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LOVE

Psalm 116 is an expression of love of gratitude to God. The writer is saying, "I love the Lord. Because he took time for me. He didn't blow me off. He didn't treat me like a second class citizen. He saved me from the living hell that my life had become. He saved me in every way a person can be saved. And because he is so compassionate and loving and good to me, I will serve Him for the rest of my life!"

It's hard to find a more tender expression of affection than the 116th Psalm. The only thing in the New Testament that might come close is John 21. Jesus asks Peter three times, "Do you love me? Do you love me? Do you really love me?"

And Peter said, "Lord, it hurts that you're even asking me that question. I know I let you down. I cut off a men's ear. I denied you three times. But Lord, you know my heart! You know that deep down, I'm not really like that! That's not who I am! You know all things! You know that I love you! I'm not lying!"

And Jesus Says, "Then PROVE IT! Feed my sheep! Take care of my lambs! Don't just tell me you love me! Show me that you love me by the way you live your everyday life."

At Chilton Village, there's a resident there who has Alzheimer's disease. And every day at lunch time, there was this lady who would help him eat his food. She talked to him. She wiped his chin. She cleaned off the table. Someone said, "I can tell you really care about your patient. I see you helping him eat every day." And she said, "He's not my patient. He's my husband."

No one actually heard her say the words, "I love you." But she demonstrated her love every single day. In the way she tended to her ailing husband. Although he could no longer be at home with her, she brought a little bit of home to him.

It's one thing to express love to someone you can touch or see and feel, but how do you express love for someone you CAN'T touch or see or feel? How can we show the invisible, Almighty God that we really love Him? That's what the writer of Psalm 116 is concerned about. In verse 12, he says "How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me? How can I show him how much He means to me?" The first thing we should do is to talk to God, every day.

When was the last time you told God that you loved him?

Harold Gilkerson

I HAVE RETURNED

What a great month it has been to get away from it all and enjoy a sabbatical for the first time in forty years!

Thanks to the District Advisory Board, the elders on the board who filled in, and thanks to all the pastors, staff and lay people across the Northern Michigan District for making this possible.

Deb and I are so blessed to be a part of this great Northern Michigan District.

I feel relaxed, strengthened and ready to go!

It's time to move forward; God is a God of motion, of movement of mission. In a book written by Leonard Sweet, he speaks about the mission of the church. Leonard Sweet says, "two-thirds of the Word of God is go."

Let's Go!

We have less than ninety days left in this Church Year 2009-2010. The church year ends April 30th with District Assembly June 1-2, 2010, at the Alanson Church of the Nazarene. We must finish the year strong with goals met.

We can do it!
We must do it!
Onward - Forward!

We have some planned events over the next few months that will help us fulfill the vision: TEAM Day February 20, Holiness Summit March 11-12, M/M Retreat March 25, 26, 27. These events will train, inspire and give us fellowship and strength to finish this year strong.

I will leave Friday February 5 for the District Superintendents' Conference. I will return Thursday February 11, but I am now back to receiving calls and e-mails. My Cell is 231-499-4228 and I have a new e-mail address whbnmd@aol.com.

Nazarene Michigan Districts Working Together To Equip, Inform & Inspire TEAM DAY 2010

Saturday - February 20, 2010
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Perry High and Middle Schools

Final Registration Deadline: postmarked by February 1
Adults and teens: \$35
Late Registrations Not Accepted

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.

For more information, forms, and to register online, visit www.minaz.org.

TEAM DAY SCHOLARSHIPS

Please contact Rev. Catherine Greenhoe at greenhoe@freeway.net for your Team Day registration reimbursement. Include your church name and the name of the person you registered. Call 231-838-4643 if you have questions.

ARE YOU WONDERING ABOUT A CALLING TO VOCATIONAL MINISTRY?

Take part in Mission Call

The NMD-NMI wants to assist you in your journey toward vocational ministry. If you know you are called or maybe you are still wondering, NMI would like to help. It is important that your pastor be part of your journey. We are planning a retreat for all those interested candidates. This would be a time to get to know one another, listen to each one's story, pray for one another and learn together about the call and the preparation. If you have that stirring within, please contact Pastor Damon Carpenter at pastordamon@charter.net.

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. If you need more copies of the brochure, please contact the district office.

ATTENDANCE STATS are due by this Tuesday noon. Thank you for your help!

PRAYER REQUEST

Please pray for Wynne Schott. Wynne is having some health issues and may need surgery in the future.

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT'S SCHEDULE

February 3-10	DSLDP/DS Conferences, St. Augustine, Florida
February 16	Kalkaska
February 17	Fremont
February 25	DAB, District Office

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