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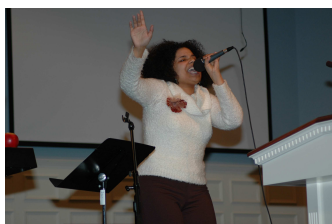
March 2007

2007 - The Gathering of the Saints



Greetings in His precious Name! In a few weeks, as a Body of Believers, in the best district in the whole wide world, we will be gathering together in Quincy, Massachusetts to encourage and lift up one another in the Body of Christ. The *Gathering of the Saints* will take place on Saturday, March 10, 2007, at Wollaston Church from 2:30 – 5:30. **Yes, the real time is 2:30 to 5:30.** I realize some of you might be thinking, ***do I have to give up another Saturday for another district activity????***

It is my prayer that you will consider this day and time, a time of spiritual growth, in your journey with HIM! Further, it is my prayer that you will look back on this time with joy and say ***Thank you Lord for allowing me the***



opportunity to worship with your Body! I can **guarantee that HE will be present.**

The service will be a three-hour service with several choirs and excellent preaching! I trust that the time commitment will not frighten you away. It is my prayer that you will attempt to come for some portion of the service; perhaps you might come at the beginning, the middle, or near the end. Just come for the experience! I would truly love for you to come and experience a true *gathering of the saints* from across the district: Listed below are just ten reasons for coming and enjoying a good time in the Lord!

- Great Fellowship with our Heavenly Father!
- Great Fellowship with other saints!
- Seeing saints you have not seen in a long time!
- Great music
- Great sermons
- Great movement of the Holy Spirit!
- Being encouraged by the Body!
- Being and **encouragement** to the Body
- Hearing & receiving the Word!**
- Being a part of a service that will truly be anointed by the Holy Spirit!



Photos: *Gathering of the Saints 2006*

Please pray about the date and time, **March 10, 2007 from 2:30 to 5:30** See what the Lord would like for you to do!

Blessings and many,
many thanks,
Jassie



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Ron Keller
District Sunday
School Ministries
Chairperson

“My prayer is that God will continue to use each of you in strengthening and building your local Sunday Schools.”

An End and A Beginning

In March, I (Ron Keller) will complete my pastoral ministry at the Danvers, MA church and my ministries on the New England District. On March 18, I will begin another new adventure in ministry as the pastor of the Coraopolis, PA Church of the Nazarene, on the Pittsburgh District.

It has been a very rewarding experience serving as Chairman of the District Sunday School Ministries Board.

Working with the board has been a joy. The board members love Jesus and believe in Sunday School and the programs that Sunday School Ministries promote. I have appreciated your confidence to elect me to serve as District Chairman. God has blessed these years. Our district Sunday School attendance has increased and lives have been changed through the power of the Holy Spirit and the faithful work of our local, district and general

Sunday School workers.

My prayer is that God will continue to use each of you in strengthening and building your local Sunday Schools. Sunday School is what America needs to implant Christian faith, living, values, ethics and a missional servant lifestyle into the lives of Sunday School students, through practical, holiness centered Bible study. Do your best, and leave the rest to God!

Make Plans For ...

Children's Camp, July 16-21. Contact Director Rick Smith at (802) 723-4824 for information. Visit the Windsor Hills Camp Web-site www.whcamp.org for forms.

Children's Bible Quizzing. Director Patsy Malas, (617) 770-1946, will be glad to help your Sunday School start a quizzing program.

Holiness Word Action materials, of course! Available at www.nph.com or at 1(800)

877-0700. Every school needs good tools that can be trusted to be biblically sound.

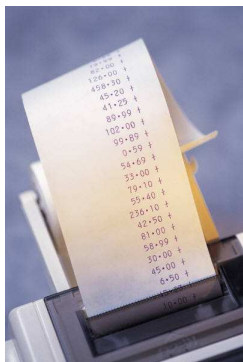
Trained Sunday School Teachers. As teachers learn, students learn. Teaching courses and materials are available at, www.clt.nazarene.org, for those who care about doing their very best for Jesus.

Prime Time/Senior Adult Ministries. Directors, Dick and Louise Clifford, (508)

295-2580, are ready to help you begin a local Prime Time ministry.

Second Annual Men's Retreat. Adult Ministries Director George Hemway, (603) 787-2586, will be glad to answer your questions about this event.

