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Rev. J Bret Metcalfe
District Superintendent

Read Psalm 139

Yesterday I finished reading the Bible through in one year. I used one of the YouVersion Bible app reading plans. I went with reading the Bible chronologically. Every morning before breakfast and before I read the paper, I read the chapters for that day. It was a great experience. I am not saying this because I want to sound like someone who is looking for a gold star or a pat on the back because it is not the only time I have read the Bible through. I am saying it because about a year ago we had the Master's Plan Summit. During the breakout times, I remember one of the speakers talking about the walls of protection that had been formed because of his careful, intentional reading of Scripture. He asked the

group to allow the Lord to show us what our walls looked like and I did not like what the Lord showed me. I was not completely protected by the walls of Scripture. The picture I was shown was of a building that showed some of my walls as older with ivy growing up them, I had some new sections of wall, and then I had some gaping holes. The Lord showed me that the walls that had the huge holes in them were places the enemy could infiltrate my inmost being and that scared me! On that day, I promised God that I would read His Word every day so that I could build His walls of protection around my inmost being.

As followers of Christ, we must protect ourselves from all the junk that comes our way. Too often, the tempter is so sly that he can have us convinced we are going the right way, when

all along we are headed down the path of destruction. The only way to prevent being swayed by the liar is to stay in constant communication with the Creator and Savior. One way to aid that is reading His Word. The other is praying. Sometimes it takes a stranger to help us see where we are lacking. I thank the Lord for the wake-up call and for allowing me to get back to making His Word the first thing I put in me every day.

“Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!” (Psalm 139:23-24 ESV)

J Bret

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Find Us Faithful

***“The Light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness did not overcome it.” John 1:5***

As I read this passage the other day, it came to mind that this light is Christ in us. As Christians we are to shine the light of Christ in this dark world we live in. Do you realize that there is a darkness all around us? I go to the local jail each Thursday and hold bible studies and it seems so dark and dreary. I participate with our local Youth For Christ group holding the Middle School Release time at our church every Wednesday and it hurts to see so many kids living in the darkness and hopelessness of our world. And when I go to our low-income housing plan in our town each week to share a bible study, I see so much darkness and despair all around. You may feel the same way I do at times, in that, “am I even making a difference in such a dark world where there is so much sin and darkness?”

Sometimes while we are down in the trenches, down in the muck, in the pits with people living in sin, we wonder if we are even making a difference. Remember this passage of John 1:5 – “The light shines in the darkness and the darkness did not overcome it.”

It reminds me of a commercial I saw for vitamins for our eyes. The commercial says that even in total darkness, the eyes can see the light of a single candle up to 10 football fields away. We are the light to those we come in contact with at Sunday School, in church, at work, in school, in our neighborhoods and in our own families. You may never know who you will shine the light of Christ upon in someone’s dark world. The light of Christ can reach much farther than 10 football fields. Let’s be a people who shine the light in a dark world.

I wanted to give you an update on our District Children’s Ministry. This summer we had a wonderful Family camp. Pastor Christina Siordia did an awesome job along with her staff. There were about 75 kids each day that came to the children’s services. There were 30 kids that accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior for the first time and many others who went forward to



CHILDREN'S BIBLE QUIZZING

I want to encourage all quiz-masters, aides and especially quizzers to relax and have fun while you study Exodus. Remember this is a Regional Quiz Year. Mark your calendars now for June 26-27, 2015. Quizzers must achieve 85% at the District Finals on April 18 to be eligible. Our first Invitational is on November 15 at Kossuth and Waynesburg. The second invitational is on March 28, host churches needed.

E-mail Joanne Tutor with any quizzing related messages :
pghnazquizzers@yahoo.com

Family Camp is done for this year. The Tabernacle chairs have been put away. The equipment is safely stored for another year. The Lord moved over Family Camp this year. Yet as much as the Lord moved, as much as hearts were stirred and renewed it grieves me to tell you that we did not reach our minimum goal of \$35,000.00 to pay the expenses of Family Camp. We can only continue to reach people for Christ at Family Camp, see new believers baptized, see youth and children called into the ministry by continuing to be able to pay for the expenses of Family Camp.

According to the district treasurer we were able to raise just over \$30,000.00 which makes us just under \$5,000.00 short of our MINIMUM GOAL. This does not even take into consideration the tithe that we have committed to give the Turkey Creek Church of the Nazarene of 10% (to date \$3,000.00) which would bring our shortfall to \$8,000.00! I want to thank all who gave but please know that the bills still have to be paid. So I am asking you if you can help bring the offering for family camp to at least the minimum of \$35,000.00 received? Many gave \$100.00 as a pledge or as an offering but that should not be our goal. My wife and I increased our offering and pledge from last year by over \$350.00. Can you increase your offering? Can you increase your pledge? If you gave would you consider doubling your gift? If you did not give could you support the Kingdom by giving an offering of \$500.00 or \$1,000.00? If you do you will receive an ornament and candy dish made by Wendell August Forge for an offering of \$500.00. Ask your Pastor or treasurer if your church supported Family Camp this year and if they did not ask if they plan on sending in an offering. It is not too late.

