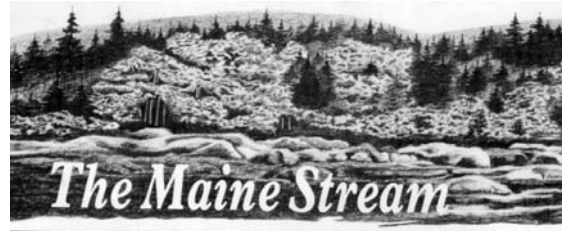


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Ethiopia, Africa

Bev and I want to thank the Maine district for helping us travel to Ethiopia with other District Superintendents and other leaders from the USA, Canada, and the Caribbean Regions.

The fellowship was very rich and inspiring. The training sessions with the national District Superintendents, and the area meetings with the nationals in their own settings in the bush will always enrich our ministry.



In the line of new adventures, ask us about the "wild" ride on a horse drawn cart! We weren't sure if we were going to arrive back at our destination in one piece or several pieces!

Brazil

Our Pastors' and District leaders Work and Witness to Brazil was a tremendous blessing. Rev. Robert and Francis Collins, former missionaries to Brazil, led our group of 26 to Campinas, Brazil. The relationship between members of our group and the Brazilians are on-going with contact through e-mail continuing.

Many of our group spent their time clearing land where a communication building will be built. Then, we were all included in the ground breaking services. I was asked to turn one of the shovels of dirt and Emma Evans placed a special paper in the ground that was buried. The new building is dedicated to Bob & Frances Collins. It was a moving ceremony!



God has blessed us in so many ways as we serve Him with a worldwide vision through the church of the Nazarene.

Cecil Jones
District Superintendent

Congratulations!

Two churches in the Maine District were named in the recent publication of the top 100 churches in the U.S. giving to the Children's Project in 2007. Congratulations to China CON listed #21, and Lisbon Falls CON listed #41.



Women's Ministries

Gloria Hargenrader, Women's Ministry Director
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Greetings:

My vision as Director of Women's Ministry is:

to advance God's kingdom by helping women grow in Christ, serve others and reach out with the Gospel of Christ.

*"...be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work."
2 Timothy 2:21*

We have the cream of the crop, right here in Maine. These women have so much to offer, and I hope to aid in unleashing those gifts and talents. It's my desire to love and serve.

I am a simple woman, with a heart for simple worship to a big God, the true and living God. I want to use what gifts and talents God has given me to help others on their journey of seeking God's heart. I am all about living in the flow of God, never stopping to put on a "spiritual hat". I was born and raised in Northwest PA, married, three children and ten grandchildren. Graduated from Nazarene Bible College in 1988, lived in Europe for nine of the 24 wonderful years that we have been in the ministry. We have been in Maine since September 2001. I look forward to meeting all of God's girls on our Maine District. Psalm 139: 13-14

Gloria



**Women's Prayer Summit
August 8-10**

Cost is \$34.00 for bed and meals (based on 6 in a room).

There are also meal prices available for those who will not stay overnight.

A \$10.00 deposit will secure your spot.

Send to Pat Heuring, 171 Weld St. Dixfield ME 04224.

More information will be coming to your church.

Our Format

Psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs.

*Contact Gloria Hagenrader (879-2301 or 931-6165) or Pat Heuring (562-7828) for
Registration forms, pricing options, listing of things to bring and
directions to the CFR Center*





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Greetings from your President

Spring is here!!! As the newness of life burst forth all around us there is an excitement in the air. These are busy, but exciting days for NMI as well as, we prepare for up coming events.

May 16th and 17th is the NMI and NYI conventions at the South Portland Church. This year for the first time NMI and NYI are partnering together and combining our conventions. It will be an exciting and challenging time for everyone involved. I am looking forward to what God is going to do. I hope you are too. The conventions begin Friday, May 16th at 7:00pm. Saturday May 17th at 8:15am our local NMI presidents will meet with Nazarene Publishing House to order their materials. Conventions will begin at 8:30am.

