keeping and what is not. For those leading and guiding congregations, learning what to keep and take in and what to throw back is crucial (not only for the minister but to those in their care). There is a dangerous trap that a minister can fall into and that is where the pursuit of learning is lost and set aside. This trap becomes a reality for a minister, due to a variety of reasons, but it will eventually have devastating effect.

Simply, putting our mitt down and not catching what we can learn (reading, seminars, classes, etc.) will diminish our effectiveness and ability to minister to others. Ministering to others must involve continual learning to grow in biblical understanding, theological reflection, life together with others, and practical ways of sharing the Gospel. Fellow ministers and leaders I encourage you to read a variety of books relating to ministry, attending seminars, taking various classes, and having conversation with others over faith and life. As an ordained minister in the Church of the Nazarene, one is required to compile a minimum of twenty hours of lifelong learning. There is a helpful tool to track one's hours and figure out what constitutes lifelong learning hours. It is the Lifelong Learning Registry (<https://learning.nazarene.org/>). I would encourage all ministers to register and utilize this tool as you make your way through each year of ministry to track what you read and have had opportunity to learn from.

Each one of us are given a set innings to minister to others. Let's be sure we have our mitt on to catch learning but to also know what is worth keeping and sharing with others to grow with God and one another.

Grace and Peace,
Andy Newman





Nazarene Missions International

Hello KY District!

We have so many things going on! Please don't miss out on being a part of all that God is doing in KY via NMI!

Please stay in touch with our new links missionaries; Randy and Joani Goossens jgoossens@apnaz.org. Please use this email or look them up on social media! Interesting fun fact: their last name is pronounced GO-sens!



Don't miss your opportunity to hear from our Pastors and leaders - especially our Rescue Hill Team!

Milly Ibanda, missionary to Madagascar will be on the district from Sept 26 - October 2. Schedule TBA soon!





Tanzania Update



Thanks again
Dr. Brian Powell and
Pastor Dave Dorn!



Next Step: The Kitchen \$12,500

This last building will be what our work and witness team works on as they go on the **Celebration of Thanks Work and Witness** to Tanzania in 2023.

Our goal from the beginning was to have every church on the KY District to participate in this project. Don't let this opportunity pass to be a part of this incredible partnership.

I encourage you to love like Jesus! Please reach out to me or anyone on the council if we can provide anything for you or your church!

Love,
LaVonne





Come Apart with Me

Several years ago, Dr. Powell asked if I would be willing to plan a women's retreat. By God's grace and the help of many incredible women, our district has enjoyed two successful retreats. Webster defines Retreat as "a quiet and secluded place in which one can rest and relax." Often when we hear *women's retreat* our minds rush to *girl's weekend*; a time away from daily responsibilities, plus shopping, and world-renown speakers and musicians. Girl's weekends are fun, memorable, and often very emotionally charged. All of which are good but are distinctly different from Jesus' comment to His disciples to "come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest" (Mark 6:31 NIV). Thankfully, I believe our retreats align with this directive.

Most of us live full-throttle! We pour ourselves into work, into our families or community efforts and squeeze God into our day, often before we collapse into bed. Our "busyness" is important, right? We are doing good, helping others! When we are too busy, when we are fully engaged in our plans, we tend to miss the still, small voice of the Holy Spirit and before long, we are running on empty, ready to give up. Exhaustion and defeat are tricks of the enemy; not part of our Father's plan.

From the start, our retreats have been about spending enriching time with one another in His Presence. Quiet time is literally plugged into the schedule. One of the greatest rewards of planning these retreats has been the comments about how relaxing and refreshing they have been. Our district overflows with gifted women, so we pull our speakers and musicians from this great resource. Our retreats provide an excellent platform to get to know and speak life into one another. We renew – we equip – we connect!

Our next retreat is being planned. We work hard to make it affordable, convenient, and spiritually engaging. We want you to be a part of our next retreat! Getting the word out has been a challenge in the past. Please scan the QR code and share your contact information with us, and please share this article with the women in your church. That way, once the date (probably last weekend in April) has been confirmed, we can send out registration forms.

Yours & His~

Jera



Kentucky District NYI

This summer we have been on a mission. A mission to help churches get students to our events. This summer has been super hectic but when we gather together we always want to be aware to slow down and give God the time to work. Planning is always in motion to figure out more effective ways to serve the students of our district, so we push forward together as a team. We seek to reach new students and always assist churches in building their local youth program that will, in turn enrich the lives of the church body.

We started off the summer with our District Lock In/ NYI Assembly, and we heard from the Lord that night in a big way starting with the business of the district and moving into worship and the word. The night went on and on and we had an amazing time at Malibu Jacks, playing mini golf, laser tag, racing go karts and being able to fellowship with our friends.

Summer camp was our next event that we hosted and we spent 5 days worshipping, and meeting with God at Camp Garner Creek. So many positive things came out of that camp session but the most important was the students' new relationships with the Lord.

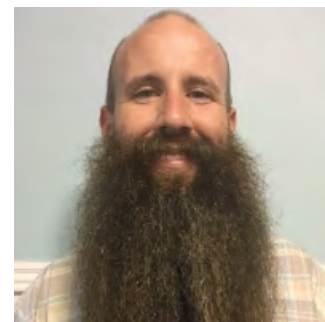
We have also spent the past few years working with our adult leaders and getting them involved in sharing their stories. Stories of being made whole, and how God has healed their bodies, minds, and souls.

