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Rev. J Bret Metcalfe
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We have arrived at the end of one church year and have started a new one. Just like two months ago, I want to say thank you to those of you who attend churches that gave to the different allocations. Your generosity has allowed those funds to be invested in the lives of others. So, whether you knew it or not, your dollars have impacted many people around the world. Just think about that. Your dollars given here, do not stay here. Your giving helped spread the story of Jesus to the lost.

What happened last year? How did you see the Lord work in the place where you worship or serve? What were some ways you saw or heard of a transformational work in the life of someone? What story can you share with someone? You do realize it is the story of God that transforms people, right? I mean, think about it. One of the ways Jesus used to transform the lives of the people He came into contact with was by telling stories or parables. This was important because Jesus used information that the hearer understood to make His point. Sometimes when Jesus spoke, the hearer needed some explanation, but even with the explanation, sometimes it took a while for the people to “get it.” However, whether people get your story at first, or it takes a while, the Lord can use your story to change their life. You just have to be ready and willing to share it.

As we look to this new year, how are you going to allow the Lord to use you to impact the life of someone else? Remember, just tell the story of how God has changed your life and continues to change your life. When you follow the leading of the Lord, He will bring those who need to hear.

Co-laboring together, J Bret

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Four Principles We Must Model as Leaders

I am reading a book by John C. Maxwell called “The 21 Most Powerful Minutes in a Leader’s Day.” I recommend this book for everyone to read. It talks about being a good leader. Everyone is a leader whether you are a Pastor, a Sunday School teacher, youth group leader, professional educator, boss, manager, employee, parent, teen or child; God has called all of us to be great leaders. In this book it talks about how Joshua was a great leader and he modeled what a great leader needs to be. If you desire to do great things as a leader, then try to live according to this pattern that Joshua modeled. There are four things Joshua modeled that I took this from this book:

* **Prayer** – Joshua was a man of prayer. When Moses returned to camp following his time with God, “Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, did not depart from the tabernacle” (Ex. 33:11). He didn’t “ride his mentor’s coattails”. He developed his own relationship with God. We do that through prayer.

* **Obedience** – Joshua obeyed God as a servant, a warrior, and a leader. When he spoke to the children of Israel to persuade them to enter Canaan, he did so as someone who understood God. He led the example on how to be obedient. People should be able to see obedience lived out in the life of every leader.

* **Faith** – Joshua’s life was marked by courage – as he stood up against the other spies, as he fought the Amalekites. Courage is nothing more than faith in action. He lived his life by this formula: **Courage + Obedience Today = Success Tomorrow**. When a leader’s faith is great, he or she can do anything. As the saying goes, “God puts no limitation on faith; and faith puts no limitation on God.”

* **Commitment** – Joshua’s level of commitment can be seen in his willingness to risk his life. He fought in battles where he was vastly outnumbered, and the Israelites wanted to stone him when he stood up to them. But he never failed to give his best for what he believed. So when the going gets tough and we are facing battles in our lives, do we stick in there and trust in the Lord that He will help us through or do we give up? Staying committed through the battles shows others that we are intentional in our commitment to Christ.

* **Partnership** – Through partnership with God, Joshua and the children of Israel were able to conquer Canaan. The conquest of Jericho most clearly shows that partnership with God outweighs any other advantage. A.W. Tozer stated, “God is looking for people through whom He can do the impossible – what a pity that we plan only the things we can do by ourselves.” As a leader, don’t face anything by yourself. Always partner with God and others. Joshua’s first order of priority was his character. He always valued what was right over what was popular. That provided a strong foundation upon which to build great influence.

I believe if we intentionally live out these five principles in our lives as leaders, we will see great things happen in our Church, Sundays Schools, small groups and in our personal lives.

Children's Ministries Happenings!

Greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus! We are gearing up for our busy season of ministering to our District children.

Kidz Camp is in just a few weeks. Our theme is **“Olympics: Linked for Christ.”** Children will compete in tournaments, make life-long friends and grow spiritually through our focused small group discipleship and worship services. Parents can register their children online at: **<http://tinyurl.com/kidzcamp2016>**. **Cost is \$160.00 for the week: June 13-17!** All detailed information about Kidz Camp is available at the District website under SDMI.

