

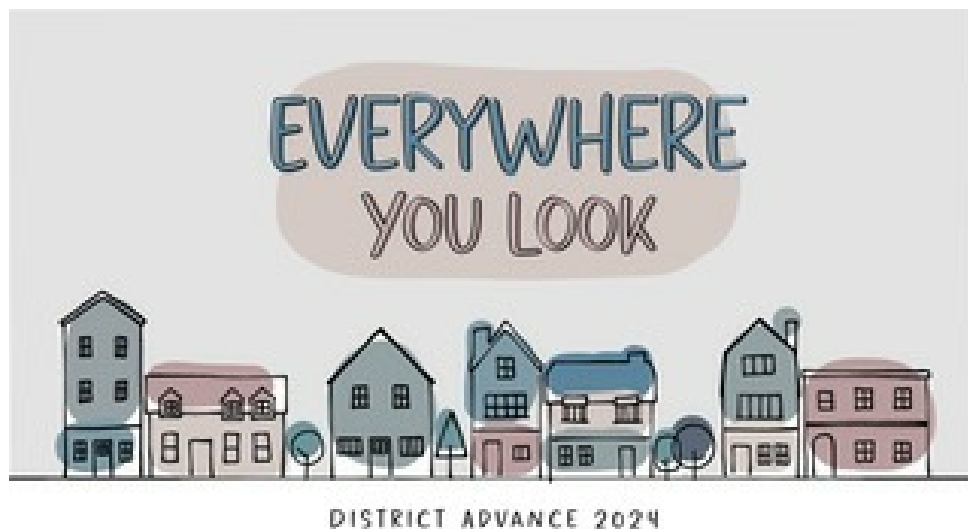
FLORIDA CONNECTION

FLORIDA DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE



News, insights, and resources for Florida District Churches

March 2024



2024 Florida District Advance

April 19-20, 2024

Highland Park Church, Lakeland, FL

In conjunction with our Regional theme of "**Blessing Our Communities**," this year's District Advance focus will be on experiencing moments of divine disruption where we allow God to break our hearts for the needs we see in our communities. We'll look at how we can then garner our resources to meet those needs in a way that blesses our communities. 2024 District Advance will provide resourcing, equipping, and inspiration for our pastors and laypeople to take back to their local congregations. You don't want to miss it.

Go to the [2024 District Advance page](#) on the district website for additional **Advance information**:

- Links for Delegate Registration (now open) [LINK](#) - **Deadline April 9**
- On-Site Meal Ordering (any/all guests, delegates, & children must order in advance if you are planning on eating on-site, there is no ordering the day of) [LINK](#) - **Deadline April 9**
- Kids Advance Registration [LINK](#) -- no walk-ins, please - **Deadline April 9**
- Hotel Lists

Advance Guest Speakers

Rev. Dale Schaeffer
Florida District Superintendent



Dr. T. Scott Daniels
General Superintendent
Church of the Nazarene



Dr. Dan Boone
University President
Trevecca Nazarene



Rev. LaMorris Crawford
Preacher, Teacher, Human Potential
Extractor. Nazarene Youth
International (NYI) Guest Speaker



Revs. AJ & Chelsie Frye
Missionaries
Nazarene Mission International
(NMI) Guest Speaker



Rev. Tim Soerens
Preacher, Author, Co-Founding
Executive Director of the Parish Collective.
Nazarene Discipleship International (NDI)
Guest Speaker



Rev. Scott Humston
President of New Dimensions
Evangelism, Family & Connections
Pastor. Nazarene Kids Advance
Guest Speaker



For more information on our 2024 District Advance speakers, [CLICK HERE](#)

Crises Care Kits

Team Florida NMI (Nazarene Missions International) will be collecting **Crisis Care Kits** at 2024 District Advance. CCK's are used in areas of natural disaster and conflict, to provide basic hygiene products for those affected. For directions on how your church can assemble Crisis Care Kits, [CLICK HERE](#). Let's fill up those banana boxes!

Watch for **Tim Alford** and the Crisis Care Kit truck in the parking lot at 2024 DA.



2024-2025 Healthy Church Initiative Cohort



Healthy Church Cohort

Openings are still available to apply for the next Healthy Church Cohort. Pastors should apply and with the approval of their local church board. Churches send their pastor and several laity to four one-day training events over a period of 12 months. Participants meet monthly via zoom to follow-up on executing their ministry plans and for support and encouragement. Participants will learn new ideas for: outreach/evangelism, worship planning, assimilation/discipleship, and children/youth ministries. **Participation in a Cohort fulfills one of the requirements for applying for HCI grants.**

Applications will be reviewed, and we will contact those applicants selected for the Cohort -- space is limited, so you may need to wait until the next year's cohort.

"The cohort has challenged us to think outside the box. We were not aware how broken our systems of ministry were. We have changed and implemented ways of doing ministry with more of a purpose and structure to carry the

vision out." Tim Alford, Ocala West COTN

- [Link to online application for the next Healthy Church Cohort](#)



Florida Nazarene Softball Tournament

Saturday, May 25, 2024

Woodlawn Sports Complex, 1450 16th St., N., St. Petersburg, Florida 33713

Now in its third year, the Florida Nazarene Softball Tournament attracts teams from across the district. Get your team together now and start practicing.

