

JANUARY - 2025

NORTHERN MICHIGAN DISTRICT CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

NORTHERN LIGHTS

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The Shadow of the Almighty

by Dan Gilmore
District Superintendent

He that dwells in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty (Psalms 91:1).

Often times our new-year's resolutions focus on what we would like to do or where we would like to go. Let me suggest that it may also be good to resolve to dwell or abide in a fixed place. Psalm 91 (a precious passage and favorite Psalm of many) begins with the promise that living in God's secret place will cause us to abide (fix our dwelling) under the shadow of the almighty. The Psalmist here shows the contrast between those who abide in God's secret place and those who wander outside that precious sanctuary. Safety, comforts, and protections are the rewards of abiding within God's secret place. Wow! This seems a very worthwhile resolution.

I will say of the LORD, He is my refuge and my fortress: my God; in him will I trust." Psalm 91:2

Verse 9 reveals that dwelling in God's secret place involves purpose and intentionality. The greater context assures us that our purpose to find refuge in God will result in His tender care over us. There are many things that I could focus on in the meaning of dwelling in the secret place of the Most High, but I'll note just two. They are, spending precious time with God perpetually (vs. 9-10) and fixing our love on God (v. 14). Let's resolve at the gate of the year to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to spend precious quality and quantity time with Him. I close with this glorious promise, ***the eyes of the LORD run to and from throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong on the behalf of those whose heart is perfect toward him (2 Chronicles 16:9a).***

Winter Whiteout - January 10-12

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](#)

CELEBRATE LIFE 2025

God has given everyone of us gifts; these gifts are given not to make us look great, but to bring glory to Him. Celebrate Life is a youth event designed to help students find the gifts they have, develop those talents, and discover how God can use them to build his Kingdom.



Celebrate Life Event Information

<https://celebratelife.olivet.edu/>

District Celebrate Life

Date: March 15, 2025

Location: Beaverton Church of the Nazarene

Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Details: Meet youth from the Northern Michigan District, share talents, develop teams, & create friendships

TALENT EVENTS

Volleyball	Table Tennis	Singing
Basketball	5K Run	Instruments
Dodgeball	Pickleball	Dancing
Soccer	Corn Hole	Drama
Chess	Bible Quizzing	Photography/Art
Tennis		

NMD NYI Website

<https://www.nmdnyi.com/celebrate-life.html>



Regional Celebrate Life

Date: May 8 - 10, 2025

Location: Olivet Nazarene University (ONU), Bourbonnais, IL

Details: Youth from 4 states & 11 districts gather at ONU to experience college life, share talents through individuals & team events, create friendships, & worship together.

Cost: Participants --- \$160.00

- On-line registration

Sponsors --- \$140.00

- Must be 21 years of age or older
- On-line registration
- Background check
- Ministry Safe training

Registration:



• <https://cl.olivet.edu/register.php?dpwd=G2CJBHA4>

Payment: **Due in Full by April 1st, 2025**

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M25 Registration is Open



M25 is a USA/Canada regional quadrennial Nazarene conference focused entirely on evangelism. It will further the regional vision, our CoRe Strategy (Cycle of Resurgence), and in particular our 2025 emphasis of Bringing People to Jesus. The agenda will include plenary speakers, break-out workshops, affinity group meetings, and corporate worship times. Pastors, lay leaders, and students will leave this conference encouraged, equipped, empowered, and ready to engage in new ways of Bringing People to Jesus. Check out the excellent line up of exhibitors that will be ready to support you in ministry [here!](#)

[Register](#)

[More Information](#)

[Cycle of Resurgence](#)

Bringing People to Jesus Webinar January 14th at 12:00 CST



Join missionaries Sam and Kristi Senica as we explore why we are emphasizing evangelism on the USA/Canada Region in 2025 and what resources and partners will be available to help you as you navigate evangelism in today's culture! Lifelong learning hours will be available



**BRINGING
PEOPLE TO
JESUS
2025**

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Outreach + USA/Canada Region Partnership



The USA/Canada Region has partnered with Outreach to create Nazarene-exclusive products. You can check out these products at nazarene.outreach.com. We have worked to get our churches the best prices on banners, invites, and more! Currently, products are available in English with Spanish and French coming soon!

Free Course by Dr. Chic Shaver on How to Witness



The Bible Speaks to Me About My Witness is a free resource created by Dr. Chic Shaver. The sessions include 12 PDFs and eight videos to help people learn how to witness, which are excellent for individuals or small groups. [CLICK HERE](#) to begin!

The Discipleship Place Released a New Bible Study



The Discipleship Place library of Bible studies continues to grow monthly. You can now enjoy I & II Samuel.

Thanks to the work of Dr. Daryll Stanton and Natasha Skyba for their work on editing and revising! [Go to the library](#).

The Preaching Collaborative



In conjunction with the region's 2025 emphasis on Bringing People to Jesus, the Preaching Collaborative is expanding into district cohorts. Beginning in March, peer-to-peer learning cohorts will be forming on districts all across the region. Four districts are beta testing now: Joplin, Northeast Oklahoma, Prairie Lakes, and Virginia.

Are you wondering if a preaching cohort is for you? Check out this 2-minute video from Pastor Kevin Donoho at College Church in Olathe, KS. [Cohort Impact Statement - Pastor Kevin Donoho](#)

Want to be a part of the movement? Talk to your district superintendent or visit usacanadaregion.org/preach

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 3 - ABC'S OF DISCIPLE MAKING - BEAVERTON 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

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

upcoming
events

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 news ways to bring people to Jesus.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

[video](#)



[website](#)

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

"Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God."
-Corrie Ten Boom

"Without Christ there is no hope." -Charles Spurgeon

Hope is called the anchor of the soul (Hebrews 6:19), because it gives stability to the Christian life. But hope is not simply a 'wish' (I wish that such-and-such would take place); rather, it is that which latches on to the certainty of the promises of the future that God has made.
-RC Sproul

Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer.

Romans 12:12