

The Mission
of the Church
of the Nazarene:

To Make
Christlike Disciples
in The Nations

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We Must Continue to Tell the Story

First, I would like to say thank you for all the kind notes, letters, flowers, fruit basket, and cards that I have received over the past few weeks since my surgery! I know why I "serve in the best district in the whole wide world" is because the folks in this district are the "best folks in the whole wide world!" While I was off of my feet, I happened to catch a day time program (*which is extremely rare for me*) and this woman was sharing with the talk host she did not know how to pray!

As I listened to her share and express her spiritual journey, I thought about some themes that were shared in Dan Kimball book, *They Like Jesus But Not The Church*. The woman from the program was sharing about how she started her spiritual journey and how she discovered communicating with God. I thought about the fact that we as a Nazarene people must continue to tell the greatest Story ever told, which is that Jesus is Lord of lords and King of kings! Furthermore, we must share with others and be more intentional in our delivery of His Message by being more Missional. Listed below are some of Mr. Kimball thoughts regarding Missional that I think are awesome!

- Being Missional means that we see ourselves as representatives of Jesus "sent" into our communities, and that the church aligns everything it does with the mission of God.
- Being Missional means we see the church not as place we go only on Sunday, but as something we are throughout the week.
- Being Missional means that we understand we don't "bring Jesus" to people but that we realize Jesus is active in culture and we join Him in what He is doing.
- Being Missional means we are very much in the world and engaged in culture but are not conforming to the world.
- Being Missional means we serve our communities, and that we build relationships with the people in them, rather than seeing them as evangelistic targets.
- Being Missional means being all the more dependent on Jesus and the Spirit through prayer, the Scriptures, and each other in community.

Continue to share and tell "the Greatest Story that you ever heard!"

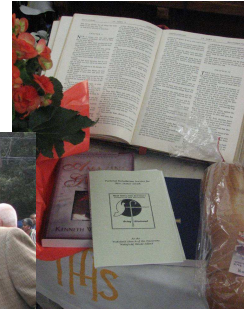
Blessings and many prayers for you and your families!

Jossie



Wakefield, Rhode Island Installation Service Held

The Wakefield, Rhode Island church installed Rev. Stoner Smith and his wife Lori as their new pastor and wife on Sunday, September 16th.



In the News ...

Several of our churches and pastors have been featured in local newspapers and websites during the past month or so.

“Breaking Bread”

An article in *The Malden Observer* reported that the Church of the Nazarene in Melrose held a concert on September 15th to benefit Bread of Life, a Malden-based organization that provides food and other services for the needy.

Pastor Darrin Parry asked Howie Newman, who co-hosts a monthly open mic at the church, to organize the event which included artists that performed in the open mic in the past.

The concert not only benefited Bread of Life financially, but it also made the concert-goers aware of opportunities to volunteer at the organization. It was an opportunity for the church to help the community.

For more information about “Bread of Life” go to: www.breadoflifeonline.org. To see the entire article go to:

<http://www.townonline.com/malden/homepage/x428365106>

“Pastor J.R. Chavier to Lead City Congregation”

The SouthCoastToday.com website included an article about Pastor J.R. Chavier being selected to fill the position of senior pastor at the New Bedford International Church of the Nazarene.

The article stated that J.R. hopes to “bring to fruition” a community center - something his father, the late Rev. Dr. Manual Chavier, had started. His hope is not to replace his father, but to build on his faith and ministry. J.R. stated “There has been a legacy with my father. I'm not meant to fill my father's shoes. I know that God is saying, ‘I'm trusting you to carry out the new work.’”

To read the entire article, go to: <http://www.southcoasttoday.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20070929/SPECIAL/709290313/1011/TOWN10>

“First Church Parishioners Winn with New Pastor”

The *Daily Item* featured an article about Pastor William Winn and his wife Robyn and the Lynn Church of the Nazarene where they've been ministering since July. The article focused on their relationship with Christ and the church:

“It's a place where the church is in them, not around them.”

“It's a feeling they want to share with others on the journey, walking the path of Christ.”

“It's a place of fellowship ...”

“It's a vision that includes the way to follow Him.”

About coming to the Lynn church, Pastor Winn says, “We were meant to come here. We were absolutely meant to come here.”



Keene Church Under Construction

John Reilly began his ministry at the Keene Church of the Nazarene in 1999. After several years of prayer and preparation, the church has undertaken a building project.

Tell us a little about your vision for the Keene church and how a building project fits into that vision.

