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Rev. J Bret Metcalfe
District Superintendent

By the time you read this, we are a few short weeks from the end of the church year. That also means we should be in a warming trend heading to summer. For many of us, that is a welcomed season. Winter has been pretty brutal. As some have noted, "This is the worst winter in decades." Maybe it has been. I just know one thing, as much as I do not mind winter, I am ready for warmer days and no more snow. More than taking its toll on the winter salt supplies and the nerves of the people, it has taken its toll on our churches. Some of you have cancelled services more than in the past and those who did not have seen decreases in their attendances like never before. Often, decrease in attendance equates to decrease in offerings. For some of you, this has been stressful as you have tried to keep up with the ministries with less funds and are finding it difficult. The good news is that God has not forgotten you and He understands what you are going through. It is in these lean times that our faith is put to the test. How did you do?

In the lean times, Habakkuk reminds us, "Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. God, the Lord, is my strength; he makes my feet like the deer's; he makes me tread on high places" (Hab. 3:17-19 ESV). Sometimes we just need to be reminded that regardless of what goes on around us, or regardless of what we are used to, God is still with us; He is still watching over us and will carry us through.

It is in the lean times we must continue to be faithful to the call God has given us. Just because we go through difficult times, does not mean that we should withhold our giving. In all seasons of life, we should support the work of God. Even though giving to the district ministry fund is down, with your faithfulness, still we have been able to give out over \$26,000 to pastors and churches who needed support, and that total does not include any family camp giving. I want to say THANK YOU to those of you (churches and individuals) who have been generous with your money. On the denominational level, because you give to WEF, P&B, and ENC, lives are being changed around the world. You are investing the lives of people you do not even know, and that is so great. THANK YOU. For those churches who have not given yet, I encourage you to give something. What you give, added to what someone else gives, helps us make a difference in the lives of others. Every little bit counts. Will you trust God? "Let's go all out for souls!"

Your co-laborer, J Bret

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SUNDAY SCHOOL | DISCIPLESHIP
MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

Find Us Faithful

Do you know what our mission statement and vision is for Sunday School? The Nazarene Global SDMI Mission and Vision is:

“A People of Prayer engaged in The Word making Christ-like disciples.”

The purpose of your SDMI Ministry: (Nazarene Manual ¶ 145.2)

- To reach the largest number of unchurched people for Christ and the church.
- Bringing them into fellowship,
- Teaching the Word of God effectively, and encompassing their salvation;
- Teaching the doctrines of the Christian faith and
- Developing Christ-like character, attitudes, and habits;
- Helping believers for membership in the church and
- Equipping them for appropriate Christian ministries.

Sometimes we need to be reminded of the Great Commission that Jesus has set before us and has demanded of us as believers and as a church. This is what Jesus says to his disciples and to us:

Matthew 28: 18-20 (NIV)

18. Then Jesus came to them and said, **“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Holy Spirit, 20. And teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”**

I like what verse 20 says, **“and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”** Are we teaching the commands of Jesus Christ to those in our Sunday School class, our small groups, in our time together as the Word is being preached?

Let’s be the people that Jesus has commanded us to be: A people...

- of prayer
- engaged in the Word
- making Christ-like disciples.

Summer is approaching and our District Children’s Department has some exciting things for your children to participate in. We are going to have a fundraiser to benefit Kidz Camp. We want to raise money so we can rent some fun activities like an inflatable Velcro bungee run, Velcro wall and giant water slide. We will also have a dunk tank at District Assembly to help reach our financial goals to rent these inflatables for Kidz Camp.

The last Saturday of camp, the Children’s Department will be hosting a Basketball tournament which will also be used to help raise the additional funds for the inflatables at Kidz Camp. See the attached flyer for more details.

Make plans now to come for our Sunday School Rally on July 26, the day before Family Camp begins. Rev. Kerry Willis is our main speaker. He is the Sr. Pastor of the Harrisonburg, VA Church of the Nazarene. He is an awesome pastoral leader and motivational speaker. He is the “son of a fisherman, a shepherd for the Son and a sanctuary of God’s Presence.” He was also a workshop speaker at General Assembly and has spoken at our District Pastor & Wife’s Retreat. You won’t want to miss it!

