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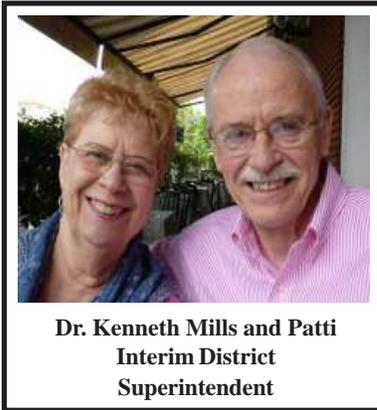
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Dr. Kenneth Mills and Patti
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“We Will Give Our Attention To...”

There is a story of two camels (father and son) talking together. “Poppa, why do we have such long eyebrows?” “Son, the reason for the long eyebrows is to help keep the hot sand out of our eyes.” “Poppa, why do we have such large hoofs?” “Son, the reason we have large hoofs is to keep us from sinking into the sand as we cross the hot desert.” “Poppa, if we were made for the hot deserts, then what are we doing in this zoo?”

My question is “Are we doing what we have been created for?” In Acts 6 there was some grumbling among the folks; it seems that some of the widows were being overlooked in the distribution of food. The Apostles listened, and then acted – seemingly without hesitation. *“It would not be*

good for us to neglect the ministry of the Word of God in order to wait on tables. Brothers choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them...”

I like that passage, but I even like the next phrase better. And we *“...will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.”* There are a couple of interesting conclusions from this intentional discipline: *“This proposal pleased the whole group.”* Then a few verses later, Luke adds, *“So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.”* I have not seen nor witnessed too many actions that pleased a whole group, so I am still in search of that miracle! But a result of this intentional focus there was another great movement, *“the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly...”* And yet there is another miracle here, or did you miss it like I did? *“...and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.”*

Prayer is definitely a spiritual discipline, and certainly a major part of discipleship. And the story of Acts 6 certainly convicts me to give more *“attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.”* Yet, I caution myself not to lay this burden on all believers around me. I totally believe that we all ought to pray. Prayer is certainly biblical, it is modeled, and it is necessary. However, I wonder if at times we make everyone responsible for giving more and more *“attention to prayer and the ministry of the word”* and forget the balance of the body that Christ has formed. Some are called to wait on tables (by the way, waiting on tables is a great ministry, if I may say so – they must be full of faith and the Holy Spirit!). Some are called to devote themselves to prayer and others are called to minister to the needs of those around them.

When the individual members of the body give attention to what they are called to do, we will *not* be asking the question, *“What are we doing in this zoo?”* Instead the church will be hoofing it across the hot sands of the desert and many will be added to Christ’s kingdom and even those who are “religious” may indeed become obedient to the faith.

So, what are you giving your attention to?

Kenneth L Mills

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Find Us Faithful

Where do you fit in the body of Christ?

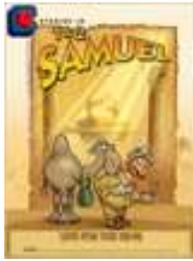
Read Ephesians 4:11-16

I believe God is yearning to breathe new life into this established church in Ephesians and even in your local church. The question is – are we going to let him do that. As I read this passage of scripture I see that Paul is really trying to help this church see that God wants to do something great in their church but they have to be willing to let God do some things in them. If you look all through scripture, God never used highfalutin, prideful people. He used down-to-earth people, ordinary people to be part of the ministry. I see that we are ordinary, down-to-earth people and God wants to use all of us in some way in ministry. Paul says in verse 11: **“God gives some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some evangelist, some to be pastors and teachers.”** Those who have been called to do this are not to do all the work in the church. Those ones that I spoke of are to train and teach people to do the work so that the body of Christ may be built up. It says in verse 13, **“Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the son of God and become mature attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.”** Paul is talking about the church coming to a place of unity so they can be built up in the faith. I hope you see how important that is. It’s crucial for the body to be united in Christ together. We need that today in the church. That’s why Paul says: “Prepare the people, Gods people for work of the service so the body of Christ may be built up in Him.” Paul wanted the church to come to that faith and knowledge of the Son of God. He knew if they did that, they would become mature in their faith and experience the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. When we come to that point spiritually, we can start to fulfill the service that God wants us to fulfill. I felt lead to share this with you because this is Gods desire for His church to be united in Christ, becoming mature in Christ, and experiencing the full measure of Christ. If there isn’t unity, maturity, and a fullness of Christ in us, we will not fit well into the body of Christ. Let’s be who Christ has called us to be, people who are united in Christ, people who are willing to use their gifts and talents for Christ. God wants to use you in your local church to build his kingdom. Let him be the Head of the church so he can lead you.

