

Nonnegotiables in 2008

Greetings in HIS PRECIOUS HOLY NAME! Praise the Lord! He has spared us yet one more time, one more year! To God be the Glory! A new year of growth! A new year of insight! A new year of opportunities! A new year of challenges! A new year of promises! A new year of Worshipping HIM! Recently, as I was walking on a treadmill to take off the excess pounds that I accumulated over the holidays, I saw this book entitled "How the Rich get Thin." As I looked at the title, I thought to myself that I knew that I would never be rich in wealth, but perhaps I could learn a few things from this book about being thin! The author stated that in order to be successful in taking off weight and keeping it off, there must be "nonnegotiables" in the program. They are simply and easily incorporated principles that must be added in a person's *daily routine*. The author wrote that in order to lose weight the following principles must be followed:

- Daily exercise. If you don't exercise, you will get flabby and fat.
- Protein. Protein is vital for the functioning of the body.
- Calcium. This mineral is essential for increasing metabolism levels.
- Conquer food cravings. They can and must be managed.
- Eliminate all processed food. Processed food has no benefit to health.

As I was reading over the "nonnegotiables" for losing weight in the physical sense, what about "nonnegotiables" in the spiritual sense? What are some simple and easily incorporated principles that can be added in a person's daily routine for 2008?

- Establish a daily prayer life.
- Establish a daily Bible study and worship time with God. I pray that you will join with me again to read the Bible in 90 days starting on January 1, 2008.
- Establish a "positive mind-set" which will not include the words "no," "but," or "however," when a new concept or idea comes your way.
- Establish and seek new contacts with whom to share the Word of God and His glorious Message!
- Develop a forgiving spirit.
- Develop a teachable spirit.
- Seek ways to serve "in the best district in the whole wide world."
- Do some random acts of kindness.
- Try to be a better wife, husband, friend, sister, brother, mother, father, friend, etc.
- Seek to be obedient to HIS WILL & HIS WAY!

I am excited about all the things that our Lord and Savior is going to do in 2008 as we approach the 100th year of this great movement of God! I am excited about being in ministry with you! I am excited about the "nonnegotiable" of serving and knowing Him!

Blessings,

Jessie



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How has God's Word impacted your life recently?

My deadline was drawing near and I still had two blank pages in the newsletter. I sent out a word for help and these kind souls answered the above question both to my relief and our edification. God bless you as you read! ~ Melissa Andrew

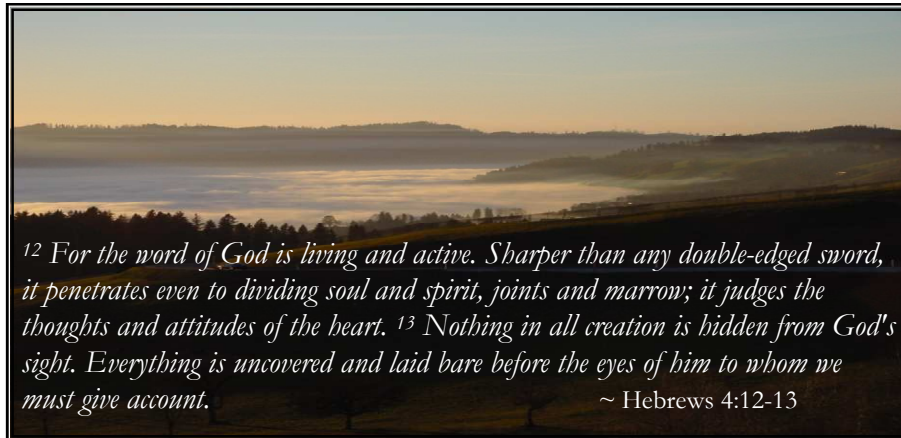
❄️ John 16:5-15 speaks of several things. Key among them is the work of the Holy Spirit. My Tuesday evening Bible Study read this just last week. I was struck by the wonderful knowledge this passage gives us, to hope in the work of the Holy Spirit as our guide and partner. It also is important for our people to hear that they, too, can lead classes and studies if they rely on the Holy Spirit - they don't need a degree or other certification to go ahead and start discipling someone and sharing God's word with others -- the Holy Spirit will lead them into all truth. That is truly empowering!

