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When we were in Nicaragua on the work and witness trip, coming into a town, or sometimes just because, the government put speed bumps on the road to get travelers to slow down and pay attention. The driver had to constantly be watching because there were times those speed bumps just showed up. Scripture is no different. There are times when the Lord puts “speed bumps” in to get the reader to slow down and take notice. That is exactly what happened to me the other day. I came across a passage of scripture that I am sure that I have read, but for some reason, the Lord decided to put a “speed bump” in and it caused me to pause and take notice. And did I take notice!

The passage is 2 Kings 4:1-7. In the midst of the action and activities of the kings, we find this little dialogue between Elisha and a new widow. I will trust that you take the time to read it. Here are some parts for you to take notice (this is not all, but a good start). First you will notice the widow, when she found herself in distress, she went to the Lord (through the prophet Elisha). Upon hearing, she acted. Because in the Old Testament women did not work, she had to get some money to pay off the creditors. Elisha told her to gather all of the empty vessels she could find. Once she gathered them, Elisha told her to go in her house, shut the door and start pouring oil into the empty vessels. Her little bit of oil filled a lot of empty vessels. Notice something else. As soon as she had no more vessels, the oil quit flowing. The widow was instructed to sell what she had collected, pay off her debts and live on the rest.

To no fault of the widow, she was limited in the number of vessels, therefore limited in how much money she could make. How many times do we find ourselves in trouble or in need and the Lord gives us an answer, but our vision is so limited that we limit how much the Lord wants to do? Because, as you saw, once we limit the Lord’s blessings, He quits providing (at least for the specific event). The Lord wants to bless us, so let’s not limit the Lord.

Which brings me to another thought. Most of you know when your church pays its allocations (P&B, ENC, WEF, DMF, and the district auxiliaries), you are investing in the lives of others. Or to put it another way, you are allowing the Lord to fill the vessels that are so in need of Him. Thank you all for your attention to your allocations. Because the majority of you have decided not wait until the last month, the different areas are able to accomplish more. Let’s give the Lord the opportunity to fill as many vessels as He can so that His kingdom will grow.

Co-laboring together, J Bret

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NMI News

Praising the Lord for the last 2 weeks and the team that went to Nicaragua. We just got home and it was ordained by the Lord. So many times we could see how God had gone before us and planned the day, the building and the Bible School we had for the children. God knew about the virus. He knew it would be the W&W coordinators' –Thomas (Bub) and Rickie Honea last trip to the area before returning to the United States. What an awesome trip.



God's plans and rides are not always smooth but He does have the best plan.

Save the date!

- NMI presidents – Saturday, May 14, 2016
- **Honoring all NMI Presidents Day.**
- Free lunch and informational dinner (10:30 AM – 1:30 PM)
- Gift bags
- If your church does not have a NMI president, please send the pastor or a representative.
- Please contact Sandy Greenlee if coming (814-756-3630)

NMI convention

- Saturday, June 18, 2016
- 9:30 AM – Start time
- Rob North – Africa Nazarene University
- Julie Bausman – Children with special needs
- Worship in Song by “Living Hope” (Anita and David Marker)
- ROAM – RV's on a mission
- W&W trip to Nicaragua break out
- Voting for president and other council members
- Voting for Delegates for General Convention Delegates
- Much more

Thanks for supporting missions.



Pittsburgh District NMI Presidents



Save the Date!

Saturday, May 14th, 2016

10:30 AM - 1:30 PM

NMI Presidents' Appreciation Day

A FREE Luncheon served by the council!

We will have gifts bags for each of you.

We want to say thank you for the hard work you do!

We will be sharing information about our June 18 Convention.

We want to answer questions that you may have about NMI.

It is important that you try to attend.

Please let us know if you can join us so we can plan accordingly for a great meal at the District Dining Room.

Contact: Sandy Greenlee (814-756-3630)



By May 1st





The lady is Yelba Rey Herrera Garcia, 54-year old pastor whom we present a copy of the Jesus film.



The children doing a Bible School project.



The children placing small rocks in the foundation to remind them that they are part of this church.