Pastor David M. Smith

CHILDREN'S BIBLE QUIZZING

Another GREAT year ended with the following quizzers qualifying for the World Quiz on June 24:



Carter Lindemuth (*Brookville*); Joseph O'Connell (*Coraopolis*); Carter Wilson (*Faith Fellowship Alliance*); Jacob Ruffner (*Freedom*); Blake Rottman, Maggie Hoffman and Katelyn Powell (*Gentle Shepherd*); Chris Bair, Libby Cassidy, Alyssa Moore and Maclin Cassidy (*Lincoln Place*); Raymond DiCamillo (*Monongahela*); Kyla Anderson, Bailey Soltis, Adrayanna Cookus and Alysia Cookus (*New Life Free Methodist*); Dalton Wenner, Darien Wenner and Dane Wenner (*Oil City*); Olivia Versaw (*Philipsburg*); Gianna Fannie, Jericho Jacobson, Ruby Krummel, Violet Krummel and Alayna Scanlon (*South Hills*); Anna Roscinski (*Union City*); Emilee Bazzoli, Jack Shaffer, Aiden Pester and Kyle Pester (*Waynesburg*)

Many thanks to all our local Quizmasters, coaches, parents and friends of Children's Quizzing! Your efforts are the work of the Master's hand! God Bless you all.

Next year, we will be digging into Matthew!

E-mail Joanne Tutor with any quizzing related messages: pghnazquizzers@yahoo.com, [call or text her at 814-661-4226](tel:814-661-4226).

2017 Festival of Life Recap:

Proud of our young people!

Bronze – Ladies Volleyball (teamed with Maine)

Silver – Ladies Basketball (teamed with Upstate and Maine)

Gold – Ladies Soccer (teamed with New England)

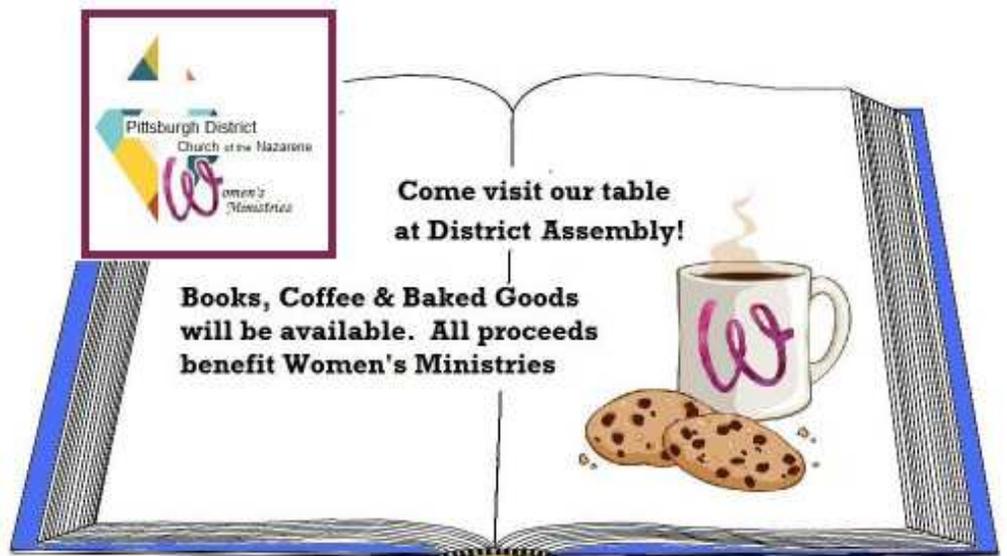
Bronze – Men's Vocal Solo (Dakota Powell)

Gold – Sculpture (Michael Smith)

ENC Scholarships

Seniors: Emily Berry & Kiersten Collier both received an annual scholarship of \$1,000 for 4 years at ENC.