Annual Ladies Retreat. Women's Ministries Director Darlene Lamos, (802) 635-2970, is ready to host another wonderful weekend. Register early!



Treasurer's Training Class Offered

The Treasurer's Training Class is an informational and instructional time to assist pastors and treasurers in the budgeting process, completing the Pastor's Reports, understanding the District allocation process and the timeline for reports and information.

The training session will be led by members of the District Finance Committee. New pastors and new church treasurers will find the information especially valuable.

The class will be held March 10th, prior to The Gathering of the Saints, from 1-2 p.m.,

in Angell Hall on the campus of ENC. Signs will be posted.

Please contact Vince Crouse at vcrouse@nednaz.org or call (617)786-9496 with questions and to register your attendance.

Prayer Focus

Does Prayer Matter?

“After surveying Jesus’ practice of prayer, I realize that his example does answer one important question about prayer: Does it matter? When doubts creep in and I wonder whether prayer is a sanctified form of talking to myself, I remind myself that the Son of God, who had spoken worlds into being and sustains all that exists, felt a

compelling need to pray. He prayed as if it made a difference, as if the time he devoted to prayer mattered every bit as much as the time he devoted to caring for people.” (From *Prayer-Does It Make a Difference?* by Phillip Yancey)

Nazarene World Week of Prayer (NWWP)
February 25 through March

3, 2007: “Reaching the World on our Knees.” This annual event unites Nazarenes around the world in prayer for the Church of the Nazarene, focusing our intercession on a different area each day. Be sure to check the NMI Web site for the regional prayer requests which will also be on the Prayer Mobilization Line during NWWP.



Gerry Perry
District Missions
President

District Prayer Brunch

When: March 3, 2007, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. Lunch is included.
Registration begins at 9:00 a.m.
Who: Missionaries Merrill & Jan Williams, Guam
Music by Zephir Family and Reading Korean Church
Where: Living Hope Church of the Nazarene, 188 Elliott Street, Danvers, MA
Cost: \$7.50 per person

Please register with Diane Townsend by phone: 978-927-2314
or email: beverlynazarene@yahoo.com

“The District praying together will make a difference!”



Missionaries Merrill & Jan Williams will be speaking at the District Prayer Brunch on March 3rd.

End of the Year is March 31

However this does not mean that you cannot continue to pay on your budgets until convention time. LET’S PAY 100% OF OUR WEF THIS YEAR. Please pray

about it and plan your Easter Offering to be a victory offering for World Missions. God has a marvelous way of answering prayer if we trust Him and do our part. Try

God and see if He won’t bless your church for helping to spread the gospel around the world.

World Evangelism Fund - Easter Offering for Evangelism

Missionaries, world areas, educational institutions, hospitals, literature, facilitation of Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, Work and Witness, Alabaster, and World Mission Broadcast, facilitation of ministries and services

to more than 14,000 churches and more than 3,900 missions around the world. *What do these things have in common?* If you guessed that they are funded by the World Evangelism Fund, you would be right!

Resources to promote the Easter Offering for World Evangelism in your local churches are available at Stewardship Ministries. Email them at steward@nazarene.org or call toll-free at 1-800-544-8413.

~ Heartline



NMI 2005



Regional NMI Conference This Fall

Coming this fall – Regional NMI Gathering – Camp Taconic, Red Hook, New York . Come for inspiration, information, networking, idea sharing, and encouragement. The conference begins Sun-



day evening of October 7 and continues through Tuesday noon, October 9. District Superintendents, District NMI Presidents, District NMI Council members and Local presidents and pastors who serve as presidents of

NMI on the Eastern Region are invited. PLEASE help your NMI president attend. Registration is \$120 for 6 meals and 2 nights lodging. For questions email Gerry Perry at: gerryperry2@comcast.net.

