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TOUGH TIMES

In the 80's I read Dr. Robert Schuler's book "Tough Times Never Last, But Tough People Do!" With the Michigan economy being so bad the last two or three years, I found myself reading it again in the Month of June.

I am listing some of the writer's statements. Maybe they will encourage you as they have me in these days:

"Nobody is a total failure if he dares to try to do something worthwhile."

"When you've exhausted all possibilities, remember this - you haven't!"

"It's impossible to fail totally if you dare to try."

"If it's going to be, it's up to me!"

"Never let a problem become an excuse."

"The one battle most people lose is the battle over the fear of failure
 try - start - begin
 and you'll be assured you won the first round."

"God's delays are not God's denials."

"Today's decisions are tomorrows realities."

"Take care? People who take care never go anywhere."

Take a chance!
 Take charge!
 Take control!"

"When faced with a mountain, I will not quit! I will
 keep on striving until I climb over, find a pass through, tunnel underneath
 or simply stay and turn the mountain into a gold mine with God's help!"

"You won't win if you don't begin."

"There will never be another now, I'll make the most of today. There will never
 be another me, I'll make the most of myself."

"Lord give me the guidance to know when to hold on, when to let go, and grace
 to make the right decision with dignity."

May God bless you as you work for Him in these days!

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Deb and I were at Big Rapids this past Sunday. Rev. Robert Lyons, his wife Laura, and family have been pastoring Big Rapids for 18 months. The church is showing great growth in these days. I saw many new families. They had just finished VBS, and had their program in the morning service. The kids did great! Rev. Lyons preached from the text in Romans 14:1-15:7. The title of the message was, "How to Get Along When You Don't See Eye-to-Eye." He then spoke on the seven steps to harmony. Rev. Lyons is giving great leadership to the church. There were 63 in worship. Following worship, we enjoyed a potluck fellowship and a wonderful time together!

I will be on the road for a few days. This evening I will attend a Clare Church staff cookout at Pastor Jim Young's home. Over the next few days, I will be at the Eastern Michigan District Camp Meeting; then attend the Michigan District Assembly. On Saturday, July 17th I will attend my family reunion. On July 21st, I have a church board meeting at Buckley, then hope to drop in on Teen Camp and Boys & Girls Camp. Then, Family Camp starts.

These are busy days. Thanks, pastors and staff, for all you do. You are in our prayers, and I am always ready to take your calls and help you and your church anytime you need me.

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 for different categories: religious, patriotic, nature, most original (creative).

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 - Ball games: Children at 2:00 p.m. Clergy vs. Laity at 3:00 p.m.

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

Notice: June Wadsworth needs help in the kitchen at camp meeting: Teens 16 years or older and adults that would like to help, please call June at 989-644-3604. Thank you.

Terri Ward needs help with the children during camp meeting to spend either a morning or evening with the children in children's church. We prefer to have at least two adults during each service. If you can help, please call Terri Ward at 231-269-4306 or e-mail at tootsward@acegroup.cc.

CONGRATULATIONS

Milton and Betty Hoose, our former District Superintendent, will celebrate their 60th Wedding Anniversary next week. It would be nice if you could send them an anniversary card to help them celebrate!

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.

For more information, please contact: Jennie Bowman, District Women's Ministries Director
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DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S SCHEDULE

July 15-18	Brown Reunion
July 19-23	Teen Camp
July 21	Buckley - Board Meeting
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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