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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY U.S.A.**

This Saturday, our nation will celebrate its two hundred and thirty-third birthday.

Let's look back to the beginning days of our country:

Of the first 116 colleges in America, 113 were founded by churches to train young people for Christian service. On our coins are inscribed the words "In God We Trust." In our pledge to the flag we talk of one nation under God.

Washington, the Father of our country, knelt in the snow at Valley Forge and prayed and there came to him by divine revelation a vision for the future of this great republic.

His vision indicated that if the infant nation was to be properly established, it must be by righteousness.

In the writing of the Constitution of the United States, those three dozen men met in Philadelphia for a number of days trying to frame this great document. Benjamin Franklin reminded them they were trying to build without God. "What shall we do?" they asked. Mr. Franklin said, have the chaplain read the Word of God and after reading the Word of God, let's pray for God's wisdom. Of the fifty-five men who formed the Constitution, fifty-five were active members of a church.

Jefferson called the Bible the Cornerstone for American Liberty and put it in our schools.

On the Liberty Bell, they took a verse from the Bible, found in the Book of Leviticus, and printed "Proclaim Liberty Throughout the Land."

Psalm 33:12 - "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."

My prayer for this 4th of July is "God bless America" and may we follow the faith of our fathers.

Have a great and safe 4th.

**FAMILY CAMP**

Our annual district Family Camp will be August 3-9, 2009. Pastors, please promote the camp meeting. We are planning special events throughout the week: Tuesday afternoon - golfing; Wednesday afternoon - Children's bike parade; Thursday afternoon - disk shooting range (you will need to bring your guns and shells), anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Pastors, if you need more camp posters, contact the District Office.

We ask each church to bring a \$260 offering to help with the cost of camp, or take an offering and bring that to camp meeting.

Thanks for your prayers and support for camp meeting 2009.

### **DISTRICT CAMPS**

**Teen Camp** - July 20-24, 2009

Manton Christian Camp

"OVERHAULED"

Speaker: Matt Henson

Cost: \$110 (A \$15 late fee will be added to all registrations received after June 30)

Live Worship led by a group from ONU

For more information contact: Pastor Mark Hoult at (989) 732-4909 - mwhoult@hotmail.com

**Children's Camp** - July 27-31, 2009

Manton Christian Camp

For children ages 8-12

To pre-register, complete the form and make out a check to your local church for \$100 by July 19th. The local church will send all forms with one check made out to Northern Michigan District for \$100 per camper. No personal checks will be accepted. Registration is limited to 144 campers. If you do not pre-register, camp costs are \$125 per camper. Room assignments will be from 3-4 p.m. on Monday, July 27.

If you need more information or have questions, please contact Rev. Jeremy Gomez at 810-265-8050 or e-mail revjgomez@mac.com.

### **Family Camp**

August 3-9, 2009

Manton Christian Camp

9528 East 16 Road

Manton, Michigan

Phone: 231-824-3200

Speaker: Rev. Ron Richmond - Bible Study Speaker: Dr. Jim Campau - Music: David Brown

Children's Services: Brent & Lisa Ulrich

Monday - 7:00 p.m., Tuesday-Sunday - 10:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m., Sunday - 4:00 p.m.

Youth Activities: Pastor Joe Kronewitter

For housing information and reservations call: Rev. Harold Gilkerson, Camp Manager at 231-972-4246.

### **DISTRICT MEN'S RETREAT**

September 18-19, 2009

Loon Lake Retreat Center

Hale, Michigan

Rev. Dale Freed, Evangelist in the Church of the Nazarene, will be the guest speaker.

### **Weekend Schedule:**

Friday Night: Check-in	Anytime after 3:00 p.m.
Evening Meal	7:00 p.m.
General Session	8:00 p.m.

Saturday:	Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
	General Session	9:30 a.m.
	Lunch	12:00 Noon
	Free Time	12:30-3:30 p.m.
	General Session	3:30 p.m.
	Heading Home	Around 4:30 p.m.

Please fill out a registration form for each person attending and mail to East Tawas Church of the Nazarene, 811 E. Bay, East Tawas, MI 48730. Please send registrations by September 11.

The location of the Loon Lake Retreat Center is 2 miles north of Hale on M-65. Enter the property on the west side of M-65 and proceed until the road ends. The Retreat Center telephone number is 877-264-1004 (for an emergency only).

### **PASTORS' WORKSHOP**

Michigan District

Dr. Dan and Vicki Copp will have a pastors' workshop on the Michigan District at the Indian Lake Camp on September 14-16, 2009. Michigan District has invited the Eastern Michigan District and the Northern Michigan District to be a part of this training.

Registration is during the afternoon on Monday. The meeting will be Monday evening through noon Wednesday. Food and lodging will be on the campgrounds. More information as to cost, etc. coming soon. I just wanted you to have the date. Our men's retreat for our district will be that weekend, September 18 and 19, 2009. I think we can do both.

### **DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S SCHEDULE**

July 1-5	General Assembly
July 8	Grace Community, Marquette
July 12	Cherry Grove dedication of their new building
July 14-18	Virginia Family and Family Reunion
July 19	Eastern Michigan District Camp
July 20-24	Teen Camp
July 22	Michigan District Assembly
July 26	Glen Lake - 10:30 a.m.
July 27-31	Boys and Girls Camp
August 3-9	Family Camp

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