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Shepherds with the Heart of Jesus

by Dan Gilmore

Northern Michigan District Superintendent

In Jeremiah 3 the Scriptures reveal that primary of the blessings that our God would delight to give to us are pastors after His own heart: *And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding (Jeremiah 3:15)*. Since we know that this is God's will and purpose for His flock, let us purpose to seek that very blessing and work to support those servants that God has raised up in our midst.

The month of October has been set apart as a special time to bless our pastors with tangible expressions of love and support. Please make special efforts this month to do just that. Also, be sure to continue to hold up your pastors and families in fervent prayer unto the Lord. Our intercessory prayer support for God's shepherds should certainly not be confined to the month of October, but be sure to add those tangible expressions to your consistent prayers!

Remember that those who watch for our souls carry heavy burdens at times. They grow weary and face disappointments and discouragements. Your steadfast love and kindness does much to lighten their load and strengthen them in their holy tasks. *Remember those who watch over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation (Hebrews 13:7)*.

Isaiah 52:7

How beautiful upon the
mountains are the feet
of him who brings good
news, Who proclaims
peace, Who brings glad
tidings of good things,
Who proclaims
salvation, Who says to
Zion, "Your God
reigns!"



News from Pastors Jon and Wynne Schott - Cheboygan COTN

After 15 years of selling properties, purchasing land, fundraising, praying, pleading, bargaining, and mostly persevering, Cheboygan Church of the Nazarene and Cheboygan Compassionate Ministries is set to break ground on their new building October 11, 2021 at 11:30am, 674 Court Street, Cheboygan, Michigan. We give God all the glory!



Bless Your Pastor

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Many lay leaders are looking for materials to help them plan a pastor appreciation emphasis in October. The following materials can assist in blessing your pastor in various ways. The USA/Canada Regional Office will provide a **\$100 Amazon gift card** that the National Association of Evangelicals will send to the pastor of any Church of the Nazarene that participates in this **Bless Your Pastor Campaign** for the first time. Here is the [link](#) to the Bless Your Pastor Campaign materials.



Now is the time to order your free "Offering of Thanks" resources for the November offering. Click this [link](#) to access posters, bulletin inserts, envelopes and brochures to help promote the **Offering of Thanks** in November.

[Church of the Nazarene Discipleship Journey of Grace Video](#)



2021 – NMI Missionary Deputation Tour with Steven and Rebecca Barber Missionaries in Thailand



Steven and Rebecca Barber have been serving as missionaries in Thailand since 2016. They were commissioned as Nazarene Missionaries on Global Assignment to the Asia-Pacific Region in 2021. We are happy to have them on the Northern Michigan District.

October 2, 10:00 (Saturday) - Local NMI District Presidents' Training Day-
Traverse City First COTN

October 3, 10:30am (Sunday morning) - Traverse City First COTN

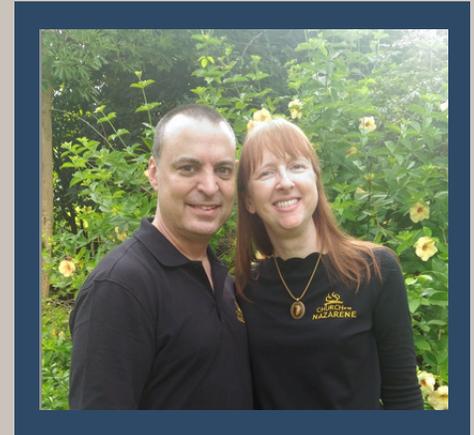
October 3, 6:00pm (Sunday evening) - Cadillac First COTN

October 4, (Monday) - Kalkaska COTN

October 5, (Tuesday) - Charlevoix COTN

October 6, (Wednesday) - New Horizons COTN, Pickford

October 7, (Thursday) - Lighthouse COTN, Escanaba



Steven & Rebecca Barber

Upcoming Events

2021

Oct. 2 - Local NMI Presidents' Training Day - Traverse City First COTN

Oct. 7 - Prime Time & Grandparents Day at Olivet Nazarene University

Oct. 3-8 - NMI Missionary Deputation Tour

Oct. 8-9 - District Women's Retreat - Lakeside Resort in Houghton Lake

Oct. 21-24 - Homecoming at Olivet Nazarene University

Dec. 4 - Pastor and Family Christmas Gathering - Delamar Resort, Traverse City

2022

Jan. 29 - District Board of Ministry - Traverse City First COTN

Feb. 17 - District Advisory Board - Traverse City First COTN

March 11-13 - Pastor and Spouse Retreat - Delamar Resort, Traverse City

April 22-23 - District Assembly - Clare COTN

May 21 - NMI Convention - New Horizons COTN, Pickford

2023

June 9-16 - General Assembly - Indianapolis, Indiana

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

HOMECOMING & FAMILY WEEKEND

2021

OCTOBER 21 - 24

Register and purchase tickets at

Olivet.edu/HC



Dr. Gregg Chenoweth
President - Olivet Nazarene University

Presidential Inauguration

Friday, 10am - Centennial Chapel

Tiger Athletic Competitions

Friday, 5:15pm & 7:30pm - McHie Arena

Saturday, 12pm, Ward Field

Taste of Olivet

Friday, 9:30pm, Chalfant Hall

Undergraduate Class Reunions

Saturday, 9:30am & 3pm - Various Locations

Homecoming Concert

Saturday, 7pm - Centennial Chapel

President's Prayer Breakfast

Sunday, 8am - Chalfant Hall