This year we welcome **Pastor Deb McKay!** Pastor Deb McKay has been active in ministry for the last 17 years as a Children's Pastor, Camp Speaker, Children's Ministries Trainer and Bible Teacher. Ordained as an Elder in the Church of the Nazarene in 2008, Pastor Deb has ministered with local churches and districts in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Maine and Virginia as well as using technology to mentor Children's Ministries leaders around the nation. Currently, she is better known as Mrs. McKay to her Bible students at Grove City Christian School where she teaches Doctrines and Disciplines to High School Freshmen.

Family Camp for kids involves a variety of interesting activities, opportunities to minister and a very special evangelist.

This year we gladly welcome **JUBILEE GANG!**
Taking children's and family ministry to the next level!

The Jubilee Gang is a fast paced multi media ministry to children and their families that travels across the United States conducting kids crusades, kids camps, family events, children's ministry training, and outreaches events.

Jerry Moyer is one of the top Children's Evangelist in America. He is able to communicate the gospel in a way that is simple enough for a child to understand, but relative to all ages.



- We are very entertaining but 100% about ministry
- The Word of God is taught in a fresh and exciting way.
- Multi-media video presentations and interactive games on a 6 foot x 8 foot video screen.
- Skits, puppets, and adrenaline blasted games.
- Intelligent Robotic lighting and Laser effects.
- Powerful object lessons and illustrated sermons.

DON'T MISS OUT ON THIS OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR CHILDREN TO EXPERIENCE THIS EFFECTIVE TEACHING OF GOD'S WORD!

Prime Time News

CAMP MEETING PRIME TIME DAY

On Wednesday, July 27, a SPECIAL DAY TRIP for Prime Timers is planned. All are invited to participate on a Day Trip to the new Wendell August Forge factory and Flagship Showroom. Cost is \$5 for a lunch ticket. Please see the registration form that follows.

PRIME TIME DAY TRIP

**Campmeeting Prime Time Day
July 27, 2016**

All Prime Timers (55 and over) are invited to participate on a Day Trip to the new Wendell August Forge factory and Flagship Showroom on Camp Meeting Prime Time Day, July 27, 2016. You will have the opportunity to tour the factory, enjoy historical photographs of the forge, and shop in the beautiful modern showroom.

You will need to be **REGISTERED** by 11:00 am on Wednesday, July 27. **Cost is \$5 for a lunch ticket.** A Prime Time table will be available in the Tabernacle for registration or you may register ahead of time with the form on the right.

- You will need to arrange your own transportation – personal car or van.
- You will be given travel directions at registration.

Following is a tentative schedule:

- 12:00 noon - Lunch in the Dining Hall
- 2:00 – Leave Parking Lot by Multipurpose Bldg.
- Travel to Wendell August Forge (23 m)
 - Tour of the factory and shopping

PRIME TIME DAY TRIP Wednesday, July 27, 2016 REGISTRATION

NAME (s) _____
ADDRESS _____
PHONE _____

(You will need to arrange your own transportation – personal car or van.)

Please make checks payable to Pgh. Dst. SDMI

You may register ahead of time by contacting:

**Prime Time Committee
Dave & Joan Weible
P O Box 141
Knox, PA 16232
814-797-1443**

Your Prime Time Committee tries to schedule a variety of activities and events that would be new and interesting. If you have suggestions, please let us know.

Rob & Jane Lute – rcjlute@comcast.net – 724-254-9368
Rev. & Marna Degenkolb – bill.degenkolb@verizon.net – 724-254-4884
Dave & Joan Weible – dweible@windstream.net – 814-797-1443

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



"Loving on Butler"



Our First Free Family Camp Work and Witness

FOR ALL - Families, Kids, Teens, Singles, Senior Adults

Wednesday, July 27, 2016

10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Transportation to be provided

FREE LUNCH FOR ALL



K-Love radio station will be there.



