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**SEVEN**

In Scripture, seven was considered a number with holy implications and power. On the seventh day God rested. Jacob served seven years to earn the hand of Rachel. Egypt had seven years of plenty. In Leviticus, the priests are told to sprinkle the blood of the offerings seven times before the Lord (Leviticus 4:17). Joshua was told to march around the City of Jericho seven times, with seven priests bearing seven trumpets. Elisha instructed Naaman to wash in the Jordan seven times in order to be healed of his leprosy. In Psalms 119:164 David sang, seven times a day do I praise thee.

Jesus told his followers that if someone sins against you seven times in one day, and seven times in a day returns to you, saying, I repent, you shall forgive them.

The Scripture has more than seven hundred distinct references to passages with seven in it.

The number seven represents completeness or wholeness.

Will you join me from July 12th through July 18th to pray once a day for all of our camps: Teen Camp, Boys and Girls Camp, and Family Camp - once a day for seven days, praying for God to send an outpouring of His Holy Spirit upon each camp.

**DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS**

I hope you had a happy and safe 4th of July. Two of our grandsons from Nashville, Tennessee were with Deb and I all week. We had a great time together. On the 3rd, more of our family arrived and we enjoyed a cookout and went to see the Beach Bums baseball team play.

On Sunday, July 4th, I attended our Glen Lake New Life Church. Rev. Damon Carpenter preached on freedom we all enjoy as Americans and the freedom we have in Christ Jesus. Damon and Jamie and family moved up to Northern Michigan from Flint to start this new church in 2004. It was organized in 2007. Rev. Carpenter was ordained this year at our District Assembly. The church is growing and the Carpenters are giving great leadership.

It's time to go camping: Teen Camp July 19-23, Boys and Girls Camp July 26-30, and Family Camp August 2-8. Information on all camps is in this newsletter. Remember, let's pray for seven days for these camps.

**SOME UPCOMING DATES**

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| August 4        | NYI Convention at Manton, 6:00 p.m.    |
| August 7        | SDMI Convention at Cadillac 1st Church |
| September 17-18 | District Men's Retreat                 |
| September 20-25 | District Tour                          |
| October 8-9     | Women's Retreat                        |
| February 21-23  | M-11 Conference - Louisville, KY       |

## **DISTRICT CAMPS**

### **Teen Camp**

July 19-23, 2010  
Manton Christian Camp

**Please register your teens today** if you have not already done so. Check-in time at the camp is 12:30 on the 19th. Please call Pastor Mark Hoult if you have questions or need further information.

### **Boys & Girls Camp**

July 26-30, 2010  
Manton Christian Camp

Registration is 3-4:00 p.m. on Monday. There is still room available to get your child signed up for camp. Applications and worker forms are available on the church website, or you can call Rev. Jeremy Gomez at 231-242-0605.

### **Family Camp**

August 2-8, 2010  
Manton Christian Camp

Wednesday is the Children's bike parade at 1:30 p.m. Decorate your bike for the parade. Awards will be given out.

The Wednesday night service will be the beginning of the NYI Convention and starts at 6:30 p.m. (This is the only evening service that will begin at 6:30, all others begin at 7:00). Rev. Mark Holcomb will be the speaker for the service.

Thursday is Sporting Clays at 1:00 p.m. Bring your shotgun and 50 shells.

Friday at 3:00 p.m. is the Laity versus Clergy ball game.

Saturday at 8:30 a.m. is the Sunday School Convention at Cadillac First Church.

## **DISTRICT MEN'S RETREAT**

September 17-18, 2010  
Loon Lake Retreat Center, Hale, Michigan

### **Weekend Schedule:**

Friday	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 to 3:30 p.m.
	General Session	3:30 p.m.

Heading home around 4:30 p.m.

Location of the retreat is: 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.

Bring your 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.

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

### **WOMEN'S RETREAT**

October 8-9, 2010

Ramada Inn of Grayling, Grayling, Michigan

Speaker: Lynelle Pierce

Worship Leader: Patricia Osborne

Four per room: \$80.00    Three per room: \$88.00    Two per room: \$95.00    One per room: \$110.00

A \$5.00 discount is available for all registrations postmarked by September 4th.

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### **DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S SCHEDULE**

July 11	Big Rapids
July 15-18	Brown Reunion
July 19-23	Teen Camp
July 25	East Tawas
July 26-30	Boys & Girls Camp
August 1	Reed City - AM Service
August 2-8	Family Camp Meeting: Speaker: Rev. Kerry Willis Bible Teacher: Dr. James Campau

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