

Northeastern District Family Newsletter

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Thoughts from Dan

Spring has Sprung (yes, even here in Rome where the last remnants of piled-up snow have finally melted) and Summer will soon be upon us. Delta Lake is at maximum height, around the neighborhood boats are coming out of storage and the squirrels seem to be experiencing a population explosion. It's wonderful to once again witness God's majestic creativity in the changing of the seasons. I never grow tired of these transitions.

As Summer approaches, I invite you to turn your thoughts with mine to the ministry of Delta Lake Bible Conference Center. For over 90 years this ministry, raised up by God, has been touching the lives of children, teens, adults and the developmentally disabled. Jesus Christ always has been, and is today, the source and the center of all that happens at Delta. As the contemporary Christian song says, "It's all about You, Jesus . . . for your glory and your praise." Throughout the history of the camp, great glory and praise have come to Jesus as many thousands of lives have been touched and transformed by Him there.

At Family Bible Conference (July 3-11), I am especially looking forward to the preaching ministry of Rev. John Soper, C&MA Vice President of Church Ministries (my boss), who will be the Evening Speaker. Our own Rev. Wayne Eppehimer (Jamestown) will be the Morning Bible Hour Speaker (I love to hear Wayne speak). Of course, the full range of ministries to children and youth will make for a great week of refreshing and renewal for all who attend.

I encourage you, also, to emphasize Delta Summer Camps for your children and teens. There may be other camps closer to home for you but consider the benefit of having your Alliance kids at an Alliance camp. Only at Delta will they hear about, learn about and experience Jesus from the perspective of C&MA history and distinctives. In my opinion, it's worth the extra driving time to know, and be confident in, the message your youth will hear. If they come consistently, they will grow up in the Lord and in their love for Delta.

I encourage all our pastors and churches to continue in (or get on board with) your prayerful support of OUR CAMP and its tremendous ministries.

See you at Delta,
Dan



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Church Health and Multiplication

"A Tell Tale Sign"

The energy and time invested in formulating relevant purpose statements, mission statements and core values of any organizations, denominations and churches are only as effective as the commitment leaders and individuals are willing to invest resources (cash, calendar and personnel). For example, we can say we value Alliance missions and yet if little time is spent by individuals and groups across the board praying for the ministries and our missionaries or if churches and individuals are not giving financially to support this work, is it really a priority or a core value? The same can be said about a number of items such as: evangelism, discipleship, leadership development etc.

The CMTeam (Church Multiplication Team) recently spent a considerable amount of time re-evaluating the church planting efforts in our District. Assisting the CMTeam was a population data sheet that highlighted communities with populations of 15,000 and greater.

Two sub-committees are functioning to ascertain the feasibility of an aggressive church plant adventure that most likely would consist of two-three church planting teams. The two areas being considered are: Clay/Cicero (North Syracuse) and West Seneca/Cheektowaga (Buffalo).

One of our District core values is: "Prayer-as our first step not our last resort." The CMTeam would love your partnership in this area. Would you consider

praying regularly personally and corporately for this need with those the Lord has called you to serve? Wisdom, discernment, timing and effective functioning church planting teams are key areas of concerns at this point. Church planting endeavors are vital for our District for as another core value states: "Lost people matter to God and He wants them found."

Thank you for your partnership!

For a Healthy Today and Tomorrow, Jon

2009 District Quizzing

Thanks to all for making the 2009 District Finals a huge success. A BIG thank you to Joan Eppheimer, Linda Kent, Carl Swan and the others who helped in the planning. Chad Heim helped us to focus

our thoughts on the importance of God's Word and not just competition in quizzing on Friday night before heading off to the Gladiator Games. Thanks to FLN for coming out to lead that. There will be pictures coming soon!

The Juniors did an excellent job in their quizzes on Saturday with Finger Lakes 1- Lions in the Lord winning the team trophy by 1 point over Erie Southwest Juniors. The top 5 juniors were: 1st - Karyn Donath (FL), 2nd - Josh Kitchen (ESW), 3rd - Aaron Fleming (FL), 4th - Andrew Southwich (FL), 5th - Lindey Harp (ESW).

The Seniors also had a good morning of quizzing with the top three teams very close, but NNW coming out on top this year. There were 14 who made it to the afternoon round: Jim Godyn (NNW), Nate Kitchen (ESW), Nick Murgia (FL), Nathan Harp (ESW), Jacob Steeg (ESW), Taylor Fleming (FL), Lianne Montagna (NNW), Hannah Sugar (NNW), Aaron Chen (FL), Kodi Robinson (ESW), Jon Calderon (FL), Laura Kitchen (ESW), Alyssa Mills (ESW) and Brianna Stanton (ESW).

The top 14 was very well quizzed and, it came down to the last question of quiz three to decide 5th place on the District team. Congratulations to all the quizzers those who made it and those who tried. You all did great and with only 1 graduating Senior in the top 14, we look forward to seeing the rest of you back next year!