I find the three key works of the Spirit in this passage - to convict the world of sin, to lead us into all truth, and to glorify Jesus - to be a great message for a New Year's sermon, so I plan on preaching this Dec 30. Our people can be reminded as they enter the New Year, not to fret, not to get confused by what they hear elsewhere, and to glorify Jesus by the example and work of the Holy Spirit in our lives, both individually and corporately. The passage has encouraged me in

this busy season, and is a reminder to me of why we celebrate the birth of Christ. Peace! (*Marian Schwaller Carney, Associate Pastor, Keene, NH*)

✿ John 14:13-21: ¹³ "And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

¹⁵ "If you love me, you will obey what I command. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever-- ¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you



¹² For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. ¹³ Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.
~ Hebrews 4:12-13

know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. ²¹ Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him."

Jesus had just found out that John had been beheaded. He needed some time alone, but when he tried to get away to a solitary place the crowd followed. This spoke to me

because Jesus had compassion even when he wanted some time for himself. He taught and fed the crowds. He took the five loaves. Each was whole when put into His hand. He broke them. It struck me that if they had not been broken they could never have been multiplied. They were broken for the greater good. If we, if I, want to see miracles, I too must be willing to be taken in the hands of Jesus for Him to do whatever He wants. Strength comes from Him when I trust Him with everything. (*Sally Miller, District Chaplaincy Director*)

✿ Acts 3:19: Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord. NKJV In the past three months this verse has gripped me in

my ministry as Pastor here in Wallingford. Our Lord makes it so clear what it will take for our congregations to experience "Days of Refreshing." Repentance is the key to refreshing. In this day and hour that is where the Lord has me ... preaching repentance to bring on Days of refreshing. It is my prayer before 2008 is over that refreshing will be all over my life and the life of the Wallingford Church of the Nazarene! (*Rev. Herb Bailey, Senior Pastor, Wallingford, CT Church of the Nazarene*)

Continued...

How has God's Word impacted your life recently? (cont.)

❄️ Psalm 86:7: *In the day of my trouble I will call to you, for you will answer me.*

I am 81 years old. I can't hit the right keys and don't know how to do half the things this computer does and the other half I do wrong and get something I don't want and can't get rid of. But I am happy and healthy. I have no worries; no pains pills don't take care of; no enemies I know about. No fears the word of God doesn't care for though I can't remember it all *or get it straight*. But, *All things work together for good to those who love the Lord!* (Scott Newell, Retired Pastor)

❄️ This week while working on January '08 sermon themes, Matthew 18 told me to "become like a child." Suddenly these words came: **That's what God did!** Amazing.

In Exodus 5 Moses talks to Pharaoh to let the people go and what happens? **Things get worse!** Have you experienced some things getting worse in '07 in spite of your obedience to the Lord?

God's not done yet!!!!!! (Kim Richardson, Senior Pastor, Beverly Church of the Nazarene)



A Note to All Ministerial Studies Students and Their Pastors

The Ministerial Studies Board would like to remind all the ministerial studies students that it is time to update the board on your progress by having an official transcript sent to the secretary of the board. (address below) This is especially important if you are looking to be ordained or newly licensed this next assembly. Also, if you are in this category you must meet with the Ministerial Studies Board no later than our March 7th meeting and show proof that you have *completed at least two courses*. Please contact Rev. Rebecca Turcott for an appointment. If you are not planning on being ordained or newly licensed the board still requires that you have a transcript sent to them by the end of July.

All those wishing to be enrolled with the Ministerial Studies Board must personally fill out a Registration form and send it into the board secretary. They must

also have a letter from their pastor sent directly to the board secretary showing support of their call. (See the Ministerial Handbook or US Sourcebook for Registration form and sample Pastor's letter.) The board needs both pieces containing vital information for the student to be considered "registered." Also, please make an appointment with the Studies Board so that we can welcome you and make sure you have all the information you need to successfully progress through the Studies program.

Pastors please check with the ministerial students in your congregation to make sure they are keeping up with the Studies Board policies and requirements, which includes taking at least two courses a year. If for some reason a student no longer wishes to be enrolled in the Ministerial Studies program please let the secretary know so that we can remove that student from our

active records as unfortunately many have not been keeping the studies board apprised of their intentions. Thank you!

Our next Ministerial Studies Board meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2007 in Wollaston and our last meeting for this assembly year will be April 4th, 2007 in Nashua. Please mark these times on your calendar.

All transcripts, Registration Forms, Pastor letters or information regarding removal of a student from the program at their request or the request of the local church board should be sent to our Ministerial Studies Board Secretary:

Rev. Deborah Mann
193 Murray Ave.
Milton, VT 05468

Questions can be directed to Rev. Mann, Secretary or Rev. Rebecca Turcott, Chair.

