



December 7, 2009



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### HEAVEN INVADING EARTH

Christmas music is being played on the radio, in shops and in our homes. Once again, heaven is invading our earth, and for a little time it gives us something to dream of, to hope for, and to believe in. At least once a year the babe of Bethlehem comes into His own. The earth is never more like heaven than at Christmas time.

Enjoy the Season!

### DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

What a great day we all enjoyed this past Saturday, December 5th, at our Clare Church of the Nazarene as the Northern Michigan District celebrated our annual Christmas gathering for pastors, staff and families. Thanks to the Clare church for hosting the event. Thanks to the Hatfields for a delicious meal. Thanks to Tony Fightmaster for an outstanding vocal performance. Thanks to all who attended. We missed those of you unable to be with us. Thanks for your generous gift to Deb and I for Christmas.

I preached at our Glen Lake Church on Sunday morning, December 6th. This is a new church plant for our district. Rev. Damon Carpenter is doing an outstanding job leading this new church forward in these days. It was great to be a part of worship and fellowship with the Glen Lake family.

I shared with you that I have been diagnosed with Parkinson's. The doctor has told me I should look ahead and plan, that day-to-day life does not change much for quite some time after diagnosis. There is every reason for people with Parkinson's to enjoy years and even decades doing what makes them happy - working and enjoying life with friends and family as they always have.

There is more hope for a Parkinson cure today than there has been at any other time since the day the disease was identified. The new medications fine tune the symptoms and a person can do many things as they always have in the days ahead.

Thanks for your support and prayers. We love you and praise God for His blessings in these days. It's great to be a part of this Northern Michigan District family and work together to win the lost to Christ.

I will take four weeks in January for a sabbatical to get alone with God for prayer, Bible study and working on vision-casting for our district in days ahead.

I look forward to returning and sharing with you the vision and direction for our district.

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**HOLINESS SUMMIT**  
March 14-15, 2010  
Saginaw Valley Church of the Nazarene  
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The Summit will include Eastern Michigan District, Michigan District, and Northern Michigan District. It will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. There will be three services on Monday: two in the A.M. and one service in the P.M. closing the summit. The keynote speakers will be Dan Bohi, Mark Quanstrom, Brett Rickey, Susie Shellenberger, and the worship leader will be John Mathias.

**TEAM DAY**  
February 20, 2010

The Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries International Board has asked that the pastors be reminded to mark your calendars for TEAM Day on Saturday, February 20, 2010. The SDM Board is planning to offer a scholarship to every district church to pay the registration fee for their Sunday School Superintendent or their representative.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

February 20, 2010 - TEAM Day at Perry High School in Perry, Michigan  
March 14-15, 2010 - Holiness Summit at Saginaw Valley Church of the Nazarene.  
May 17-21, 2010 - PALCON  
June 1-2, 2010 - District Assembly at Alanson

**DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S SCHEDULE**

|             |                               |
|-------------|-------------------------------|
| December 13 | Clare                         |
| December 20 | Reed City                     |
| December 11 | Cherry Grove Board, 7:00 p.m. |
| December 13 | Cherry Grove Board, 6:00 p.m. |
| December 20 | Cherry Grove Board, 6:00 p.m. |
| December 27 | Cherry Grove, AM Service      |

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**PULPIT SUPPLY PASTORS**

For your convenience, included with this newsletter is a list of pastors that are available for pulpit supply.

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