



NORTHERN LIGHTS

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Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us," Hebrews 12:1



CHOOSING HOPE

BY L B COWMAN, [STREAMS IN THE DESERT](#)

There are certain things that are not sins themselves but that tend to weigh us down or become distractions and stumbling blocks to our Christian growth. One of the worst of these is the feeling of despair or hopelessness. A heavy heart is indeed a weight that will surely drag us down in our holiness and usefulness.

The failure of the children of Israel to enter the Promised Land began with their complaining, or as the Word says it, "All the Israelites grumbled" (Num. 14:2) It may have started with a faint desire to complain and be discontent, but they allowed it to continue until it blossomed and ripened into total rebellion and ruin.

We should never give ourselves the freedom to doubt God or His eternal love and faithfulness toward us in everything. We can be determined to set our own will against doubt just as we do against any other sin. Then as we stand firm, refusing to doubt, the Holy Spirit will come to our aid, giving us the faith of God and crowning us with victory.

It is very easy to fall into the habit of doubting, worrying, wondering if God has forsaken us, and thinking that after all we have been through, our hopes are going to end in failure. But let us refuse to be discouraged and unhappy! Let us "consider it pure joy" (James 1:2), even when we do not feel any happiness. Let us rejoice by faith, by firm determination, and by simply regarding it as true, and we will find that God will make it real to us.

The enemy has two very masterful tricks. The first is to tempt us to become discouraged, for then we are defeated and of no service to others, at least for a while. The other is to tempt us to doubt, thereby breaking the bond of faith that unites us with the Father. So watch out! Do not be tricked either way.

Celebrate Life- 2022



We had 38 teenagers participate from our district at the annual Celebrate Life. We competed against the other 10 districts in sports, talents, and arts. This year our girls basketball and dodgeball teams came in 1st place. We also came in 1st place in the communication category. We won the girls hot shot and free throw as well as came in 2nd for boys free throw. We took 2nd and 3rd place in the early youth girls 5K run as well. We had several students enter an art piece as well as sang, played an instrument, or did a drama. Our teenagers performed so well. The greatest accomplishment our district received was the Wendy Parson Award which was given to the district who showed the most encouragement, kindness, and life giving attitudes throughout the weekend. We are one of the smallest district but that didn't stop us from showing God's love to everyone we encountered! We can't wait until next year!



CONVENTIONS



NMI



NYI



NDI



What a great day of conventions we had on Saturday, May 21, at Pickford Church of the Nazarene. Our Missionary speakers, Drs. Ben & Katherine Radcliffe (Medical Missionaries, Nazarene Hospital, Kudjip, Papua New Guinea) and their five children were with us for the day. Their presentation was incredible, and very moving. The whole family joined in and it was wonderful to see first hand how God is mightily using this precious family.

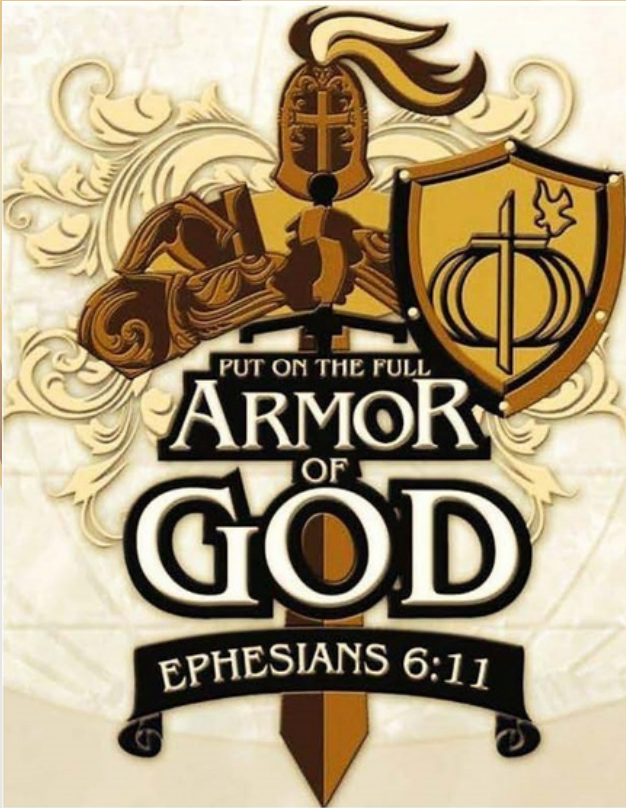
Thank you, Jill Rice and the District Missions Council, for the excellent planning and presentation. Jill was not able to be with us for the day (illness), but her preparation and efficient team allowed for a first-class day. Rev. Ron VanSyckle read Jill's 23rd report as District NMI President. Thank you, Rev. VanSyckle, Jennifer Emery, Jan Crockett, Melissa Ruhl, Sarah Thibault, Genie VanSyckle (District Missions Council Members), and Jayna and Georgia Emery (meal preparers) for all your diligent service. We also held our NDI (formerly SDMI) and NYI Conventions. Both Lisa Burgess (Nazarene Discipleship International) and Rev. Gil Thibault (Nazarene Youth International) were not able to be with us but presented great written reports which were read and which were received enthusiastically. Thank you, Lisa and Rev. Thibault, for your faithful servant leadership over these vital areas of our district ministry. Rev. Duane and Sherry Nelson were awarded a Distinguished Service Award for their faithful years of ministry in God's Kingdom. The Dennis Hamilton Memorial Work and Witness Scholarship was awarded to Jayna and Georgia Emery.