Meet Dale Mingleorff

Dale Mingleorff recently accepted the position of Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries Chairman for the New England District. Please join us in welcoming him!

How long have you been a member of the church in Johnson, Vermont? Can you tell us some of the ministries you have been involved in?

We moved to Johnson in the fall of 1979. I have served as Sunday School Superintendent, teen quizzing director, on the worship team and as a Church Board member. I have also been privileged to serve on the District Finance Committee and as a member of the District Advisory Board for a number of years.

Tell us about your family.

I have a rich heritage. My father was a pastor and missionary to Peru, my grandfather served as a missionary in Korea and my great grandfather served a missionary in China. My wife Rhoda and I will

celebrate 42 years together this coming July. God has blessed our home with 4 children and 8 grandchildren spread out across the country from Tennessee to Alaska. We fortunately have two of our grandchildren living here in Vermont.

It is our goal to provide training, resources and support when possible to better equip our teachers and leaders to carry out the mission of the Sunday School.

What kind of work do you do?

Since retiring from IBM, I have worked for several companies, most recently with a company that builds churches and church related facilities. I am gradually phasing out of that type of work.

You may not have had time to think this through yet, but, as the new SSDM Chairman, where would you like to see Sunday School headed?

Over the years, the Sunday School has always been an integral part of the church and it still is today. In my mind, SS is one of the most important evangelistic outreach areas in our church. Through its connections, SS is able to touch and influence the lives of many people in a non-threatening manner. Many people have come as a result of a personal influence or contact in their lives. In the words of Dr. David Graves, "Sunday School serves as a 'connection point' for our church, calling us to **Make the Connection** through personal relationships that foster life-changing discipleship, equipping and spiritual growth." It is our goal to provide training, resources and support when possible to better equip our teachers and leaders to carry out the mission of the Sunday School.



Dale Mingleorff
District Sunday
School and
Discipleship Ministries
Chairman

Joint Meeting of Reynolds Institute Trustees, Ministerial Credentials, and Ministerial Studies

Please note the following calendar change:

The Annual Trustees Meeting of Reynolds Institute will be held on Friday, **April 4, 2008***, at Community Chapel in Nashua, NH. This will be a combined meeting with the Ministerial Credentials and Ministerial Studies Boards.

There will be an abbreviated Trus-

tees meeting with the members of the two Boards as observers. The purpose of the meeting is to enhance communication and spend time in evaluating and enhancing the tasks involved in preparing individuals for credentialed ministry in the Church. A draft agenda is being worked on and will be distributed to the members of the Boards to give an opportunity for sugges-

tions, for additional subjects, or clarification. If you have any thoughts and ideas that you would like to contribute to the development of the agenda please send them to Larry Ogden at: laogden@juno.com.

****Note change of date.***

Nazarene Missions International

Happy New Year! Ringing out the old - bringing in the new. God's Word says, "Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland." (Isaiah 43:19)

January Emphasis is Nazarenes in Volunteer Ministries or Nazarene Mission Corps.

Do your people want a different experience in the Lord's service? One good place to start is **MIS-SION CORPS** (World Mission Volunteer Ministries). God often speaks to us through our service to others. There is nothing like taking part in a cross-cultural experience.

How about your church planning their own Work and Witness trip? Contact Frank Turner at RTU1750553@aol.com. Frank will help you plan a W/W trip to any country of your choosing.

Some of our smaller local churches need some W/W help. Contact Richard and Ruth Jarvis, District Mission Corps directors, at rrjarv@comcast.net and they will set up a time and place even if you only have one person who can help. Richard and Ruth would be willing to come to your church and share about opportunities to serve in Mission Corps or they can share how to become a WWPartner.

Reminder: If you pledged to the **Willing Work and Witness Partners (WWPartners) at the 2007 District NMI Convention you can send your pledges at any time. As soon as you can get**

your pledges in, we will mail off the money for the two district projects we are helping to support this year – W/W trips to Russia and Bulgaria. The total pledges were over \$7000.

District Missions Expense Allocation (DMEA) is due January 1, 2008. This offering is often overlooked. Every church has an assignment. Pages 77-78 in the New England District Delegates Handbook lists the allocations for World Evangelism Fund and The DMEA for each church. What does DMEA help to support? District Convention expenses, children and youth ministries such as Jamborees and camps, meals & travel for District Council meetings, District Journal, Audiovisuals, printing and postage, telephone, General Convention delegates, Regional Conferences etc. DMEA also helps to fund Leadership Workshops, Prayer Brunch in March and the Convention in May. Thank you so much for your financial support. We are here to serve you!

