#### SOUTHWEST INDIANA DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE // APRIL 2023

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## Equipping the Local Church To Make Christ-Like Disciples

## **He Lives!**

A woman was looking out a window in her home and was terrified to see her dog shaking the life out of the neighbor's rabbit. The two families had quarreled for several years, and things were about to get much worse.

She grabbed a broom, ran outside, and beat the dog until he dropped the rabbit, which was now covered with dog spit—and of course, the rabbit was dead.

The woman lifted the rabbit with the end of a broom and brought it into her house. She dumped its lifeless body into the bathtub and turned on the shower to clean the rabbit. She then got her hairdryer and blew the rabbit dry. Using an old comb, she groomed the rabbit until he looked pretty good. Then, when the neighbor wasn't looking, she climbed over the fence, sneaked across the backyard, and propped him up in his cage. About an hour later, the woman heard screams from the neighbor's yard.

She ran outside, pretending she didn't know what was going on. "What's happened?" she asked innocently. Her neighbor ran to the fence, shouting: "Our rabbit, our rabbit! He died two weeks ago. We buried him—and now he's back!" Around two thousand years ago, a group of people put their hopes and trust in Jesus. They invested their future in Him. But he was nailed to a cross where he suffered and died and then placed in a borrowed tomb. When Jesus died, their hope seemed to die with him. Until someone started screaming: "He's Alive!"

These two stories are old! The one about Jesus, I know to be true. The other one, I have my doubts. The old hymn declares: "He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way. He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart! You ask me how I know He lives. He lives within my heart.

"You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you!" (Mark 16:6-7)

Dr. Tim Crump





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## SWID PRIMETIME BANQUET

CORY COMMUNITY CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE April 24, 2023 6:30pm

**COLUMBUS FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE** May 1, 2023 6:30pm

MACKEY CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE May 8, 2023 5:30pm (CDT) \$20 per person Registration due 10 days prior to event

CLICK HERE FOR REGISTRATION FORMS

## 2022-2023 Children's Quizzing

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April 1st @ 10am District Quiz Bloomington First

**Register Here** 



2023 Nazarene Vacation Bible School

FREE RESOURCES HERE



## NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL

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#### **Missionary Speaker Opportunities**

There are wonderful opportunities to have two missionary speakers come to the churches on SWID this summer and fall. These missionaries are available for any event the church may schedule. This might include church services, Prime Time fellowships, small group Bible studies, youth group, Caravan, children's gatherings, dinners, Faith Promise emphasis, and anything else the church hosts.

Rusty and Diane Robbins, our current SWID Care and Connection Missionaries are available July 3-8, 2023.

**Friday Ganda**, a native of Africa serving as a missionary in Africa, is available September 10 (PM service only), September 11-12, and September 14-16, 2023. He will need transportation from the Bedford area.

If interested in hosting one of these missionaries, please contact Janet Ritter as soon as possible at 812-279-0680 or ronjanritter@gmail.com.

## Local President's Report & Instructions



There are a few changes that have been made to the Local NMI President's Report since January .

There is the new report (<u>click here</u>) and instructions (<u>click here</u>) to complete the report. Reports are due by Monday, June 5, 2023. Every church is required to submit a report regardless of the level of participation in NMI. Pastors and Presidents please email <u>this</u> <u>report</u> to Marilyn Hicks at bfcn@me.com or mail it to her at 4010 S Falcon Drive Bloomington, IN 47403.



**Easter Offering for World Evangelism Fund (WEF)** The Easter Offering is Sunday, April 9. When your church supports this offering, they are showing Christ's love to your neighbors locally, but also those thousands of miles away. The church is loving others in Christ's name, truly making Christlike disciples in all nations.



**SWID Missionary Tour with Carol Rittenhouse** SWID Missionary Tour with Carol Rittenhouse, former SWID Links Missionary, will be April 16-19, 2023. Plan now to attend one of the services. <u>Click here to see the locations and times.</u>

# SWID Calendar

# April 2023

- 1 Sammy Taylor Basketball Tournament
- 1 Chldren's Quizzing @ Newburgh New Life
- 2 Palm Sunday
- 9 Easter Sunday
- 15 Board of Ministry Interviews
- 16-19 SWID Missionary Tour
- 24 Prime Time Banquet @ Cory Community

# May 2023

- 1 Prime TIme Banquet @ Columbus First
- 4 Disaster Relief Leadership Meeting
- 5 Baccalaureate Service @ Olivet Nazarene
- 6 Commencement @ Olivet Nazarene
- 8 Prime Time Banquet @ Mackey
- 9 Investment and Audit Committee Mtg

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- 11-13 Regional Celebrate Life @ Olivet Nazarene
- 16 District Advisory Board Mtg.
- 31 End of Church Year

## June 2023

9-16 General Assembly and Conventions 26-29 - SWID Children's Camp @ Higher Ground 26-30 - SWID Youth Camp @ Higher Ground

# July 2023

- 3-5 National Teen Quiz 2023
- 5-9 NYC @ Tampa
- 23-24 District Assembly /
  - SWID's 75th Anniversary Celebration

# August 2023

- 8 Investment & Audit Team Mtg
- 10 SWID Disaster Relief Team Mtg
- 12 NYI/NDI Convention @ Valley Mission COTN
- 19 NMI Convention @ Valley Mission COTN

Get the latest district calendar updates Subscribe to our calendar here

## **Snapshots from Around the District**



The congregation at Jordan's Village COTN



Union Chapel is adding to their current facility for addition ministry space



Congratulations to Pastor Bruce and Lynn Yates for the unanimous 4 yr renewal at Bloomington Eastview



Dr. Chenoweth, President at ONU sharing at Men's Breakout at Valley Mission COTN.



Pastor Jared Weldon shares the word with his congregation at Haleysburg Nazarene.



Grateful for leadership of Pastor Jason Riggle to the congregation of Nashville Parkview.



We welcome Pastor Larry & Vickie Smith to SWID and Jasper COTN!



For more pictures from around the district Check out our Facebook page <u>www.facebook.com/swidnazarene</u>



## SWID Nazarene Bible College Offering Sunday - April 30, 2023



If you have already sent your NBC Annual Offering, we thank you!If not, it's not too late to do so. Every dollar helps us fulfill our purpose to glorify Jesus Christ as Lord by preparing adults to evangelize, disciple, and minister to the world. Please visit nbc.edu/offering to download offering resources or to request printed materials. You may also request a personalized video to your congregation. Blessings.

Dr. Scott J. Sherwood, President



I am so excited to be a part of NBC again, but in the way of supporting the college as the SWID NBC Ambassador! You don't have to look far to find someone who attends or has attended NBC for their ministry studies. Rev. Todd Gotshall, Sullivan Church of the Nazarene

There are two options for sending your offerings: 1. Mail to: Nazarene Bible College, 17001 Prairie Star Parkway, Suite 300, Lenexa, KS 66220

(Please note Annual Offering in Memo)

2. Online payments: https://nbc.edu/go/give/ (Donations), Donate to: down arrow - Annual Offering (for churches)

## Contact Us

As a reminder, our District Office is now working remotely and would be glad to connect with you using the following contact information: Each of us can be contacted through the District Office @ 812.279.6621



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