

KyNaz News

Kentucky District Church of the Nazarene

Calendar 2022

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February

25-26 Mid-Winter Retreat Bowling Grn

March

1 KYNAZ Compassionate Min.

Board of Directors Meeting

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25-26 Board of Min. Meeting

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5 District Advisory Board Meeting

10 Palm Sunday

15 Good Friday

17 Easter Sunday

30 End of Church year

May

6 Pastors Online Reports Due

6-7 TNU Commencement

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June

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19 Father's Day

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Orange Beach, Al

November

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3 Ministers Christmas Event

Bowling Green

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Renew an emphasis on corporate prayer, church planting, and congregational revitalization

EQUIP

Equip pastors, leaders, and churches to engage corporate prayer, church planting, and congregational revitalization

CONNECT

Connect pastors, leaders, and churches to create a culture of corporate prayer, church planting and congregational revitalization

Out Of The Office

by Brian Powell



The word sabbatical comes from the Hebrew *šābat* or *shâbath*. It means “to cease, rest, or desist.” A ministry sabbatical refers to an extended period of renewal for a pastor or ecclesial leader. It’s a time set apart to withdraw from routine activities for the sole purpose of drawing close to Jesus.

A sabbatical is essential for both the ministry leader and the congregation(s) they serve. Remember that it is not an extended vacation but a release from daily routines for the ministry leader’s spiritual, emotional, and physical well-being. Typically, sabbaticals last between two and three months.

WITHDRAWING WITH JESUS

The word withdraw means “to retreat from; pull-back; move away from something.” Throughout His ministry, Jesus exemplified the importance of spiritual retreat. The Bible teaches that Jesus often withdrew from the crowds, the activity, the notoriety, the pressure, etc.

Jesus knew that closeness with the Father was essential for discerning God’s will and experiencing ongoing spiritual renewal. I’m more convinced than ever that intimacy with Jesus is the key to success in the Christian life.

A sabbatical is a time of retreat reserved for uninterrupted prayer, scripture reading, journaling, solitude, and meditation on scripture. It may also include traveling to different geographical locations. Withdrawing from everyday routines reminds us that God’s presence is always enough.

THE MANUAL

The Manual for the Church of the Nazarene states, “In order to encourage a healthy superintendency and the strong spiritual life of the district superintendent, the District Advisory Board, in consultation with the general superintendent in jurisdiction, should provide a sabbatical leave for the district superintendent during or after each seventh consecutive year of service to the district.” (Paragraph 225.11)

The Manual also advises that local churches provide sabbaticals for their pastors: “In order to encourage a healthy pastoral ministry and the strong spiritual life of the pastor, the church board, in consultation with the district superintendent, should provide a sabbatical leave for the pastor during each seventh consecutive year of service in one congregation.” (Paragraph 129.10)

TIME AWAY

In January 2015, I hit the ground running as the DS of the Kentucky District. Seven years and half a million miles later, and I’m still running. It’s time for a pit stop.

Earlier this year, the District Advisory Board approved me taking a two-month sabbatical. Initially, I planned to be away during the summer. However, I postponed my time away due to COVID restrictions and other issues.

With so many things happening on the district, I’ve been tempted to postpone it again. As much as I hate to admit it, I’m living proof of how difficult it is for pastors to disconnect from the people and places they feel called to serve. Yet, those closest to me highly recommend moving forward with my sabbatical.

So, starting on Saturday, January 1, 2022, I will be “out of the office” until Friday, February 25, at Mid-Winter Retreat.

Pray for me to encounter the presence of Jesus in a more profound way than ever before. Pray for Holy Spirit to fan the flames of revival in my heart. Finally, pray for a deep sense of vision and direction, as my desire is nothing more and nothing less than God’s perfect will for my life and ministry. If you need anything during my time away, don’t hesitate to contact Debby Sherrill at the District Office: (502) 957-2974 or secretary@kynazoffice.net. She will help you or get you in touch with one of our ministry team leaders.

I love you. I’m thankful for you. I’m praying for you. And I’ll get back to you when I return to civilization.



"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15

Each of us has a call upon our lives.

Jesus calls us first to, "Come, follow me." We answer that call with simple faith, repenting of our old works and saying "yes" to Jesus' invitation, walking in his ways.