Meeting place: New Castle Street Plaza

Rain date: Thursday

Painting the street curbs and picking up trash in downtown Butler

Talents needed: people like you with smiles, crew leaders, painters,

balloon people, water people, traffic control,

adults for watching your brother or sister's back,

willing to pick up cigarette butts and trash,

passing out balloons and bottles of water in the Name of Jesus.

Information and sign up during the first few days of Family Camp!

Meeting Tuesday night after Family Camp Service!

**Contact: *Sandy Greenlee (NMI) or
Dana Crocker (Mercer Church) for more info***



This is the GAGA Pit recently built at the District Center. If you don't know what it is used for, ask your teens. I'm sure they will know.

New Pastors

Please join us in welcoming the following pastors to the district:

Oil City: Scott & Esther King

(December 2015, *sorry so late*)

Kenwood: Ray & Sylvia Degenkolb

(April 10, 2016)

Windber: Arlene Morris

(April 24, 2016)



Festival Of Life Results:

Ladies Volleyball – Bronze **Ultimate Frisbee – Bronze**

Math/Science Quiz (teamed with VA) – Bronze

Ladies Basketball (teamed with Maine) – Silver **Poetry (Emily Berry) – Silver**

Way to go NYI!!!

Mark your calendar FOL 2017 - March 16-19, 2017

Evangelist - Rev. Lane Loman



Lane Loman is a native of Greensboro, NC. He has been lead pastor of churches in North Carolina, Tennessee, Georgia, and Indiana. Lane has served in The Evangelical Methodist Church, The Church of the Nazarene, The Friends Church and The Free Methodist Church. Lane is also associated with the Southeastern Evangelistic Group. He is an ordained elder and commissioned evangelist with The Church of the Nazarene. Of his 51 years in the ministry, he has traveled 28 years in itinerant revival ministry speaking and singing in 15 denominations and 50 different denominational and independent camp meetings.

Lane also produces The Lights of Spiritual Guidance, a radio ministry started in 1937 by his father, the late Dr. J. Harold Loman. The program is heard over a network of 14 stations in North Carolina, Virginia, Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky.

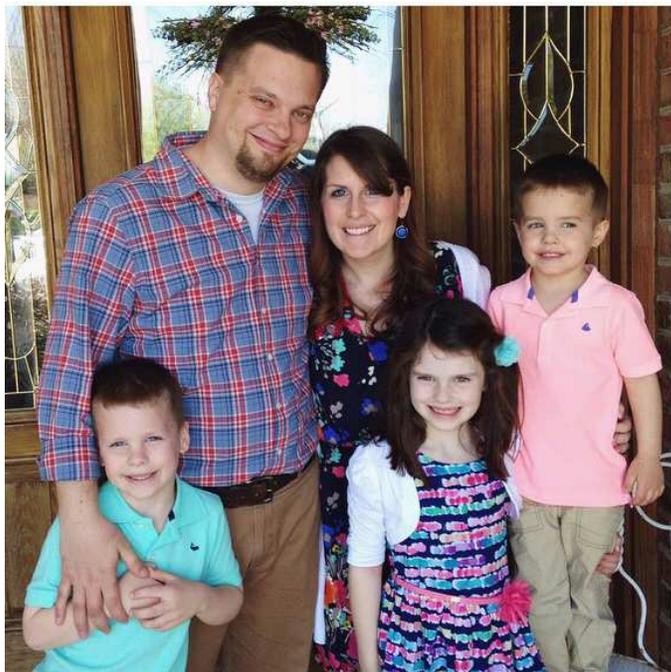
Lane is a graduate of Atlanta Christian College with a degree in Christian Education. He also studied Evangelism in the Local Church at Scarritt Graduate Center, Nashville, TN, and holds a Master of Arts in Religion and Spiritual Formation degree from Northwest Nazarene University. Lane has recorded 15 song albums and authored two books; “The Fruit Still Falls From The Tree” and “The Fruit Is Still Falling.”

Lane’s wife, Gretchen, is a native of Bedford, Indiana. When travel logistics permit, she travels and sings with Lane in revival ministry. Gretchen also serves as the secretary for Loman Ministries and assists in the production of ministry product.

Lane and Gretchen have three sons and six grandchildren.