Think about how much it would cost your church to have evangelists come and speak for eight days, how much would it cost to have a song evangelist come and sing for eight days, how much would it cost to have all the events that we have at Family Camp and then consider what you gave as an offering. Does your offering match what you

PRIME TIME – 2014

ANNUAL BUS TRIP - If you would like to be included in the bus trip on October 17 & 18 to Lancaster, please pick up a registration form at the Prime Time table in the Tabernacle. Deadline for registration and \$100 deposit is due on August 1. Total cost is \$245 - you can't beat the price. Spots are still available.

deepen their walk with Christ. Thank you to everyone who helped out with Children's Ministries at Family camp from games and crafts to helping out in the Toddler room, we could not do it without your help. Thank you for investing in the lives of our district children.

We had a great Kidz Camp in August. Kolaya Horne and Becky Bailey co-led Kidz Camp this year and did a wonderful job. I thank God for people who are willing to take time out of an already busy and much too short summer to come to camp to carry on a legacy of sharing Christ with our District children. There were 134 campers at Kidz Camp this year. There were 30 children who went forward to receive Jesus as God and Savior and others who also went forward to recommit and deepen their walk with Christ. I even received reports of children going forward to pray with and for other children, which tells me that they are learning to be the light. We ask that you would keep these children in your prayers. I know you may not know them by name or their situations, but our children are living in a world that does not want Christ's light to shine and they need our prayers.

Pastor Dave Smith, District SDMI Chair

received? We can never out give God! We need to be faithful with the gifts and resources that He has given us. Please consider giving to Family Camp.

Rev. Peter Roy
Family Camp Director



**Colleen Baker,
NYI President**

John 15:5-8 Jesus said, *“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. If you do not remain in me, you are like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. This is to*

my Father’s glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.” A follower of Jesus is simply achieved by remaining in him. The repercussion

when we do not abide in him is eternal separation from our Father. Remaining in him we bear fruit. Fruit cannot be faked; it is produced by our overflow of being one with Jesus. This was a segment of the Sunday school lesson I taught the teens during Family Camp and it has resonated with me each day since. It is my prayer that those who made commitments to Christ, broke chains of addiction, and were delivered from evil, do more than cling to Christ, but that they abide in him and become more like him each day (John 3:30 HE>I). I believe many are holding firm to their commitments and have reflected an internal cleansing through the outward sign of baptism. Be encouraged. Stand firm. Abide in Christ. Bear much fruit. Give God the Glory. You are not alone in your faith. There is a community of believers in your local church, on your district, even all across the world many are walking beside you in faith.

We as a district NYI hold events to encourage you in your commitments and give you opportunities to invite friends who may not know Jesus as their Savior. Our district fall retreat is right around the corner (weekend of Oct 24-26) and this will give you a chance to be strengthened and renewed with fellow believers your age. Fall Retreat applications will be out soon and if you have any questions please contact the lovely, amazing, talented ... **Amanda Moore**.

Quizzing is underway and our youth have been studying the book of Acts. Grove City hosted our fun, quizzing kick off at their church. I must say our game of elbow tag was intense. I would also like to compliment Tim Bruce for the very best, dramatic silent ninja moves. Brookville will be hosting our first official quiz meet Sept 13th and Oct 11th we will be in Bradford. We still have two openings for churches to host a quiz meet. If you are willing, please contact the charming, incredible, humorous ... **Sarah Smail**.

Your district NYI is working on a special ministry that will use our youth to build God’s kingdom. Twelve teens were selected to be part of this group and are preparing for the mission field. Will you please pray for these teens and the leaders, Sarah Smail and Andy Russell, who are excited and passionate to see victory in Jesus?!

Humbly serving,

Colleen Baker, District NYI President



BIG NEWS FOR OUR FALL DEPUTATION:

NEW SPEAKERS - Dave and Marybeth and Makayla Giles
Young couple and their 4 year-old from Poland serving in
Specialized Assignments with the Nazarene Church
through a coffee shop ministry.



Please prayer for this event.

Specifically:

Pray for Dave and Marybeth and Makayla as they travel.

Pray for the zones as they meet and work together.

Pray for their health.

Pray for our participation in this new event.

Pray for ears to hear the message that the Lord wants us to hear.

The following dates and places are hosting these events.

