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**DEVOTIONAL**

IF WE OBEY THE KNOWN, GOD WILL LEAD US IN THE UNKNOWN - Jay Strack

The prophet Daniel had been warned, the threat was an ominous one:

We read of his response in chapter 6 verse 10 where it says that Daniel got down on his knees and prayed, giving thanks to his God, "as was his custom."

Daniel knew that the power of a refreshed spirit and positive thoughts can energize you in the long haul. While the world defines success from the outside in, we Christians must find our significance from the inside out!

Anticipate His best for you. And like Daniel, choose to say, "Yes, Lord, yes to your will and to Your way."

God will prepare us for new opportunities through today's "ordinary" experiences, and if we obey the known, He will lead us into the unknown.

Jerry Batterbee  
Pastor, Cherry Grove Church of the Nazarene

**PASTORS**

Please send in your church page for the 25th anniversary booklet if you have not already done so. We need the information as soon as possible. Thank you for your help!

**NAZARENE THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY**

January 30, 2011 has been designated by the Nazarene Theological Seminary as the annual Seminary Offering Sunday. Any help your church can give the seminary will be greatly appreciated by them. The seminary address is Nazarene Theological Seminary, 1700 E. Meyer Blvd., Kansas City, MO 64131.

**THE GRACE CARD**

One of our own Nazarene churches - Memphis Calvary Church of the Nazarene - in conjunction with Sony Pictures and Provident Films has produced a movie that arrives in theaters February 25.

**THE GRACE CARD** is a powerful film about grace and forgiveness that features Academy Award-winner Louis Gossett Jr. It's not often that a film in theaters inspires us to more freely offer God's grace to others. According to Dr. Jesse Middendorf, your church has a golden opportunity that shouldn't be missed.

Along with Dr. Middendorf, every General Superintendent watched **THE GRACE CARD** and as a Board, endorsed the film whole-heartedly, and encourages your church to support this film on opening weekend (February 25-27).

There are a number of great resources available to help you make the most of this

Dr. Middendorf is hosting a special Church of the Nazarene conference call for pastors on Thursday, January 27 at 11 a.m. (CST). Lynn Holmes, Pastor of Calvary, Dr. David Evans, the director and executive producer of **THE GRACE CARD** and actor Louis Gossett Jr. are also scheduled to be on this call. Please join in with your questions and comments by calling **712-432-0075** and use the code **487234**.

Visit the [Nazarene GRACE CARD page](#) to learn more about the movie. There you can find a theater near you, download the video message from Dr. Middendorf or learn more about the Church Kit and other available resources.

### **M11 CONFERENCE**

The Mission 2011 Conference will be held at the Kentucky International Convention Center in Louisville, Kentucky, February 21-23, 2011.

Registration fee is \$25 that will help scholarship college/university students.

Workshops are focusing on the Five Key Strategies for USA/Canada: Intentional Leadership Development, Vibrant Church Renewal, Clear and Coherent Theological Identity, Passionate Missional Outreach, and Multi-faceted New Church Development.

There is more information available on the M11 website. Visit [M11conference.org](http://M11conference.org) to find out more!

### **TEAM DAY**

February 26, 2011  
Perry High and Middle Schools  
8:00 am - 3:45 pm

Mobilizing Michigan for Ministry

The keynote speaker is Dr. Nina G. Gunter, general superintendent emerita. She is a dynamic speaker with a heart for equipping churches and helping them reach out into their communities.

**Early Registration:** Postmarked by January 31, 2011

Adults and teens \$25

Vendors (\$25 for first person, \$10 for additional staff)

**Final Registration Deadline:** Postmarked by February 10, 2011

Adults and teens \$35

Vendors (\$35 for first person, \$15 for additional staff)

**Online Registration Cutoff:** February 13, 2011. **Late Registrations Not Accepted**

For more information, forms, and to register online, visit [www.minaz.org](http://www.minaz.org) beginning December 17, 2010.

TEAM Day 11 contacts: John & Darlene Harris, PO Box 678, Perry, MI 48872; 517-675-7442.

Lay Leadership & Clergy, Youth & Children's Workshops

### **MISSION TRIP TO NICARAGUA - March 2011**

The mission trip to Nicaragua will be leaving the 24th of March and returning April 6th. Please contact Denny and Darla Hamilton at 231-775-6040 or the Cadillac First Church of the Nazarene if you are interested in this mission trip.

### **PASTORS & ZONE RESPONSIBILITIES**

Dr. Richard Rice

Central Zone : Cadillac Cherry Grove, Cadillac Church of Discovery, Cadillac First, Frankfort Family of Faith

Lake Michigan Zone: Big Rapids, Fremont, Reed City

Pastor Jerry Batterbee

South Zone: Beaverton, Clare, Gladwin, Harrison Temple, Weidman  
Lake Huron Zone: East Tawas, Oscoda Huron Shores, Trinity

Pastor Chris DeMott

Grand Traverse Zone: Buckley Faith Community, Glen Lake New Life, Kalkaska, Mancelona, Traverse City  
Mackinaw Straits Zone: Alanson Lakeview, Boyne City Morgan Street, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Petoskey, Gaylord

Pastor David Brantley (Until January 15)

Soo Zone: Pickford, Sault Ste. Marie Sam Mackety

Lake Superior Zone : Escanaba Lighthouse, Grace Community, Houghton-Hancock, Iron River Community

Rev. Dan Gilmore (January 16-February 3)

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

January 3-February 3	Sabbatical
February 6	Trinity Agape Church
February 7	Beaverton Board Meeting
February 11-13	Revival Fowlersville, Michigan
February 20-23	M-11 Conference in Louisville, KY
February 26	TEAM Day in Perry, Michigan

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