Nicaragua - 2016



The beginning and the final look.



Giving the Jesus Film to the Superintendent of this part of Nicaragua.



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SDMI Chair

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SUNDAY SCHOOL | DISCIPLESHIP
MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

Find Us Faithful

As Christians, we need to continue to learn about Christ so we can grow into Christ's likeness. Are you frustrated and down or weary about teaching a Sunday School lesson or feeling that you're not prepared to teach that small group of adults, teens or children?

I want to let you know that there is a great resource out there to help you in your ministry in the local church and to help you grow spiritually. The Church of The Nazarene has a website: www.discipleshipplace.org that you can go to in order to further your learning. Below is a list of testimonies of people who have taken advantage of the Discipleship Place and it has changed their lives. I encourage you to take a look and try it for yourself.

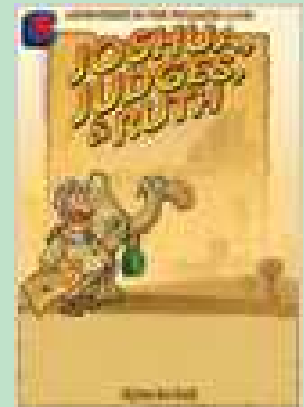
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Children's Bible Quizzing



The District Final quiz is APRIL 9 at District Center, MPB Building.

Coaches meeting will begin at 9:30 am. Red Level quizzes at 10 am followed by luncheon for all. Purchases your lunch tickets during registration. Blue Level will begin quizzing at 12:30 pm.

Please support our children with prayer on that day!

Email Joanne Tutor with any quizzing related messages:

pghnazquizzers@yahoo.com

Prime Time News

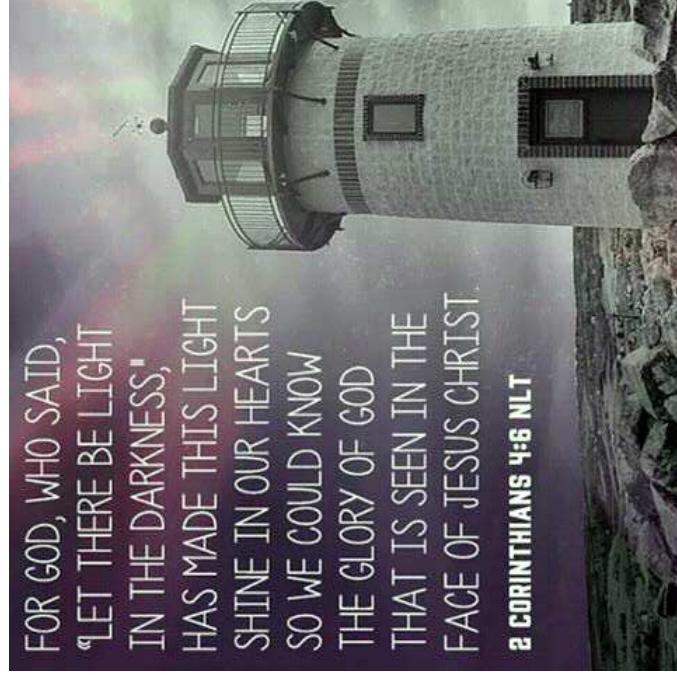
CAMP MEETING PRIME TIME DAY

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 2016 – HERE WE COME!

**Come & Join Us...’SAMSON’
SEPTEMBER 16 & 17, 2016**

A two-day trip to the Lancaster area is in the final planning stage. Sponsored by the Pittsburgh District Primetime, we are very excited about this event for ages 16 & up. The schedule is jam-packed with a good variety of activities: Sight & Sound production of “SAMSON”, Mennonite Biblical Tabernacle, Choo-Choo Barn, Strasburg Railroad w/Hobo Lunch, Budget Host Inn, and family style dinner at Hershey Farms Restaurant. Cost is \$250.00. All meals are covered, except for lunches coming and going which are on your own. There are three bus pick-up points to accommodate Prime Timers as efficiently as possible. With only one bus this year, reservations will be on a first-come, first-served basis, with any over the 55 full-bus maximum being put on a waiting list. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Rob and Jane Lute at (724) 254-9368 or rcjlute@comcast.net. Please mark your calendars! Deadline to register is August 1 with \$100.00, and final payment of \$150.00 by September 1.



