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THANK YOU PASTORS

I have a newspaper clip I want to share with you from the members of Avon Park Church of the Nazarene in Avon Park, Florida. I always tell you, you are doing better than you think you are - this is how most church members feel about their pastor, may it encourage you today.

Thanks for all you do!

THANK YOU PASTOR RUPERT

"It is with great joy we are writing this letter. We have been so greatly blessed since you came to us a year and a half ago. You started visiting right away and our attendance has grown and grown. You have traveled hundreds of miles to visit us in hospitals and nursing homes. You've waited hours and hours when we've had surgeries. Your sermon messages have lifted us and challenged us. We've all received comfort and hope, encouragement and heartfelt changes through your sermons. Many individual needs have been met and God's own messages provided when you spoke."

"You have been God's messenger as you've seen the important roles God has for our members and you've asked many individuals to serve in unique ways. Your leadership has brought diversity in worship and prayer. Large screen TVs now add DVDs and visual supplements for worship. There is family altar prayer on Sunday mornings, group prayer surrounding individuals, prayer services for special causes and many other avenues of prayer."

"You brought us your talented, spirit-filled dedicated kind and caring wife, Charletta. You created a Web site for us. You've led us during difficult times with tact and optimism. You've been a steady pilot at the helm, with a great sense of humor at exactly the right time."

"You've been a participant in community church events and you have been faithful in all our services. We have an ever expanding Hispanic ministry with its own services and events. Our church has been profoundly challenged, changed and expanded in its ministries since you've come. You've led us to produce fruit for eternity. Please receive our most sincere thanks."

The Members of Avon Park Church of the Nazarene
Avon Park

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

As you read this, I am attending the District Superintendents' conference. The conference started Saturday February 6 and will end Thursday February 11. If you need to reach me, call my cell at 231-499-4228, or e-mail me at whbnmd@aol.com (this is a new e-mail address). If I am in session, I will get back to you as soon as I can.

I hope you have a good group planning to attend TEAM Day February 20 in Perry, Michigan. Also, the Holiness Summit March 14 and 15 at Saginaw Valley. Information regarding the summit is in this newsletter.

The Northern Michigan District M/M Retreat will be March 25, 26, 27 at the Holiday Inn in Traverse City. Information will be mailed soon.

I have prayed for you today! Thanks for your service to God and the church.

**Nazarene Michigan Districts Working Together
To Equip, Inform & Inspire
TEAM DAY 2010**

Saturday - February 20, 2010
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Perry High and Middle Schools

TEAM Day Scholarships

Please contact Rev. Catherine Greenhoe at greenhoe@freeway.net for your Team Day registration reimbursement. Include your church name and the name of the person you registered. Call 231-838-4643 if you have questions.

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 summit is free (a free will offering will be taken). Reservations not required. If you need more copies of the brochure on the summit, please call the district office.

A CALL TO PRAYER FOR THE ALL MICHIGAN HOLINESS SUMMIT

Oswald Chambers reminds us that "prayer does not prepare us for the greater work, it *is the greater work*. In just six weeks clergy and laity alike from across the three Michigan districts will be gathering for an intensive 24 hours of holiness revival at the Saginaw Valley Church of the Nazarene. It could be life changing! This will not be a time of promotion, lectures, goal-setting or workshops. We will be gathering with hungry hearts desperate for more of God, desiring to plunge more deeply into holiness of heart and life. The Church of the Nazarene exists for the proclamation of holiness and the call to holy living. We believe that is the call of God on our lives and the key to victorious living in Him.

So, we are issuing a call to all of our pastors and Michigan Nazarenes to join us in **daily** intercession for the Holiness Summit, Sunday evening March 14 through Monday afternoon March 15. Pray for a desperate yearning for holiness of heart, a sanctifying renewal in each one who will be attending and that God will burden the holiness preachers who will be speaking to us those days with *His* message for that moment. Our speakers are Susie Shellenberger, Brett Rickey, Mark Quanstrom and Dan Bohi.

The All Michigan Holiness Summit could be a truly heart and life transforming moment for the Church of the Nazarene across the state and for your life. Your faithful prayer is desperately needed....it is the greater work.

Your servants and His,
Stephen Anthony, Eastern Michigan District superintendent
Wayne Brown, Northern Michigan District superintendent
John Seaman, Michigan District superintendent

Lodging Options for the Holiness Summit

Comfort Suites - (989) 797-8000 - Feb. 15 deadline for \$70 rate under "COTN" block
5180 Fashion Square Blvd, Saginaw, MI 48604

Fairfield Inn - (989) 797-6100 - Feb. 15 deadline for \$65 rate under "COTN" block
5200 Fashion Square Blvd, Saginaw, MI 48603

Four Points by Sheraton - (989) 790-5050 - Feb. 15 deadline for \$82 rate under "COTN" block
4960 Towne Centre Rd, Saginaw, MI 48604

Hampton Inn - (989) 792-7666 - Feb. 15 deadline for \$63 rate under "COTN" block
2222 Tittabawassee Rd, Saginaw, MI 48604

Holiday Inn Express Hotel/Suites - (989) 792-7500 - Feb. 15 deadline for \$71 rate under "COTN" block
2501 Tittabawassee Rd, Saginaw, MI 48604

Spring Hill Suites by Marriott - (989) 792-2800 - Feb. 15 deadline for \$79 rate under "COTN" block
5270 Fashion Square Blvd, Saginaw, MI 48604

ARE YOU WONDERING ABOUT A CALLING TO VOCATIONAL MINISTRY?

Take part in Mission Call

The NMD-NMI wants to assist you in your journey toward vocational ministry. If you know you are called or maybe you are still wondering, NMI would like to help. It is important that your pastor be part of your journey. We are planning a retreat for all those interested candidates. This would be a time to get to know one another, listen to each one's story, pray for one another and learn together about the call and the preparation. If you have that stirring within, please contact Pastor Damon Carpenter at pastordamon@charter.net.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S SCHEDULE

February 3-10

DSLDP/DS Conferences, St. Augustine, Florida

February 16

Kalkaska

February 17

Fremont

February 25

DAB, District Office

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