

December | 2024

Northern Lights

Northern Michigan District Church of the Nazarene

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His Birth and Our New Birth

by Oswald Chambers

Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel," which is translated, "God with us." —[Matthew 1:23](#)

His Birth in History. "...that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God ([Luke 1:35](#)). Jesus Christ was born into this world, not from it. He did not emerge out of history; He came into history from the outside. Jesus Christ is not the best human being the human race can boast of— He is a Being for whom the human race can take no credit at all. He is not man becoming God, but God Incarnate— God coming into human flesh from outside it. His life is the highest and the holiest entering through the most humble of doors. Our Lord's birth was an advent—the appearance of God in human form.

His Birth in Me. "My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you..." ([Galatians 4:19](#)). Just as our Lord came into human history from outside it, He must also come into me from outside. Have I allowed my personal human life to become a "Bethlehem" for the Son of God? I cannot enter the realm of the kingdom of God unless I am born again from above by a birth totally unlike physical birth. "You must be born again" ([John 3:7](#)).

This is not a command, but a fact based on the authority of God. The evidence of the new birth is that I yield myself so completely to God that "Christ is formed" in me. And once "Christ is formed" in me, His nature immediately begins to work through me.

God Evident in the Flesh. This is what is made so profoundly possible for you and for me through the redemption of man by Jesus Christ.

Jackie and I want to extend a Merry Christmas season to you all. May God's love, joy, and peace fill your hearts and homes in a mighty way. And may God's grace abound to you all to lift up Jesus, our Lord and Savior, in your lives and ministry.

Dan Gilmore, District Superintendent

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. [Romans 15:13](#)

Welcome to Northern Michigan District

Rev. Mark Peters is the new pastor at East Tawas Church of the Nazarene. Mark and his wife Heidi are moving to Northern Michigan from Colorado Springs, CO. Mark is an executive at Compassion International. Mark and Heidi's first Sunday will be January 5, 2025.



Mark your calendar for these events in 2025.

January 10-12 - Winter Whiteout
March 15 - District Celebrate Life
May 8 -10 - Regional Celebrate Life

Winter Whiteout

Where: Center Lake Bible Camp in Tustin, MI
Who: Students currently in 6th through 12th grade
Cost: \$150 per person
Speaker: Hannah Rowen Fry
Music: Olivet Worship Team

[Information and Forms](#)

District Celebrate Life

Saturday, March 15, 2025
Beaverton Church of the Nazarene

Regional Celebrate Life

May 8 - 10, 2025
Olivet Nazarene University
[website](#)

Be watching for registration information.

2024

DECEMBER 7 - DISTRICT PASTORS CHRISTMAS GATHERING
PARK PLACE HOTEL, TRAVERSE CITY

2025

JAN 10-12 - WINTER WHITEOUT - CENTER LAKE BIBLE CAMP
FEB 10-12 - M25 CONFERENCE - KANSAS CITY, MO
MAR 15 - DISTRICT CELEBRATE LIFE - BEAVERTON
APRIL 11-12 - DISTRICT ASSEMBLY - CLARE COTN
MAY 8-10 - REGIONAL CELEBRATE LIFE - ONU
JULY 28-AUG 1 - KID'S CAMP - MANTON CAMP
AUG 1-3 - FAMILY CAMP WEEKEND - MANTON CAMP
SEPT 19-21 - PASTOR & SPOUSE RETREAT

upcoming events

2026

APRIL 17-18 - DISTRICT ASSEMBLY - CLARE COTN
JUL 1-5 - NYC - SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH

2027

JUNE 25-JULY 3 - GENERAL ASSEMBLY
KANSAS CITY, MO

February 10-12, 2025 in Kansas City



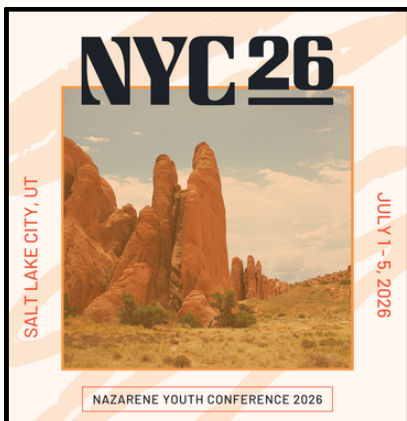
SPEAKERS



M25 is a USA/Canada Regional quadrennial Nazarene conference focused entirely on evangelism and the regional Cycle of Resurgence: Bringing People to Jesus vision. This **conference** is intended to be the kick-off for learning, networking, and a call to action for Bringing People to Jesus in 2025. The agenda will include plenary speakers, break-out workshops, affinity group meetings, and corporate worship time. In short, this conference is for connecting and growing. Participants will leave this conference encouraged, equipped, empowered, and challenged to engage in new ways to bring people to Jesus.

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Salt Lake City, Utah | July 1-5, 2026