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Cost - \$250.00: \$100.00 due August 1; \$150.00 due Sept. 1, 2016.

SCHEDULE

Friday – September 16

8:00 AM - Bus leaves District Center

Pick-up stop at the New Stanton Borough Building.

Pick-up stop at Somerset Church of the Nazarene

Lunch on the Turnpike (on your own)

Visit the Mennonite Biblical Tabernacle

6:30 PM - "Samson" show at Sight & Sound theater

Check-in at Budget Host Inn

Saturday – September 17

Hot Continental Breakfast at Hotel

8:15 AM - Depart Budget Host Inn

Travel to Choo-Choo Barn

Lunch on Strasburg Railroad w/Hobo Lunch

Depart for home

REGISTRATION FORM

PRIMETIME TRIP TO LANCASTER – Sept. 16 & 17, 2016

NAME _____

SHARING A ROOM WITH _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NO. _____

CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

CHURCH _____

PREFERRED BUS PICK-UP POINT – circle one

District Center - New Stanton - Somerset Church

Cost - \$250.00 per person – includes bus travel, "Samson", Hershey Farms Restaurant, Lancaster Budget Host Inn (includes hot breakfast on Saturday), Mennonite Biblical Tabernacle, Choo-Choo Barn and Strasburg Railroad w/Hobo Lunch.

HOBO LUNCH CHOICE- Please choose a sandwich for each registration

_____ Cheesesteak _____ Turkey & Cheese _____ Ham & Cheese

(Lunch includes sandwich, baked beans, Whoopie pie, chips, drink)

Registration Due August 1 - \$100.00 deposit

Final Payment Due by September 1, - \$150.00

(or if you prefer, you may pay in full with this registration)

Number of registrations _____ x \$100.00 = \$ _____

Or paying in full _____ x \$250.00 = \$ _____

Make checks payable to: **Pittsburgh District SDMI**

Send registration and payments to:

Rob and Jane Lute: 10435 Rte 403 N, Clymer, PA 15728

(724) 254-9368 rcjlute@comcast.net

Campground Opening Weekend!

Our camp needs your help, as we try something new! We are going to have opening weekend. A time for us to come together, work alongside one another on various jobs to open up our campgrounds for the busy season. Jobs will range from pulling weeds, planting flowers, painting, cleaning, new drywall on the interior of the Tabernacle walls, remodel of Tabernacle Stage and the list goes on! There will be work for any skill level. Please join us on Saturday May 28th (over Memorial Weekend). Please RSVP to Colleen Baker at pghdistcenteradmin@zoominternet.net so we can plan free lunch for those who will be working.

