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**THOUGHTS FOR A NEW YEAR**

We have all heard Dr. Brown say, as he did at last month's Christmas banquet, "You are always doing better than you think you are."

Now, I'm not comparing him to the former University of Michigan football coach Bo Schembechler, but this quote from Bo does have a familiar ring to it, "If your team is on the losing streak, but you're still giving the effort, the attitude is good and you're doing things the right way; then stick to your guns, get back to basics, and things will turn around."

"The worst thing you can do is abandon all the things you were already doing right, and make everything else a lot worse."

Then again, there may be some of you who will want to forget last year completely and look forward to new beginnings in a new year. If so, I would offer you the quote from Dietrich Bonhoeffer:

"We must cease to guard the ashes of the past; we must rekindle the flame."

The Apostle Paul writes in Romans 12:11 (RSV) "Be aglow with the Spirit." L.B. Phillips translates this as, "Let us keep the fires of the Spirit burning."

May God richly bless you in this New Year,  
Jerald O. Batterbee

**CHERRY GROVE**

Rev. Jerry Batterbee has accepted the call to pastor the Cherry Grove Church of the Nazarene. Rev. Batterbee has pastored the Kalkaska church since March of 02. His first Sunday at Cherry Grove will be February 7. I will meet the board in Kalkaska on February 16. Keep the Batterbees and the churches in Kalkaska and Cherry Grove in your prayers during this transition.

**FREMONT**

Rev. Dan Vickey has resigned our Fremont Church of the Nazarene to accept a pastorate in Fremont, Ohio. His last Sunday at Fremont, Michigan will be the 14th of February. He has pastored at Fremont since September of 03. I will meet the board on the 17th of February. Please keep the Vickeys and the Fremont church in your prayers during this transition.

## **HOLINESS SUMMIT**

March 14-15, 2010  
Saginaw Valley Church of the Nazarene  
989-754-2000

The Summit will include Eastern Michigan District, Michigan District, and Northern Michigan District. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. There will be three services on Monday: two in the A.M. and one service in the P.M. closing the summit. The keynote speakers will be Dan Bohi, Mark Quanstrom, Brett Rickey, Susie Shellenberger, and the worship leader will be John Mathias. The Summit is free (a free will offering will be taken) Reservations not required. Brochures were passed out to the pastors at the Christmas gathering. If you need more copies of the brochure, please contact the district office.

## **TEAM DAY**

February 20, 2010

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, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The SDM Board is planning to offer a scholarship to every district church to pay the registration fee for their Sunday School Superintendent or their representative.

Early Registration: postmarked by January 25

Adults and teens: \$25

Final Registration Deadline: postmarked by February 1

Adults and teens: \$35

Late Registrations not accepted.

## **ATTENDANCE STATS**

If you have not reported your December attendance stats, please call or e-mail the figures in by Tuesday noon. Thank you.

## **DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT SABBATICAL**

The District Advisory Board will be extending a sabbatical leave to the District Superintendent from December 25, 2009 until February 5, 2010. Member Elders on the District Advisory Board will cover for the District Superintendent by Zones. Following is your contact person during the District Superintendent sabbatical leave:

### **Dr. Richard Rice - Central Zone**

Cadillac Cherry Grove  
Cadillac Church of Discovery  
Cadillac First  
Frankfort Family of Faith

### **Dr. Richard Rice - Lake Michigan Zone**

Big Rapids  
Fremont  
Reed City

### **Rev. Jerry Batterbee - South Zone**

Beaverton  
Clare  
Gladwin  
Harrison Temple  
Weidman

### **Rev. Jerry Batterbee - Lake Huron Zone**

East Tawas  
Oscoda  
Trinity

**Rev. Christopher DeMott, Grand Traverse Zone**

Buckley  
Glen Lake  
Kalkaska  
Mancelona  
Traverse City

**Rev. Christopher DeMott - Mackinaw Straits Zone**

Alanson  
Boyer City  
Charlevoix  
Cheboygan  
Petoskey  
Gaylord

**Rev. David Brantley - Soo Zone**

Pickford  
Sault Ste. Marie Mackety Memorial

**Rev. David Brantley - Lake Superior Zone**

Escanaba Lighthouse  
Grace Community  
Houghton/Hancock  
Iron River

Please contact these men if you have any questions or concerns during this time. In case of emergency you can reach the District Superintendent.

**DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S SCHEDULE**

December 25 - February 5  
February 3-10  
February 16  
February 17

Sabbatical Leave  
DSLDP/DS Conferences, St. Augustine, Florida  
Kalkaska  
Fremont