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Rev. Daniel Eddings
District Superintendent

You may remember in my last article for the Promoter I talked about my wrestling with the powerful time of worship Deb and I had at Nazarene Youth Conference (NYC). God was so very present, and it was so wonderful to sense His presence and power at work. When I returned, I could not help but begin to ask myself about why I do not experience that same power in the local church. As I have continued to wrestle with this, God has shown me some things I would like to share with you in this article and the next one as well. My hope is that as God has been helping me, He might help all of us to be better worshippers and grow even deeper in our walk with Him.

The first thing that the Lord has been teaching me is that I don't really prepare to come into worship like I should. When students are getting ready to attend an NYC, there is a great deal that goes into getting ready. Not only do they have to prepare their luggage, they also needed to prepare their hearts and minds for what God wanted to say. When I was leading NYC on two different districts, I had at least 2 or 3 meetings as a group to challenge students to be prepared, to be in a place spiritually where they would hear what God wanted to say. For me, as a disciple of Jesus and as a pastor, I do not really take the time to prepare to enter the presence of the Lord. Too often I find myself rushing in and then rushing out because I have other things I need to do or places to be. While I understand that we live busy lives, am I so busy that I can not take the time to prepare my heart and mind before I even enter into any type of worship? As a Senior Pastor for over 30 years, I developed a habit of getting up on Sunday morning at 5 am and going down to the office. Yes, some of it was so I had time to go over my message for that day, but much of that time was spent just calming my heart and having some real focus time with the Lord. I would pray over my message, I would pray as I walked through the building, I just tried very hard to lay aside all other concerns and just live in what was happening at that moment. My schedule and rhythm in this new ministry position are very different. One of the things that the Lord has been challenging me with is that I need to go back to that earlier practice on a more consistent basis, so I am better prepared when I enter in to worship.

Another thought about preparing to worship. As a pastor I had a pretty good idea of who had spent time with the Lord throughout the week and who had not as they worshiped. The truth is that if all a person does is come to worship service on Sunday and has not really spent any other time with the Lord during the week, it shows. Our Sunday morning experience will never be powerful until our weekly "devotionals" become more than just reading. We need to begin to "worship" during the week in our personal time with the Lord. Then, when we come together on a Sunday it becomes an extension of what has been taking place all week and not something we are just trying to fit into our busy schedules.

Lastly, preparing for anything takes sacrifice. We know that anything worth having is worth sacrificing for! I assure you that getting up at 5 am is not my idea of a good time. But I also know that if I want to experience the Lord's presence and power in a meaningful way, I must do my part to prepare. The truth is that when we gather in His name to worship, He is there. The real question is, will we do whatever we need to do, will we sacrifice whatever we have to sacrifice, to be in the place we can receive what He has for us?

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October is Pastor Appreciation Month

...thank your pastor!

Tips for Pastor Appreciation Month

1. BE GENUINE.

The best churches recognize the burden that pastoring can be, especially on the family of the pastor. Express care for your pastor every month, and let October feel like a bonus month! The month of October is not the month to make up for mistreating your pastor the other 11 months of the year.

2. CASH / GIFT CARDS & TIME TO USE THEM!

If your pastor has school-aged children, chances are they have favorite sitters for their kids. So, get creative and work with that family ahead of time! Write in the card, "Enjoy a date-night! And the _____ family is waiting on your call so they can watch the kids!"

3. PUBLIC RECOGNITION.

Every pastor has heard the question, "What do you do during the week?" It implies there isn't much to do when not preaching. We've already covered how that isn't true. But it never hurts to remind people that just because much of the work is unheralded doesn't mean it should be. Make a video, create a framed recognition, and make a big splash from the stage. Just don't skip item #2 on this list in the process.

4. GOOD POLICIES.

Paid time off is one of the easiest ways to care for a pastor and their family, so be generous with holidays and vacation, especially if they have school-aged children. Give them their birthday as a holiday. Give them paid personal development time that they can spend at conferences or seminars, and then openly encourage them to use it. Make sure they have a day off during the week and a few Sundays during the year when they don't have to preach. (Call the association if you need some pulpit supply, we're happy to help). But most importantly, if your pastor is using time off, don't call them unless it's an absolute emergency.

