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The East Kentuckian

District Newsletter

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My Dear Eastern Kentucky Friends and Colleagues,

Greetings in the Name of the Lord.

Happy 2024! I believe God is going to do a “New Thing” in 2024. Isaiah 43:19 says, “See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.” God is still in the business of making a WAY. He is doing it for you, for me, and the EKD.

I have seen Him making a way in the hearts and lives of many in recent days and believe He will continue if you and I will be willing to be used by Him. God IS alive and moving strong in and through the great people of Eastern Kentucky. We each one need to be ready and willing to be all God needs us to be for Him today and in the days to come. Let us remember He is doing a “New Thing” in 2024. Isaiah 43:19.

I also would like to share with you some important items coming to our great district.

- The Big Serve – April 19-21, 2024 – this is an entire MVNU Field serve event. All of the local churches on the MVNU Field are encouraged to be involved. Rev. Jason Barnett is helping us organize this. You will see more information for this in the Eastern Kentuckian and your pastor received information in November about it. You may contact Pastor Jason at pastorjasonbarnett@gmail.com, or you can call/text 859-302-9942.
- This month we say goodbye to Rev. Dave Mills as he starts a new assignment at MVNU as VP of Spiritual Life and Church Relations. He will be such a great addition to our school. If you need anything please email or call him at MVNU - David.Mills@mvnu.edu and 740-397-9000
- There are two MVNU events taking place this month:
 - ◇ [Dr. Castleman's Welcome Tour | MVNU New President](#) January 20, 2024 in Maysville
 - ◇ Pastor's Seminar Day January 30, 2024 @ MVNU 9am-3pm cost \$49 (includes meal lunch and materials. Register at: <https://mvnu.edu/church-relations/church-relations-institute-for-missional-engagement/>)
- PALCON June 25-27, 2024
- Please pray for the churches that are in the process of a pastoral transition:
 - Russell Plaza
 - Paris
 - Independence Generations
- Church Updates
 - Catlettsburg 1st – We welcome Rev. Paula Sergent as the new lead pastor.
 - Harlan – Maysville Refinery has now taken Harlan in under their umbrella as a PAC church. Ken Helms will be the on-site pastor in Harlan.
 - Summit – We welcome Rev. TJ Torgerson as the new lead pastor.
 - Twin Fork – We welcome Pastor David Seals as the new lead pastor.
- Please continue to pray for Rev. Dwayne Mills, Executive Director of Appalachian Reach Out and ARO as they minister “Christ's Love in Action”.
 - If you would like to receive the Aro newsletter, email them at arokentucky@gmail.com.
- Please check where your church is on the budget process. This is a great time to get caught up with our privilege of stewardship to the greater church family. *New address for WEF and P&B-ATTN: Donor Services. 17001 Prairie Star Parkway . Lenexa, KS 66220
- Please be in prayer for our Conventions and Assembly June 9-11, 2024.
- Mark your calendars for Super Meeting Day, February 17, 2024
- I want to remind you that Joni and I moved to 314 Briarwood Lane – Winchester KY 40391

Joni and I continue to be humbled by your faithfulness. Thank you for your obedience and also the support we feel from you on the great Eastern Kentucky District.

Totally His, Pastor Doug Wyatt

District Calendar 2024

January

13- Children's Quiz- Ashland
25- Dept Head Calendar Mtg 1pm

February

10- Teen Quiz
17-19 CK Retreat
17- Supermeeting Day

March

3-9 NMI Global Week of Prayer
9 - Children's Quiz
21 - Finance Committee Mtg
23 - Teen Quiz
31 - NMI Easter Offering

April

12- DAB Mtg
13 - Non Lead Pastor Reports Due
19-21 The Big Serve
23 - NMI Council Mtg

May

12- APR Due

June

9-11 District Assembly/Conventions
25-27 PALCON

July

8-12 Kids Camp- Irvine, KY
8-12 Teen Camp- Higher Ground

August

23- 25 Ministers/Mates Retreat-
Higher Ground

November

15-17 Women's Retreat-Higher
Ground

December

7- District Leaders Luncheon



District Boards & Committees **General Superintendent** **in Jurisdiction**

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Rev. Dwayne Mills
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Rev. John Kohr
Rev. Dwayne Mills
Marie Raney
Steven Roberson
Regina Robertson
Rev. Wes Shoemaker, Sr.
Howard Slibeck
Rev. James Webster

MVNU Dates

Jan 20- Dr. Castleman Welcome Tour- Maysville
Jan 30- Pastor's Day Seminar 9a-3p
Feb 24- March 10 - Spring Break
Mar 14-15 Board of Trustees
Mar 15-16 Women's Conference
Apr 3 - Inauguration of Dr. Castleman 10:30a
Apr 11 - Youth Leader Summit
Apr 19-21 Big Serve
Apr 29- Classes End
May 3-4 Commencement Weekend



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Rev. Dwayne Mills

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In Memoriam....