Our vision is in three parts:

1. To be witnesses of God's hope in our lives. Our building permit was issued at 4:00 p.m. on September 11, previously a day of destruction but God is using us as part of his plan to rebuild hope in America.
2. To be a community of unity built on the love of Jesus Christ. Our new addition has a goal of 100% participation, everyone praying, paying tithe, sharing talents, spending time, showing the world our commitment to love one another and to work toward a vision that is bigger than we are; sharing God's love with the world.
3. To celebrate the joy of the Holy Spirit at work within us. We have a master plan that has three parts. We are celebrating this first step of faith with joy as we seek to be partners with God in providing greater access to God's word in our community.

Tell us about the process of getting to this point in the building of an addition.

Over the past eight years the Keene church has been growing spiritually and numerically. In 2005, the Keene church had its best a.m. average in its history. Excitement of growth motivated us to look into the expansion of our facility. When first draft plans came back from the architect we knew it was more than we could handle financially. The phased plan approach was adopted. The new addition will provide an elevator for handicapped people, more bathroom facilities, bigger foyer for fellowship and more Sunday school space.

Frustrations included the huge bureaucracy and the many agencies we needed to consult for approval. Sometimes we were in a catch 22 where one approval was required and depended on another. The process of dreaming is time consuming. Everyone has their wish list for the new addition. An answer to prayer is the wonderful affirmation of a positive vote by the congregation to move forward with the prepared plans. On August 5, we celebrated the eight year anniversary of Pastor and People with Com-



munion, breaking bread inside, and then we all went outside for an intergenerational ground breaking celebration.

The church is the living body of Christ and it is wonderful to be part of the dynamic interaction that evolves into a unity of effort to accomplish God's plan. Our theme for the building program has been, "God's Plan - Our Purpose." We as a body of Christ are committed to knowing His plan for us and so our purpose is to work with him to accomplish his plan. These are exciting days for Keene as we depend on the Holy Spirit. In Him we find the refreshment of God's love and grace.



District Notes

Calendar Reminders

There is *not* going to be an Equipping Day on November 10th.

The Clergy Prayer Retreat scheduled for October has been shifted

to November 6-7th at Windsor Hills Camp.

New Starts

Please take note of the following New Start churches:

Henniker, NH - Dan Whitney
Stratford, CT - Miriam Mouzon
Taunton, MA - Daniel Leite
Roxbury, MA - Daniel Leite, and
Carlos Depina

Please keep these new churches in prayer.

Nazarene Missions International

November 11th -- International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

“The International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP) is a global day of intercession for persecuted Christians worldwide. Its primary focus is the work of intercessory prayer and citizen action on behalf of persecuted communities of the Christian faith. We also encourage prayer for the souls of the oppressors, the nations that promote persecution, and those who ignore it.

“We believe that prayer changes things. Exactly what happens is a mystery of faith. God invites us to present to Him our requests and to pray without ceasing. Persecuted Christians often plead for prayer to help them endure. The most we can do is the least we can do - pray.” (From IDOP website.)

Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering. Hebrews 13:3

For more information and for free IDOP kits, please go to: <http://www.persecutedchurch.org>

World Evangelism Fund and the Thanksgiving Offering

The Thanksgiving Offering will be collected this month for the World Evangelism Fund.

What is the World Evangelism Fund (WEF)? The WEF comes from Nazarene churches around the world. Each church is challenged to give an amount based on its income.

How is the WEF collected? Two large offerings at Thanksgiving and at Easter are collected for the WEF. In addition Faith Promise provides for systematic giving throughout the year.

What are the benefits of the WEF? Missionaries are provided with a regular paycheck which frees them to focus primarily on the mission (instead of raising their own support). Also, every church can take part in the global mission of the church.

What else does the WEF support?

- Outreach ministry in 151 world areas
- Approximately 788 missionaries

and 196 missionaries' children

- Monthly pensions for 320* retired missionary units (couples and singles)
- 40 Bible and theological colleges, 11 liberal arts universities, and 5 vocational and training schools - with 40,801 students enrolled
- 2 hospitals, as well as community-based health care/medical clinics
- Literature in 67 languages
- Casa Robles (Nazarene Missionary Retirement Center)
- Facilitation of Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, Work & Witness, Alabaster, and World Mission Broadcast
- Administrative costs to facilitate ministries and services to 14,567 churches and 4,123 church-types missions around the world*

2006 Statistics

*NMI 4/2007



Gerry Perry
District Missions
President

Work & Witness: Ulyanovsk, Russia

Two Work & Witness trips are being planned to Ulyanovsk, Russia in July 2008.

Ulyanovsk is on the Volga River, birthplace of Vladimir Lenin, site of several New England W&W trips.

The cost of either trip will be approximately \$2600. The dates are: (1) July 9-21; (2) July 16-28.

People can choose either trip.