Pastor Dave Smith, District SDMI Chair, Making the Connection,
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Pittsburgh District SDMI Budget Report Ending - 2/28/14

Church	Received	Church	Received
Albion Wesleyan	\$ 175.00	Monaca New Beginnings	\$ 41.34
Allison	\$ 0.00	Monongahela	\$ 210.17
Anita	\$ 0.00	Nanty Glo	\$ 80.00
Atlasburg	\$ 0.00	New Brighton	\$ 278.49
Beaver Falls College Hill	\$ 0.00	New Castle	\$ 0.00
Belle Vernon	\$ 121.43	New Galilee	\$ 0.00
Bethel Park South Hills	\$ 750.00	NuMine Bible Fellow.	\$ 0.00
Boswell New Life	\$ 51.12	Oil City	\$ 283.83
Bradford First	\$ 269.50	Paris	\$ 166.40
Brookville Calvary	\$ 300.00	Philipsburg	\$ 0.00
Bunola	\$ 34.00	Pgh Lincoln Place	\$ 190.00
Butler First	\$ 300.00	Portage	\$ 0.00
California Calvary	\$ 329.00	Punxsutawney	\$ 74.99
Clarion	\$ 30.00	Riceville	\$ 0.00
Clearfield	\$ 13.34	Ridgway	\$ 77.56
Confluence	\$ 100.00	Scottdale	\$ 0.00
Coraopolis	\$ 128.00	Sharpsville	\$ 0.00
Corry	\$ 83.08	Sheakleyville	\$ 0.00
Curtisville Deer Lakes	\$ 0.00	Sligo	\$ 4.64
DuBois Emmanuel	\$ 11.61	Smithton	\$ 245.00
Duquesne City of Hope	\$ 0.00	Somerset	\$ 234.50
Ebensburg Lakeside	\$ 0.00	Springboro Conneaut	\$ 88.00
Edinboro Hillcrest	\$ 108.00	The Gathering	\$ 0.00
Ellwood City	\$ 0.00	Titusville	\$ 0.00
Emlenton Lighthouse	\$ 0.00	Union City	\$ 144.21
Erie First	\$ 0.00	Uniontown	\$ 0.00
Erie Millcreek	\$ 0.00	Vanderbilt	\$ 0.00
Erie New Life	\$ 24.62	Waltersburg	\$ 0.00
Franklin	\$ 291.59	Warren First	\$ 581.01
Fredonia	\$ 0.00	Washington First	\$ 97.00
Freedom Pine Run	\$ 138.21	Washington New Hope	\$ 0.00
Glisson Ridge	\$ 0.00	Waterford	\$ 14.14
Greenville Lifeway	\$ 0.00	Waynesburg	\$1290.00
Grove City	\$ 163.89	West Mifflin Terrace	\$ 0.00
Hampton Community	\$ 0.00	West Sunbury United	\$ 0.00
Hawthorn	\$ 0.00	Windber	\$ 0.00
Hermitage Gentle Shep.	\$ 403.67	Zelienople	\$ 145.73
Homer City	\$ 351.00		
Imperial	\$ 0.00		
Indiana First	\$ 0.00		
Irwin Norwin	\$ 200.00	Totals	\$ 9,115.38
Jefferson	\$ 124.26	Expected Income:	\$16,000.00
Jerome	\$ 0.00	Percentage of Budget Paid:	56.97%
Kenwood	\$ 143.90	Comparison of % from last yr:	51.41%
Kittanning	\$ 60.30		
Kossuth Faith	\$ 90.82	Checks Payable:	<u>Pittsburgh District SDMI</u>
Meadville First	\$ 12.12	Mail to:	Ron Schaeffer (814) 395-5168
Mercer	\$ 59.91		141 Tressler Dr.
Milesburg	\$ 0.00		Confluence, PA 15424