Junior: Gabby DiCamillo received an annual award of \$500 for 4 years at ENC.



On the Pittsburgh Promoter e-mailing list?

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

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**New
Event
Offerings
at
2017
Family
Camp**



**FIGHT BACK
SELF DEFENSE
FREE WORKSHOP**

DATE: *FRIDAY, JULY 28*

TIME: *3:00 PM—4:30 PM*

COST: *FREE*

LOCATION:

Mt. Chestnut District Center—Gymnasium

**Open to all ANYONE
ages 12 & up!**



Call Ray Stark for
more info at 484-201-7368



**EVERYONE
COMMUNICATES
FEW CONNECT**

**Only One Thing
Stands Between You
& Success!**

It isn't experience. It isn't talent. If you want to succeed, you must learn how to

CONNECT with PEOPLE

And while it may seem like some people are just born with it, the fact is anyone can learn how to make every communication an opportunity for a powerful connection.

Learn how to identify with people and relate to others in a way that increases your influence with them. To be a successful leader, you need to learn to communicate in a way that connects with others.



**July 29, 2017
1:30 - 3:30pm
Butler, PA
(Mount Chestnut Nazarene Center)**



\$25
per person
(\$20 early registration
expires July 15th)

**Workshop led by
Ray Stark**

an Independent Certified Coach, Teacher
and Speaker with the John Maxwell Team

More info: rayastark.com/communicate

PRIME TIME at FAMILY CAMP

A BIG, BIG BIRTHDAY PARTY



Wednesday, July 26, 2017

PrimeTime Wednesday at Family Camp will be held in the Multi-Purpose Building, beginning at 1:00! The birthday celebration begins with a "MAKE YOUR OWN HOAGIE" lunch, including drinks for \$5.00.

The tables will be set up for all attending to sit at their birth month table. A program will follow with a Christian comedian and sing-a-long!

And no birthday party is complete without
CAKE AND ICE CREAM!

COME AND JOIN US FOR A GREAT TIME OF
FELLOWSHIP AND FOOD

Please contact Joan Weible for a registration form at
814-797-1443 or dweible@windstream.net.

PRIME TIME at FAMILY CAMP

A BIG, BIG BIRTHDAY PARTY

Wednesday, July 26, 2017



Please register by Tuesday, July 25

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Number of registrations _____ x \$5.00 = \$_____

Please list the names of those on this registration and include each birth month.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>BIRTH MONTH</u>
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Make checks payable to: Pittsburgh District SDMI

Send registration w/payment to:

Joan Weible, Box 141, Knox, PA 16232

COSHOCTON, OH - 2017 – HERE WE COME!

Come & Join Us . . . Travelling West this year!

AUGUST 25 & 26, 2017

A two-day trip to the Coshocton, Ohio area is in the final planning stage. Sponsored by the Pgh. Dst. Primetime, we are very excited about this event. The following schedule is jam-packed with a good variety of activities: tour of the Annin Flag Factory, portrayal of "Susanna Wesley", activity with Dick Hoover – "What Is It?", shopping/touring the "Homestead" -Longaberger Basket Outlet, and riding the horse-drawn Monticello III Canal Boat Ride. All meals are covered, except for lunches coming and going which are on your own. Lodging will be at the Coshocton Village Inn and Suites – a beautiful hotel where we will have an all-you-can-eat dinner buffet. The Pgh. Dst. bus this year has a maximum of 40 passengers, so reservations will be on a first-come, first-served basis with any over the 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.