The second call is to vocational ministry. That is a unique call requiring the devotion of one's life to service in the Church. While all are called to serve others, this second call often involves specific roles like preaching, teaching, evangelism, the prophetic and/or apostolic gifts.

Both callings involve spiritual learning, growth, and maturity.

Both callings require the Holy Spirit's presence, instruction, and in-filling.

And both callings require time spent in the Bible if we are to faithfully handle the word of truth.

Bresee Bible College is designed for just such a purpose. Our mission is "Equipping the called to serve the Church." We currently have 24 students taking classes with us this semester!

Whether you are called to follow Jesus or called into a vocational ministry, Bresee Bible College is a viable option 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.

Upcoming courses:

Spring 2022 (March 14th – May 28th)

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| 1) Intro to the Old Testament | Dr. Doug Hopkins |
| 2) Church History II | Rev. Andy Newman |
| 3) Philosophy & Christian Ethics | Dr. Dan Bradshaw |
| 4) Church Admin. & Finance | Rev. Seth Tidball |

Sign-ups are underway and run through February 15th.

Email Rev. Andy Newman at ASNewman10@gmail.com today and get signed up.



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 Church,

Saturday, December 10, 2021 has forever changed the KY District and my life. I was asked that Saturday morning to run the Nazarene relief effort for those affected by the tornadoes. I had no idea what that entailed but I jumped in and was going to try to figure it out. On Sunday the 11th, Dr. Powell and I went to Mayfield, KY to check on the church and Pastor Steve Melvin.

When we arrived, we were surprised to see that the church had no damage. We found out that the tornadoes jumped the church and landed right before downtown Mayfield. As we met with Pastor Steve and others from the church, they were all in shock but were already helping families in their church and the community.

Dr. Powell and I went downtown to see the damage and it was so bad that we could not comprehend it. It caused us to go into shock as well. We talked to victims, took pictures and we prayed for God to move in the people's lives.

We returned to Louisville late Sunday night and I was talking to Brandon Sipes who works for Disaster Management Nazarene Compassionate Ministries. He was coming by Louisville on Monday so he picked me up and the next two days I traveled with him to Bowling Green, Dawson Springs and Mayfield. In those 2 days I must have had at least 100 phone calls and was preparing for items coming to Mayfield and Bowling Green. Brandon was able to help me connect to the right people and he helped me to mentally and spiritually hang in there. During those two days we interviewed victims and took many pictures trying to grasp the devastation.

On Tuesday night we were back in Louisville and as Brandon was leaving, I told him I don't know if I can do this without you. Brandon then told me, "You have gotten through the hardest part, the rest will be easier to handle." I said, Ok but I did not believe him. Turns out on Wednesday I would find out he was right.

Wednesday morning, I got in the truck and headed to Mayfield to help get ready for all the aid that was coming to Mayfield Nazarene. Upon arrival I met with Pastor Steve and others and we came up with a plan of action. I am humbled to say for the next eight days everything went according to plan. Things that needed to come early, came early and things that needed to come later, came later. Crews that needed to have certain skill sets arrived at the perfect time. Why? Matthew 6:10, "Your Kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven." Every day I would pray the Lord's Prayer asking Him to lead this effort! Jesus did an AMAZING work!

Currently Mayfield Naz and BG First Naz are handling distributions to families in the communities. Paducah Naz and Madisonville Naz are hosting crews that come in to work. At Mayfield Naz 30-40 families a day are coming to the church for items. BG First Naz has had boots on the ground taking items to families in the community as well as having distribution days at the church.

During this relief effort I have learned how big the Church of the Nazarene truly is. I have talked to people from all over the world. The support from all of the districts has been amazing. I am thankful for all the Compassionate Ministry Directors that called me. They helped me connect to the right people and they constantly called and poured kind words into me.

This relief effort is going to be long term. We will have many work and witness trips for years to come. I look forward to watching the Lord rebuild these towns and bless the families that went through the storm.

I want to say that the KY District has been amazing and to thank all the pastors and churches that have helped with the relief effort. I can feel all the prayers that everyone is praying for me. The prayers give me the energy and the peace of mind to be able to help assist the churches. I ask that you continue to pray for Pastor Steve, Pastor Scott, Pastor Daniel and other pastors that are dealing with the effects of the tornadoes.

