# **Upcoming Events/Opportunities (continued)**

#### \*NEW\* New Year's Eve Fellowship (December 31)

New Year's Eve Fellowship will start after Singspiration service @Mackey Campus. Please bring finger foods and board games to share. We will be meeting in the sanctuary around midnight to bring the in New Year as a church family. We look forward to seeing you there. Please plan to join us. **#ENGAGE** 

## \*NEW\* New Year's Eve Chili Cook-Off (December 31)

Sign up at the Welcome Center to register your chili. Chili needs to be checked in to the church kitchen @Mackey Campus by 9:00 pm. **#ENGAGE** 

## Senior Saturday (January 6, 2024)

Join us at 12:00 pm @Owensville Campus for food, fun, and fellowship! Please bring soup, sandwiches, or dessert and a table game to play. For more information, please see Bob Strickland (812-677-6293). **#ENGAGE** 

#### MCON 101 Class (January 13, 2024)

Are you interested in the history, beliefs and mission of the Nazarene denomination? Please attend our MCON 101 Class from 8:00 am-12:00 pm @Mackey Campus. Preregister at the Welcome Center for a free lunch! #ENGAGE

## Senior Saturday (January 20, 2024)

Join us at 12:00 pm @Mackey Campus for food, fun, and fellowship! Please bring soup, sandwiches, or dessert and a table game to play. For more information, please see Bob Strickland (812-677-6293). **#ENGAGE** 

# **Mission Focus**

*Nigeria* (Africa Region) has a divisive pre-colonial past and was occupied by many diverse ethnic groups, each with different languages and traditions. These groups, ranging from large Islamic kingdoms to smaller city-states, occupied a fragmented land. In 1062, a federal republic with three constituent states was established. The country has suffered significant regional and ethnic tension, much linked to past disputes over territories and resources, resulting in civil wars and ongoing ethnic violence and distrust among factions. The Church of the Nazarene has been in Nigeria since officially registering in 1977. The challenges faced in this context provide opportunities to increase educational attainment among youth and women, improvement of healthcare, and awareness of and correction of the evil of significant sex trafficking. The Good News of Jesus and the transformative message of scriptural holiness is the key to the resolution of many of the problems faced in Nigeria today.