



Pittsburgh District Church of the Nazarene

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Did Anything Change?

Well, the conventions, Assembly and Pentecost service are way past and one question pops into my head, “Did anything change?” I realize that the timing was new and the format of the convention was new and we even added a district-wide service; but did anything change? Have you begun or are you continuing to look at your world in a little different light? Are you making connections that will allow you one day to share the gospel message with others? It is easy to go to a conference or a gathering of “like-minded” people and get all excited and pumped up, but then the reality of the cold hard world hits. What are you going to do?

If I may borrow a passage from Paul’s circular letter to the churches in Asia Minor and specifically his letter to the church at Philippi, he says this: “If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose” *Philippians 2:1-2*. Did you hear what Paul asked the church (that is you and me, by the way)? He is asking us to come together and in love, have one purpose. Our one purpose must be to see the kingdom of God grow. Our one purpose must be to reach the lost with the message of hope and salvation. Our one purpose must be to come together in Christ and be a force to be reckoned with.

I know this may seem a little odd, but the time has come for us to break down those walls that separate us and work together to accomplish great things for God. It is not about the size of the church or the programs that one church may have, it is about reaching the lost for Christ. When believers band together in the Spirit, there is nothing that can stop us. It is time to band together and take it to the streets (Luke 14:23).

We are approaching the week of family camp. Many people will come. Many people will seek help at the altars. Many people will come expecting God to do something for them. But then they do nothing to keep the fire kindled. One of the easiest ways to do that is continue to meet together for times of uplifting praise; for fellowship; for discipleship; for prayer. That may mean you meet with people from another church. That may mean you meet with people from a different background. That may mean you let God stretch you. Whatever it means, let’s not put a wet blanket on the spark God is trying to fan into flames. Let’s let Him change us and not just for the week, but for eternity.

Running the race with you, J Bret Metcalfe

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“But as those who’ve gone before us, let us leave to those behind us the heritage of faithfulness passed on through godly lives”. *Find Us Faithful*

Looking Back: By the time you are reading this issue of the Promoter summer will be almost over. District Assembly, Conventions, Family Camp, Teen and Kidz Camps will be history. What a blessing to be caught up in something much bigger than ourselves!

We want to congratulate the churches who received SDMI awards this year.

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| Butler First | Punxsutawney |
| Homer City | Sharpsville |
| Irwin Norwin | Smithton |
| Kenwood Penns Manor | Somerset |

SUPERIOR

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| Albion Wesleyan | New Galilee |
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| Jefferson | Zelienople |

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| Greensburg | Union City |
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To receive any award a church must report their attendance faithfully (at least 8 out of 12 months and also pay their SDMI apportionment. This past year we had 32 churches that failed to do this, thus making them ineligible for any award.

We also celebrated with churches that shared spiritual victories. The following churches each received \$50 gift certificates to be used at any camp this summer: Corry, Butler, Clarion, Paris, Kenwoods Penns Manor

Looking Forward: As fall approaches it is time to turn our attention to ministries like Bible quizzing, Caravan, and CLT Studies. If you were at convention, you saw how excited our directors are about these various ministries and we invite and encourage you to become a part of them too.

Remember we want you to share any spiritual victories your Sunday School or extended ministry groups experience during the coming year.

God Bless, Barb Reagle




Barb Reagle
SDMI Chairman

Find Us Faithful

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SUNDAY SCHOOL | DISCIPLESHIP
MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

TOP TEN IN SUNDAY SCHOOL and DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES ATTENDANCE

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| Bethel Park South Hills | Waynesburg |
| Union City | Irwin Norwin |
| Albion Wesleyan | Franklin |
| Butler First | Ebensburg Lakeside Community |
| New Brighton | Bunola |

TOP TEN IN SUNDAY SCHOOL and DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES RESPONSIBILITY LIST

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| Waynesburg | Bethel Park South Hills |
| Irwin Norwin | Butler First |
| Franklin | Albion Wesleyan |
| Union City | New Galilee |
| Ebensburg Lakeside Community | |
| Deer Lakes Community | |

TOP TEN IN SUNDAY SCHOOL and DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRIES ATTENDANCE INCREASE

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| Albion Wesleyan | Edinboro Hillcrest |
| New Brighton | Bethel Park South Hills |
| Imperial | Irwin Norwin |
| Union City | Kenwood Penns Manor |
| Butler First | Greensburg |

Children's Talent Festival

***For children ages 3 through 6th Grade
to use their talents to praise the Lord.***

Talent categories are: *Art I & II, Creative Writing, Instrumental, Keyboard, Oratory I & II, Photography, Puppetry and Vocals*

See www.phgnazarene.org for more information and to download forms, rules and guidelines.