In Him,

Pastor Bob McCabe

KY Nazarene Compassionate Ministries Director





KY District Mid-Winter Retreat

February 25-26, 2022

Bowling Green 1st Church of the Nazarene
Bowling Green, KY

Registration: Adults: \$40; ages 6-12: \$15; under 6 years old: free; Childcare: \$15 per child.

Childcare will be available during the worship and workshop sessions for children birth to 11 years old for \$15 per child.

Make checks payable to **KY District SDMI**. Send your check and registration form **postmarked by February 9, 2022** to: Georgetown Church of the Nazarene, ATTN: Pastor Mike Justice, 726 Lemons Mill Rd., Georgetown, KY 40324.

Schedule: All activities take place at Bowling Green 1st Naz. (All times are Central Time)

Friday:

5:30PM: Check-in

6:30PM: Dinner:

7:30PM: Worship & Plenary Session

Saturday:

9:00AM: Workshops

10:15AM: Workshops

11:30AM: Worship & Plenary Session

Saturday's meals are on your own.

Workshops include: Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry, Discipleship, Missions, Missional Evangelism, Men's Ministry, Women's Ministry, and Church Renewal.

Guest Speaker: Dr. J.K. Warrick, General Superintendent Emeritus



Following nearly 38 years of pastoral ministry, Dr. Warrick was elected to the Board of General Superintendents by the 26th General Assembly held in Indianapolis, Indiana, in 2005. He served as pastor of churches in Oklahoma, Texas, Florida, Ohio, Indiana, and Kansas. Prior to being elected General Superintendent, Dr. Warrick had served for nearly 12 years as pastor of College Church of the Nazarene in Olathe, Kansas.

J.K. and Patty have been married for 54 years and have two adult children and eight grandchildren.



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KY District Mid-Winter Retreat

February 25-26, 2022

Bowling Green 1st Church of the Nazarene
Bowling Green, KY

Church: _____

Pastor: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

SDMI Dir.: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

REGISTRATION:

Adults:	_____	x \$40.00 =	_____
Children (ages 6-12):	_____	x \$15.00 =	_____
Children (ages 0-5):	_____	FREE	_____0_____
Childcare (ages 0-11):	_____	x \$15.00 =	_____
Total:	_____	\$	_____

All registrations are transferrable to another person, but they are not refundable.

CHILDCARE: Childcare for children birth to 11 years old will be available during the worship and workshop sessions for \$15 per child. Please indicate the number of children that will be in childcare: ages 0-3: _____, ages 4-6 _____, ages 7-11 _____.

Make checks payable to: "KY District SDMI". Send your check and this registration form **postmarked by February 9, 2022** to: Georgetown Church of the Nazarene, ATTN: Pastor Mike Justice, 726 Lemons Mill Rd., Georgetown, KY 40324.

LATE REGISTRATION: Registrations postmarked after February 9th: Adults: \$50.00, Children (6-12): \$20.00, Children (0-5): \$10.00 (**Call Pastor Mike Justice to confirm any late registrations at 502.542.0354.**) **DUE TO SPACE AND FOOD ACCOMODATIONS, THERE ARE NO "AT THE DOOR" REGISTRATIONS.**





Kentucky District NMI

Welcome to 2022! Who knows what this year will bring, but one thing is true,
by God's grace we can
STAY TRUE in 22!

The recent storms in the state cemented our strongly held belief:
missions must be here AND there!

- **Prayer:** Consider beginning your year with prayer and fasting. Our mission is to make Christlike disciples in the nations. We need God's moment by moment direction.
- **Giving:**
 - *WEF* is the primary funding method for missions. We stand strong on this foundation.
 - *Alabaster* allows us to be like Jesus and move into the neighborhood! Additional 10%.
 - Specials are for KY District Compassionate ministries and our Tanzania project!
 - Remember, missions is here AND there! Let's complete our commitment while we continue to put boots on the ground in Western KY.
- **Connections:**
 - COVID has exposed the dangers of not being together. Stay connected with our missionaries. We appreciated the ministry of Tim and Michelle Eby's tour.
 - We have a wonderful opportunity in March as Friday and Mary Ganda tour the district! 3/13 through 3/27.



- **SOAP Project**--April 30th Louisville Farmdale--more details coming soon
- **Children and youth**--participating in the mission.

