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MY BIBLE

Abraham Lincoln: "I believe the Bible is the best gift God has ever given to man. All the good from the Savior of the world is communicated to us through this book."

George Washington: "It is impossible to rightly govern the world without God and the Bible."

Andrew Jackson: "That book, sir, is the rock on which our republic rests."

John Quincy Adams: "I have for many years made it a practice to read through the Bible once every year."

D. L. Moody: "I prayed for faith, and thought that some day faith would come down and strike me like lightning. But faith did not seem to come. One day I read in the tenth chapter of Romans, 'Now faith cometh by learning, and learning by the Word of God.' I had closed my Bible, and prayed for faith. I now opened my Bible and began to study, and faith has been growing ever since."

In my early years as a pastor, I looked into the Bible for the text to use in my sermons. I have to confess, I neglected to read the Word of God daily. After a year or two I began to read it and to search it diligently. The blessing has been wonderful.

For forty-five years now, daily into the Word of God has been the difference between defeat and victory.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Trinity

I preached at West Branch Trinity this past Sunday, May 2, 2010. Following the morning service we enjoyed a potluck lunch together.

Pastors

This past Sunday was the first Sunday of the new church year. Our new percentage giving is now in effect. Please send in 15% of your tithes and offerings. This must be done each week because your budget is based on this year's giving. The breakdown of the budget will be 5.5% WEF, 2% P&B, 2.5% ONU, 5% District. Rev. Harold Gilkerson will take your 15% and break it down into these different amounts and send it into the different departments. Thanks.

Pastors Reports

All pastors reports are due this week. Please have them in on time. We have just a few days to have the district booklets printed. Please don't be late.

May Calendar

I will leave Thursday for an ONU Trustees Meeting and Commencement Ceremonies. We have a good group graduating from the Northern Michigan District. May 13-15, we will attend Celebrate Life at ONU. We have over 120 teens participating. May 17-19 I will be at PALCON. May 22 I will be our NMI Convention at Cadillac Cherry Grove. On May 31, I will pick up the General Superintendent and drive to Alanson. And the next day, June 1, the District Assembly will begin at 1:30 p.m. Let's pray for the District Assembly, that we will have a great outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

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.

*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

Workshops

Meet our New LINKS Missionary via Skype - Ron VanSyckle

The Challenges of Ministering in a Creative Access Area - Our Creative Access Missionary

Answer the Call: Mission Call - Rev. Damon Carpenter

What!!! Me, a Missionary? - Christine M. Bednarczyk

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

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

May 6-8	ONU Trustees Meeting
May 13-15	Celebrate Life - ONU
May 17-19	PALCON
May 22	NMI Convention
July 19-23	Teen Camp
July 26-30	Boys & Girl Camp
August 2-8	Family Camp: Speaker: Rev. Kerry Willis Bible Teacher: Dr. James Campau

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