We are currently planning and sharing about NYC and we are expecting a great trip that will take place next summer. I hope and pray that the adults in our churches will pray in to this and see how this event, just like our local events, can change our students lives.

Please be in prayer with us so that we can take a great group of youth to NYC in Tampa Bay 2023. Pray specifically that we will see change in the students, and also that change will come home to our churches and help to build our Church body.

If you or someone in your church is looking for ways to start, grow, or renew a youth group please get into contact with one of our executive council members and we will help in any way we can.

We love our district and look forward to what God has in store.



The Breaking Before The Blessing

by Rob Beckett

In the work of church revitalization, one must arrive at the point of brokenness. It is in this place of passion and desperation that God strengthens us for the hard seasons. It is a lonely and difficult task, but if you allow God to break you, He will use you in amazing ways. Be honest with God. Allow Him to work in your life so that the church body can be transformed.

There are few things more difficult than facing up to our brokenness. It is much easier to ignore the cracks in our foundation, to try and sweep them under the rug and pretend they don't exist. However, to grow as a person, it is essential that we come to terms with our brokenness. This is what Jacob did when he wrestled with the Angel of God. He was broken physically, but also emotionally. It was through this process that he was finally able to receive the blessing of God.

All leaders, like Jacob, must wrestle with God in order to receive his blessing. Brokenness is part of the process of being made whole. So, if you are feeling broken right now, know that it is only a prelude to the blessing that is to come. Embrace the process and allow God to work in your life. You will be so much better for it in the end.

Jacob was alone with God. All distractions had been removed. He was in a place of total vulnerability. And it was there that he received his blessing. In the same way, you must spend time alone with God. This means making space in your schedule to read His Word and reflect on His will for your life. It means being honest about the areas in which you are struggling and asking for His help. Remember, the most effective leaders make time alone with God a priority.

Jacob was broken by God. As a result, he was able to receive the blessing of God. Brokenness before the Lord is the pathway to His divine blessing. So, if you are feeling broken right now, know that you are in good company. And know that God will use you in amazing ways as you surrender your life to Him.

It is only when we come to the end of ourselves that we can begin to understand the power of God. When we are willing to be broken and changed by Him, we will be used in ways we never could have imagined. So, if you're presently broken, know that it's just the start of something greater. God has so much more in store for you.

The Revitalization Network is here to help you in any way that you may need for personal or leadership encouragement.

Rob Beckett,
Revitalization Director

(Source: John Maxwell Bible: "Jacob: Breaking Before Blessing")



Children's Bible Quizzing

Would you like the children in your church to know the Bible better? Children's Bible Quizzing may be just what you need! Bible Quizzing is a Bible study designed just for kids with a competition element.

Here is what you need to start your own Children's Bible Quiz team at your church.

1. Pray and Prepare: Decide who is going to lead the children and when you are going to have the lessons. Many churches decide to do it on Sunday nights or Wednesday nights. Find out what works best for your church and community.
2. Order Material: Order your material for the current Quiz year. Items needed: Leaders Book, Student Books, NIV Bibles, Answer Boxes. All of these materials can be found at www.thefoundrypublishing.com You can also order posters and T-Shirts, but it is not required.
3. Quizzing Breakdown:
 - a. It is designed for kids 1st-6th grade
 - b. Quizzing is a 6 year program.
 - i. 1&2 Samuel (2022-23)
 - ii. Matthew (2023-24)
 - iii. Acts (2024-25)
 - iv. Genesis (2025-26)
 - v. Exodus (2026-27)
 - vi. Joshua, Judges, Ruth (2027-28)
 - c. Each book will be divided into Dig Sites. A Dig Site is how they break up the book of the Bible into small parts for studying.
 - d. Quizzing is divided into two levels. Red (beginners) Blue (advanced)
 - e. There will be four quiz matches each year. The final quiz match will qualify the quizzer for the World Quiz match which happens at General Assembly June 10th, 2023.
4. Register your church: April Curry is the District Quizzing Director. Contact her at apylea21@yahoo.com or (270) 634-3816 to register your church's quiz team and get quiz match information.

Quiz Dates:

All quizzes are at 10am local time.

September 24th @ Summersville Church (main location), Mayfield (satellite location)

November 19th @ Monticello

February 11th @ Lancaster

March 25th @ Columbia



Kentucky District Layman's Retreat

November 4-6, 2022



Lake Barkley State Resort Park | Cadiz, Kentucky



Guest Speaker Dr. Sandra Gray

Dr. Sandra Gray was named president of Asbury University in Wilmore, KY in 2007, a position she held until 2018. She has been a member of the faculty at Asbury as professor of business management since 1989. Dr. Gray received her Ph.D. in public administration and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Kentucky.

Activities:

Golf • Fishing • Hiking • Biking
Games • Racquetball • Tennis
Volleyball • Silent Auction • Music

For the latest updates check out our
facebook page at Kentucky NLO

Watch for details on how to register for this event.

Music by: Albany United Praise Team