Rev. Bert Ferguson

December 4, 1939 ~ January 7, 2024 (age 84)

Elmer Burton “Bert” Ferguson, Jr, 84, of Salem, IL, formerly of Londonderry, OH and Ashland, KY, passed away peacefully at his home on Sunday, January 7, 2024. Mr. Ferguson was born December 4, 1939 in Ironton, OH, a son of the late Elmer Burton, Sr., and Helen Naomi Ad-dis Ferguson. In addition to his parents, Bert was also preceded in death by his loving wife Barbara Jean Kopper Ferguson, his son Michael Burton Ferguson, his brother Robert Ferguson and his sister Beverly Miller.

Bert was a Nazarene Minister and pastored at several area churches in the tri state. He was a member of Southside Nazarene Church in Catlettsburg. He enjoyed making ceramics, traveling and vacationing in Florida. Bert was an avid mechanic and formerly worked for Schmidgall Trucking in Chicago, IL as a heavy truck mechanic.

Those left to cherish his memory include his daughters Debora Lee Ferguson Stark and husband Jeffrey of Salem IL, Beverly Ferguson of Londonderry, OH, grandchildren Jennifer Harris, Buddy Stark, Jeremiah Stark, Micaela Munsey and Paige Arledge, great grandchildren Braylee Harris, Harley Stark, Jerzee Munsey, Harper Stark, Waylon Munsey, Zebadiah Stark, Levi Stark, Layla Arledge, and Hunter Arledge.

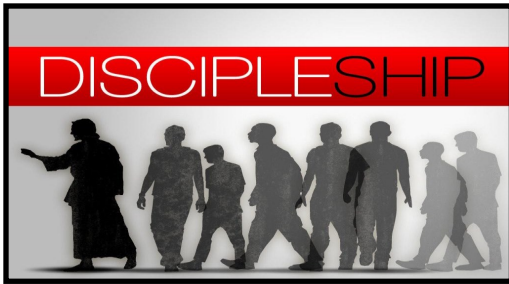
Funeral services will be conducted 2:00pm Saturday, January 13, 2024 at the STEEN FUNERAL HOME CENTRAL AVENUE CHAPEL by Pastor Jim Webster. Burial will be in the Rose Hill Burial Park.

Visitation will be one hour prior to services beginning at 1:00pm on Saturday at the funeral home.

District Super Meetings Schedule February 17, 2024 Erlanger GracePointe

TIME	Meeting
8:00-12:30pm	Board of Ministry
	8:00-8:30 Meeting
	8:30 – 12 Interviews
	12:00 – 12:30 Meeting
10:00	NYI Council
11:30	Lunch
12:00 pm	NDI Meeting
1:30pm-2:45pm	Nominating Committee
2:30	Women’s Ministry Council
3:00-5:30pm	DAB





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Happy New Year EKD NDI Leaders!

This month I want to share with you the 5 Core Principles from our General NDI Leadership in Kansas City. They promote these which we know are essential to the discipleship process in the local church. They are...

- ~Fervent Prayer.
- ~Compassionate Outreach.
- ~Comprehensive Biblical Learning.
- ~Intentional Mentoring and Equipping.
- ~Authentic Relationships

You can use them for evaluation of your local discipleship or even use them as a model to design your discipleship around. They are 5 solid principles that need to be in every Sunday School Class or Small Group.

Let me know if you need help to know how to use them!

Keep striving to making disciples!

Derek Catron
EKD NDI President

Save the Dates!

Kids Camp is set for July 8-12 at Camp Burnamwood in Irvine. Our speaker is Brian Daniels. More details to come!



NDI Council Meeting

Saturday, February 17th

12pm at GracePointe Church

ANNOUNCEMENT 



**DON'T FORGET
TO PAY YOUR
WEF EACH
MONTH !**



**NAZARENE
MISSIONS
INTERNATIONAL**

INTRODUCING OUR LINKS MISSIONARY FOR 2024



Eileen Ruger is from Redondo Beach, California. She has served at Southern Nazarene University as a mission and theology professor from 2013-2019. She also served as a commissioned missionary for the Church of the Nazarene, assigned to the Asia Pacific Region and on the field from January 2004 until 2013 serving as an educator, training pastors and church leaders in her assigned creative access country.

