



Bro. Ron's Good News Tuesday!

*"If your harvest tools are ready,
God will provide work for you to do."*

From Bro. Ron— Sunday we enjoyed spending time worshipping with the majority of our immediate family. Mother's Day is such a special time to spend with family, and we cherish it so much! We had almost the whole family together for a meal Sunday afternoon. Since we are gone to different churches most every Sunday the times of us being together as a family are few and far in between.

Bro. Blake Richmond- Shady Grove

What a weekend for the congregation at Shady Grove! This Mother's Day weekend, we held our annual Boston Butt and Bake Sale, and it was a great success! Through this fundraiser, we had the opportunity to minister to people who had never visited our church before, as well as some who hadn't been in quite some time.

On Mother's Day itself, we had an outstanding crowd of 73! This is the second largest in my time at Shady Grove. We are growing! A new member class is scheduled for next month, with 9 confirmed participants and more expected! The challenge to my congregation after the Lenten season was to be Rooted in Christ & Growing in Love. We are doing just that!

In other news, if any church on the district is in need of a van, Shady Grove is selling a 1994 Ford Econoline with 150,000 miles for \$3,000. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you're interested!

Bro. John Hale- ETNDI President

<https://form.jotform.com/240814399131153>

Again, this year, the East Tennessee NDI council will award a \$500.00 Trevecca scholarship to an undergraduate student enrolled at Trevecca. This scholarship is available to any person currently enrolled or who will enroll this fall (2026) at Trevecca. Please follow the instructions carefully and submit an essay explaining what God is doing in your life and what you plan to major in while studying at Trevecca .

The East Tennessee District NDI is pleased to welcome Elizabeth Gaefe as our new ETNDI district treasurer. Please be praying for her during this transition. We know she will do a great job.

Bro. John Hale- Newport

This past Mother's Day, we celebrated with twenty ladies. God is so good, and the church is growing. We are excited about what God is doing here in Newport, TN. We hope that next year we will be able to celebrate forty ladies on Mother's Day.

Dr. Mark Montgomery - Nazarene Collegiate Fellowship

God, the Lord of the Harvest, is so good and gives the increase from what we sow! >

Since January 1, 2026, God has guided and empowered Nazarene Collegiate Fellowship to mobilize Nazarenes to gain footholds of Campus Mission on three more public and non-Nazarene college and university campuses bringing the total to 13 locations in the NCF-supported and equipped network. Two of those, Middle Tennessee State and Carson Newman University, are located in the East Tennessee District. The third is Austin Peay State in Clarksville, TN in the Mid-South District.

Stories of students transformed by hearing the gospel and encountering Christ continue to be reported by more than 20 Nazarene volunteers affiliated with NCF. At the University of Tennessee Knoxville, a group of student leaders, many of whom Dr. Mark Montgomery and Rev. Seth Merrill have discipled for three years, have selected officers for Awe & Wonder Campus Mission, our NCF registered organization, for the new school year. Last week, Rev. Codey Talley led the capstone 30th lesson in "John's Case for Jesus and Your Verdict" series, completing a ROTC cadet study of the entire 21 chapters of the Gospel of John with twelve students in attendance.>

Rev. Mary Cobb has been asked by LTC Michael Wellock, UT K Professor of Military Science, to deliver the invocation and benediction at Friday's Rocky Top Battalion Army ROTC ceremony where 72 2nd Lieutenants will be commissioned. She has been mentoring female ROTC cadets in small group Bible Study this year

Rev. Audra Curry and Rev. Dale Turner are beginning to serve as chaplains for the MTSU Army ROTC battalion while gathering enough students to register a Nazarene Collegiate Fellowship chapter at that school for the new academic year in Murfreesboro.

Nazarene Collegiate Fellowship welcomes Maddie Mayfield as its new administrative assistant to support Dr. Montgomery, volunteer staff, and the multiplication network.



Rev. Chris Bean, regional director of Nazarene Campus Mission, addressed 18 NCF affiliated and curious ministry leaders via Zoom at our April 18th gathering with encouragement and recognition at Foothills Nazarene Camp and Retreat Center. Thanks, Michael Mayfield, for accommodating us.

