



Ministers and Mates Christmas Party



*Pastor John Evans thanks
Pastor Dave Giles for hosting
The Ministers and Mates Christmas Party December 7th.*

A wonderful time was had by all at the 2007 M&M Christmas party. Mary Wiebe (from the Rockland church) and her children, Benjamin, Matthew and Caitlin provided the music which

included Christmas carols from Ireland and Hawaii.



To the delight of everyone, several of our Pastors donned grass skirts and gave their interpretation of the hula while we sang.

As expected, Pastor Bill Young from Gardner, provided lots of laughs with his surprise Christmas story. Terry Archer from East Millinocket delighted the eye with her decorations. And Jan and Jim Tabone from Saco out did themselves providing an array

of delicious foods to tempt the most discerning pallet.



A special thank you to DS Cecil and Bev for hosting this annual event. I, for one, always look forward to getting together with Pastors and their spouses during this most special holiday season.



From our DS

INCREASED VISION

God has been increasing our vision.

Bev and I had a tremendous opportunity to join leaders from across the United States, Canada, and the Caribbean as we traveled to Ethiopia, Africa. Dr. Jessie Middendorf was our leader. This was life changing for everyone. It was exciting to see how our World Evangelism Fund is changing lives around our world. One of the leaders had a father ask him if he would take his two daughters to the United States. He told the dad that he would if he could.

The fourth annual Men's Prayer Summit on January 3-6 at Moose River Outlook in Jackman was life changing for each man who participated. This was a wonderful blessing for everyone!

Please pray for our Work and Witness Team going to Brazil February 25—March 4. This will be life changing for the twenty-six people from our District. We need God's blessing for the group traveling and family members at home.

WE LOVE AND APPRECIATE YOU!!!

Cecil and Bev Jones



Dates to Remember

DISTRICT BOARD OF MINISTRY

DATE: February 23, 2008
PLACE: Augusta Church of the Nazarene
FOR: Candidates for renewal of District License

DATE: March 11, 2008
PLACE: Augusta Church of the Nazarene
TIME: 10:00 A.M. until conclusion
FOR: Candidates for new District License and Ordination.

100 YEAR CELEBRATION TRAINING DAY

DATE: March 15, 2008
TIME: 10:00---Noon
PLACE: Fairfield Church of the Nazarene
PURPOSE: Present materials and training for our 100 year
Celebration this fall
FOR: AT LEAST ONE PERSON FROM EACH CHURCH!

CHURCH HEALTH TRAINING

DATE: April 11 & 12, 2008
SUBJECT: Conflict Resolution
PLACE: Gardiner Church of the Nazarene
TIME: 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM each day
PRESENTER: District Coach, Larry Cook

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

DATE: May 14---16, 2008
TIMES: May 14 @ 7:00 PM
May 15 @ 8:30 AM-10:00 PM, ORDINATION 7:00 PM
May 16 @ 8:30 AM---5:00 PM
PLACE: South Portland Church of the Nazarene

NMI AND NYI CONVENTIONS

DATE: May 16 @ 7:00 PM
May 17 @ 8:30 AM -5:00 PM
PLACE: South Portland Church of the Nazarene



Adult Ministries

Ladies Ministries Spring Retreat

May 9 & 10, 2008

The Voices Behind Us

“Whether you turn to the right or to the left,
you will hear a voice behind you, saying,
‘This is the way, walk in it.’” Isaiah 30:21

Special Guests, Rev. Cheryl Evans,
Dottie Chandler and Pastor Janel Chandler Brooks,
will share their personal experiences with
recognizing God’s voice and walking God’s way.

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NMI News



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Greetings in the name of the Lord!

Happy New Year to each of you on behalf of the District NMI council. Praise be to God, a new year has dawned. Another opportunity to go where the Lord wants us to go and do what the Lord wants us to do. This is a time of reflection, but more important, it is a time of looking ahead to the value of life and the responsibilities that are ours as creations of God.

“Therefore my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.” 1 Corinthians 15:58

I am looking ahead with eagerness to what God has for NMI in 2008. I hope the new year finds each of us seeking the desire of God’s heart concerning missions on the Maine District. The goals of MNI are the same; prayer, mission education; involvement of children and youth; and stewardship. My prayer is that these are your goals as well.

Our Links missionaries, Bryan and Linda Heil ended their “links connection” with the Maine district on January 10th due to a new assignment. In a personal note, Linda expressed their gratitude “for the great

way the Maine district has poured out their love on us. You all have been wonderful.” Please pray for the Heils as they transition.

Please pray for our Pastors and their families as they go to Brazil in February on Work and Witness.

