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DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

MEN'S RETREAT

WOW! What a great District Men's Retreat this past weekend, September 18-19, 2009.

We gathered at the Loon Lake Retreat Center in Hale, MI. Sixty-three men enjoyed a wonderful weekend together.

We had a lot of activities: canoeing, kayaking, horseshoe playing, ping pong, fishing, basketball, archery, skeet shooting, etc., good food, and good fellowship. Rev. Dale Freed brought powerful messages. It was truly a life-changing weekend.

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GAYLORD

We had a very special day of worship and celebration this past Sunday, September 20, 2009, at our Gaylord church of the Nazarene. A great crowd of people for worship with many families. Rev. Mark Hoult brought a great message from Ephesians Chapter Four. From worship, we moved to the county park for a picnic. We had great food and great fellowship. Immediately following the picnic, Rev. Hoult baptized six believers in the Otsego Lake. These are good days for our Gaylord Church. Pastor Mark Hoult has been pastor in Gaylord for eight years. Deb and I really enjoyed being with the Gaylord Nazarenes and Mark and Brenda Hoult.

OSCODA

This past Sunday, September 20, 2009, the Oscoda Church received three new Nazarenes by profession of faith. Following the morning service they had a Sunday School picnic at the local park. The picnic was followed by a baptism service in the lake where four were baptized.

ALANSON

The Alanson church gave their two pastors a surprise birthday party on September 8 and presented them with a beautiful cake, cards, and love offerings totaling over \$900.

PETOSKEY, CHARLEVOIX, BOYNE CITY, ALANSON

The Petoskey, Charlevoix, Boyne City, and Alanson churches had a combined baptism service the last Sunday of August in Lake Charlevoix. It was a wonderful time of togetherness and 12 people were baptized.

NBC

As you read this, I am on my way to the NBC trustees meeting in Colorado Springs. I will speak in chapel Tuesday night and then our meeting will be Wednesday through Friday. I will be back in town on Saturday.

ZONE TOUR

Next week begins our annual zone tour. Dates, places and times are listed in this newsletter. I look forward to being with you.

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

During the month of October be sure to express appreciation to your pastor and other clergy in your church. You can find ideas and resources on-line at www.nazarenepastor.org.

DISTRICT WOMEN'S RETREAT

October 9-10, 2009

Ramada Inn of Grayling

"Never The Same" - Featuring, Susie Shellenberger

Registration Deadline: September 22nd. Each church has received a packet with information about the retreat, along with registration forms. If you have questions, contact Jennie Bowman at 231-832-2662, or e-mail jenniebowman@juno.com.

Mini Sessions for the Retreat are:

"Working Through the Circumstances" - with Ruth Gregory

"Forgiven and Set Free" - with LuAnn Graf

"Be Encouraged! God Still Reigns" - with Francie Barker

ZONE TOUR

Following are the dates, places and times of our annual zone meetings:

September 28	Central Zone at Cadillac First, 10:00 a.m.
September 28	Lake Michigan Zone at Big Rapids, 2:00 p.m.
September 29	South Zone at Clare, 10:00 a.m.
September 29	Lake Huron Zone at East Tawas, 3:00 p.m.
September 30	Grand Traverse Zone at Traverse City First, 10:00 a.m.
October 1	Mackinaw Zone at Charlevoix, 10:00 a.m.
October 2	Sault Zone at Pickford, 10:00 a.m.
October 3	Lake Superior Zone at Iron River, 10:00 a.m. (Central Time)

TEAM DAY

The Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries International Board has asked that the pastors be reminded to mark your calendars for TEAM Day on Saturday, February 20, 2010. The SDMI Board is planning to offer a scholarship to every district church to pay the registration fee for their Sunday School Superintendent or their representative. More information will follow in October of 2009.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S SCHEDULE

September 23-25	NBC Trustees Meeting
September 27	Alanson
September 28-October 3	D.S. Fall Zone Tour
September 28	Central Zone, Cadillac First - 10:00 a.m.
September 28	Lake Michigan Zone, Big Rapids - 2:00 p.m.
September 29	South Zone, Clare - 10:00 a.m.
September 29	East Tawas Zone, East Tawas - 3:00 p.m.
September 30	Grand Traverse Zone, Traverse City First - 10:00 a.m.
October 1	Mackinaw Zone, Charlevoix - 10:00 a.m.
October 2	Sault Zone, Pickford - 10:00 a.m.
October 3	Lake Superior Zone, Iron River - 10:00 a.m. (Central Time)
October 4	ONU
October 5-7	ONU Trustees Meeting
October 11	Sault Ste. Marie Sam Mackety
October 25	Pickford
October 29	DAB meeting - Noon, Traverse City First

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