Registration deadline August 1

**Cost - \$150.00: \$100.00 due with registration;
balance \$50.00 due by August 10.**

SCHEDULE

Friday – August 25

- 8:00 AM --- Bus leaves District Center
- Lunch at Bob Evans – Coshocton, OH
- Tour Annin Flag Factory
- Check in to Coshocton Village Inn & Suites
- Buffet Dinner at Hotel
- Evening Activities including Portrayal of "Susanna Wesley"

Saturday - August 26

- Hot Continental Breakfast at hotel
- "What Is It?" – activity in meeting room w/ Dick Hoover
- Pack bus and travel to Monticello III Canal Boat Ride – box lunch
- Travel to "HOMESTEAD" – Longaberger Basket Factory
- 2:30 – leave for home
- 4:00 – Arrive at Eat N Park – Weirton, WVA
- 6:00 – Arrive at District Center

PRIMETIME TRIP TO COSHOCTON, OH

August 25 & 26, 2017

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____

SHARING A ROOM WITH _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NO. _____

CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

CHURCH _____

Cost - \$150.00 per person – includes bus travel, "Susanna Wesley" Portrayal, tour of Annin Flag Factory, Coshocton Village Inn and buffet dinner, "What Is It?" activity, Monticello III Canal Boat Ride w/box lunch, shopping/touring of Longaberger Basket Outlet,

BOX LUNCH CHOICE- Please choose a sandwich for each registration

- ___ Chicken Salad Croissant ___ Ham & Swiss on Pretzel Bun
- ___ Vegetarian Wrap
- (Lunch includes sandwich, fresh fruit salad, cookie, chips, drink)

Registration deadline August 1 - \$100.00 w/registration

Final Payment Due by August 10, - \$50.00

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

Please note if you need a Hand. Access. Room - YES or NO

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

Or paying in full _____ x \$150.00 = \$ _____

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



Admittance to the NMI Convention, July 7th, 2017!

A new pair of shoes ... or two pairs.



Theme for 2017 NMI Convention will be "Filling **BIG Shoes**". We will be collecting school shoes for the children in Inez,

Kentucky this year. Sizes does not matter. We are excited about this project and want you to be involved.

Thank you.

Contact: Sandy Greenlee at (814) 756-3630 with questions.

Over the past three years, more than 400 Nazarene congregations around the world have participated in Freedom Sunday, a day set aside for prayer, worship, and support around the crisis of human trafficking, which enslaves as many as 45.8 million people globally, according to the [2016 Global Slavery Index](#).

This year, Nazarene churches are encouraged to participate in Freedom Sunday on September 24, 2017, the last Sunday of that month.

The Church of the Nazarene's participation in Freedom Sunday began in 2014 in coordination with other denominations within the Wesleyan Holiness Connection (formerly Wesleyan Holiness Consortium). That same year, the Church of the Nazarene's Board of General Superintendents endorsed the Declaration for Freedom, a document drafted by the Wesleyan-Holiness leaders, including Nazarene representatives.

In the past, Freedom Sunday took place on the first Sunday of Lent. This year, the event was moved to the last Sunday of September to enable churches that plan traditional Lenten services to participate.

Congregations are encouraged to plan a Freedom Sunday at any time that works in their calendar. Freedom Sunday planning resources are available as free downloads through Nazarene Compassionate Ministries at ncm.org/freedomsunday.

Event: 2nd Annual Fundraiser Cornhole Tournament and Skills Challenge

Date: July 24, 2017 (during Family Camp)

Location: Basketball Court Pavilion

Time: Beginning at 1:00 pm

Tournament Cost: \$20 per team

Trophies: Awarded to the winning team

Skills Challenge: \$0.50 per attempt

Distance determined by age

Get 3 out of 4 in wins \$5 or

2 out of 4 wins \$1

BENEFITS: Uniforms for FOL teams

Refreshments will be available

NMI Summer and Camp 2017

Thank you to the churches that hosted **Don and Evie Gardner**. They enjoyed their time and enjoyed staying at the Washington parsonage. Remember if you said you would send in your offering, please do so. Thank you, NMI Presidents and Pastors and the awesome job.

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Our **2nd NMI Presidents Appreciation Dinner** was held May 6th. We meet in the Dining Hall with one of our LINKS family – Steve Reider opening the morning sharing what you hear “Every time the door slams”.

