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The other day I was sorting through some old files looking to see what I no longer needed. As I read through many emails, letters, and notes I started thinking that those days were not so bad, but were actually quite good. Then I came across those emails, letters and notes that reminded me of the reality of those days. There were some pretty tough days. As I thought some more about this I began to realize that sometimes when we talk about the “good ole days,” we tend to remember the good stuff and forget about the bad.

When we concentrate on one part of the past and not the other, we tend to get a skewed view of what we remember. There is nothing wrong with thinking about the past and the progress that was made, or the joys that we had, but let’s not live there. For just as the past had good days, so also do the present.

When we choose to keep living in the past, we miss the great stories and the great events of today. Often, when we live in the past, we miss what may come in the future.

Scripture helps us here when we read, “Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert” (Isaiah 43:18-19). Also, “Brothers (and sisters), I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:13-14).

We have a great heritage that came about in the past, but we have an even more positive future when we consider that the God who created everything is still in control of what is to come. The Church of the Nazarene was started by people who honored their past but dreamed of what could come. They never forgot what God had brought them through, or what He had done in their midst. They saw what God could do with them in the future because of what He had done in the past.

That is where we are today. Yes, we have had great days in the past and the Lord has used many people to accomplish many things to get us to where we are today. Now, just think what He wants to do for us for the future! We have great days ahead of us and only we can hinder the Lord from doing what He wants to do. I do not want to be the stumbling block for what the Lord wants to do. Do you?
Co-laboring together, J Bret



Pastor Tim Britton received 11 new members into the church, West Sunbury United Church of the Nazarene.

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Find Us Faithful

As we have ended 2015 and we start a new year 2016, I have been reflecting on 2015 asking myself the question, how did I do as a disciple for Christ, did I disciple anyone for Christ, was my small group, my bible study, my Sunday school in my local church intentional in discipling others for Christ? We are all called to go and make Christ like Disciples for Christ. It's not just the Sunday School teachers calling or the Pastors calling, it is all of ours. We all know people who need Jesus and we are called to disciple them so they come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

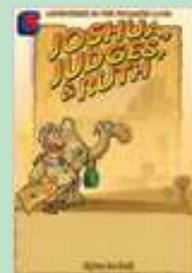
Woody Stevens says that Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries international (SDMI) is consumed with the mission. The priorities of Jesus for his followers are ours. We are called to make disciples. To the extent we neglect, ignore, or omit the pursuit of the mission is the extent to which we fail to realize our Master's expectations.

Have you been intentionally discipled by a brother or sister who helped you become more like Jesus? Are you intentionally helping a friend follow Jesus more closely? What would the church look like if everyone made disciples like you make disciples?

It is another way of asking, "Who is discipling you and who are you discipling. Making disciples means more than just dispensing information. It means going, developing new relationships, immersing others with the love of Christ, and teaching them to obey all that Jesus commands us.

Making Christlike disciples in the nations is worthy of your devotion, service, sacrifice, and life because Jesus commands it. It is not optional. So let's be intentional in reaching and discipling people for Jesus Christ.

Children's Bible Quizzing



Our second invitational is FEBRUARY 27. Contact the Quizmaster with your roster before you attend the quiz.

Locations are:

- * Northern Tier: ALBION**
Contact: Dana Young,
Nacelpa@windstream.net
- * Southern Tier: SOUTH HILLS**
Contact: Brian Krummel,
brian@peoplecravemediamedia.com
- * Eastern Tier: BROOKVILLE**
Contact: Bev Burkett,
bjburkett@windstream.net

The District Final quiz is APRIL 9. If your quizzer plans to participate in the Memory Verse Challenge, please email me asap so that I can purchase special awards.

Email Joanne Tutor with any quizzing related messages at pghnazquizzers@yahoo.com



Spring Ladies' Retreat

Friday–Saturday, March 11-12, 2016



Our speaker, Carol Broadbooks, is the wife of Robert Broadbooks, Regional Director for the USA/Canada Region of the Church of the Nazarene. Carol has been actively involved in ministry. She has a love for scripture memorization, intercessory prayer, and speaking to ladies' groups. She graduated from Mid-America Nazarene University with a degree in elementary education. Registration forms will be sent to your Pastors and SDMI Directors in January. Check our website for info and updates at www.pghnazwomn.org.

ATTENTION PRIMETIMERS

THINKING AHEAD TO SPRING!

Plans are being made for a Day Trip to the Columbiana OH, Das Dutch Theater on Friday, April 15. This will be a matinee at 12:00 noon, featuring the “**Chuck Wagon Gang Southern Gospel Concert**”. Since a group rate has been set up, the cost will be \$39.50 plus \$2.00 per person processing fee. Call **Jacqueline Smith at 1-866-482-5050, ext. 310**, Monday–Wednesday–Thursday (9:30 – 5:30). This is a 4–course plated meal – soup, salad, 2 entrees, 2 vegetables, potatoes, dessert, and drinks. The concert follows the meal. You will need to pay by credit card at the time of your reservation. Transportation will be on your own. Address is 150 East State Route 14, Columbiana OH 44408. If you have any questions, please call Rob and Jane lute at 724-254-9368. All are welcome to join us on this return trip to the Das Dutch Theater. Please be speedy on making your reservations as seats are limited.