June 15th is the date for the first payment for those participating in the Work and Witness trip to Nova Scotia. The dates of the trip are August 25th - September 3rd. This will be a great time to build relationships with the Canadian district and witness at their annual fair. Consider this trip to be a vacation with a purpose...God's purpose. We hope you will join us.

July 7th - July 13th participants of the Pittsburg district NYI, and their chaperones will be on the Maine district. The team of about fifty people will be doing Work and Witness at the Portland church and other churches. We need you to be part of this project, lending your time and talents. This is an awesome opportunity for young and old, and will be a blessing to all who participate. If anyone has questions about either of the Work and Witness projects, please contact Pastor John Mark Evans at 684-3281. I hope you will mark your calendars and make plans to be part of these NMI events. See you there!!!

In His Service and yours,
Cheryl



Sunday School Connection



Sunday School
Make the Connection
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Hi everyone.

We had a great convention on April 26th and elected some great people. New on our board this year are Dave Switter as Men's Ministry Director and Gloria Hargenrader as Women's Ministries Director. New on our council this year are Jenn Switter and Thayne Heath. Their seats expire 2011. Congratulations to you all. We're excited about the future of our district church. New people bring new ideas and new excitement. I also want to thank veteran council woman Kim Merrill Children's Ministries Director who does an excellent job.

We are looking for a committed adult to be a Children's Quizzing Director. If you have a passion for this please contact Kim at fjmerrill@gwi.net or me at Nazlady@maine.rr.com. She would rejoice in the help. You would be part of our council. We also voted on Delegates to General Convention and Dave Suitter and Gloria Ledoux will be representing us there.

I cannot express enough the need to report your small groups to Faith McLeish. There are some churches who are not reporting any SS numbers. Once again I repeat if you are having any small groups at any other time than for worship, those groups are considered SS numbers. If you are only having the one service without education time, then you are doing a disservice to your people. The small group is the place your people should be getting their education about the scriptures. These can include men's groups, women's groups, nursing home groups, youth groups, children's gatherings or any other time when the word is being taught for 30 minutes or more, it's a small group and needs to be reported as SS. Even if they are the same people who come to your worship service, please record them and get in those number to Faith.

Kids Camp

Our camps are the week of July 13th-18th with the closing program after lunch on Friday. All are invited to come to our pig roast before the closing program. If you think you might be coming you can tell us by e-mail or when you register your children on site. Our theme this year is Temptation Island with a little bit of the tropics for atmosphere. Send your children with all the flowered Hawaiian shirts and shorts you can get your hands on. Some things your child should bring with them for camp are a flashlight, bible, pen, sandals and sneakers, towels, toothpaste shower stuff, shampoo, and soap. Please make sure your child's name is on everything including cameras. Don't let your child pack their own suitcase. They need bedding, pillow, night wear that is appropriate for walking to and from the showers. Only one piece bathing suits for the girls please, or a shirt that they can wear over there two piece. They will not be allowed to wear a two piece without a cover. Make sure everything you send is clean. Make sure they have socks to wear on rainy days, and enough clean clothes to go the whole week. Please..... Deodorant, sun block and bug spray or some type of repellent would be a great help. All medication has to come in their original packaging and any dose change within 30 days of camp have to have a cover letter from the Doctor stating the change.

Family Camp

We are looking for workers for Family Camp in the nursery, preschool and children's church. This year camp will start on Tuesday evening, June 24th ending Sunday, June 29th. We'll need at least 6 workers per evening from 6:00 until around 9:00 when church gets out. We will be paying \$7.50 an hour for helpers and \$10.00 an hour for the person responsible for bringing games, play things and snacks. If you have questions you can call me at 207-251-9939. If you work or volunteer you will have to have a background check done within the last 2 years.

Ephesians 6:²³ Peace to the brothers, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love.

Keep up the good work. God loves you and I love you and that's the way it should be.

In Gods Love,
Deb Grant
SDMI Chairperson

The Maine District Children's Quiz Finals were held May 3rd at the Gardiner Church of the Nazarene. Seven churches (Millinocket, Bangor, Dover-Foxcroft, Strong, Auburn, Richmond and Lisbon Falls) brought 41 quizzers eager to demonstrate their knowledge of the book of Genesis and 20 memory verses. After three rounds of quizzing, Auburn, Strong and Bangor placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in the Red Level Division. Auburn/Strong, Richmond, and Bangor placed 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in the Blue Level Division.