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Ulyanovsk: New Town
Photo by: Marina Romanova

Plan a Prayer Retreat at Windsor Hills Camp

"We do not refuse to pray. We merely feel that our tongues are tied, our minds inert, our inner vision dim, when we are about to enter the door that leads to prayer. We do not refuse to pray; we abstain from it. We ring the hollow bell of selfishness rather than absorb the stillness that surrounds the world, hovering over all the restlessness and fear of life – the secret stillness that precedes our birth and succeeds our death. Why do we not set apart an hour of living for devotion to God by surrendering to stillness? . . . Our mind has ceased to be sensitive to the wonder."

--Man's Quest for God,
Abraham Joshua Heschel

Experience tells me that Board Meeting Agendas are rapidly consumed with the business of the church. With the little time that we actually get to accomplish that business, the agenda of prayer is often squeezed out. No surprise there.

We can choose to either let modern rhythms downsize prayer into func-

tional insignificance, or we can look for ways to subtly alter the rhythm.

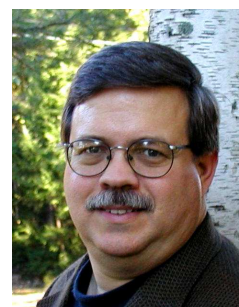
A Friday night – Saturday morning board retreat may be just the shift you need. Enter by 8:00 p.m. and spend time discussing your vision for the church. Wake to breakfast, then head to prayer. Reflect on your prayer time, eat lunch, and head for home.

Bring your own sleeping bags and we can put you in a home on the campground for as little as \$45/person – and that includes two meals and a snack Friday night! This special rate is for Nazarene church board or leadership groups only – and is linked to the homes on the campground.

Now is the time to think ahead to March/April/May, just after you have elected your new board. If the retreat date is on the nominations letter you send to candidates, you'll have less trouble with scheduling conflicts. And who knows what God will do in your hearts as you

seek His face!

By the Way ... There is lots of space for Teen Retreats in winter. Consider scheduling an inexpensive teen retreat here during your teens' Winter Break from school. You can even schedule a skiing trip to a nearby slope. Call us if you need help with the planning or with finding speakers.



Dan Whitney
Windsor Hills Camp
Director

Facing Reality

Friends in Ministry,

May I remind you? He is 42 and has been in ministry for nearly 20 years --- Twenty years with his head in the sand --- Twenty years refusing to look in the mirror and admit he is ADHD. A month ago he admitted his "issue" and for the first time in his life (with the help of meds) he can focus. Have you been carrying around a "bucket of sand" to enable you to refuse to face reality? **Healthy pastors**

leading healthy churches that grow and reproduce begins with healthy pastors. Have you picked up a copy of Peter Scazarro's book "Emotionally Healthy Spirituality." If yes - great! If no - I hope you will soon.

Our mission to make Christlike disciples in the nations is clear and we must start where we are. **What is your plan to win/disciple the next ten people to Jesus?** I hope this question is in your prayers, in

conversations with key leaders and on the agenda of your church board meetings.

God bless!

Kim



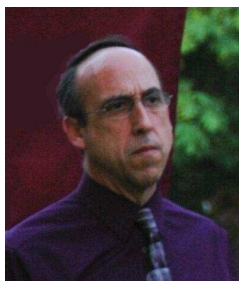
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Mission
Strategy
Coordinator

Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries

Christmas Sunday School— Make It Special

All of us know about C & E Christians. Translation: Christmas and Easter Christians. We always welcome them to attend and are happy to see them come to Sunday School or Church on special days. Now is the time to make plans for the Advent Season.

Programs that involve children usually encourage the children's parents and families to attend. Perhaps you will want to plan events for each Sunday of Advent using different age group classes to minister. Children one Sunday, Junior High and or Senior High teens another Sunday, Adults or Senior



Andrew Belokur
District Sunday
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Discipleship Ministries
Chairman

Adults for another Sunday... Congregation involvement and good quality presentations, bathed in prayer and advertised enthusiastically, attract people. People need the Lord. Try something new. Our Sunday

School classes can help them discover a relationship with Jesus.

Vacation Bible School

It is time to plan for Summer Vacation Bible School. Select a director. Pick a date. You will be able to find all the information as it becomes available at: <http://www.nazarene.org/ministries/ssm/children/programs/vbs/display.aspx> Get started early this year. Vacation Bible School can be one of the best opportunities that we have to reach out into the community with the love of Christ. Often, when parents will not let their children come to our regular Sunday School program, they will let them come to Vacation Bible School.

Word Action Sunday School Curriculum

The center of the gospel is the call to holy living—a Spirit-empowered life of Christian distinction modeled after Jesus who "emptied himself of all but love" (And Can It Be, Charles Wesley). Nazarene pastors have a responsibility to preserve and promote that core distinctive of our holiness legacy so that the investments of previous generations are not neglected. The Naza-

rene Publishing House delivers that kind of holiness resource to local Nazarene congregations prepared for by WordAction. Check it out and place your order at: <http://www.nazarene.org/ministries/ssm/display.aspx> or telephone 1(800) 877-0700.