CORRECTION: Mission Education credits for Mission Reading Books are not doubled now. Your goal is 100% of your average AM morning worship attendance the previous year. You only have to count the number of reading books read. Older books are available for free. Contact Joy Tucker at Joy.tucker@hp.com.

Looking Ahead:

February is Alabaster Offering Month. Alabaster helps the eight world regions, including Canada and USA, to purchase land and

construct places for people to worship, heal, learn, and grow spiritually.



Dan & Brenda Hopkins

Put this date on your calendars: Nazarene World Week of Prayer, March 2-8. This year we will begin the World Week of Prayer with the District NMI Prayer Brunch at Living Hope Church of the Nazarene, Danvers, MA on Saturday, March 2, 2007. Dan & Brenda Hopkins, Dominica, will be the missionary speakers for the brunch. Prayer is very important and we always have a special hour of praying together.

"Every time we pray, our horizon is altered, our attitude to things is altered - not sometimes but every time - and the amazing thing is we don't pray more."



Gerry Perry
District Missions
President

Windsor Hills Camp and Retreat Center

Let it Snow!

*Oh, the weather outside is frightful,
and the fire is so delightful.
But since there's one place to go –
grab your coat, to the Camp let us go!*

Yes, winter is cold in the North, but New Hampshire is beautiful in the winter! To watch the snow gently falling through the pines against a beautiful sky can be breathtaking. All the world is crisp and white. And it is quiet and peaceful.

Windsor Hills is a great place for a winter retreat. Take a hike in the woods, try some snow shoeing or sledding, visit nearby Pat's Peak for snowboarding or skiing . . . there's so much to do!



Teen groups might consider a mid-

week retreat on the school vacation week. Low cost retreats are available, and we will help you create program, even provide speakers for an additional fee.

Call now for a customized quote for your group.

Don't forget Teen Winter Retreat dates: Jr. Hi – Jan 25-27, 2008; Sr. Hi, Feb 22-24, 2008

Summer Camping plans begin!

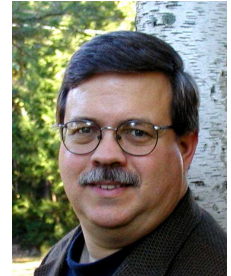
Family camp plans are coming together quickly. Dates are June 28 to July 6. The preacher will be Rev. Donald Lain from Christ Community Church in Syracuse, NY. Bible teacher will be Dr. Dan Copp, former District Superintendent and current Director of Clergy Services in Kansas City. Dan will also be leading several prayer summits during weekday afternoons.

Registration forms will be online soon. Check the website for details www.whcamp.org

Other 2008

Camp Dates:

Children's Camp: July 14-19
Senior High Camp: July 21-26
Junior High Camp: August 4-9



Dan Whitney
Windsor Hills Camp

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District Chaplaincy

I hope your holidays were blessed by the Lord. We now look forward to an exciting new year.

Chaplains of the New England District will be meeting together at District Assembly. The place and date will be forthcoming.



Sally Miller
District Chaplaincy
Director

We look forward to the Quadrennial Chaplains Conference June 23-27, 2008 at Glen Eyre Conference Center in Colo-

rado Springs Colorado. If you are thinking about going call or email me for information. (508-540-6531 sallydennis1@netzero.net)

Field Traumatology Training is a certified two-day program taking place on August 8&9, 2008 at the ENC campus. This is open to anyone who would like to attend. I encourage our Chaplains and Clergy to take this training and become skilled in knowing how to lead your community in times of need. It is important for laymen to participate too. Please put the dates in your bulletins so that people can plan their summer. The cost will only be \$93.10, this covers the two-

day program, one overnight and 4 meals. Sign up by calling me at 508-540-6531 or 508-331-8250 or email above.

May God bless you in this new year!
Chaplain Sally
District Chaplaincy Director

Editor's Note: Sally Miller was recently featured in *New Horizons: Newsletter for Nazarene Women Clergy* (Fall 2007). To read the article, please go to: <http://www.nazarenechaplain.org/nazarenechaplain/Default.aspx?tabid=219>.

Happy New Year Everyone!

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I hope that you are discussing with your leaders how you will reach your next ten disciples for Christ in '08 (or in some other appropriate time period). I'd love to hear your ideas.

Here are some thoughts from Peter Scazzero's book on Emotionally Healthy Spirituality.