To keep up with news about joining Jesus on Campus Mission throughout the Olivet, Mt. Vernon, and Trevecca educational zones, subscribe to the monthly NCF newsletter by visiting our website: www.nazcf.org or sending a message to maddie.mayfield@nazcf.org.>

Thank you, ETN District family, for your prayers and support for Nazarene Collegiate Fellowship as we mobilize Nazarenes to reach the 38+ colleges located in our district to make disciples of young adult students, college faculty and staff.

NCF continues to offer to be your partner in Global Mission where 1.1 million students from around the world come to the United States and Canada for their higher education. Pray to the Lord of the Harvest that He will send more workers and resources into the ripening fields of spiritual awakening.

End of the Year Matters!

Pastors, our 2025-2026 Church year has closed! It is time to be making sure that you finalize your statistics so that you may get YOUR reports on time.

May 16, 2026 - All Pastors: ANNUAL PASTOR'S REPORTS FILED ONLINE.

<http://apr.nazarene.org/>

May 23, 2026 – All other reports (Certificate of Election, Church Directory, Deceased Members, Ministerial Reports) are due to the District Secretary. etdistrictsec@gmail.com

Is your treasurer updating the Funding The Mission website? Pastor if you don't know, THEN PLEASE ASK YOUR TREASURER. What about your Church Budgets? Are they paid up to date?

Pastor's Reports To The Assembly

This year we are asking that Pastor's prepare a WRITTEN Report as opposed to giving it orally. We are asking you to write A ONE PAGE report that will be published in the District Assembly Book. This will be available both in printed and digital form.

Please offer a highlight such as a powerful conversion, a tremendous answer to prayer, or a way in which God has blessed your church greatly this year. I would love for you to end with how the district can pray for your church in the new year.

Although your report will be written, we will bring pastors to the front by Mission Area Regions like we have done the past three years. Each Pastor will be introduced and be given a gift bag. We will then pray for each group of pastors before they sit down. We feel it is very important that the district be able to identify you with your church! Find below the schedule of when your Mission Area Region will be introduced.

Tuesday Evening - Mission Area Region #2, Knoxville Area

Wed. Morning— Mission Area Regions #1 & #3

Wed. Afternoon— Mission Area Region #5 and All Hispanic Pastors

Thurs. Morning— Mission Area Regions #4 & #6

Pastor, I need your written report sent to me by **June 8th**. Send it to me at rondewitt@bellsouth.net. This gives you ALMOST a month. Please get it to us in time so that your church will not be disappointed by not being represented in the Booklet.

I Have Received 8 Reports so far!

Palcon- June 11-13

Pastors, have you registered YET?

Pastors, Palcon (Pastors and Leadership Conference) is scheduled at Trevecca June 11-13 this Summer. The registration is now open @ palcon.org and the registration fee is \$209. Through a grant, we have secured 10 spots for Bi-Vocational pastors at a reduced price of \$100. If you are Bi-Vocational and would like to register, I need you to do two things:

First- Let me know that you are registering at the reduced price.

Second- Follow these instructions when registering. When you register for PALCON, use the code: PREACH, and the registration fee will drop to \$100.

Pastors, Please Let Your Leadership Know These Mailing Addresses:

East TN Church of the Nazarene, P.O. Box 2557, Shelbyville, TN 37162

District Treasurer: East TN Church of the Nazarene (For District Budget Payment)

c/o Scott Ezell, P.O. Box 342, Gordonsville, TN 38563

OUR UPCOMING DATES TO PUT ON YOUR CALENDAR:

May 29-31- MANCAMP @ FCRC

June 3-7- Family Camp- Dr. Larry Dennis- Camp Speaker -See Attached Flyers

June 11-13- PALCON @ TNU- Early Bird Fee- \$209

June 15-19 - Children's Camp @ FCRC

June 21-25 – Teen Camp @ FCRC

July 1-5- NYC in Salt Lake City

July 14-16- District Assembly and Conventions @ Lee University

August 22- INSPIRE- To be held at Crossville Church