Sunday School Call-A-Thon

Recruit some volunteers. Assemble the telephone numbers of everyone on your Responsibility List and of persons who are not yet attending Sunday School. Use a Friday and Saturday, early in November, to invite everyone who does not attend to give Sunday School a try—And to thank everyone who attends for their faithfulness. Challenge them to bring a friend that Sunday.

The first week in December is also a prime time to conduct a Call-A-Thon. People will have made New Year's resolutions and will be thinking about priorities. Sunday School is a convenient, proven effective, small group activity.

Please also don't forget that your people can actually go door to door and invite.

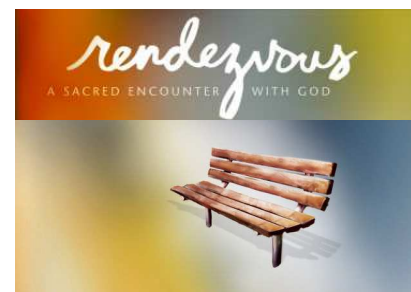
Consider Rendezvous

Rendezvous: A Sacred Encounter with God is a six week or 40 day study exploring a wide variety of spiritual practices or disciplines. Rendezvous is intended to inspire individuals and entire congregations to fall in love with Christ again, as they discover sacred moments with God in the midst of their everyday routines.

Rendezvous leads you in a daily reading

and weekly small group study through Frank Moore's book *Rendezvous: A Sacred Encounter with God*. This study will help you and your congregation encounter Christ in new places and experience His love in the midst of current life situations.

For more information go to:
<http://www.sacredencounter.org/nph/web/html/sacr/overview.html>



Making Disciples

After attending a D.P.L.C {District President Leadership Conference} in September, I am more convinced that our churches are missing the mark on the verse given to us in Matthew 18:19-20:

Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age.

I agree we have been bombarded by that verse at every Missions conference that we attend. However, the truth of the matter is, how are we doing in making Disciples? What ministry is established in our churches for Discipling our teens and leaders? Who is Discipling You? Who are You Discipling?

We must go beyond ...

Membership → Discipleship
 Sunday School → Everyday
 Knowledge → Obedience
 Programs → Relationships
 Self-Centeredness → Christ-likeness

We can also learn from verse from John 15:8:

When you produce much fruit, you are my true disciples. This brings great glory to my Father.

There are three forms of Discipleship:

Classic: 8 week Bible study

Spiritual Formation

Community: Small groups

It is my prayer that in the next several months we will have our teens on a journey in all areas I have mentioned. There is an In-Depth Discipleship Bible Study available for you to distribute to your teens and leaders. *Right now you need to begin to pray for an individual who is spiritually grounded and committed to mentor a teen for 8 weeks.* If you are

interested in receiving this Discipleship Bible Study, please contact me at 508-394-4854. May the Lord help us not to miss the mark when we are leading our teens closer to His Kingdom. To Him be the Glory Forever!!

In Joyful Service,

Vicki Clark



Victoria Clark
 District
 NYIP resident

NYI Events:

November 16-17 - NYI Council Retreat @ Windsor Hills Camp

November 30-Dec. 1 - Teen Quizzing @ Dennis Cape Cod

****NOTE: THE YOUTH LEADERS RETREAT IS POSTPONED UNTIL SPRING 2008.**

Reynolds Winter Courses Announced

Reynolds Institute's Director of Education, Lisa Morrison, has announced that the following two winter courses have been scheduled:

PAS 2013 The Practice of Christian Ministry

Instructor: Dan Whitney

Nov. 30-Dec.1; Jan 4-5; Feb. 1-2

Location: Windsor Hills Camp.

PAS 3033 Christian Preaching I

Instructor: Lisa Morrison

Tuesdays: December 4, 18; January 8, 22; February 5 (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.)

Location: Wollaston Church of the Nazarene

If you wish to take one of these courses, please register online at:

www.reynoldsinstitute.org.



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New England District Calendar - November 2007

NMI Emphasis: Thanksgiving Offering for World Evangelism Fund & Prayer

- 2-3 NYI Quiz Meet - South Weymouth
- 6-7 Clergy Prayer Retreat at Windsor Hills
- 11 International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church
- 13 Mission Directors AM
- 15 District Advisory Board - Quincy
- 16-17 NYI Council Retreat at Windsor Hills
- 17 District Finance Committee/Pastoral Support/Christian Social
Action - Quincy
- 18 Festival of Life District Practice for all activities
- 22 **HAPPY THANKSGIVING !**
- 30-Dec. 1 NYI Quiz Meet - Dennis Cape Cod