For information and to register, contact Lamar Courtney at 228-671-6633 or lamarcourtney@juno.com



The Becoming Conference

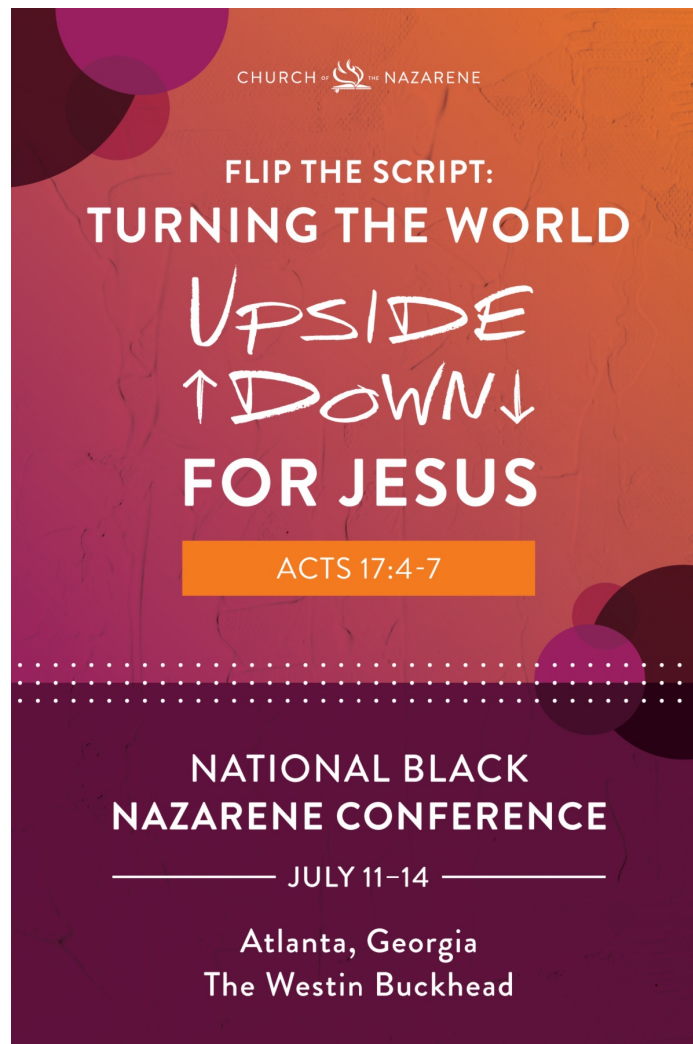
June 26-29, 2024

Trevecca Nazarene University, Nashville, TN

The Becoming Conference is a four-day residential experience that combines vocational training with individual and corporate worship, biblical instruction, service learning, and fun -- all designed to assist students in discovering their call to vocational ministry.

YES track is designed for those students who are interested in further discovery concerning vocational, pastor ministry. See application forms on the information website.

Early bird rates expire April 1. Applications due by May 3.
For more information click [HERE](#) ... to register click [HERE](#).



National Black Nazarene Conference

July 11-14, 2024

Westin Buckhead Atlanta, Georgia.

For information and registration link, visit:

<https://www.usacanadaregion.org/multicultural-ministries/black-ministries>.

The conference is open to all interested persons. For questions you may contact Dr. Charles Tillman, Black Ministries' Facilitator at: drillman@comcast.net



2024 Ministry Team Retreat

Date: Oct. 4-6, 2024

Wyndham Garden, Fort Walton Beach

573 Santa Rosa Blvd. Fort Walton Beach, FL. 32548

Theme: "Discovering the Easy Yoke of Jesus"

Speaker: Pastor & author Rev. Michael LaVigne

Registration will be open in April

NYI Youth Camp



BREAKING NEWS!

Florida NYI Youth Camp

Date: July 1-5, 2024

Theme: That They Would be One

New Location: Reallife Camp at Blue Springs, Marianna, Florida

Northwest of Tallahassee, Florida, Reallife Camp features amazing accommodations and activities, both indoors and outdoors. You *won't* want to miss this year's camp.

Watch www.thefloridanyi.com for more information and registration links, coming soon. Questions? Contact Pastor Richard Stout at pastorrichard@hotmail.com

KIDS Camp



Location: Lake Placid Campground & Conference Center, Lake Placid, FL
Early Registration (\$285) Deadline March 31, 2024
Standard Registration (\$295) Deadline May 31, 2024
Late Registration (\$325) Deadline July 15, 2024

All information, forms and registration can be found at <https://flnazkids.b1.church/kidscamp2024>

Year-to-Date Giving Report

Thank you!

[CLICK HERE](#) for a giving report for 2023-24 thru February 2024. **TREASURERS:** Any payments received after March 1 and not otherwise labeled will be credited for 2024-25 Fair Share. Your Fair Share helps provide the amazing speakers and workshops at 2024 District Advance that will encourage and equip our leaders throughout the district. Thank you! Your giving DOES make a difference.

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