Individually, each quizzers received a trophy for participation in the event. Additionally, Red Level quizzers Meaghan Kelly (Bangor), Amanda Hurt and Alyson Hurt (Richmond) and Declan Stanley (Strong) received Bronze ribbons for personal scores of 70-80%. Lucas Beauchamp and Raven Gumprecht (Bangor), Sherry Anne Hetland (Richmond) and Timothy Larsen (Auburn) received Silver ribbons for personal scores of 80-90%. Caeli Beecher and Elizabeth DeLige (Auburn), and Jacob White, Alex White and Tom White (Strong) received Gold ribbons for personal scores of 90-100%. Blue Level quizzers Quinn Petley (Bangor), Kelly Hetland (Richmond), Audrey Dunston (Millinocket), Jodi Grant and Karmen Grant (Dover-Foxcroft) and Sammy Crocket (Strong) each received Bronze ribbons. Jordan Kelly (Bangor), Abby Hurt (Richmond) and Tanner McLaughlin (Millinocket) received Silver ribbons. Eli Beauchamp (Bangor), Nathanael Merrill (Richmond) and Joshua DeLige (Auburn) received Gold ribbons. Allison Beecher (Auburn) received the only All-Star award for her personal score of 102%.

Twenty-five quizzers were awarded Certificates of Achievement for memorizing at least 12 of the memory verses. Nineteen quizzers participated in the Memory Verse Bee, and five quizzers, Karmen Grant (Dover-Foxcroft), Joshua DeLige and Elizabeth DeLige (Auburn), and Kelly Hetland and Sherry Anne Hetland (Richmond) received trophies for completing all three rounds of the Verse Bee.

Congratulations to ALL our quizzers. The finals represent eight months of study and memorization in the book of Genesis. Thanks to coaches and leaders who have invested in these kids. And special thanks to Chris Kelly (Bangor) for his help with the Powerpoint display of the Blue Level questions, and to Lee Hetland (Richmond) for keeping the stats.

Kimberly Merrill
District Children's Ministry Director



NYI News



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Hello Maine District! God has been awesome over the past year and has really blessed us with great fellowship and fun times at the District NYI events we have had. FOL was a great time with some new faces participating. Our Nazarene quizzers have been out-and-about quizzing and have blessed as well as been blessed by such an awesome ministry. There have just been all kinds of great things going on in our district, from NYI events to Sunday school convention and Mission trips like the one coming up in August to Kingston, Nova Scotia. I look forward to seeing some of you on that trip!

Teen camp is going to be a little different this year because it will be held in Limington, ME at the Christian Fellowship and Renewal center. The dates are July 21st-26th, with campers arriving after 1pm on the 21st and leaving camp before noon time on the 26th. There are many different things about camp this year like the location as well as the cost, camp will be \$150.00 per camper this year which includes everything we will be doing at camp including the entire day we will be spending at Aquaboggon in Saco. There will be forms mailed out shortly for pre-registration once those forms are mailed back to us all you will have to do is bring your teen or teenagers to the camp in Limington and drop them off. I hope to see many of you at camp this year, it is going to be a great time !!!!!

In addition, on June 13th-14th we will be having a District Youth Leaders retreat for all of you out there who have been so involved with the teens over the years.

I am anxious to see everyone at this year's District Assembly, because this year we are doing things a little differently. The NMI and the NYI have teamed up this year to do their District Convention, and it has just been awesome to see God working through both organizations. My prayer is that all of you can make it to these services. There will be lots of information from every direction, plus this is the year that we elect our District Delegates to General Assembly, the NYI Convention as well as the NMI Convention, which will be held in Orlando, Florida in June of 2009. On Friday evening, May 16th, there will be a time of fellowship and food following the NMI/NYI Convention. Come eat pizza with us and ask me some questions; I will be there to answer them to the best of my ability and to get to know you!

May the Peace of the Lord be with you all,
Allen Hamlin, *District NYI President*