2009 Northeastern District Quiz Team: 1st - Nathan Kitchen (ESW), 2nd - James Godyn (NNW),
3rd - Kodi Robinson (ESW), 4th - Nate Harp (ESW)
5th - Nick Murgia (FL), Alternate - Hannah Sugar (NNW)

This team will be attending International finals July 7th-12th at Crown College.

We appreciate your prayers for safety, and that God would work in each one's life during the week.

District Items of Interest

Northeastern District Family Newsletter

Articles for the **June**
Newsletter should be sent to
da_martin@northeasterncma.com
by **Monday, May 18, 2009**

Newsletter

Please remember that the monthly
District Newsletter is the vehicle to
dispense communications each
month -- to reduce the number of
“urgent” special notices sent to
churches. Please send your items
for the District Newsletter to
Debra Martin at
da_martin@northeasterncma.com
by the date specified each month.

In Transition

Amber R. and Daniel Marcello
to Midwest District
mid-May

**Rev. Benjamin D.
and Erin Lineman**
to Leave of Absence
mid-May

Births

Aaron Hoyt Herman Charles
to Rev. Timothy C.
and Heidi Koffkey
April 23, 2009
9 lbs. 11 oz.



Looking for Pastors or Interim Pastors in NY

Ballston Spa, Olean,
Schoharie, Springville
Wellsville and Whitesville

Looking for Assistant or Associate Pastors in NY

Kingston, Oneida and Syracuse

With Deepest Sympathy

Mrs. Linda Hewitt
Sister of Mr. Frank E. Whiting
April 5, 2009

Mrs. Alice M. Gerhardt
Mother of
Dr. Michael C. Gerhardt
April 22, 2009



Great Commission Fund

May is Great Commission Month.
Giving to the Great Commission
Fund from our District churches of
\$355,564 for the first quarter of
2009 is 80.7% compared to the
same time in 2008.

The 2009 Alliance World Week of Prayer

is being held **May 3--10**.
Please make the World Week
of Prayer a special time to bring
your church together for a
concerted season of prayer.

Congratulations

to **Andover Alliance Church**
celebrating their
Mortgage Burning and
Installation of their new Pastor,
Rev. Philip R. Barner,
at their May 3, 2009
Service at 6:00 PM.

General Council

May 26—31, 2009
Louisville, Kentucky

Reminder:

A **Certificate of Lay Delegate**
is required at the District Office
for each lay person to be an
Accredited Delegate, eligible to
vote and debate.

Looking forward to seeing you
on **Thursday, May 28,**
9:00 PM at our
District Reception,
following the evening service.

A one-day training seminar for Children
and Youth Workers sponsored in part by the
Northeastern District
Disciplemaking Ministries Committee

May 16, 2009
Fulton Alliance Church
Registration opens at 8:00 am
Opening Session at 8:30

Cost \$15.00 to include lunch



Parsonage to Parsonage

May! Mother's Day! Graduations! Barefeet! Dandelion chains! Picnics! Running through meadows! Drinking in the smell of daffodils swaying in the Springtime breeze! Life is delightful and each day an adventure when seen through the eyes of a child.

Jesus tells us in Matthew 18:3 that we should "...change and become like little children..." Sounds good to me. I love acting like a kid. Plus, in conversations and playtime with those who are so fresh from Heaven, I've learned a lot about Jesus.

One shiney day I asked my grandsons, "What do you want to be when you grow up?"

Connor proudly pumped his chest and proclaimed, "I want to be a fireman and help people."

Garrett softly smiled and said, "I'm going to be an angel when I grow up." Wow—what a goal!

The dictionary defines angel as "a messenger from God." That is what we are—God's angels delivering His message. Often, we think of angels ministering to us. Perhaps God wants us to be His angels ministering to others.

Won't you be an angel to someone today? As for me, I'm going outside to play. May God put someone in my sand box who will feel the brush of my wings.

Happy Mother's Day, Moms—enjoy loving and learning from your little angels.

Happy Graduation Day to our graduates—you might consider being an "angel" a worthy profession.

With love and prayers for all the angels in the Northeastern District,

Elaine

Dates to Remember

MAY --Great Commission Month

- 3-10 Alliance World Week of Prayer
- 5 LO&CC Meeting, District Office, 10:00 AM
- 14 Evangelism Committee Teleconference
3:00 PM
- 16 Training Ground, Children & Youth Ministry
Workshop
Fulton Alliance Church, 8:30 AM
- 25 **MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY**
District Office Closed
- 25-26 National AY Worker Gathering
Louisville, KY
- 26-31 **General Council**, Louisville, KY
- 28 District Reception at Council
Thursday, 9:00 PM

JUNE

- 7-10 Senior Saints Advance, DLBCC
- 16 LO&CC Agenda items due at District Office
- 16 DMC Teleconference, 9:00 AM
- 22-24 Enrich '09 (Youth)
Sanibel, FL
- 22-25 NOWF, Simpson University
Redding, CA

Directory Updates

Please make note of these directory changes in your District Directory for future reference and continue advising the District Office at **office@northeasterncma.com** of your address, phone, e-mail and website changes as they occur. Thank you!

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