Thank You, to Rev. Kory Heal, Rev. Elda Santos, and the Pickford Family for graciously hosting our weekend. It is good to be in our different district churches and see the work of God which is happening across the district.



DISTRICT CHILDREN'S CAMP

AUGUST 1 - 5, 2022



Registration at noon on Monday

Talent Show at 11:00am on Friday

Check Out at Noon on Friday

\$140 if registered by June 25th

\$175 if registered after June 25th

If you have any questions, or if you are able to help, or if you know of potential helpers/counselors, please contact Pastor Brandon Metzger at

989-948-2806 or

email bmetzgeronu@gmail.com

basic information

camper application

staff application

facebook page

covid waiver

Manton Christian Camp

9528 East 16 Road Manton, MI 49663

FAMILY CAMP WEEKEND

Manton Christian Camp 9528 East 16 Road Manton, MI 49663

Friday, Saturday and Sunday, August 5-7, 2022

Evening Services start at 6:00 pm



RV sights and some dorm rooms will be available.

Contact Jackie Gilmore if you need reservations, jackienmdnaz@gmail.com or 231-675-7786.

Camp Speaker

Dr. Lenny Wisehart

CONGRATULATIONS!
MAUREEN



Nazarene Bible College 2022
General Superintendents'
Ministerial Scholarship Recipient

Maureen Jones
Pastor - Cadillac Church of Discovery

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S

2022

June 12-19 - N. MI Holiness Association Camp Meeting

July 21 - Computer Science & eSports Camp -
Olivet Nazarene University

August 1-5 - Kid's Camp - Manton Christian Camp

August 5-7 Family Camp Weekend -
Manton Christian Camp

Oct. 7-8 - Ladies' Retreat -

Cadillac Cherry Grove Church of the Nazarene

Oct. 28-30 Homecoming - ONU

Dec. 3 Pastor and family Christmas
Gathering

2023

June 9-16 General Assembly - Indianapolis,
Indiana

July 5-9 Nazarene Youth Conference (NYC)
Tampa Bay, Florida

**N. MI Holiness Assoc.
112th Camp Meeting**
681 N East St.
Boyne City, MI 49712

**June 12th-19th
Sunday – Sunday**
Sun. 6:00 pm with Mon. – Sat. 7:00pm

**Dr. Gary Bond: Tenured Nazarene
Evangelist**

**Beth Bond:
Song Evangelist**

**Message
Worship
Fellowship
Finger -
food**

**Bring the kids...
Something for
everyone!**

S A V E T H E S E D A T E S



General Assembly

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**Computer Science
+ eSports Camp**

JULY 21

Ready to learn more about
Cybersecurity and how to be safer
online? Interested in computers
and programming? Do you love
gaming? Are you wanting to learn
more about the eSports scene and
see a collegiate program?

Olivet Nazarene University is
hosting a Computer Science +
eSports Camp, where you will
engage in hands-on experiences
in the computer science industry,
learning more about how
companies use computers and
see what you'll need to be a
Cybersecurity expert.

Part of the camp will focus on
another application of Computer
Science: eSports. A growing field,
eSports can be confusing to get
into and understand. At the camp,
you will learn more about eSports
and be able to test your skills.

**Interested?
Contact Dr. Jeff Rice at
jrice@olivet.edu**