Missionary Marquiata Mosher will be on the district March 26th to 30th, speaking at the Children’s Jamboree on March 29th. More information will follow at a later date. May God bless all your efforts for Him.

*In His service,
Cheryl Dunning District NMI President*



Sunday School Connection



Sunday School

Make the Connection

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There is a lot going on in Sunday School this year. Elections for the 2009 assembly will be held at our convention on March 29th, and we will be sharing that day with the Children's Jamboree from NYI. We will need each church to elect delegates for our SS convention, because we are doing our own elections and business. Hope you all take this very seriously.

My hope is to find a hotel where we can block out some rooms and rent a bus so anyone who wants to go can. There will be a charge for both but with everyone sharing the expense it won't cost that much. More info to come.

This is the email I received from Woodie's Desk

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT: We have added a Discipleship Summit on the New England district. April 5th, 2008, we will be at the Manchester, Connecticut, Church of the Nazarene. On-line registration will be \$25 per person. The on-site registration fee is \$35 per person. I will let you know when that can happen. The site for registration for the summit is: http://web.nazarene.org/site/PageServer?pagename=Manchester_Connecticut

Finally, I am asking all of you as district leaders to help me promote the Discipleship Summit in your area through newsletters, phone calls, E-mails. Talk about it at district events. Review district resources and see if you can assist churches in sending leadership representation to your regional Summit. I am depending heavily on you, as a district leader, to be my voice to the local church. Please speak loudly for me as you urge your churches to participate in a local Discipleship Summit in preparation for the Global Discipleship Summit on November 1, 2008.

If you have any questions, please contact our office at sdmi@nazarene.org.

Your servant for Christ's sake,

Woodie J. Stevens

We have secured the Oxford fairgrounds once again for Children's camp for 2008. Camp will run from July 6th to the 11th. Brian Hale will once again WOW our children to Jesus. Our theme is the tropics so

when you pack for your child send all the flowery stuff you can find for them to wear. Start now to raise the appropriate funds for your child to attend. Every Pastors child comes half price and any family that is sending three or more to our camps gets to send every third one free.

Get all excited and go tell everyone!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Breckenridge '08

- Are you concerned about the young adults on your district and in your congregation?
- Do you wish there was a means of investing in their lives?
- Do you know of a young adult who could benefit from a vocational and spiritual mentor?
- Do you want to encourage young adults to develop and use their leadership skills?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, we have one solution for you—Breckenridge '08. This premier gathering of future leaders features a mentoring concept that will connect each participant with an established, successful Nazarene in his or her career choice.

Labor Day Weekend, August 29-September 1, gives an extended weekend to form relationships with other mentors and young adults, time to enjoy the beauty of the Rocky Mountains, and opportunities to hear how others have integrated their Christian principles into their professional lives.

[Fusion](#), the official web site for Breckenridge'08, provides more information about the weekend, the mentors, and planned activities. You can also nominate young adults by completing the "[Nominate Someone](#)" section.

If you have questions, please contact Linda Hardin at 800-221-6317 x2257 or email them to breckenridge08@nazarene.org.

*Linda Hardin
Young Adult Coordinator*

Prime Time Kansas City – Centennial Celebration

We are anticipating an exciting time at the Kansas City Prime Time Centennial Celebration Retreat. Jim Diehl, Stan Toler, Dan Copp will be the keynote speakers. The Toler Brothers and some surprise musicians will provide our music.

You won't want to miss this opportunity to be with hundreds of your friends at this fantastic retreat. On the agenda is a trip to the new Nazarene Global Ministries Center where we will tour the facility and enjoy a Celebration service with Dr. Jim Diehl.

There will be many more wonderful places to visit as well inspiration, fun, and fellowship.

For a brochure, choose the *prime time for seniors* button at amc.nazarene.org ; email primetime@nazarene.org; or call 800-221-6317.

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*In Christ Service,
Your SS Chairman Deb Grant*



NYI News

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Hello Maine District,

God is doing awesome things within the NYI. My prayer is that the future will find us following God's best plan for our District. We do have some events coming up though that I hope all of you will support in whatever way God leads you.

- In March we have our Regional FOL that will be taking place at ENC on the 27-29th.
- We also have some Quizzing events coming up, starting with the March 1st District Finals Quiz.
- There will also be a few quizzing "Boot camps" taking place on these dates; March 7-8th and 21-22nd and also in April on the 4-6th and the 18-19th.
- Not to mention we are having snow camp this very weekend and we have been blessed with SNOW !!!!

One last thing continue to keep your eyes peeled for up coming information on events like Teen camp and District NYI convention.

May the Peace of the Lord be upon all of you.
Allen W. Hamlin, *District NYI President*