**5-on-5
Basketball
Fundraiser
Family
Tournament**

Saturday, August 2, 2014

(During Family Camp)

10:00 am

Mt. Chestnut Retreat Center

177 North Road

Butler PA

**ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARD
KIDZ CAMP 2014**

*For inflatables: water slide, Velcro wall and
Bungee challenge*

All District Church Teams

5 play plus 1 sub - \$10 per person

Each team must be comprised of at least 1 woman and 2 children (10-12 yr. old)

Who can play? Adults (men and women), Teens and Children 10 yrs and above

Team Registrations due by July 19, 2014

Send your registration form and payment to Christine Siordia:

115 Deerfield Lane, Waynesburg PA 15370

E-mail: onwiththecall@msn.com

Phone: (724) 710-6433



Winter Retreat was a great time of growing closer to God and each other. Thanks to all of our adult leaders who took part, the teens who attended, and the parents and pastors who prayed for us. We thank God for you!



**Colleen Baker,
NYI President**



**Winter
Retreat
South**

**Winter
Retreat
North**



Save the dates!

Teen Camp: June 23-28

Family Camp: July 27-August 3

Want to be the first to get camp forms? Join our mailing list. Send us an email at PittsburghNYI@gmail.com and request to be added to our mailing list. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter for pictures and event updates. Just search for "PittsburghNYI."

SAVE THE DATE: NMI CONVENTION JUNE 20 -21, 2014



First of all - Friday night will be a fun night-meeting Annie Gorman and other speakers. We will be icing cupcakes and decorating them. The business and other speakers will be Saturday as usual.

FRIDAY NIGHT

ANNIE GORMAN

CUPCAKES WITH ANNIE

SATURDAY

JOE GORMAN

IF YOU GIVE A GIRL A PIGLET

and

BOB PRESCOTT - CUBA REGION

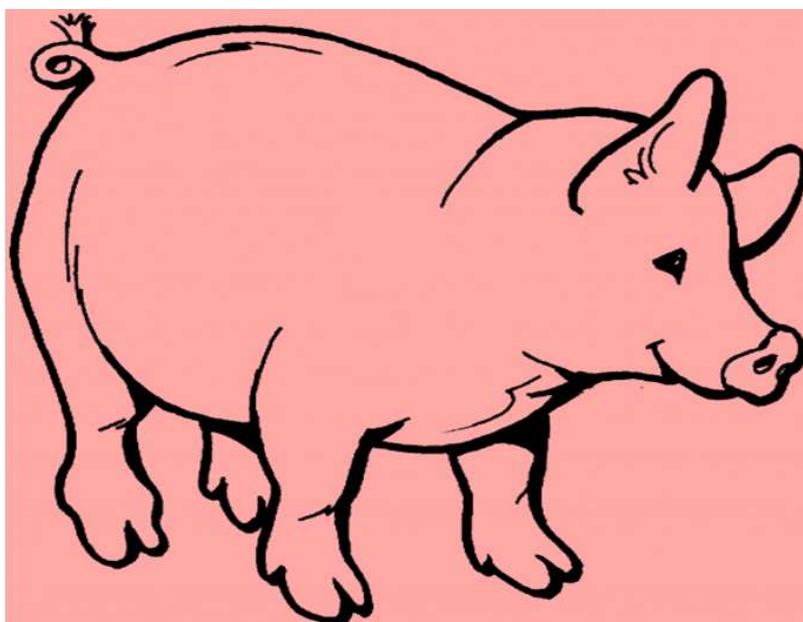
SATURDAY LUNCH - PIG ROAST

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

Please collect empty medicine bottles at your church. Keep them at your church and directions and explanations will be given at convention.

We are still collecting Crisis Care Kits. If you are in Butler area, they can be taken to the Mission Station. Remember to send in your check for \$3.00 a kit and \$1.50 for Pal Packs.

GREASE PIG CONTEST, KISS THE PIG



L I N K S assignments will be given out at the NMI Convention.

Deputation will be explained at the Convention, too.

