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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

Deb and I pulled out of our home driveway at 6:00 a.m. this past Sunday morning December 13th.

We made our way to Clare, Michigan for their annual children's Christmas program. Dawn Field, the children's ministry director at the Clare Church of the Nazarene, led the children in a wonderful Christmas program celebrating the birth of Jesus. It was a great morning of enjoying seeing the children sing and perform their parts in the play entitled, "The Sheep and the Shepherds."

Rev. Jim young and Jennie have pastored the Clare Church for seventeen years. Their first Sunday was December 25, 1992. The church has seen great growth over these seventeen years.

Sunday evening, we attended evening worship at the Cadillac Cherry Grove Church of the Nazarene. After the service we enjoyed a fellowship time together, and then the board interviewed a candidate.

We pulled back into our driveway at 10:30 p.m. Sunday night, a sixteen hour day in the work of the Lord. Thank you for allowing us to serve you as your District Superintendent along with his wife, Deb.

Just ten days until Christmas. My prayer for you is that this Christmas will be the best ever, and you will have a blessed new year!

Deb and I will be home until January 3rd. Our son, David and his family, will be here December 27-January 1st. We look forward to enjoy being with our family as we finish the year 2009.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS

Christmas

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given and the government shall be upon His shoulder. His name shall be called wonderful, counselor, the mighty God, the everlasting father, the prince of peace (Isaiah 9:6)

The five names given to Christ by Isaiah's prophecy are not repetitious. Each one describes some attribute of His character.

Wonderful - He is the awesome one, the God in the flesh, a miracle worker.

Counselor - Adviser of all things good and best.

Mighty God - The divine one, very God of every God, the great I am.

Everlasting Father - Provider, protector, everything a good father is and more.

Prince of Peace - He gives His divine calm to those who trust Him.

Joy to the world the Lord has come!

DISTRICT OFFICE

The district office will be closed for the Christmas holiday from December 21 through January 3. The office will be open again on January 4, 2010.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to first-time grandparents, Jerry and Diana Batterbee. Their grandson was born December 10, 2009, weighing 7 lbs 12 ozs and 19-1/2" long. His name is Jack Owen Nichols.

HOLINESS SUMMIT

March 14-15, 2010

Saginaw Valley Church of the Nazarene
989-754-2000

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. The Summit is free (a free will offering will be taken) Reservations not required. Brochures were passed out to the pastors at the Christmas gathering. More information is included in the brochure

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.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S SCHEDULE

December 18	Cherry Grove Board, 7:00 p.m.
December 20	Reed City
December 27	Cherry Grove, AM Service

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