2011 DATES:

Local Church Talent by Sunday, September 25th

Zone Talent-Saturday, October 22nd

(Locations at pghnazarene.org)

District Festival Saturday-November 12 ~ Mt. Chestnut

District Center; Registration - 9:15 am

Program begins at 10:00 am.

PRIME TIME DAYS IN SEPTEMBER

District Primetime Day in September is always popular and this year has been expanded to an overnigher. Beginning with a bonfire and wiener roast on Friday night, ***September 16***, the fellowship will continue through Saturday, ***September 17***. Music with Ken Osbourne and special speaker, Cookie Tressler, will be an inspirational time you won't want to miss!

Registration forms have been sent to your local Primetime Director or Pastor. Please make copies and distribute – deadline for registration to be received is ***September 10***. If you need a form or more information, please contact us at the numbers below. Plan now to come and be part of this event. If you do not have a Primetime Director in your local church, we urge you to appoint one and forward that information to us. This makes it easier to get forms and announcements to your people. If you have any suggestions or questions, please contact us at rcjlute@comcast.net or Rob and Jane Lute - (724) 254-9368, (724) 840-5321, or (724) 840-4465.



WORSHIP with us at the

Pittsburgh District
Church of the Nazarene

Ladies' Fall Fest

Saturday, October 1
9:30am – 3:30pm



Traditions Banquet Center

Set your GPS to: **3655 E End Rd, Shippenville, PA**

\$32 if submitted by September 1st includes Lunch

A late fee of \$10 for each registration received after 9/01/2011

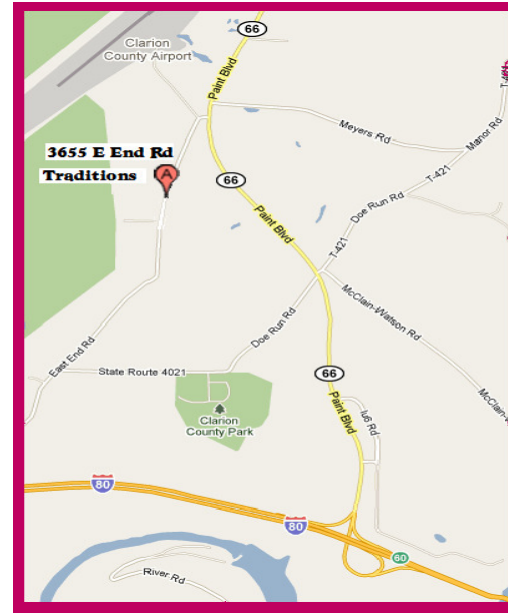
Our fall retreat will be one day. If you would like to stay overnight, the Holiday Inn, Microtel, Quality Inn, Comfort Inn and the Hampton Inn are close by in Clarion. The Council is making plans for a 2 day retreat in the Spring!

With **Joyce Swingle**



Joyce Swingle has been a Pastor at Westchester Chapel Church of the Nazarene, www.westchesterchapel.org/, since the year 2000. In January 2011 she was named lead pastor. Pastor Joyce worked as Vice President of Worldwide Circulation at BusinessWeek Magazine. In addition, she's shared her testimony and taught at numerous retreats, conferences, and churches in the past ten years. Joyce graduated from the Medill School of Journalism at Northwestern University, earned her MA in Urban Ministry at Alliance Theological Seminary and was ordained by the Church of the Nazarene. She's married to Westchester Chapel's Drama Director, Rich Swingle

From I-80: take **Exit 60**, route 66N. 2.4 miles. Turn left on E



For questions or additional information you may call Colleen Smith at 814-316-6819 or email her at imapw@yahoo.com

Fill out the form below and send it with payment of \$32 by 9/01/11 to

PGH District Church of the Nazarene - Women's Ministries
c/o Julie Beckley 153 Fitz Henry Rd., Smithton, PA 15479

Checks may be made payable to PGH District Church of the Nazarene, please memo "Women's Ministries". A late fee of \$10 will apply for each registration received after 9/01/11

Name _____

Church _____

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Ladies' Fall Fest
Saturday, October 1



Pastor Sandy Sisler

NMI



Nazarene Missions
INTERNATIONAL

President's Corner

“To Make Christlike
Disciples in the Nations”

Work & Witness!