<http://www.lomanministries.org/>

Teen Evangelist - Adrian Mills



Adrian Mills was born and raised in Richmond, Virginia. He attended Eastern Nazarene College, where he met Lauren. Soon after graduation, they got married and moved back to Virginia. In 2008 the Lord called them to Harrisonburg, Virginia, where Adrian continues to serve as the Pastor of Student Ministries. They have loved calling “The Valley” home with their three children, Reese (9), Camden (7), and Jackson (5). Adrian has served in youth ministry in the Church of the Nazarene for over 12 years and is passionate about seeing all generations coming together to be changed and transformed by the power of God. He loves doing anything with Lauren, the love of his life and best friend. He also loves hanging out with his kids and has recently taken up running as a hobby. He loves The Red Sox, Patriots, all Mexican food and has a strong disdain for tapioca pudding.

Evangelist - Rev. Michael Benson



Rev. Michael Benson was called to preach while attending Bethany Nazarene College, now Southern Nazarene University. He is a graduate of Southern Nazarene University and of Nazarene Theological Seminary. Asbury Theological Seminary conferred the Doctor of Ministry of Spiritual Formation degree in May 2001. He has more than 20 years of local church ministry experience, having served in a variety of positions – staff ministry, senior pastorate, evangelism. Two districts elected him as their district NYI president. He has conducted 400+ revivals, retreats and camp meetings. Benson has one published work, “Disciplines For the Inner Life” which was co-authored with his father, the late Bob Benson, former President of the Benson Company. The intention of this book is to provide insight and guidance for the formation and nourishment of the inner life. Beginning in August 2002, Benson served

as Chaplain to the University at Olivet Nazarene University. After eight years as Chaplain, Benson served as the Director of Church and University Relations for Indiana. He continues to teach part time in the University's School of Theology and Christian Ministry. In 2012 Benson returned to itinerant ministry and preaches more than 100 times annually around the country at churches, conferences, and retreats. Much of his time is devoted to an evangelistic effort among the biker culture and at motorcycle rallies. He serves as the National Evangelist for the Priesthood Motorcycle Ministry which has chapters in many of these United States. He is the co-founder of Salvage Yard Biker Church in Bourbonnais, Illinois, a growing congregation of redeemed, rebellious types who seek to live out the mission: “Love God. Love People. Do Stuff”. He and his wife, the former Gwen Balliett of Colorado Springs, make their home in Bourbonnais, Illinois. They have three grown married children and three grandchildren.

<http://www.mikebenson.org/>

Children's Evangelist The Jubilee Gang

The Jubilee Gang is a fast paced multi-media ministry to children and families that travels across the United States and Canada partnering with local churches to reach their communities and conducting Kids Crusades, Family events, Children's Ministry Training, and Inner City Outreaches.

It is our desire to see as many men, woman, boys, and girls make a legitimate decision to follow Jesus and be BORN AGAIN. To stir up believers to be all they can be for God, reach out to the world around them with the Good News of the Gospel and to develop the character of Jesus in their lives.

Since we started The Jubilee Gang in 1991, we have ministered in 44 States, Puerto Rico, Canada, and Russia and in over 30 different denominations and a host of non-denominational churches and have seen over 20,000 people born again during our events.

Jerry Moyer founded the Jubilee Gang in 1991 in his hometown of Portsmouth, Ohio. It was because of his desire to reach the children in the local housing projects and public schools that this internationally known ministry was founded. The same desires to reach the lost and to equip the church are the motivating factors of this ministry today.



District Events Schedule 2016 *

- 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 (AM)
July 10–16: NYI-sponsored trip to
Encuentro, Puerto Rico
July 24–31: Family Camp
Sept 10: Ladies' MTO Day
Sept 16-17: Prime Time Trip to Sight and
Sound "SAMSON"
Sept 19-22: M&M Retreat
Sept 29-Oct 2: District Scrapbook Retreat
Oct 28-30: Mt. Chestnut Quilt Retreat
Dec 3: Snowflake Craft Show
Dec 10: Dan Schall Dinner

** Dates are subject to change.*

Michael Speck
Special Music
All Week



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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!

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