



# NORTHERN LIGHTS NEWSLETTER

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## “Pressing Toward the Goal”

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Happy New Year! In this new year, *May your lives give glory unto God by the grace of Christ Jesus, and may you know the inner working of the exceeding abundant power and goodness of God, and the joy of joining the ageless throng giving Him glory. Amen. (See Ephesians 3:20-21.)*

As we begin a new year I would like to remind you of the call that the Apostle Paul gives us in the Scriptures: *Brethren, I do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus (Philippians 3:13-14).* I believe that it is vital for us to embrace this spiritual attitude or disposition.

Here are some spiritual goals that together we can commit to *press toward*:

- **Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest (Matthew 9:38).** We know that Jesus gave this charge to the very disciples He was sending into the harvest. Therefore, our power in prayer is proportionate to our willingness to serve in the harvest work. Let's *press toward* prayerfulness for and service in the harvest!
- **Witness to (share) the gospel.** In the marketplace (workplaces, schools, neighborhoods) let's testify to the gospel. Some of us are called to defend the faith but all of us are called to testify to our salvation.
- **Partner in discipleship, Church revitalization, and Church planting.** As pastors, church leaders, and devoted Christians, pray, strategize, and plan ways to work together to see that your congregation is Kingdom focused! I am praying that all of our churches will take steps in 2018 to be a church planting congregation.

The list could be expanded, but I believe that if we truly commit to these things in our personal lives we will see wondrous things accomplished for the Kingdom in 2018. Let's pray that God would do such a mighty work among us that everyone will be unable to credit it in any other way but to say, *This is the Lord's doing, it is marvelous in our eyes (Psalms 118:23).*

In Our Savior's Service Together!

Rev. Dan Gilmore

### December 2017



Thank you to all who have already sent in your stats for December! If you have not submitted your December stats please do so by this Friday.

Ways to report:

[www.nmdnaz.org/stats.html](http://www.nmdnaz.org/stats.html)

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Call the district office: (231) 947-7707



## NYI Corner

**Winter White Out** is a three day winter retreat for teens from across the district, a weekend of crazy fun and radical worship.

- Feb. 9-11 at Center Lake Bible Camp, Tustin, MI.
- So why should a you go?* You get three days away from the normal stresses of life. You get to worship with other teens from around the district. You will be challenged to grow in your faith. It also offers an opportunity to meet new friends and develop existing friendships. It's an all-around FUN weekend!
- Cost \$99. Go to [www.nmdnyi.com](http://www.nmdnyi.com) for forms.
  - Mail roster with \$25 down payment by Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>.
  - Complete permission and medical forms and bring to event with balance of \$74 per person. Please make checks payable to NMD NYI. For more information contact Rev. Chris DeMott at (231) 832-5871.



## Michigan Tri-District TEAM Day

Saturday, March 17, 2018  
 Perry, Michigan  
 High/Middle Schools

Keynote Speaker:  
 Dr. Mark Bane



**June 2018 Northern Michigan District Work and Witness** projects to Sun Valley, AZ, and Cactus, TX.

Coordinator Jan Crockett reports that there are still openings for the trip to Cactus, Texas. Please contact Jan at (231) 883-6354 if you would like more information or to sign-up.



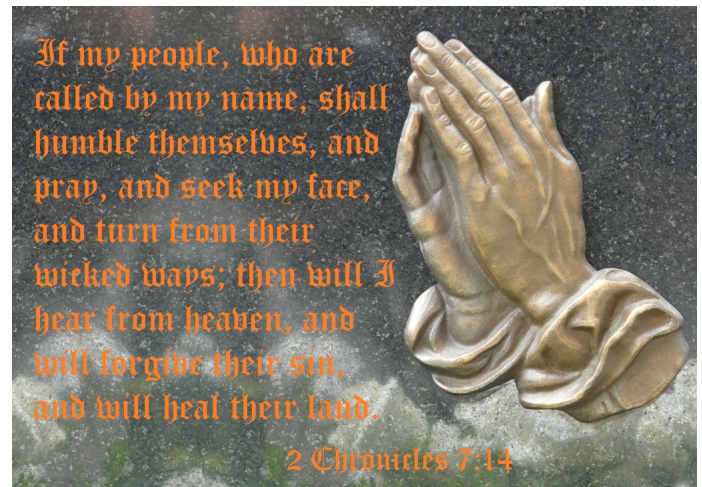
NMD NYI will be joining with other districts throughout the US in July 2018 as the hands and feet Jesus in Guatemala. We will partner with local churches to provide VBS programs and sports clinics. Also small construction projects are planned, and church planting will take place in the area. The Centro Cristiano de Convenciones Guatemala will provide housing for our teams. If interested, please check out the NYI website (a link is found on the District site). Listed costs do not include airfare.



## Prayer NMD

*"When God has something very great to accomplish for his church, it is his will that there should precede it the extraordinary prayers of his people." - Jonathan Edwards*

Rev. Ann Salyer is the district prayer coordinator. She can be contacted at [prayernmd@nmdnaz.org](mailto:prayernmd@nmdnaz.org) with prayer requests you would like the district family to lift with you.



- District Board of Ministry Annual Mtg - Saturday, January 27, Traverse City First Church
- Winter White Out, Friday-Sunday, February 9-11, at Center Lake Bible Camp, Tustin, MI
- Church Fiscal Year Ends - Wed., February 28
- Michigan Tri-District TEAM Day at Perry, MI - Sat., March 17, 2018; Keynote: Dr Mark Bane
- The Northern Michigan District 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual District Assembly, Friday-Saturday, April 20-21, 2018, Host Church: Cherry Grove Nazarene
- NMD Work & Witness Projects, June 2018 Sun Valley, Arizona, and Cactus, Texas