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**What Are You Thinking About?**

Dr. Richmond Carlson has written a book entitled " *You Can Be Happy No Matter What.*" I pick up the book from time to time and reread it because I need to think right. Abraham Lincoln said, "People are about as happy as they want to be." Dr. Stan Toler, General Superintendent, has written a book entitled " *Rethink Your Life.*" It's about gaining control of thoughts, attitudes, and actions in our lives.

Every negative and positive feeling is a direct result of thoughts. We are the producers of our own thinking. Thought is not something that happens to us, but something that we do. It comes from inside of us, not from the outside.

I can think good thoughts or bad thoughts. I can think good things about people in my life or I can think bad things about them. What they do or say has nothing to do with my thoughts of them. I create my own thinking. What I think determines what I see, even though it often seems the other way around.

It's our thinking, not our circumstances that determine how we feel. We are in charge of our thinking. I am in control of my thinking not someone or something else. I can be happy or sad. I can feel good or bad. When we realize that thinking is an ability rather than reality, we can dismiss any negative thoughts that pass through. Remember, your thoughts, not your circumstances, determine how you feel.

Well, I am going out to my office today and have one of the best days in my life; not because of what is happening all around me, but how I am thinking about it.

This is the day the Lord has made - I will rejoice and be glad in it!

**DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS**

**CHEBOYGAN**

I preached at Cheboygan Church of the Nazarene yesterday (April 18th, 2010). It was good to be with Rev. Jon, Wynne Schott and family. Rev. Schott has pastored at Cheboygan for eleven years. After the morning worship, we had lunch together and then went to visit Doris Lindsay, a longtime faithful member of the Cheboygan Church. We had prayer with Doris who has cancer. Doris was in a lot of pain and not feeling well. Last night I received a call from Rev. Schott that Doris had passed away. She will be missed by the Cheboygan Church family and the Northern Michigan District. Let's keep Rev. Schott and the family of Doris Lindsay in our prayers.

**MAY 2ND**

On May 2nd, 2010 we will begin to pay 15% of our tithes and offerings each week to the District. You have received coupons to fill out and mail in each week, and we will give the different amounts to WEF, P&B, ONU, and District. It will be 5.5% WEF, 2% P&B, 2.5% ONU, 5% District = total 15%.

We must be faithful each week, and if we are at the end of our church year April 30, 2011 we will be paid in full - Remember, beginning May 2, 2010.

### **ADVANCE DISTRICT PAYMENT**

Some have asked about bringing a check to District Assembly for the district budget to help the district at the beginning of the new year. Because of the new system, you have asked how will we know the amount of district budget. You won't until the end of the year, but if you feel you will raise about the same as last year just make 5% of that total and pay up front. That will really help our district because with the new plan it will take a few weeks to really get started. Thanks! Also, remember to do your best to pay this past year's budgets by the church year end April 30, 2010.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Wynne Schott will begin some more treatments today. As you know, Wynne had surgery and they did find some cells that need to be treated. Please keep Wynne in your prayers.

Bethany Chouinard's surgery went great. She is a home and no cancer was found in the biopsy. Keep Beth in your prayers.

Please pray for the upcoming District Assembly June 1 and 2, 2010.

### **PALCON**

May 17-21, 2010

A Resource for Those in Ministry Preparation

A reminder that PALCON 2010 on the campus of Olivet Nazarene University is rapidly approaching. PALCON is a 3-day conference, including housing and meals. The theme of PALCON 2010 is "Rooted in Missional Passion". For those pastors who are bi-vocational, the second day (May 18) is geared for them, with the cost of only \$49 which includes all conference materials and meals for the one day (no housing or extra meals included).

\*HOW TO REGISTER: Register online at [www.PALCON2010.org](http://www.PALCON2010.org).

\*FEES AND LODGING: Standard Registration - \$179. Includes meals and breaks, Campus housing (Double occupancy) 3 nights lodging; Complimentary resource materials

\*Bi-vocational Registration - \$49. Due to space restrictions on many campuses, PALCON 2010 registration is limited exclusively to all clergy and those preparing for ministry. Please make your reservation **ASAP** if you have not already done so.

### **2010 DISTRICT NMI CONVENTION**

Saturday, May 22, 2010

Cherry Grove Church of the Nazarene

Registration and Donuts: 9:00 a.m.

Convention: 9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Lunch On-Site - \$6.00

### **DISTRICT ASSEMBLY AGENDA**

June 1-2, 2010

Held at Alanson Church of the Nazarene, 7489 Mission Road, Alanson, Michigan 49706. Phone 231-548-5462.

Motel: Crooked River Lodge, 6845 S. US Hwy 31, Alanson - \$60 for each room (1-4 people). Check-in Tuesday 6/1/10: 12 noon - 1 p.m., or after 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, June 1: 1:30 - 5:30 p.m. - Afternoon session  
 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. (dinner time at church) - \$7.00 per adult (age 5-12 \$4.00, age 4 and under free. Everyone eats (it's free if needed).  
 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. - Ordination Service

Wednesday, June 2 7:30 - 8:20 a.m. - Continental breakfast  
 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. - Morning Session

Motel reservations must be made by David Brantley; call 231-548-5462 or e-mail nazarene@racc2000.com. Checks only, payable to NMD, marked "room reservation" and mailed to: David Brantley, 7489 Mission Road, Alanson, MI 49706. Must receive payment of \$60 for each room before your reservation is secured. Need name and address of every person in room.

Note: The Crooked River Lodge has been filled. Another motel in Pellston, Pellston Lodge, has been reserved. the cost is \$55 per room. Please call David Brantley for a reservation as soon as possible.

**DISTRICT MEN'S RETREAT**

September 17-18, 2010  
 Leon Lake Retreat Center  
 Hale, Michigan  
 Phone: 877-264-1004

Guest Speaker: Dr. Harold DeMott, Retired Pastor

**Weekend Schedule:**

Friday Night:	Check-in	Anytime after 3:00 p.m.
	Evening Meal	6:30 p.m.
	General Session	7:30 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.

We are here to let the Lord work on us, be refreshed in spirit, and go back home a better father, husband, man.

Where is Loon Lake Retreat Center?

Two miles north of Hale, on M-65. Enter the property on the west side of M-65 and proceed until the road ends (about 3/4 of a mile). You should be in a parking area and recognize a few people by then.

What should I bring to retreat?

Sleeping bag, pillow, personal hygiene items, any medications, Bible, snacks for Friday night, any equipment for the activities; i.e., shotgun for clay target shooting, fishing gear, etc.

What is the cost of the retreat?

\$55.00 - Please make your checks out to the East Tawas Church of the Nazarene.

**DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S SCHEDULE**

April 22	Year-end Meetings, Traverse City First: Nominating Committee - 11:00 a.m. Finance Committee - 1:00 p.m. District Advisory Board - 2:00 p.m.
April 24	NMD Ministry Board, Traverse City First - 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
April 25	Oscoda Huron Shores
May 6-8	ONU Trustees Meeting
May 13-15	Celebrate Life - ONU
May 17-19	PALCON
May 22	NMI Convention

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