We listened to the story of **David’s Promise Director, Rebekah Moilanen**, from Jackson, Michigan. We will be taking a W&W group there in August forging trails and working outside on the grounds. The ones attending receive a thoughtful gift from the David Promise Friends. An awesome lunch by our new chef Debbie and homemade pastries was served. Also a plateful of “Big Shoes” homemade cookies –If your feet fit them, you had to eat one. Thank you all who attended and please share what you learned with others. Thank you for all who brought their reports and questions.

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Theme of NMI Convention July 7th - We have “**Big Shoes to Fill**”. Bring a pair of shoes to take along with you school Pal Packs for Inez, Kentucky. The NMI Convention will start with registration at 9:00 and business at 9:30.

Breakout sessions from General Convention will include: The Care and Nurture of Missionaries, Leading NMI into the Future, NMI and Youth: Working Together, The Mission Project, Middle East Refugee Opportunity, Supporting when You Cannot Know, NMI and Children: Working Together, Unlocking the Gate: Engaging Local Leaders in Missions and Effective NMI Conventions. Other breakout sessions with Work and Witness presentations will be included, each session lasting 20-22 minutes.

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This year’s “**Lovin’ on Butler**” project will include painting lines in parking lots and picking up litter. We would like to get shirts again. Perhaps “Lovin’ on Butler Part 2”

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Marion Lineman has retired as LTG Treasurer. In honor of Marion’s years of service, Len will see if it is possible to dedicate a building on the mission field in her honor.

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The new Laborer Together with God Treasurer is:

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e-mail: chase_joann@yahoo.com
(814) 899 4051

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Any churches that have Bibles they want to donate, please bring them to the District Center during NMI Convention and District Assembly and we will make sure they are delivered to Mount Vernon.

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If you have concerns or questions please contact Sandy Greenlee (814-756-3630), Mary Smith (412-719-0902), Barb Reagle (814-432-8740) or Debby Shutak (724-352-8980).

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Pray for Dr. Erin Meier. She was our Missionary in Residence for Family Camp one year. Papua New Guinea: Dr. Erin Meier, one of our missionary doctors in Papua New Guinea, is in need of our prayers. She has just recently been diagnosed with a Pituitary Macroadenoma (tumor in the brain).

“I have seen a Neurosurgeon and Endocrinologist

and the hope is that I can take some medicines to shrink the tumor

and won't need surgery to remove it,” she explains.

Please commit to pray for Dr. Erin, as well as the ministry team at Kudjip. When one member hurts, we all hurt! Additional tests will be completed to determine the correct course of action. Thank you so very much for lifting this very real need before our heavenly Father!

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Our Missionaries in Residence for Family Camp will be Dale and Pat Stodler.

Family Camp is an opportunity for you to seek the face of God. We have a great week planned with many opportunities for the whole family to draw closer to God. One of the events that I would like to highlight is the **Sacrament of Baptism**. This is open to anyone who has asked Jesus Christ to be their Lord and Savior. If you are a new Christian and desire to experience the **Sacrament of Baptism at Family Camp plan on being in the Tabernacle at 2 PM on Friday, July 28th**. If you would like your pastor to baptize you let them know that you would like to be baptized at Family Camp and ask them to be there with you. This is open to anyone who has asked Jesus to be their Savior so plan to draw closer to God through the sacrament of Baptism. God's word tell us in James 4 that when we draw closer to Him He draws closer to us. Let us now pray that we will draw closer to God at this 2017 Family Camp!

District Events Schedule * 2017

Jun 12-17: Kidz Camp

Jun 21-30: General Conventions & General
Assembly – Indianapolis IN

Jun 24: Children's World Quiz at General
Assembly - Indianapolis IN

Jul 7: NMI Convention Day

Jul 7-8: District Assembly and Ordination

July 9: District Unity Service (cancelled)

Jul 10-15: Teen Camp

Jul 23-30: Family Camp

Aug 12-19: Domestic W&W to David's Promise
in Jackson MI

Sept 9: District Women's Ministry Retreat

Sept 11-14: M&M Retreat * *Note Date Change* *

Oct 5-7: District Assessment

Dec 2: Snowflake Craft Show

** Dates are subject to change.*

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Payments can be made to the following:

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