Friday, October 24th	Ebensburg (fellowship following) – 7:00 pm
Saturday, October 25th	Pittsburgh District Center (picnic) – 2:00 pm
Sunday, October 26th	Warren, 3:00 pm fellowship picnic after
Monday, October 27th	Waynesburg, 6:00 pm (to be announced)



**Please bring your deputation offering and a love offering for the Giles.
Please help support this event.**

We had a great trip to Nova Scotia. Picture is from there. What a blessed group that went and the church there was awesome. Pray about the future trips and pray for the men as they plan the trips. Gary, Peter and Len are great planners but can't do it alone.

Looking forward to seeing many of you at the deputation services.

Serving the Lord and the Pittsburgh District.

Sandy

Page 6 - 2015 Work & Witness Trip Info

Dear Potential Work & Witness Team Member,

I have some great information for you! Please be praying for the people of the Turkey Creek Church and their community! They are very excited about us coming and are already making preparations for our arrival. We are a great part of 20 years of prayer to make a difference in Martin County, Kentucky. We have a great opportunity to touch this community for Christ! This is a very poor area of the United States and an area that needs the hope of Christ.

Here is the information that I have to date:

Dates are: May 30 to June 6, 2015 and June 6 to June 13, 2015

I understand that this is close to the end of school for some. I am sorry if this is an inconvenience. If you are in school the week of May 30th to June 6th then you can come June 6th to June 13th. You are welcome to come either for both weeks or just for one week. Whatever works for you! I just need to know as soon as possible so that I can make sure that I have adequate housing for everyone.

A total of 35 people per week can go. We are unable to take more than 35 as this is the maximum of our transportation and lodging. **Your spot will be reserved with your deposit.** If the week is full before I get your deposit then I will be unable to have you join us for that week.

We will be traveling via a bus supplied by the New Galilee Church. The bus holds 40 people and I would rather not max it out on our 6 hour drive to Kentucky. I will be renting a trailer to transport luggage and tools to Kentucky. We will be leaving from the Pittsburgh District Center.

Cost is \$650.00 per person for one week and if you are going for both weeks the total will be \$1,200.00. This includes transportation, lodging, food at the work site, and cost of the project.

- **Going for one week:** A deposit of \$250.00 *due no later than November 15, 2014*
- **Going for TWO weeks:** A deposit of \$500.00 is *due no later than November 15, 2014*
- **Going for one week:** Final Payment of \$400.00 is *due no later than January 15, 2015* (This is needed as the project funds and other expenses need to be paid 3 months prior to our trip)
- **Going for TWO weeks:** Final Payment of \$700.00 is *due no later than January 15, 2015* (This is needed as the project funds and other expenses need to be paid 3 months prior to our trip)
- You are welcome to pay off the amount as early as possible. You do not have to wait until the deadlines to make the payments.
- Checks are to be made out to ***Pittsburgh District NMI***
- Checks are to be sent to: **Rev. Peter S. Roy, 1815 Worton Blvd. West Mifflin PA 15122**
- Pray and ask the Lord for direction for your trip to Kentucky.
- This trip will have an outreach component so be praying that the Lord will prepare the hearts of the community!

Thank you, Rev. Peter S. Roy
Pittsburgh District Domestic Work & Witness Coordinator



August 1, 2014, nine people experienced the sacrament of Baptism at the Mount Chestnut Family Camp. This was a wonderful service as we all felt the presence of God. This is the second year that we have held a baptism at Family Camp. This baptism service is open to everyone on the Pittsburgh District.

Rev. John Poling baptized **Charles David Strobe**, Rev. Greg Niver baptized **Rachel Genevieve Bradford**, Rev. Connie Young baptized **Alana Jade Young**, Rev. Chris Siordia baptized **Ashton Shaye Pollack**, and Rev. Peter Roy baptized **Zackery Raymond Brown**, **Hayley Roze Hanson**, **Matthew James Crum**, **Ashley Jean Boehm** and, on behalf of Rev. Phil Gilmore, **Ryan Noble Martin**. All to the Glory of the Lord!



District Events Schedule:**

October 3-5: *Victim to Victor* - Women of Worth Retreat

October 11: NYI Quiz Meet (Bradford)

October 17-18: Prime Time to Sight & Sound (Lancaster PA)

October 24 – 26: NYI Fall Retreat

October 25: NMI Missionary Deputation Service (District Center)

November 8: NYI Quiz Meet (Waynesburg)

November 15: Children's Quiz Invitational #1 (Kossuth and Waynesburg)

November 20 – 22: District Assessment

December 6: Annual Mt. Chestnut Snowflake Craft Show

December 13: NYI Quiz Meet (TBA)

January 10: NYI Quiz Meet (North: Dubois & South: Monongahela)

February 8: Children's Talent Competition/Local

February 14: NYI Quiz Meet (TBA)

February 27 – March 1: NYI Winter Retreat (North & South locations TBA)

***Dates are subject to change.*

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:

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