5. SERIOUS INVESTMENTS.

This is a catch-all category because everything here requires planning beyond what can be launched on October 1. Does your pastor's office need remodeling? Has the church ever considered giving the pastor 1-3 months of sabbatical after every 5 years of full-time employment? (It should, we can help). Perhaps in addition to items #1-4 on this list, the church would provide funding for regular coaching or counseling before a problem arises? These kind of investments are great ways to show appreciation, but make sure to leave plenty of time for adequate preparation and consultation with the pastor about the best way to execute these good intentions.

Dr. Josh Ellis <https://www.ubahouston.org/blog/2018/10/9/pastor-appreciation-monthwhy-is-it-important>

Then I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will lead you with knowledge and understanding. Jeremiah 3:15 (NIV)



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About SDMI

What is Sunday School all about? Why do we have Sunday School? Sunday School has been a part of my life; I have seen God change men, women, boys and girl's lives through Sunday School ministries. I want to encourage you to get involved in Sunday School and invite others with you as you get involved. Where are you in Sunday School these days? How important is it to you? Here is some information on what Sunday School is.

You are here!

Why Sunday School?

At the very heart of congregational life in the church. Sunday School plays a vital role in fulfilling the mission of the Church of the Nazarene to make Christ-like disciples in the nations.



Mission:

The mission of Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries International (SDMI) is to carry out the Great Commission to children, youth and adults in preparation for a lifetime of being and making Christ-like disciples in the nations.

Purpose:

- To be a people of prayer, engaged in the Word, making Christ-like disciples.
- To intentionally develop relationships with unreached people so that they may become Christ-like disciples.
- To reach the Word of God to children, youth and adults so that they are saved, sanctified wholly and maturing as a Christian, experiencing the results in a life of compassion, evangelism, Christian education and disciple making.
- To encourage everyone to faithfully engage in a discipleship ministry, such as Sunday School/Bible studies, small groups and other disciple-making ministries.

Objectives:

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

(Nazarene Manual ¶ 145.2)

Rev. David M. Smith, SDMI Chairperson

Lancaster 2019 - Sight & Sound "Miracle of Christmas" plus, November 7-8, 2019

We need more to register right away for this trip to be accomplished at current prices as planned! Remember, all costs are covered in your fee for both days: Bus transportation, all meals (except food along the Turnpike), family style dinner at Hershey Farms Restaurant, the Biblical Tabernacle full-scale tour, overnight at Holiday Inn Express with breakfast, Sight & Sound "Miracle of Christmas" presentation. Contact Rob or Jane Lute with any concerns or questions you may have: Rob cell (724-840-5321) or Jane (724-840-4465) or email: rcjlute@comcast.net.

Creation Museum and Ark Encounter Museum. September 15-17, 2020

This bus trip is now scheduled sponsored by Primetime for 2020 and is open now for registrations. Many have suggested it and requested this excursion over the past few years. It is a reality now. Although more costly, because of travel distances and time in both museums, a two-night trip is a necessity. We would appreciate your feed-back on this trip to let us know that you plan to register to join us in this Primetime event. Attached is the form for registration. Our phone numbers are as listed above.

CHILDREN'S BIBLE QUIZZING

Please email Joanne with all your quizzers' names and levels. This season we will be holding our invitationals at only one location. Plan on joining us on **November 16 at South Hills, 5601 Library Rd, Bethel Park.**

Our second invitational will be held on **February 7, 2020 at Faith Fellowship Alliance, 200 Faith Way, Butler.**

Our District Final Quiz is moving! Plan on attending **March 21, 2020 at Gentle Shepherd, 3480 Shenango Valley Freeway, Hermitage.**

Contact Joanne Tutor with any questions at 814-661-4226 or pghnazquizzers@yahoo.com.

LANCASTER 2019 – HERE WE COME!

Come & Join Us . . . "Miracle of Christmas"

November 7-8, 2019

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. Following is a tentative schedule including, Sight & Sound production of "MIRACLE OF CHRISTMAS", Mennonite Biblical Tabernacle, and family style dinner at Hershey Farms Restaurant. All meals are covered, except for lunches coming and going which are on your own. There are two bus pick-up points to accommodate Prime Timers as efficiently as possible.

If you have any questions or comments, please contact Rob and Jane Lute at (724) 254-9368 or rcjlute@comcast.net.

