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THE PASTOR'S STUDY

In June of 1986 I was pastoring in Old Hickory, Tennessee. A Sunday School class gave me a plaque to put on my study door. You may have the same one on your study door. As I was unpacking some old boxes today I found it and read again the words. I thought I would share them with you. It reminds us of our work as pastors.

"The pastor's study is the symbol of the calling of the Christian minister to be the shepherd of a flock of God. Here the pastor's sermons are prepared to feed the congregation on God's Holy Word. Here the work of the church is planned so that the congregation may grow and bear fruit in fellowship, teaching, and witnessing. Here you will always find a friend and counselor in time of need. The pastor invites you to know the love of God, the knowledge of forgiveness of sins, and the saving grace of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. You are always welcome."

How wonderful it is to be called pastor. May God bless you in your work for Him.

FAMILY CAMP

Our annual district Family Camp will be August 3-9, 2009. Pastors, please promote the camp meeting. We are planning special events throughout the week: Tuesday afternoon - golfing; Wednesday afternoon - Children's bike parade; Thursday afternoon - disk shooting range (you will need to bring your guns and shells), anyone under 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

Pastors, if you need more camp posters, contact the District Office.

We ask each church to bring a \$260 offering to help with the cost of camp, or take an offering and bring that to camp meeting.

Thanks for your prayers and support for camp meeting 2009.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Deb and I will fly out of Traverse City tomorrow (Tuesday, June 23) at 6:40 a.m. to Orlando, Florida for the General Assembly and Conventions.

The NYI, SS, and NMI Conventions will take place Wednesday June 24 thru Saturday, June 27. The General Assembly begins Sunday, June 28 with a day of worship. The business sessions for General Assembly will begin Monday, June 29 through July 3rd. We will fly home Sunday evening, July 5, getting into Traverse City around midnight.

Pray for these special meetings of the Church of the Nazarene.

DISTRICT CAMPS

Teen Camp - July 20-24, 2009

Manton Christian Camp

"OVERHAULED"

Speaker: Matt Henson

Cost: \$110 (A \$15 late fee will be added to all registrations received after June 30)

Live Worship led by a group from ONU

For more information contact: Pastor Mark Hoult at (989) 732-4909 - mwhoult@hotmail.com

Children's Camp - July 27-31, 2009

Manton Christian Camp

For children ages 8-12

To pre-register, complete the form and make out a check to your local church for \$100 by July 19th. The local church will send all forms with one check made out to Northern Michigan District for \$100 per camper. No personal checks will be accepted. Registration is limited to 144 campers. If you do not pre-register, camp costs are \$125 per camper. Room assignments will be from 3-4 p.m. on Monday, July 27.

If you need more information or have questions, please contact Rev. Jeremy Gomez at 810-265-8050 or e-mail revjgomez@mac.com.

Family Camp

August 3-9, 2009

Manton Christian Camp

9528 East 16 Road

Manton, Michigan

Phone: 231-824-3200

Speaker: Rev. Ron Richmond - Bible Study Speaker: Dr. Jim Campau - Music: David Brown

Children's Services: Brent & Lisa Ulrich

Monday - 7:00 p.m., Tuesday-Sunday - 10:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m., Sunday - 4:00 p.m.

Youth Activities: Pastor Joe Kronewitter

For housing information and reservations call: Rev. Harold Gilkerson, Camp Manager at 231-972-4246.

PALCON 2010

The date of PALCON 2010 is May 17-21. More information will be included in future District Newsletters.

PASTORS' WORKSHOP

Michigan District

Dr. Dan and Vicki Copp will have a pastors' workshop on the Michigan District at the Indian Lake Camp on September 14-16, 2009. Michigan District has invited the Eastern Michigan District and the Northern Michigan District to be a part of this training.

Registration is during the afternoon on Monday. The meeting will be Monday evening through noon Wednesday. Food and lodging will be on the campgrounds. More information as to cost, etc. coming soon. I just wanted you to have the date. Our men's retreat for our district will be that weekend, September 18 and 19, 2009. I think we can do both.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S SCHEDULE

July 1-5	General Assembly
July 8	Grace Community, Marquette
July 12	Cherry Grove dedication of their new building
July 14-18	Virginia Family and Family Reunion
July 19	Eastern Michigan District Camp
July 20-24	Teen Camp
July 22	Michigan District Assembly
July 26	Glen Lake - 10:30 a.m.
July 27-31	Boys and Girls Camp
August 3-9	Family Camp

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