CAMP MEETING PRIME TIME DAY

On **Wednesday, July 27**, a **SPECIAL DAY TRIP** for Prime Timers is planned. Lunch will be in the dining hall, and then travel by church vans/passenger cars, etc. to the **Wendell August Forge** and **The Glass Blowing Center**. We are asking help with the transportation to keep cost low. Cost will be \$10 (\$5 for lunch and \$5 to the driver of your transportation). More information will be available at conventions in June.

LANCASTER BUS TRIP

Here we come again! Lancaster Bus Trip for **Friday and Saturday, September 16 and 17, 2016**, includes transportation, **Mennonite Information Center, Hershey Family Style Dinner, Sight & Sound – “Samson”, Budget Host Inn, Choo Choo Barn, and lunch at Isaacs**. A cost has not yet been set – so keep these dates on your calendar.

NMI News

What are you looking forward to and the journey? I seek God's direction for the Pittsburgh District for missions and our journey for this year. There is so much each of you are doing for missions and I love hearing about your journey.

Bill and Gail Patch told us about their journey to South Korea from Pleasantville, PA, the love and the challenges. God is faithful even now on their journey.

I received a Thank you card from Vera Lambert, former NMI President and she told about the journey of her receiving the NMI booklet. It was sent to her address of 11 years ago and she still received it. The journey of the NMI booklet. New address: 12112 Farley Street, Overland Park KS 66213-1671.

Bob and Bessie Black told about their journey and with some of our district cash gifts, they bought goodies, and gave them away in the Wal-Mart parking lot to people whom they spotted that might need help. The journey of our LINKS.

Ted and Sarah Voight from Ireland write about their journey of seeking a network of partnerships with churches to support them. They are now making a long term commitment in Wicklow. Would you help them on their journey? www.voightsandME.com

The new ministries started at the Sharpsville Church helping the homeless or in need of a hot meal and companionship. The journey and prayers starting in a week. More info: 724-813-0109.

The journey: delivering 730 Pal Pak boxes from the Pittsburgh District to Inez, Kentucky with Pastor Peter Roy in November, the trip down and back in one day. The blessings of being able to share in their church ministry that sits on property that once was fighting ground for the Hatfields and McCroys.

The W&W trip to Alaska was cancelled but we have scheduled another trip to Inez in August. Pray to be part of that journey. A cement garage and many other projects need done. Contact Pastor Peter Roy for more info. terracecn@yahoo.com.

The medical storage unit to Ghana, Africa being released to Annikins Clinic and not being taxed right before Christmas. The journey of meeting Annie and Joe Gorman.

The Nicaragua W&W journey in February and the team going. It will be a journey. Pray for the team members and the work we will be doing. The journey of waiting to see how God will use us there.

The journey can be financial, physical, emotional, making a commitment, praying, starting a new ministry, far or near, it is with God's leading and directions. [Psalms 32:8](#) - I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye.

Pray about being part of the NMI council. We will be voting in the convention on June 18th about delegates for the journey to General Convention 2017 in Indianapolis. Let us know if you are interested in being part of our team.

Serving Pittsburgh District, Sandy Greenlee (mgreenleesub@yahoo.com)



Sandy Greenlee
NMI President

On the Pittsburgh Promoter Mailing List?

If you want onto the Pittsburgh District Promoter e-mail list, please contact: David Marker at admarker@comcast.net.

The Promoter is published in the months of February, April, June, August, October and December of each year. Copies of all Promoter issues are also available on-line at the Pittsburgh District website at www.pghnazarene.org.

District Events Schedule * 2016

- February 27:** 2nd 2015-2016 Children's Quizzing Invitational (*Northern* - Albion, *Southern* - South Hills and *Eastern* - Brookville)
- February 28:** Last day for Children's Talent Competition/Local
- March 11-12:** District Ladies' Retreat
- March 11-12:** Strengths Advocate 201 - Developing Your Talents (Dr. Stephen Dillman)
- March 12:** Children's Talent Competitions/Zone (Locations TBA)
- March 17-20:** District Scrapbook Retreat (District Center)
- March 26:** District Children's Council meeting
- April 9:** Children's Quizzing District Finals (District Center MPB)
- April 23:** Pastor's Prayer Day
- April 29-30:** Women in Ministry Retreat
- May 7:** Children's Talent/District Finals (District Center MPB)
- May 21:** NYI Convention
- May 21:** District Children's Council meeting
- June 13-17:** Kidz Camp
- June 17-18:** NMI Convention
- June 18-23:** NYI Teen Camp
- June 24-25:** District Assembly
- June 26:** District Unity Worship Service (A.M.)
- July 10-16:** NYI-sponsored trip to Encuentro, Puerto Rico
- July 24-31:** Family Camp

* *Dates are subject to change.*

DISTRICT ALLOCATIONS:

Thank you for your faithful giving to the District Ministry Fund and the other allocations. Please remember to send your district allocations into the District, SDMI, NMI and NYI. If you haven't started giving, it's never too late!

Payments can be made to the following:

District Ministry Fund:

Henry Twentier, District Treasurer
177 North Road, Butler PA 16001

Make checks payable to:

***Pittsburgh District
Church of the Nazarene***

NMI:

Debra Shutak
428 Great Belt Road
Butler PA 16002

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SDMI:

Rev. Ronald Schaeffer
141 Tressler Drive
Confluence PA 15424

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141 Supervisor Drive
West Newton PA 15089

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