Registration - Cost - \$260.00

\$160.00 due September 3; \$100.00 due October 1.

SCHEDULE

Thursday – November 7

8:00 AM – Bus leaves District Center

10:00 AM – Pick-up stop at Somerset Church of the Nazarene

Lunch on the Turnpike (on your own)

2:00 – 3:30 PM – Kitchen Kettle Village

4:00 – 5:30 – Family Style dinner at Hershey Farms Restaurant

5:30 – 6:00 – Free time for shopping at Hershey Farms gift shops

6:00 PM – Depart for show

7:00 – "Miracle of Christmas" show at Sight & Sound theater

9:50 – Depart following show & check-in at Holiday Inn Express

Friday – November 8

Hot Continental Breakfast at Hotel

8:45 AM – Depart Holiday Inn Express

9:15 AM – Arrive at Mennonite Biblical Tabernacle for tour

9:30 AM – "We Believe" film (17 minutes) & Biblical Tabernacle Tour

11:30 AM – Bus leaves Lancaster

Lunch on the Turnpike (on your own)

4:30 PM – Arrive Somerset Church

6:30 PM – Arrive at District Center

REGISTRATION FORM

PRIMETIME TRIP TO LANCASTER – November 7 & 8, 2019

NAME _____

SHARING A ROOM WITH _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NO. _____

CELL PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

CHURCH _____

PREFERRED BUS PICK-UP POINT

District Center - _____ Somerset Church - _____

Cost - \$260.00 per person – includes bus travel, "Miracle of Christmas", Hershey Farms Restaurant, Holiday Inn Express (includes hot breakfast on Friday), Mennonite Biblical Tabernacle.

Registration Due September 3 - \$160.00 deposit

Final Payment Due by October 1 - \$100.00

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

Number of registrations _____ x \$160.00 = \$ _____

Or paying in full _____ x \$260.00 = \$ _____

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

Send registration and payments to:

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Cell-(Robert) – 724-840-5321 (Jane) 724-840-4465

Creation Museum and Ark Encounter –

HERE WE COME!

Come & Join Us ... ”September 15 – 17, 2020”

A three-day trip to the Creation Museum and Ark Encounter is in the final planning stage. Sponsored by the Pittsburgh District Primetime, we are very excited about this event for ages 16 & up. Following is a tentative schedule including entrance to both museums, bus transportation, hotels with hot breakfasts, and all other meals as listed on the schedule. The only pick up point will be at the District Center. Please be there 15 minutes prior to the 7:00 a.m. departure. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Rob and Jane Lute at (724) 254-9368 or rcjlute@comcast.net.

Registration cost is as follows:

Double Rate - \$484 per person

Triple Rate - \$434 per person

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

\$150.00 due June 1-(1st Payment)

\$150.00 due August 1, (2nd payment);

Final payment due in full by September 1

Please see the tentative itinerary from Repine Travel for a breakdown on times and meals covered as well as additional stops.

REGISTRATION FORM

PRIMETIME TRIP TO Ark & Creation Museums

NAME _____
SHARING A ROOM WITH _____
ADDRESS _____

PHONE NO. _____
CELL PHONE _____
EMAIL _____
CHURCH _____

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NMI Updates and Dorian News



NMI wants to thank all the churches that had the Chaguala Family during September. For not having a vehicle while they were here, God certainly had many volunteers to transport them and made arrangements to put them up for the night(s). This was my 1st time arranging missionaries from Mozambique and the many details I never thought of when I booked them.

Middle of the night God would wake me to write myself a note of something that needed taken care of. The Churches have given some thought on what they were going to do. Like one church celebrated Adimi's birthday. Every church needs a gold star for their efforts. Thank you all. Seven of the churches this family are their LINKS family and we got to love on them in person. What a God moment.

Several other churches hosted them also: we had them from Union City and Waterford to Titusville and Ridgway, to Washington, to Somerset, Lincoln Place, and Zelienople to Butler. They added miles and got to see many places on the Pittsburgh District.

Thank you again.

Alabaster Request

The Church of the Nazarene on the RSA (Republic of South Africa) Northeast District has a vision to start a church in a village where they have been told there are no sites available for churches. There is a piece of land that is for sale that has some structures that have been built up to roof level. The district is requesting



assistance with Alabaster funds, along with district funds, to help complete the purchase of the land, and the district would complete the structures to have a Church of the Nazarene in this village.

