

NORTHERN LIGHTS

Northern Michigan District Church of the Nazarene



SAFER THAN A KNOWN WAY

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As I was preparing to write a devotional thought for the January newsletter, Jackie reminded me of my reflection in the January 2020 newsletter. In that edition I had shared parts of a devotional from Streams in the Desert entitled, "We Have Not Passed this Way Before." In looking back on the past year it does seem that the January 2020 newsletter's reflection was timely.

In one of the front pages of my most used preaching Bible I have pasted a poem by Minnie Louise Haskins entitled, "The Gate of the Year"

And I said to the man who stood at the gate: "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown." And he replied: "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than a light, and safer than a known way."

As we venture into the year before us let's:

- Remain the steadfast who are... **Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God (Hebrews 12:2).**
- Remember that God will **...keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee (Isaiah 26:3).**
- Resolve to... **Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil (Ephesians 6:11).**
- Recommit to being **...the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men (Matthew 5:13).**
- Radiate because we **...are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid (Matthew 5:14).**
- Rejoice because **...in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us (Romans 8:37).**

Of late, the following well known passage has become even more precious to me. May these words of direction and promise be a step-by-step guide into God's future!

Ephesians 5:14-20 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light. See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is. And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit; I9 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart the Lord; Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ



JUST ASK...OR DON'T!

BY WENDELL BROWN

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“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God.” –Romans 8:26-27

With modern technology, we can ask a device a question and get an answer in mere seconds. Want to know what the weather will be like before you leave for work? Technology has the answer. Want to know what time your favorite team is playing, how to get somewhere, or listen to a joke? That device has the answer for each of your questions and can even give you step-by-step directions when needed! Each question is answered with great ease and precision—as long as you know the questions you need to ask.

Today, all over the world, Christians face many unforeseen circumstances. What happens when we’re not quite sure what to ask? What happens when life hits us with things that we can’t

explain? What happens when we don’t know what to do? What happens when our world is so shaken that we can’t even process our predicament? God has given every Christian the privilege of simply existing in His presence. When we are overwhelmed, we need not worry about what to say or do. God allows us to forget about the questions entirely because His Spirit intercedes for us! There are times when the only thing needed to have a vibrant prayer life is to exist in the presence of God.

I don’t know the strength of your prayer life. You may use wonderful words or the simplest of phrases as you call out to Him. You may wish you had more to say in your alone time with God. Please take heart and let these words in Romans speak to you: “And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God’s people in accordance with the will of God” (8:27).

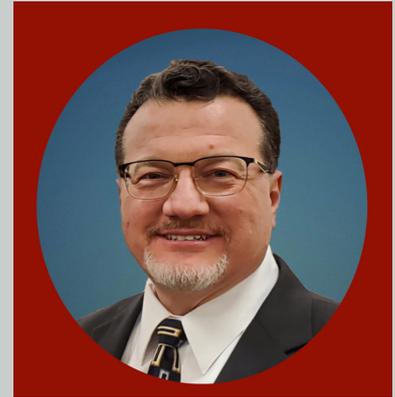
Your prayer life isn’t dependent on your words—it is dependent on spending time with God. He wants to be with you, and He knows what you need even before you know what to say.

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“For those of us in Christ, there is great comfort! The Spirit is here to help us. When we don’t know what to pray for, the Spirit takes over for us.

New Ministry Positions on the District

- Welcome Rev. Clark and Rosie Howe. Rev. Howe will be the interim pastor at Cherry Grove Church of the Nazarene starting January 15, 2021. The Howes make their home in White Pigeon, MI. Rev. Howe is trained in interim pastoral ministry with New Church Specilities. When you have the opportunity please welcome this wonderful couple to our district.



- Welcome back from retirement to active district ministry Rev. Jim and Jennie Young. Rev. Young is serving as the supply pastor at Oscoda Huron Shores Church Of The Nazarene.

Upcoming Events in 2021

- Saturday, Jan 30, 2021 - District Board of Ministry Annual Meeting @ Traverse City COTN
- Thursday, Feb. 18, 2021 - District Advisory Board Meeting @ Traverse City COTN
- Friday & Saturday, April 23-24, 2021 - District Assembly @ Clare COTN

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Betty Hoose, Northern Michigan District's first, first lady, passed away Wednesday, December 30, 2020.



Betty Effie Hoose - age 89, of Gaines, formerly of Cadillac, passed away Wednesday, December 30, 2020. A graveside service will be held 11 AM Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at Gardner Cemetery. A memorial service will be scheduled later in 2021, with further details to come. Arrangements by Sharp Funeral Homes, Fenton Chapel, 1000 W. Silver Lake Rd., Fenton, MI 48430. Betty was born January 28, 1931 in Fenton, MI, the daughter of Wesley and Marie Brower. She married her high school sweetheart, Rev. Milton Hoose on July 22, 1950 in Fenton. Betty worked alongside her husband, Rev. Milton Hoose in ministry for 52 years in the Church of the Nazarene.

She always lived a Christian life and was a true example and a blessing to all who knew her. Betty will always be remembered for her caring heart, she was happiest when serving others.

She loved to cook and share her home cooked meals with family & friends, she made the best pies. Betty loved writing and her handwritten books are full of stories of her life. She loved planning family outings, birthday dinners, camp for the grandkids during the summers, Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations with her family, always making our time together special. She will be missed; our hearts are broken, but are so full of many treasured memories.

Surviving are: 5 children, Thomas (Debra) Hoose of Fenton, Stephen (Sheree) Hoose of Fenton, Beth (Stephen) Reynolds of Mayo, SC, David Hoose of Venice, FL, Joel (Paulette) Hoose of Fenton; 10 grandchildren, Tony (Samantha) Hoose, Cary Hoose, Matthew Hoose, Stephenie (Greg) Cornell, Laura Dale, Emily Pruitt, Danielle (Adam) Whitney, Zachary Dale, Tricia Monk, Tiffany Monk; many great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews; sisters, Bonnie Selby of Fenton, Shirley Lukey of Barrington, IL, Janet Kendall of Milford, Joyce Gearhart of Fenton, and extended family, CJ and Charlie Callaghan. She was preceded in death by her husband of 68 years, Rev. Milton Hoose and parents, Wesley and Marie Brower. Tributes may be shared at www.sharpfuneralhomes.com

"My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever." Psalm 73:26

Medical Doctors Needed in Kudirj, Papua New Guinea

There is still a critical need for medical doctors at Kudirj Nazarene Hospital (KNH) in Papua New Guinea. Surgeons, OB/GYNs, and emergency medicine doctors are especially needed who are willing to volunteer for three months to a year. KNH delivers 3,000 babies, serves 54,000 outpatients and 7,000 inpatients a year. Contact sendme@nazarene.org or click [here](#) for more information.





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