PLEASE NOTE

The dates for the District NMI Convention are:

Wednesday evening,
May 23 and
Thursday,
May 24, 2007

NMI Council Changes

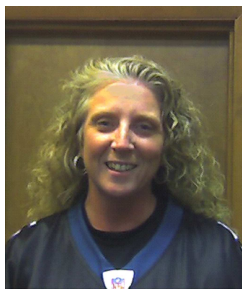
Sadly, we have had to say good-bye to several members of our District NMI Council due to transferring off the District. Ruth Ann Gardner, NMI Secretary, and her husband have accepted a pastorate in PA. Rev. Martha Wilson, Youth NMI Director, has accepted a pastorate in Ohio. Dedra Barr, Publicity Secretary, has moved to Ephrata, PA and Suzanne Strong, Mission Education Secretary, had to resign due to a family illness. We have appreciated

the dedicated services of these NMI leaders and wish them well in their new place of service.

We welcome to our council Sheryl Weisen. Sheryl and her husband have been missionaries to Romania and the Eurasia Regional Office. Presently she is executive secretary to Dr. Corlis McGhee, president of ENC. She will take on the roll of District NMI Secretary. We also welcome Joy Tucker as

Mission Education Secretary. She is NMI president of the Maynard church and serves as local missionary president. She has also served on the District NMI Council in the past. It is great to have her back on the council.

If you have names that you would like to submit for serving on the district council we would welcome your recommendations.



Nazarene
Youth
International
Victoria Clark
District NYI President

NED NYI President's Report

During the past several weeks I have been preparing my heart and selecting my devotionals for the upcoming Lent season. The word Lent comes from the Anglo Saxon word "spring" or "springtime." We as God's people take the time to learn about God and one another, the season before Easter can be seen as the springtime of the soul ~ a time of growth in faith and a time to nurture the faith that is already ours. As we come into a new season of spring,

let it be a time of reflection, growth and change. *"My eyes stay open through the watches of the night, that I may meditate on your promises. Hear my voice in accordance with your love; renew my life, O Lord, according to your laws."* Psalm 119:148-149

Festival Of Life 2007

Congratulations to those who participated in F.O.L. 2007! Great work for those who will be advancing to Regionals on March 22-24th at ENC. Instrumental Solo - Allison

Cornell, Women's Vocal – Sarah LeGrand & Kelsie Jones, Vocal Group – Katie Van Norton, Sarah Cochran, Sarah LeGrand, Jessica Manchester, Kelsie Jones, Michelle Towle, Painting – Tiffany, Chess (Coach – Gerry Desrochers) Becky Malas & Alexandria Bordon, Table Tennis Doubles – Mike Magnuson & Dan Jeffrey.



Men's Soccer – (Coaches – Ryan Magnuson & Andrew Magnuson) Joshua DeCosta, Randy Hughes, Bruno Fernandes, Patrick Flint, Michael Magnuson, Dan Jeffrey
 Women's Soccer – (Coach Roxanne Margeson) Karina Andrade, Tova-Leigh Correia. Men's Basketball (Coaches – Matt Smith & Don Hook) Darnell Sena, Robert Correia, Timothy Correia, Jordon Rearick, Nelson Bravo, Miguel Camacho. Women's Basketball – (Coaches – Becky Carlisle & Carrie Smith) Jessica Manchester, Allison Cornell, Les-

lie Donovan, Alexandra Bordon, Shinay Monteiro, Caitlyn Jarvis, Sarah Ecknaien, Paige Ramos

Nazarene Youth Conference

NYI is getting ready for NYC. Nazarene Youth Conference is a once in a lifetime opportunity for God to reach our young people among their peers. NYC 2007 reflects the life-transforming power of Jesus Christ. It is a dynamic, awe-inspiring, mind-blowing movement of God. [Watch the NYC Promo](#)
 Many thanks to Pastor Jim

Abrams & Pastor Doug Milne for all their work and effort in this awesome adventure.

NYI Convention

Be in prayer for our NYI Convention on May 5, 2007 at Community Chapel in Nashua, NH. All Youth Pastors/Directors, NYI presidents, and teens should plan to spend a day of enrichment, discussing the business of God's Kingdom for NYI. More information will be available soon.

**NYC
2007**

**Plan to Attend
NYI Convention
May 5, 2007
@
Community
Chapel in
Nashua, NH**

News from Windsor Hills Camp

Junior High Retreat at WHC

Winter Retreat for Junior High teens was a great success! Almost a hundred teens and chaperones gathered in the frigid cold for an excellent weekend. About 40 of those who attended made use of Pat's Peak to ski and snowboard, and the rest played in tournaments ranging from volleyball and basketball to "That game where you throw the Frisbee at the bucket!"