Friday, September 6

Plans are underway for shipments of relief items to start moving to the Bahamas. Churches in Florida are collecting goods and Crisis Care Kits. Nazarene Compassionate Ministries is also providing generators, portable cooking equipment, water filters, tarps, chain saws and other tools, and is working with partner organizations to provide a 50 foot truckload of water. One partner organization, Convoy of Hope, is flying Crisis Care Kits to the Bahamas today.



HOW TO HELP THOSE IMPACTED BY HURRICANE DORIAN

That's why we do Crisis Care Kits.

Thank you churches for you diligent efforts on Crisis Care Kits.

Pray

Pray for those who have lost loved one, and pray for those facing loss of homes and livelihoods. Pray for the swift delivery of the supplies and care they need, and pray for the months of recovery ahead. Pray for those who are most vulnerable during and after the storm, especially senior adults, individuals with disabilities, and people living in poverty. Pray for church leaders and churches responding to the needs around them. To send a prayer or note of encouragement, go to ncm.org/pray.

Give

Churches and individuals around the world can provide support through the 2019 Storm Response Fund. Donations will be used for immediate needs, such as water and food, as well as long-term recovery and rebuilding efforts.

To send donations by mail:

In the US, make checks payable to: **“General Treasurer”** and send to:

Global Treasury Services

Church of the Nazarene

P.O. Box 843116

Kansas City MO 64184-3116

Be sure to put 134047 in the Memo area.

Thank you for all your churches do and especially the NMI Presidents. IF you need me, please call or text. If I do not get back to you, please try again.

Hugs, love and prayers.

Sandy at 814-464-6218

Pittsburgh District Learning Center Courses 2019-2020

Sept 27-28, Oct 11-12, Oct 25-26: Pauline Epistles

Nov 8-9, Nov 22-23, Dec 6-7: The Western World and Emerging Modern Society

Jan 3-4, Jan 17-18, Jan 31-Feb 1, Feb 14-15: Systematic Theology 2

Crossbridge Learning Center Classes 2019

Sept 21, Oct 5 and 19: Telling the New Testament Story of God

District Advisory Council Members:

Rev. Daniel Eddings (DS)

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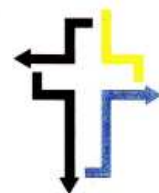
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October and December of each year.

District Events Schedule

2019

- Oct 3-5: District Assessment Weekend
Oct 5: NMI Full Council @ MCNC Chapel
Oct 12: District NYI Quiz
Oct 18-19: ENC Homecoming
Oct 18-20: District Ladies Retreat
Oct 26: NYI Council Meeting @ MCNC
White House
Nov 7-8: Prime Time Lancaster Trip
Nov 9: District NYI Quiz
Nov 8-10: Minister & Mate's Retreat
Nov 16: Children's Quizzing Invitational -
North: Faith Fellowship, South:
TBA
Nov 22-24: NYI Fall Retreat – District FOL
Tryouts
Dec 7: Christmas Open House for
Pastors' Families @ Parsonage
Dec 14: District NYI Quiz
Dec 24-Jan 1: District Office Closed

2020

- Jan 4: NYI Council Meeting
Jan 11: District NYI Quiz
Jan 15: FOL Practice Day @ MCNC
Jan 17-26: International W&W to Dominican
Republic
Feb 8: District NYI Quiz
Feb 22: Children's Quizzing Invitational,
Locations TBA
Feb 29: NMI Full Council @ MCNC Chapel
Mar 11-15: FOL-NYI Eastern Field Event
Mar 21: District NYI Quiz
Mar 28: Children's Quizzing Finals @
MCNC Chapel
NYI Nominating/Finance
Committee Meeting @
MCNC White House
Apr 4: NYI Council Meeting
Apr 17-19: Women In Ministry Retreat
May 22-25: Quest-NYI Leadership Event
Jun 6: Summer Prep @ MCNC
Jun 12-13: District Assembly
Jun 15-19: Kidz Camp @ MCNC
Jun 22-27: Teen Camp @ MCNC
Jun 27-July 4: NYI Encuentro to Costa Rica
Jul 26-Aug 2: Family Camp @ MCNC

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

DISTRICT ALLOCATIONS:

Payments can be made to the following:

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