Each of us are here for you! Please contact us to provide missionary services, answer your questions, or send resources your way!

LaVanne



Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

We just came through the season of Advent and Christmas and in the midst of Jesus coming into the world his earthly parents were required to journey to Bethlehem to report in the census called for by Caesar Augustus (Luke 2:1-3). Such information by Luke tells us that reports and the collecting of statistics have not only been around for a long time, but also have served a great purpose. Thinking of reports and the collecting of statistics, we have entered the new year and the church year will be completed at the end of April. The reports and statistics that ministers and leaders report to the Kentucky District are very important for our District Assembly and also for the General Church of the Nazarene. A helpful yearly timeline will be sent out to Kentucky District pastors to provide important dates and times as the end of the church year approaches. It is especially important for pastors to take care of recommendations for those under their supervision going through the licensing process with the District Board of Ministry. Also, ministers who have graduated from the Course of Study and have been ordained are required by the General Church to complete Lifelong Learning hours (a minimum of 20 hours). Serving as your District Secretary and your Studies Board Chairperson, I have a passion and desire to see all of our ministers not merely complete these hours, but to be formed and furthered as persons and ministers of the Gospel. An easy way to track your hours and also learn what constitutes ways to earn hours is found the at the Lifelong Learning Registry (<https://learning.nazarene.org/>). If you have not already done so, please create an account and begin reporting your hours. If you have any questions regarding reports, recommendation forms, Lifelong Learning hours, or anything else that I might be of assistance to you, please contact me.



Grace and Peace,
Andy Newman

God is in Every Tomorrow

What an encouraging statement to ponder at the beginning of 2022! I became aware of this song, written by Paul Orjala, during this past year. A member of our church played it on his trumpet during worship. He read the lyrics, and my heart was touched. During my devotions this morning, I discovered that it originated as a poem written by Laura A. Barter Snow. I googled the title and found the lyrics supported by Scripture. I am sharing the contents of this google search to offer encouragement and hope as you stand on the threshold of a new year. Whatever lies ahead, I pray you remember God goes before you. Happy New Year ~ Jera

God is in every tomorrow; therefore, I live for today, **-Deuteronomy 31:8, Psalm 31:15**
 Certain of finding at sunrise, guidance, and strength for the day; **-Psalm 119:105, Isaiah 40:29**
 Power for each moment of weakness; **-2 Corinthians 12:10**
 Hope for each moment of pain, **-Psalm 62:5, Psalm 42:5**
 Comfort for every sorrow, **-2 Corinthians 1:3-4**
 Sunshine and joy after rain. **-Psalm 30:5**
 God is in every tomorrow, planning for you and for me; **-Romans 8:28, Proverbs 19:21**
 E'en in the dark will I follow, trust where my eyes cannot see. **-2 Corinthians 5:7**
 Stilled by His promise of blessing, soothed by the touch of His hand, **-Zephaniah 3:17**
 Confident in His protection, knowing my life-path is planned. **-Proverbs 16:9, Job 42:1-2**
 God is in every tomorrow, life with its changes may come, **-Hebrews 13:8, Psalm 125:2**
 While in the distance shines Home! **-Hebrews 11:13-16**
 Home, where no thoughts of tomorrow ever can shadow my brow, **-Revelation 21:3-4**
 Home in the presence of Jesus, through all eternity now! **-2 Corinthians 5:8, 1 Thessalonians 4:1**



Praise the Lord, we have made it to 2022, I'm so excited about all that Jesus has in store for us this new year. Things were different last year and I'm sure nothing will be the same this new year. God has all new things for us and I'm looking forward to working with all our churches this new year.

Thank God, last quarter we were able to start two new African congregations. I am so grateful for Pastor Kiza Mukandama and the blessing he has been to me and the KY District.

Kanisa Takatifu la Bwana wetu Yesu Kristo (The Holy Church of our Lord Jesus Christ) met at Gethsemene for 3 months and now they are moving to their permanent home at our Georgetown Church. Thank you Gethsemene for your hospitality.



Soleil de la Justice (Sun of Justice) Church is an African congregation that shares the Gospel in French, and they are meeting at our Lexington Calvary Church.

I want to thank these churches for their willingness to open their buildings to new congregations - Louisville First is hosting three international congregations, Lafayette, Lexington Calvary, and Georgetown are hosting two international congregations, Southern Hills, Grace Community, Farmdale, and Valley are each hosting 1 international congregation. Thank you very much, His kingdom is growing because of you!