With much love to all of you for ALL you do, especially the prayers.

God is doing an awesome work in missions because of you.

*Serving the
Pittsburgh District
Sandy*

Family Camp 2013 project plus 2014 Focus

Thank you! Family Camp 2013 is in the books. It was a great camp, with many making a first time decision for Christ and some recommitting their lives to Jesus! Children, youth and adults were saved, and many were entirely sanctified! Praise be to God! People's needs were met by our Savior as He impacted their lives, making a difference in individuals and in families. Through your generosity this past year we were able to tithe 10% of your offering to the Western Maharashtra District in India. District Superintendent, Rev. Sanjay Gawali, was blessed to receive this tithe to the district. Your generosity and faithful giving has enabled Rev. Sanjay to take the tithe we sent him and put it towards a vehicle that he can use on the Western Maharashtra District. Thank you for your faithfulness! (*see picture of Sanjay with SUV elsewhere in this issue.*)

Tabernacle Restrooms are DONE! We are praising the Lord as the work on the Tabernacle restrooms is finished. We have a men's, women's and family restroom with ample space! They look and work great! You will also see two new drinking fountains ready to keep everyone hydrated this summer! These restrooms include showers for those who are camping, and in the back of the restrooms is a laundry room. The washer and dryer are available for limited use by campers while residing on the premises. You will see a suggested donation amount and an Honor Box for your contribution. You will need to supply your own laundry soap. The machines are there to make your stay on the Pittsburgh District campgrounds more enjoyable.

The cost of family camp is \$35,000.00. Without your support through cash offerings and pledges, family camp would not be a great success. To all those who made pledges at the 2013 Family Camp: *Please continue to send them in.* Over \$8,000.00 was pledged to the Glory of God. We want to keep our promises. Pledges make it easy to give throughout the year yet, sadly, not all the pledges are honored. So please help us reach the lost and strengthen commitments to Christ by honoring those pledges.



This year we will be focusing on rehabbing the exterior of the Tabernacle. You may have noticed that the lower part of the exterior walls needs to be replaced. Water from the roof has damaged these walls over the years, so now is the time to make a difference for generations to come. Would you start now to pray about what you will give at the 2014 Family Camp? We need to reach \$35,000.00 to pay the expenses of Family Camp. We also need to raise an additional offering of \$15,000.00. This will go a long way toward making improvements to the exterior of the Tabernacle and perhaps other needed repairs.

This is YOUR campground. This is where many of you found Jesus or found a closer sanctifying walk with Him. We want the same for our children, our grandchildren and our great-grandchildren. Will you come alongside us and help make disciples here on the Pittsburgh District and around the world? I am excited about what the Lord will do at this year's family camp. I hope to see you there!

Rev. Peter Roy, Family Camp Director



CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

The Titusville Church of the Nazarene is pleased to welcome Pastor David L. Edwards and his wife, Tina, as the pastoral family. The church had been blessed by Rev. Andy Russell and Rev. Ron Reagle from, Franklin Pa as supply pastors since the previous pastor's departure in May of 2013.

Pastor Dave, as those in the church fondly call him, comes to us from Oak Hill Church of the Nazarene in West Virginia. He brings twenty three years for senior pastoral experience, before which he held such positions as children's pastor and youth pastor. Pastor Dave says that while he loves children and teens, he found out early on in his ministry that God was calling him into full time senior pastoral position. Pastor Dave comes from a long family tradition in the Church of the Nazarene. He continued his study at Mid-America Nazarene University and Asbury Theological Seminary to prepare for the ministry God had called him to.