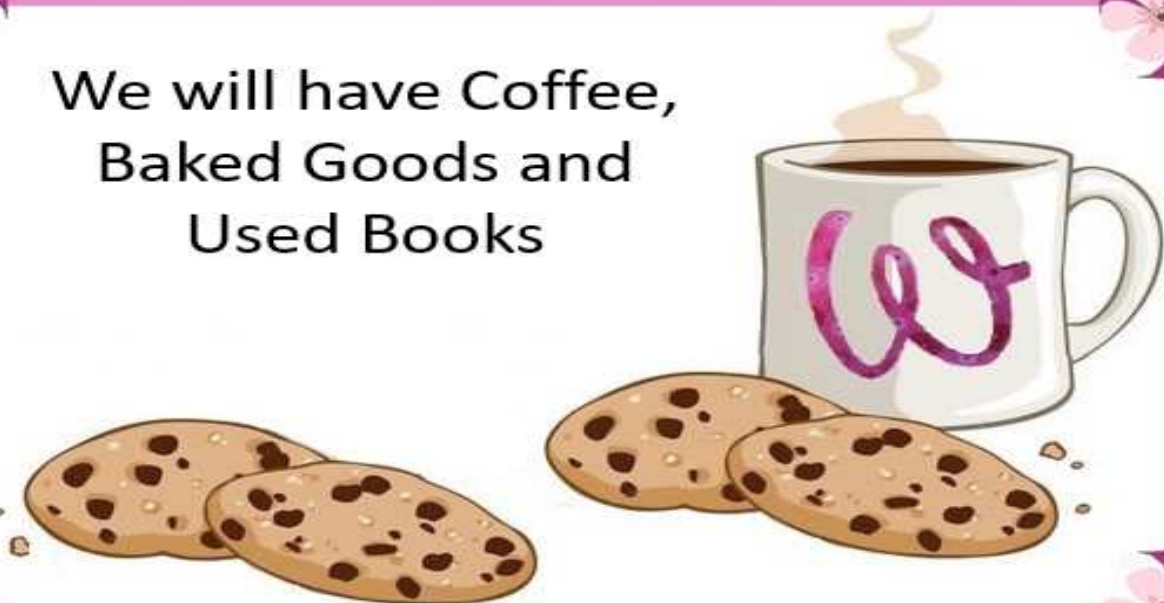
Please submit your lodging application for District Assembly and Family Camp as soon as possible. Rooms are assigned on a first come, first served basis. Registration is not made until applications are received. Please contact Julie Beckley at jabeckley04@gmail.com for applications or more information.

If you are interested in working Family Camp in any of the following positions: housekeeping, kitchen dishroom, kitchen servers, or snack shack, please contact Colleen Baker at the District Office: 724-287-5867 or email: pghdistcenteradmin@zoominternet.net.

Mt. Chestnut will be hosting a Quilt Retreat October 28-30th. Some women from various denominations around our neighborhood have coordinated this retreat and are excited to spread the news. If you are interested in attending Mt. Chestnut's first Quilt Retreat please contact Thelma Hassler 724-285-7704 or email: mtchestnutquiltret@zoominternet.net for an application. Deadline to register is June 1st.

Visit the Women's Ministry Table at District Assembly

We will have Coffee,
Baked Goods and
Used Books



THE DISCIPLESHIP PLACE

The Discipleship Place (CLT) website is designed to equip laypeople for ministry in their family, local church, neighborhood, work place, and community. It provides training for children, youth, and adult workers and for SDMI superintendents. It is also an excellent resource to help you grow as a disciple of Christ.

A recent survey revealed that over 90% of those who used DiscipleshipPlace.org said it made a difference in their personal walk with Christ. But don't take our word for it. Read what participants have said about their experience with The Discipleship Place.



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

"The Children's Ministry Course has been a wonderful learning experience. This is a wonderful thing that you are doing, and I have learned so much to help me in working with children up to youth." *Tammy from Tennessee*



YOUTH MINISTRY

"I would like to praise God for allowing me to find these courses. As a youth group leader, it gives me new ideas for leading that group." *Tyler from Maine*



LAY MINISTRY

"I want to say that I am humbled and excited that the Lord has called me into His service as a lay minister. The studies are excellent. When I start a unit, it seems that I can't put it down until I have finished." *Robert from Indiana*



COACHING

"This is one of the best decisions we have made and invested in since I arrived here. Heather, as a leader, has been completely transformed; and her confidence and preparation have created a foundation the entire congregation can support. Honestly! Her training has been so solid." *Pastor Jessica from Alberta*



WEBINARS

"Thank you so much for the webinars; they are fantastic. I cannot believe how fast the hour goes by during the webinars. I learn a lot, and I look forward to the next ones. I am really connecting with this, and it follows my values and the values that I want to teach my children." *Stephanie from Ontario*



TEACHER TRAINING

"What a treat! The webinar, 'Preparing Your Lesson with Confidence,' was well worth the time tonight. My biggest struggle is feeling that I am knowledgeable/mature enough to teach adults. This webinar helped me with that insecurity. Thank you for the work you are doing. Please keep doing it!" *Louise from Missouri*

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District Events Schedule * 2016

- 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.*

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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:

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Make checks payable to:

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Pittsburgh District SDMI

NYI:

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West Newton PA 15089
Make checks payable to:
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