Eileen has a passion for educating women and men to take the Gospel throughout the world. In November 2019 she joined the faculty at Asia Pacific Nazarene Seminary equipping dedicated learners for cross-cultural ministry.

Eileen graduated from Southern Nazarene University. She received her master of religious education from Nazarene Theological Seminary, and received her doctorate from the Assembly of God Seminary in applied intercultural studies. She is an ordained elder in the Church of the Nazarene.

Please pray for Eileen as she helps prepare women and men from all over the world for cross-cultural ministry at APNTS.

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APRIL 19-21

The dates for this event is quickly approaching! We want to make sure we join in with the thousands of Nazarenes across the MVNU field who will be serving their communities in the name of Jesus!

Between now and then, you will begin to receive a lot more communication from me through emails, Facebook posts, and the newsletter. I want to help in every way I can so that your church lives an imprint of Jesus on the lives of those in your community. My goal is not necessarily to give you a “how to” manual, but to provide you with tools and ideas to be successful.

Below is a link to a shared folder with ideas and a t-shirt order form.

I know you all have been praying over this event, and I am so excited to hear what your church is planning, expecting God to do amazing things. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Pastor Jason Barnett—email pastorjasonbarnett@gmail.com, call/text: 859-302-9942



LINK TO GOOGLE DRIVE FOLDER



https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1kaOzE40il9ce4r7jGFT_n7AKmuZmSCcY?usp=sharing

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2024 DATES

● PK Retreat February 16-19
at Kalahari

● District Blast March 15-16
at Ashland Grace

(Cost: Student 50, Adult 20)

● Field Blast June 5-8 at MVNU
(Cost: EST. S. 70-80, A.40-50)

● Summer Camp July 8-12
at Higher Grounds

(Cost: EST 200-250)

● Fall Retreat October 4-6
(Cost: EST 75-100)



Our Shares for Others

Because Our Mission is Bigger than Ourselves

Budget Payments – Please remember to mail your District and MVNU budget payments to:

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Church	WEF	P&B	MVNU	District	NMI	NDI	NYI
Argillite	583	242	223	488	48	31	31
Ashland First	5115	2258	2258	6021	500	301	301
Ashland Grace	3790	1550	1549	3444	276	238	207
Beattyville	0	0	0	0	210	400	0
Beauty	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
California	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cannonsburg-New Beginning	2392	978	1855	4124	333	282	282
Catlettsburg First	1525	543	543	1202	99	75	75
Catlettsburg Southside	4561	1866	1866	4147	419	252	252
Clintonville	350	0	50	100	50	50	50
Corbin	4920	2015	2015	4501	363	272	272
Covington Central	2013	915	824	1830	39	29	29
Covington Eastside	3168	951	951	2534	170	127	127
CrossPoint Community	17855	0	0	16232	0	0	0
Cumberland	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Durbin	1961	805	805	1783	145	111	111
Erlanger	556	229	229	577	72	34	34
Erlanger GracePointe Community	15470	6469	5286	17808	677	508	408
Flatwoods First	882	450	450	1000	80	60	60
Flemingsburg	6049	2518	2615	5812	460	349	349
Grayson	5143	1158	1158	2571	290	155	155
Harlan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Immanuel	3158	883	883	1962	240	118	118
Independence Generations	12379	5064	5064	11254	900	343	675
Independence New Life	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Inez	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Irvine First	2594	1053	877	2179	104	78	78
Lloyd	3805	1500	2570	5685	475	360	360
London	2193	855	855	2013	152	114	114
Maysville The Refinery	6005	2456	2456	5552	444	333	333
Morehead	881	881	308	881	0	0	0
Mount Sterling True Life Community	1550	839	0	0	0	0	0
North Middletown	605	254	254	565	69	34	34
Olive Hill	1600	900	900	2000	286	200	200
Paintsville	600	300	300	600	50	50	50
Paris	1778	628	628	1396	301	126	96
Pineville	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ravenna	3384	1404	1393	3096	248	188	186
Richmond Rosemont	0	0	0	0	100	0	0
Richmond Southside	1860	761	1792	3983	319	239	239
Russell-Plaza Community	2425	992	830	1904	197	131	131
South Shore	1910	801	801	1906	194	194	36
Straight Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Summit	500	160	160	160	0	0	0
Turkey Creek	5398	2274	2468	5338	428	470	295
Twin Fork	0	875	1050	2650	0	100	165
Waco	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Worthington	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wurtland First	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total of Church Giving	128959	45828	46267	127298	8738	6349	5852