When asked what his goals for ministry in the Titusville community were, Pastor Dave said,

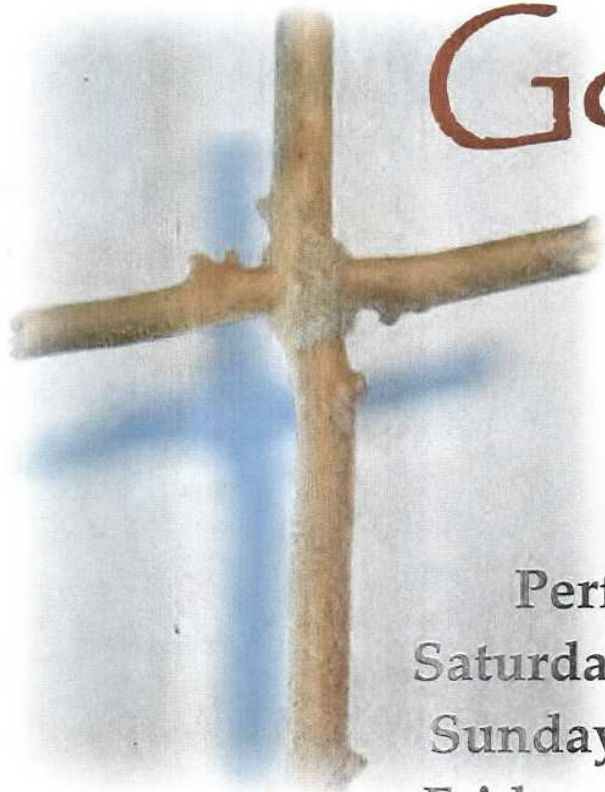
“When God calls me to a particular church for ministry, it has always been that my family and I embrace not only the local church, but also the community in which we serve. We want to be a part of the great community of Titusville and the surrounding areas in every aspect of our lives. As ministry opportunities present themselves we want to make sure that we do our best to reach or meet those challenges.”

When asked what his goals for ministry within the Titusville Church of the Nazarene were, Pastor Dave said,

“One of the things I strive to do as pastor is to continue or build on the ministry that the church currently has in their community. We need to do the bulk of our ministry outside of the church walls. And with God's help we will be a visible light to those that need hope and encouragement.”

The congregation is excited to have Pastor Dave and Tina here and is looking forward to being led in ministry by such an enthusiastic and compassionate team. God is blessing and moving in the Titusville Church of the Nazarene. Come, Catch the Vision at Titusville Church of the Nazarene and learn to Share and Live that vision in everyday life.

**2014 Family Camp at Mount Chestnut
Nazarene District Center
Sunday, July 27, through Sunday, August 3
Personnel for this year's Family Camp are
listed and highlighted elsewhere in this issue.**



God with us

We're just a bunch of ordinary people
with an awesome story to tell

Church of the Nazarene
505 Washington Avenue
New Galilee, PA 16141

Performance Dates

Saturday April 5, 2014 7pm
Sunday April 6, 2014 7pm
Friday April 11, 2014 7pm
Saturday April 12, 2014 7pm
Palm Sunday April 13, 2014 3pm
Palm Sunday April 13, 2014 7pm
Thursday April 17, 2014 7pm
GoodFriday April 18, 2014 6pm
GoodFriday April 18, 2014 8:30pm
Saturday April 19, 2014 7pm
Easter Sunday April 20, 2014 7pm

*There will be no charge for performances, but due to limited seating please contact us at **724-683-2855** or go to **www.tinyoffering.com** to reserve your FREE tickets.

*Due to the graphic depiction of Christ's sacrifice, performances may not be suitable for all.



James Spruill

James has been involved in mission work in Haiti for more than 25 years - preaching, teaching church leaders, medical clinics and construction. He is a 39 year old man living in a 75 year old body. He loves chocolate, flying (he flew blood for the Red Cross for more than 20 years), photography (see jimspruill.com for a look at some of his photos), and most of all Jesus. He has a wonderful wife, Mary, who he met at Trevecca, and they have been married 55 years. "These are the best days of our lives. Preaching is a passion with me. There is no greater joy than sharing the Good News with a hurting world. I don't think we need more sermons but a message from the heart of God. My prayer is to bring His heart through my heart to the heart of His Church. It is not about me, it is all about Him."