What in the world is that? Well, these are just two of the sweetest words I know. What began as Men in Missions in January 1974 has changed and grown into what is now Work & Witness (W&W). Over 190,000 people have been involved since its establishment. W&W teams help with construction, medical and technical work, and evangelistic needs all over the

world. It is a powerful experience that transforms lives, communities and local churches. Some of my best friendships have been made during a W&W trip.

It all begins with a vision and desire to help others that really require a helping hand. Churches around the world that are faced with a need for a helping hand may register their project with Work & Witness. Teams from any location in the world can choose an international, domestic or local work project that is appropriate for their size, skills and the amount of project funds they can raise.

Our Pittsburgh District has been involved with W&W for a number of years. Len Baun, Mr. W&W, has led, and will continue to lead, our international teams to many foreign lands around our globe. My dream has been to develop Domestic W&W and also Local teams to carry on the W&W legacy right here on our USA and Canada Region and on our Pittsburgh District.

The first aspect of this dream became reality on June 27, 2011. Pastor Peter Roy led our first twenty-five member Domestic W&W to the city of Boston, undertaking the needed repairs on a homeless shelter. It was a great week and we made many friends along the way.

The second facet of my dream is quickly becoming reality. Bill Register has agreed to be our first Local W&W Coordinator. His team will replace the roof on the Boswell New Life Church pastored by Cookie Tressler. Are any of you available give Bill and the Boswell Church a helping hand?

You may participate in any component of W&W by contacting: Len Baun @ 724-457-7047 (International W&W); Pastor Peter Roy @ 412-346-0234 (Domestic W&W); or Bill Register @ 814-749-7301 (Local W&W). Your involvement is vital to our endeavors to help others who need us! These three men are making history for our Pittsburgh District. Those of you who have and will participate are our champions! Thanks for your love and dedication to W&W.

One of our greatest challenges is to raise finances to buy project materials. Any ideas out there? Let me know your ideas - what you are thinking: pastorsandysisler@msn.com.

W&W changes lives and changes church communities. It gives new hope and faith! You are needed!

You are loved, *Pastor Sandy*



August - LINKS:



What is LINKS?

The LINKS program of the Church of the Nazarene is a network of personal connections between missionaries and Nazarenes around the world. Missionaries are assigned to districts and, then on the district level, connected to local churches. This gives each church an opportunity to become personally acquainted with the missionary family and their field of service. Typically, churches send cards, cash gifts, packages, and other remembrances to their LINKS missionaries.

In return, the churches feel a sense of involvement with the global mission enterprise of the church through regular correspondence from the missionaries, updates from their field, and even through deputation services while the missionaries are on home assignment. The missionaries are encouraged, knowing people care and pray for them. The relationships built over time personalize names and faces that both the missionaries and their LINKS churches value highly.

September - Alabaster:



What is Alabaster?

The Alabaster Offering provides funds for property and buildings around the world. It gives a sense of permanence, the attitude that the Church of the Nazarene intends to “put down roots.” Eighty percent of the money is used in world mission areas, and twenty percent goes to multicultural congregations in the United States and Canada. Alabaster funds help provide land for most Work & Witness projects. The entire offering goes toward the construction of churches, schools, medical facilities, and homes for missionaries and national workers.



Call for LTG Club Members!

LTG Club (Laborers Together for God) is a group of people with a heart for Work & Witness. LTG helps raise the funds to purchase project materials for the International W&W teams. Some of our members are W&W team members and many are not able to participate on a W&W trip; but all of them need you to become a member as well! The membership fee is \$15; which is affordable to most people, young and old! These funds are to be sent to: Marian Lineman @ 213 High Street, Bradford, PA 16701.

SCRAPBOOK RETREAT

SEPTEMBER 23-25, 2011

Mt. CHESTNUT NAZARENE CENTER

177 NORTH ROAD, BUTLER, PA. 16001

- ***DEMONSTRATIONS FOR THE BEGINNER***
- ***TIPS FOR THE EXPERIENCED***
- ***DEVOTIONS AND WORSHIP SERVICE***
- ***FOOD AND LODGING INCLUDED***
- ***4:00 PM FRIDAY THROUGH 4:00 PM SUNDAY***
- ***FUN AND FELLOWSHIP WHILE YOU BUILD***

YOUR SCRAPBOOK MEMORIES

Cost: \$105 (Commuters \$95)

Contact the District Office for an application

Phone: 724-287-5867

Email: pghdistnaz@zoominternet.net