Speakers included Jan Lanham, Donny Woodbridge and Gerry Derochers, and the band was "New Experience."

Several teens made new commitments to Christ in the Sunday morning service. Special thanks to Vicki Clark and all the youth workers who made the weekend so memorable! The strains of "Frosty the Snowman" will linger in the hills around Windsor for many days to come!



Summer 2007 Camp Dates

District Work Days: June 1, 2 and 10,11
 Family Camp: June 30-July 8
 20th Anniversary Celebration: July 7, 8
 Kid's Camp: July 16-21
 Senior High: July 23-28
 Junior High: August 6-11

2007 Family Camp Workers

Speaker: Rev. Bud Reedy
 Bible Teacher: Dr. Mary Paul
 Children's Workers: Donny and Holly Woodbridge
 Worship Leader: Rev. Becky Turcott.

Visit our website!
www.whcamp.org



Dan Whitney
 Windsor Hills Camp
 Director

Clergy Retreat

ALL licensed ministers, retired pastors, assigned pastors, elders, deacons, etc., are invited to come to the Clergy Retreat at Windsor Hills Camp. The retreat will last

24 hours, from 2 p.m. on March 6th until 2 p.m. on March 7th. Come for a time of reflection, refreshment, and fellowship. For more information or to register,

please call Dan Whitney at 603-478-3363 or email him at:

dandewhit1@comcast.net



Time for Clergy
 R&R
 March 6-7!



Kim Richardson
Mission
Strategy
Coordinator

“Simple Church”

Have you read a good book lately? I have! It's "Simple Church" by Thom Rainer and Eric Geiger. They keep "suggesting" that less is more and keep asking, "Why are we doing what we are doing?" Of course, there is more and, no, I didn't believe everything they said, but --- we do need to ask, "Why are we doing

what we are doing?" Lord willing, you will be reading this about the time I return from M7 where I will seek to learn more about "multi-site ministry." If you have interest, call or email me and let's talk. Reach me at 978/927-2314 or k.l.richardson@juno.com.

Where are you going? Where are you now? How do you plan to get there from here? Bathe it all in prayer, seek the Spirit's leading and enter the mission field in *your* Jerusalem.

God bless!
Kim Richardson



For more information about the Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, go to: www.dol.gov/cfbci

Brockton Church of the Nazarene Recognized

In a *News Release* dated January 31, 2007, the Brockton Area Workforce Investment Board and Partners (of which the Brockton First Church of the Nazarene is a member) were recognized as "Champions of Compassion" for their work during an 18-month pilot program of the U.S. Department of Labor's Center for Faith-Based and Community Initiatives

(CFBCI).

"These organizations are true champions of compassion," said Jedd Medefind, director of the CFBCI. "Their deep commitment and caring touch make that critical difference for so many who otherwise may have fallen through the cracks..."

"Their partnership models what a difference we can

make when government joins with the unique strengths of local faith-based and community organizations to serve our neighbors in need," Medefind noted.

We extend our congratulations and thanks to First Church of the Nazarene for helping to making a difference in Brockton!



Sally Miller
District Chaplaincy
Director

Chaplaincy Meeting Announced

All chaplains will be meeting in the Heritage Room at the Wollaston Church on March 10th at 1:00 p.m. I will be sharing all of the information that I brought back for you from the chaplaincy workshops at the M7 Conference. At 2:15 we will break and go to the Gathering of the Saints. It will be a wonderful day of blessing and sharing. Please come and join us. *Coffee and cookies will be served.*

The following are the M7

workshop sessions that we'll be discussing:

#1: *Making a Difference to Those Seeking Spiritual Direction in the Wesleyan Tradition* (Chaplains Alden Sproull and Windy Lovett)

#2: *Making a Difference to Those Impacted by Health Crisis* (Chaplains Merv Friberg and Chip Pieper)

#3: *Making a Difference to Those Impacted by Incarceration* (Chaplains Barry Cook, Deb-

orah Tanasiechuk, and Gaetano Franzese)

#4: *Making a Difference to Those Impacted by End of Life Issues* (Chaplain Charles Roberts)

#5: *Making a Difference to Those Impacted by Military Separation* (Chaplain Chris Fosback)

#6: *Making a Difference to Those Impacted by the Workplace* (Chaplain Don Dunlap)

Blessings,
Chaplain Sally

Burgess Hall Gets a Makeover!

