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INSTILL VISION

The New Testament church is not dead! Sad to say, in some places it is somewhat anemic, this should not be so. The church should not be weak nor dead, rather it should be vibrant, and victorious.

Some churches do not have a vision. There is no life because there is no hope. And there is no hope because there is no expectancy. There is no expectancy because there is no vision. there is no vision because the pastor has not instilled vision and the result is death - for without vision, the people perish. Vision, like expectancy, always hopes for something better, always expects it, always believes it will happen, "Can do" is its theme - "The impossible dream" its theme song. Its motto, "The difficult we'll do right now, the impossible may take a little while."

Pastors, God has placed you where you are for a purpose. The time is now. Begin to believe it can happen in your church where you are. May faith become sight, and your dreams reality.

CHERRY GROVE DEDICATION

It was a wonderful weekend at Cherry Grove as they celebrated and dedicated their new building.

Saturday night was a concert by the Olivetians, Sunday morning one of the former pastors spoke. They had an attendance of 172. In the afternoon, I spoke at the dedication and they had 184 in attendance at that service. They had a dinner for everyone following the dedication service.

Congratulations, to Rev. Milton and Betty Hoose and the people of Cherry Grove for the attractive new building. The value of the building is 1.1 million, and they have an indebtedness of only about \$2,000.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Deb and I are traveling to Virginia for my family reunion. I will be out of the office all week but will be available to reach on my cell phone: 499-4228.

2-1/2 months of the church year are now history. Time is moving fast. Let's do all we can to have a year of growth for our churches all across the Northern Michigan District. Please send in your budget money weekly or monthly. Our district funds are low through the summer months, any help will be greatly appreciated.

"WOMEN IN TOUCH" RETREAT"

October 9-10, 2009
Ramada Inn of Grayling

"Never The Same" - Featuring, Susie Shellenberger

Retreat Fees: \$70.00 Postmarked by September 8th
\$75.00 After September 8th

Registration Deadline: September 22nd. Registration forms will be available at the District Family Camp in August. Also, the churches will receive packets with information about the retreat. If you have questions, contact Jennie Bowman at 231-832-2662, or e-mail jenniebowman@juno.com.

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

Check-in begins Monday, July 20, at 12:30 p.m.
Meeting for all camp workers at 1:30 p.m.
Camp ends Friday, July 24, at 12:00 p.m.

We are still in great need for 2 or 3 adult females to stay in the cabins with the girls Monday - Thursday nights.

There are still churches I have not heard from. Please contact me at mwhoult@hotmail.com or 989-619-9138.

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.

Pastors - Please promote the camp meeting. 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.

DISTRICT MEN'S RETREAT

September 18-19, 2009
Loon Lake Retreat Center
Hale, Michigan

Rev. Dale Freed, Evangelist in the Church of the Nazarene, will be the guest speaker.

Weekend Schedule

Friday Night:	Check-in	Anytime after 3:00 p.m.
	Evening Meal	7:00 p.m.
	General Session	8:00 p.m.
Saturday:	Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
	General Session	9:30 a.m.
	Lunch	12:00 Noon
	Free Time	12:30-3:30 p.m.
	General Session	3:30 p.m.
	Heading Home	Around 4:30 p.m.

Please fill out a registration form for each person attending and mail to East Tawas Church of the Nazarene, 811 E. Bay, East Tawas, MI 48730. Please send registrations by September 11.

The location of the Loon Lake Retreat Center is 2 miles north of Hale on M-65. Enter the property on the west side of M-65 and proceed until the road ends. The Retreat Center telephone number is 877-264-1004 (for an emergency only).

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 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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