Marcus Whitworth

Marcus A. Whitworth, Sr. is a full-time, ordained Christian worship leader/revivalist, affiliated with the Church of the Nazarene. He is God-called and has held REVIVALS continuously since 1983. He was raised, the son of a Nazarene Pastor- a "PK" (Preacher's kid). His biblical ministry objective is to help facilitate a Holy Spirit led RENEWAL in the Body of Christ where Believers are ENCOURAGED to return to their "1st Love" and regain a greater measure of JOY & PASSION in their WORSHIP of God (lifestyle worship) and SERVICE to others, (including a burden for lost souls, people experiencing pain and loss). He utilizes a variety of musical styles and media to convey BIBLE TRUTHS with energy and integrity. He makes it his aim to please and exalt God (King David style). It gives him much pleasure to announce God's glory and Kingdom coming by the blowing of the Jewish SHOFAR ("the Trumpet of the Lord").

2014 Family Camp Guest Personnel



Kerry Willis

Pastor Kerry originally hails from Harkers Island, North Carolina. He moved to Harrisonburg in 1994 to become the pastor at Harrisonburg First Church of the Nazarene. He and his wife, Kim, have called this place home ever since. They have two kids, Grayson and Allison, and a dog, Oreo. If he were to pick one unusual animal to have as a pet, Pastor Kerry would choose a chimpanzee, unless he lived near the water, than he would pick a dolphin. Kerry Willis has a very unique way of presenting the gospel as he uses his experience in the Holy Land to go deeper into the word of God. Kerry is returning to us this year and is sure to be a blessing to the Pittsburgh District.



Joshua Haney

I was born and raised in Waynesboro, VA. After some time in Kansas City, MO to serve and attend seminary, my wife and I were called back here in 2007. We have been serving students and their families at Waynesboro Community Fellowship Church of the Nazarene since then. We are driven by our hunger for relationships, a desire to see strong families, a passion for the Word, a want to empower others, and a heart to reach others for God's Kingdom. I graduated from Virginia Tech in 1998 with a B.S. in Animal Science. This degree allows me to tell some pretty crazy and awkward farm animal stories. I spent a few years in the Marines and then graduated Nazarene Theological Seminary in 2008 with my Masters. I have been married for almost 12 years and have one son, Brady, and one daughter on the way in February of 2013.



Pastors **Steve and Janet Raeburn** have been working with children for over twenty years. “Both of us are ordained elders in the Church of the Nazarene and commissioned evangelists. Although we have been Children’s Ministry Directors and Children’s Pastors in the past, we believe God has called us into full-time children’s and family evangelism. This is what we do! And we want to do the very best for Him. Our world needs Jesus and, with God’s help, we will try to reach each person in a visually impacting way that will not soon be forgotten. Our whole family is a part of the ministry - with each person contributing a part to make it a very special whole :)”. **David, Adam and Kathryn** believe that this is what God has called each of **THEM** to do right now - not just a call for their parents. They are very special kids.



Tabernacle restrooms are completed! Many thanks for your help and generous giving!



The Pittsburgh Family Camp 2013 sent a tithe to Rev. Sanjay of 10% of our offering which included cash and pledges totaling \$4200.00. This money helped purchase a vehicle for Sanjay to use to get around his district.



District Events Schedule: **

- April 5:** District Children's Quiz Finals
- April 12:** NYI Quizzing – Practice for Regional Quiz
- April 12:** Zone Children's Talent
- April 25-26:** Women In Ministry Retreat
- May 17:** District Children's Talent Finals
- June 6-7:** District Assembly
- June 8:** District-Wide Worship Service
- June 14:** NYI Convention
- June 20-21:** NMI Convention
- June 23-28:** NYI Teen Camp
- July 26:** SDMI Convention and Sunday School Rally
- July 27-August 3:** Family Camp
- August 16-20:** Kidz Camp
- September 20:** Prime Time Event
- September 25-28:** District Scrapbook Retreat
- October 17-18:** Prime Time to Sight & Sound

****Dates are subject to change.**

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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***

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Confluence PA 15424

Make checks payable to:

Pittsburgh District SDMI

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