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SUPERNATURAL ENCOUNTER

Church growth must begin with a supernatural encounter with a Holy God.

We must first develop a deep relationship with Him. Church growth is the by-product of a proper relationship with Christ.

Paul offered a passionate prayer for the church which is recorded in Ephesians 3. He prayed that they would know supernatural strengthening. In verse 16, Paul prays "That out of His glorious, unlimited resources He will give you the mighty inner strengthening of His Holy Spirit." In verse 20, "Now glory be to God who by His mighty power at work within us is able to do far more than we would ever dare to ask or even dream of infinitely beyond our highest prayers, desires, or hopes."

My prayer for all of us is that we may know the power of Almighty God.

The problem is not our circumstances or lack of resources, the problem is our lack of supernatural empowering. You can't make it happen, but He can through you.

When the people of God fall deeply in love with Christ, He will empower them, enabling them to participate as He grows His church.

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(Notes taken from the book The Antioch Effect by Ken Hemphill)

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DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Buckley Faith Community

I was at Buckley Faith Community Church of the Nazarene this past Sunday, August 16th. Saturday, August 15, they had a day of ball games, fellowship, and many camped out Saturday night. Sunday, they had a pig roast dinner for everyone. On Sunday morning I installed Rev. Dennis Burton as Pastor. the morning service was held under a tent outdoors. They had fifty-five in attendance, and at the end of the service many came forward for prayer around the altar. Let's keep Rev. Burton and the Buckley people in our prayers. New families are attending and it looks like good days ahead.

Prayer Requests

Please keep Rev. Milton Hoose in your prayers. He was taken to the hospital in Cadillac last night August 16. I will visit him today. His son Tom also needs our prayers. Tom is at home now following his accident.

Also, keep Marge Ritter in your prayers. She is at home but still in need of prayer.

HOLINESS TODAY
New Holiness Today Pastors Program

We received the following information from the *Holiness Today* Editor in Chief regarding changes to the *Holiness Today* subscription drive for 2010. They need your help! Here's how the program works:

1. You may promote *Holiness Today* through your bulletin. Simply order as many *Holiness Today* order forms as you need and insert them into your bulletins or worship folders. These will be sent to you free of charge. Please see the *Holiness Today* Pastors Program order form for the details.
2. You may order as many *Holiness Today* posters as you like to create some awareness within your congregation. We will send them at no charge. Please see the Pastors Program order form for details.
3. We can also send you a free *Holiness Today* DVD that can be played after church encouraging people to subscribe. The DVD has two videos of contemporary music and images that are targeting younger readers. Present the videos wherever your congregation gathers.

Church group subscriptions are available. Your price is \$10.00 per family which is a savings of \$2.00 (20 percent) per subscription.

Contact Customer Service

If you are not sure if your church has a consolidated group subscription, please e-mail *Holiness Today* managing editor, Carmen Ringhiser, at holinesstoday@nazarene.org or call the customer service department at 1-800-877-0700 (M to F, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. C.S.T.). Also, for any questions you may have about the program, or to order promotional materials, cards, posters, videos, and forms, please contact the customer service department.

Renewal notices will be sent directly to the subscribers' homes and they will mail their checks and renewal notices directly to the publishing house in Kansas City. The local Church of the Nazarene that is listed on the renewal form will still receive credit for the subscription.

2009 Church Renewal Campaigns

Some churches are still working on their 2009 renewal subscription drive. Please finish up on your renewal campaign and mail your checks and renewal orders to:

Holiness Today
P.O. Box 419527
Kansas City, MO 64141-6527
800-877-0700

"FOR BETTER, FOR WORSE, FOR KEEPS"

Two of our churches will have Dr. Bob Moeller for a marriage seminar.

On Saturday, August 22 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., the Alanson Church of the Nazarene will have Dr. Moeller. This conference will be free of charge.

On Saturday, September 12, Dr. Moeller will hold a marriage seminar at our Beaverton Church of the Nazarene. Seating at the Beaverton seminar is limited to the first 60 couples. Please make your reservations by calling the church office at 989-435-7708 by Sunday, September 6. There is a recommended offering of \$10.00 per couple, which includes breakfast and lunch.

These will be great seminars. Dr. Moeller does an outstanding job. He will help every couple that attends to have a better marriage. I highly recommend both of these seminars at our churches.

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.	Saturday: Breakfast	8:30 a.m.
Evening Meal	7:00 p.m.	General Session	9:30 a.m.
General Session	8:00 p.m.	Lunch	12:00 Noon
		Free Time	12:30-3:30 p.m.
		General Session	3:30 p.m.
		Heading Home around	4:30 pm.

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 cost is \$55.00 per person.

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).

DISTRICT WOMEN'S 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 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.

Mini Sessions for the Retreat are:

"Working Through the Circumstances" - with Ruth Gregory
"Forgiven and Set Free" - with LuAnn Graf
"Be Encouraged! God Still Reigns" - with Francie Barker

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.

2009 ZONE TOUR

The dates of the September and October Zone Tour are as follows.

- September 28 - Central Zone at Cadillac First, 10:00 a.m.
- September 28 - Lake Michigan Zone at Big Rapids, 2:00 p.m.
- September 29 - South Zone at Clare, 10:00 a.m.
- September 29 - Lake Huron Zone at East Tawas, 3:00 p.m.
- September 30 - Grand Traverse Zone at Traverse City First, 10:00 a.m.
- October 1 - Mackinaw Zone at Charlevoix, 10:00 a.m.
- October 2 - Sault Zone at Pickford, 10:00 a.m.
- October 3 - Lake Superior Zone at Iron River, 10:00 a.m. (Central Time)

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S SCHEDULE

August 23	Cadillac Cherry Grove
August 30	Iron River
September 6-11	D.S. Conference - Ontario, Canada
September 23-25	NBC Trustees Meeting
September 27	Alanson
September 28-October 3	D.S. Fall Zone Tour
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