We often underestimate the deep, unconscious imprint our families of origin leave on us. In fact, my observation is that it is only as we grow older that we realize the depth of their influence...The great problem...is when our families

invisible scripts are contrary to Christ's. And when the family commandments passed on to us are so deeply imbedded in our DNA that we cannot even discern the difference the result can be tragic...The great news of Christianity is that your biological family of origin does not determine your future. God does!...Discipleship, then, is the putting off or the sinful patterns and habits of our biological families and being transformed to live as members of Christ's family. (selections from pages 99-103)

My prayer is that you and yours will experience emotional, physical, social, intellectual and spiritual health throughout 2008. May the Lord then help us as we seek to

be healthy pastors leading healthy churches that grow and reproduce.

God bless you!

Kim



Kim Richardson
Mission
Strategy
Coordinator

Read the Word in 90 Days!

If you didn't accept the challenge in 2007, make 2008 your year to read the Bible in 90 days. The readings for the second 44 days are listed below. Be blessed!

Day Scripture Reference

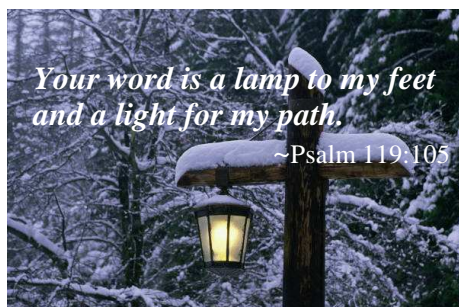
45 Psalm 132:1 to Proverbs 6:4
46 Proverbs 6:5 to Proverbs 19:19
47 Proverbs 19:20 to Ecclesiastes 1:16
48 Ecclesiastes 1:17 to Song of Solomon 7:8
49 Song of Solomon 7:9 to Isaiah 13:4

50 Isaiah 13:5 to Isaiah 28:13
51 Isaiah 28:14 to Isaiah 40:27
52 Isaiah 40:28 to Isaiah 51:17
53 Isaiah 51:18 to Isaiah 66:1
54 Isaiah 66:2 to Jeremiah 9:19
55 Jeremiah 9:20 to Jeremiah 22:18
56 Jeremiah 22:19 to Jeremiah 32:42
57 Jeremiah 32:43 to Jeremiah 47:7
58 Jeremiah 48:1 to Lamentations 1:15
59 Lamentations 1:16 to Ezekiel 11:15
60 Ezekiel 11:16 to Ezekiel 23:11
61 Ezekiel 23:12 to Ezekiel 34:14
62 Ezekiel 34:15 to Ezekiel 46:11
63 Ezekiel 46:12 to Daniel 8:7
64 Daniel 8:8 to Hosea 11:9
65 Hosea 11:10 to Amos 8:9
66 Amos 8:10 to Nahum 3:13
67 Nahum 3:14 to Zechariah 9:10
68 Zechariah 9:11 to Matthew 4:25
69 Matthew 5:1 to Matthew 15:26
70 Matthew 15:27 to Matthew 26:29
71 Matthew 26:30 to Mark 8:19
72 Mark 8:20 to Luke 1:45
73 Luke 1:46 to Luke 9:46
74 Luke 9:47 to Luke 19:39
75 Luke 19:40 to John 5:16

76 John 5:17 to John 14:16
77 John 14:17 to Acts 5:21
78 Acts 5:22 to Acts 16:5
79 Acts 16:6 to Acts 27:30
80 Acts 27:31 to Romans 13:8
81 Romans 13:9 to 1 Corinthians 14:5
82 1 Corinthians 14:6 to Galatians 2:21
83 Galatians 3:1 to Colossians 3:9
84 Colossians 3:10 to Titus 3:15
85 Philemon 1 to James 2:7
86 James 2:8 to 2 John 13
87 3 John 1 to Revelation 16:19
88 Revelation 16:20 to Revelation 22:21

From the Bible in 90 Days Website

Please note that days 1-44 are listed in the December 2007 NEMN. The newsletter is available online at: www.nednaz.org.



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New England District Calendar - January 2008

NMI Emphasis - Volunteer Ministries & Prayer

- 1 District Mission Expense Allocation Due
- 4-5 NYI Quiz Meet
- 4-6 NYI College & Career Retreat
- 11 NYI Council Meeting @ Lowell
- 12 District Festival of Life
- 15 Mission Directors - AM - Eastern, MA
- 17 District Advisory Board - Quincy
- 19 District Nominating Committee - Quincy
- 25-27 Jr. High Retreat
- 26 NMI Council Meeting
- 26 Children's Quizzing - Winter Invitational