I've attached a few photos from the recent renovations project at Burgess Hall. 14 guys assisted with this middle-of-the-week project. Men from Wareham, South Weymouth, Rumford, Brockton and Lowell anchored the project. The entire center floor of Burgess hall was removed, including all the support structure beneath the floor. A vapor barrier was installed. A new floor, with new floor joists, was installed. On the weekend, men from the Rockland Church assisted in the installation of new carpet for the building. The Keene Church has donated \$100 toward the materials for the project. We expect some other financial assistance to be forthcoming. Cost for the materials was slightly over \$2,000. Two guys from G.E.M. construction came up Tuesday

night and worked through to completion on Thursday noon.

The project was designed and directed by Tim Mather, who did a great job of keeping everyone moving in the right direction. Some of the wood was salvaged, the rest hauled away. Timing was critical to the project, since the building was being rented just a week after the remodeling. In addition, this was deemed an emergency project, since there was noticeable "give" in the previous floor. When the surface layer was removed, we discovered that the floor joists in front of the fireplace were completely deteriorated.

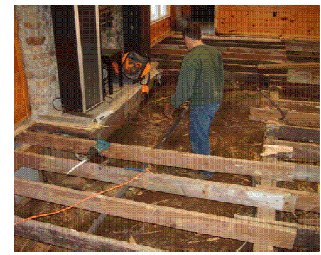
I spent most of the days in the kitchen preparing meals for the crew. Dick Clifford, Facilities committee chair-

man, arrived with some of the men on Monday night. He was the main shaker and mover to enlist the volunteer workers. We fed the men from Tuesday through lunch Thursday.

The project was a huge success, and we are grateful to Tim and Dick, and all those who contributed to the completion of this excellent project.

Blessings,
Dan Whitney

Camp work days will be here before you know it! Plan now to be a part of the team that helps get WHC ready for the camping season on June 1-2 and 10-11!



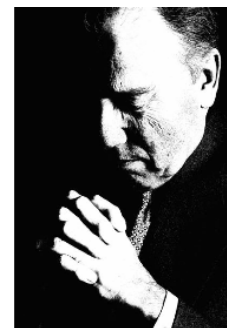
Photos: Burgess Hall Renovations

Prayer Requests

Pray for our cities and the rise in violence.
Pray for our young people's protection from violence and the evil one.
Pray for our schools, our teachers, children, parents.
Please pray for our open churches without a senior pastor; Quincy Chinese, Quincy Bethel, Lowell, Burlington, Cambridge Bethesda, New Bedford International, Haverhill, Wakefield, RI, Danielson.
Pray for the sick.
Pray for the lost.
Pray for the persecuted church.

Pray for revival in the district.
Pray for revival in every church.
Pray for our President and his family.
Pray for all of our government officials.
Pray for the courts.
Pray for marriages.
Pray for the college.
Pray for our region and our generals.
Pray for our soldiers, our mayors, governors, police and firefighters.
Pray for students as they are taking finals.
Pray for young people who are trying to make "life

decisions."
Pray for our missionaries around the world.
Pray for our spiritual leaders.
Pray for church boards and the leaders of the churches.
Pray for the Keller family as they leave to minister on the Pittsburgh District!
Pray for our young people as they get ready for NYC!
Pray for our young people as they prepare for Bible Quizzing!
Thank HIM for every opportunity to serve!



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New England District Calendar - March 2007

NMI Emphasis: Easter Offering & Prayer

- 2 Ministerial Credentials and Studies - Quincy
- 3 Nazarene World Week of Prayer concludes
- 3 District NMI Prayer Luncheon - Beverly
- 6-7 Clergy Retreat
- 10 All District- Gathering of the Saints - Wollaston Church
- 10 SSM Board Meeting - Wollaston
- 10 Chaplaincy Meeting - Wollaston
- 10 District Treasurer's Training Class - Wollaston
- 13 Mission Directors' Meeting - AM - Nashua
- 13 WHC Board - PM - Nashua
- 15 District Advisory Board - Quincy
- 22-24 NYI Festival of Life - ENC
- 23-24 ENC Board of Trustees Meeting
- 24 District NMI Council Meeting
- 27 District Assembly Planning - Quincy