Last year we had the privilege of hosting two missionaries with our International Churches. Last summer we had Monte and Bethany Cyr from the Mesoamerica region. What an amazing time of celebration when each country was introduced during their service. We held special combined missionary services with our Louisville Hispanic congregations at Louisville First and then with our Lexington Hispanic congregations at El Calvario. We had Tim and Michelle Eby from the Africa region in the fall. Our African Pastors and congregations were so moved to see how the Church of The Nazarene is working in their countries. We enjoyed having combined services with the African churches from the Louisville area at Louisville First and the Lexington area African congregations met at Georgetown. It was so good to gather together to help these new congregations realize that we are part of a global family. And, to see we are better together.

In our District, this is how we praise God:

Glory to God - Gloria a Dios - Utukufu kwa Mungu - Gloire à Dieu - ဘုန်းကြီးတော်မူပါ။

English, Spanish, Swahili, French and Burmese.

For 2022 we already have four congregations in the works:

Calvert City

Por Gracia at Lexington Calvary

Kiswahili Church – We need a place in Louisville!!!

Lebanon

And this year we are excited about several New Starts that are about to become Organized

Churches: Providence Point

Anchor Point

Revival Christian (African)

Christian International (African)

Myanmar Christian Assembly (Burmese)

God is still working on our District.

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I'm so thankful for the opportunity to serve Him with you.

Sergio D. Monterroso

New Start and International Ministries



Louisville Hispanic Congregations



Lexington Hispanic Congregations



Louisville African Congregations



Lexington African Congregations

"Where Is Your Faith Today?" | Terry Wright

It's easier to have faith on some days than others. Take, for instance, Sunday morning. We have faith that when we get in the car and turn the key, that the engine will start, and that we (and others on the roads) will stay in the proper lanes and arrive safely at our destination.

We have faith and trust God to meet with us, and that He will go above and beyond our expectations. We have faith that the prayer and preparation we have put into composing the message that He would have for us to deliver that morning would be sufficient to effectively communicate all He has for all who will listen.

Some might say that our faith is higher because we believe that we have some control concerning the desired outcome of the day. But, when Monday comes, all bets are off that it will be anything like the previous day. Why is that? And how can we move into the week with increased faith regardless of the chaos and unpredictable events to come?

3 WAYS TO HAVE FAITH BEYOND "THE NORM"

#1 PEACE is Present When FAITH is Activated.

Faith (according to Hebrews 11:1) is being sure of what we hope for, and even when we don't see it right away, we still have confidence that God is at work. But how do we obtain and maintain that confidence when situations don't look so favorable?

In **Isaiah 26:3** we're reminded: "You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in You." (ESV) The "perfect peace" here, is Shalom - often defined as "rest, safety, prosperity, wholeness". As an emotion, **PEACE** brings us comfort that all is well. That peace comes when we keep our mind stayed (focused) on God, and not on the distractions designed to rob us of our peace. **President Ronald Reagan** said, "Peace is not absence of conflict, it is the ability to handle conflict by peaceful means." And the ability to handle things by peaceful means comes from the last part of Isaiah 26:3: "...**because he trusts in You.**"

#2 TRUST Helps Cultivate PEACE.

Trust is vital for the presence of **peace**. Peace treaties have been signed by warring adversaries, only to be broken by one side doing something that removed the trust that had been given.

When we trust God, we place situations and circumstances in His capable hands. But when we take them back into our own control, it's like saying, "Lord, I don't trust You to handle this situation in the way I think it needs to go, so I'm taking it back and doing it my way."

By trusting His will and His ways, we become active participants in seeing God's plans worked out in ways that will honor and glorify Him.

#3 Our Spiritual Growth Increases When FAITH is Present.

We have an opportunity to grow spiritually when challenged with adversity. Understanding God's character and nature (by getting to know Him more) will help us **TRUST** Him to do what He says He will do. Our faith will grow as we see His faithfulness in action, especially in our times of need.

When we keep our mind focused on God and what He desires, we will have peace in the midst of any situation. **If you are lacking faith today**, give back the things you've taken into your own hands, and allow Him to renew your faith in Him as He faithfully does what He does best.

