

Northeastern District Family Newsletter

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Thoughts from Dan

Our Worship

A while back one of our District churches worked on and produced a "Worship Position Paper" as a framework and guide for their worship services. I found it to be Scripturally sound and well thought out. Space does not permit me to include the entire paper but I will provide the section titles and brief excerpts from each.

1. **We want our worship to be Christ-centered.** (Dt. 5:8-9) Not centered on a pastor . . . or a preference or a personal passion . . . Our focus will always be on God and doing worship the way He desires.
2. **We want our worship to be spiritually honest and healthy** . . . Effective worship is not just music or techniques but spiritual. In Old Testament worship the priest would cleanse himself as he came into the Holy of Holies. We cannot harbor sin and think that having great music, facilities or preaching will cause worship to happen.
3. **We want our worship to be theologically and musically balanced.** (Ps. 100:2) Each week we will offer God joyful praise songs as well as quiet awe-filled worship songs . . . Each week we will strive to have a mix of songs about God ("A Mighty Fortress," "He is Able") songs challenging us to follow God ("I Surrender All") and songs sung directly to God ("Thou Art Worthy," "I Love you, Lord") Col. 3:16.
4. **We want our worship to be physically involving.** While the Bible speaks about worship involving the mind, emotions and spirit, it also talks of worship being physical – standing, raising hands, lifting voices, shouting, kneeling, bowing and many other physical actions God delights in are part of worship. Why? Because what I do outwardly shows an inward attitude.
5. **Our worship celebration will be blended in style.** It will be "fitting" (I Cor. 14:40). Our worship will never be totally senior worship, nor will it be totally senior high worship in style. Instead, it will be centrist in style fitting to the . . . unchurched who have never heard the gospel and are not worshipping anywhere.

I've run out of space so this will be continued in next month's newsletter.

Keep looking up,

Dan



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and Multiplication
Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Debra A. Martin**

Church Health and Multiplication

“REFRESHING SPLASHES”

Today I am envisioning a cargo ship that is filled with 55 gallon drums (the kind that our international workers utilized prior to crates) of liquid . The liquid in these drums however are not concealed with lids. As the waves become active, you witness the motion of a “Splish/ Splash.” That image reminds me of what we as Christians are intended to be, not always clustered together on some cargo ship. But as we are out and about in the market place, in traffic jams, while on vacation, in those stress times of daily living, while we are gently bumping into those divine appointments are people being refreshed, experiencing a cool mist on a hot summer day? When those encounters occur, are others receiving a fresh splash due to the fact that the Holy Spirit lives within or does our spillage reflect elements of a contaminated stench as described in Galatians 5:19, 20? Yikes, we pray not! How about in the hardest place of ministry, the home around our family or at those upcoming summer family reunions? Who are you when you are not clustered with other Christians/”drums”? Perhaps the stress of our economy and government have seen better days, but especially in the midst of all this, the world longs for a genuine encounter of authentic Christian living.

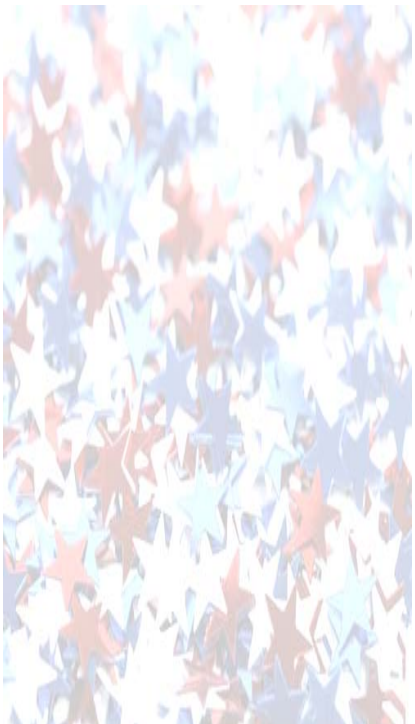
Let the wisdom of Martin Giese serve as a reminder. He states:

Evangelicals have been known historically for our evangelistic zeal. But in our orientation to task, we sometimes have rushed away to save the world before rushing toward the One who calls us to Himself. Sometimes in pursuit of the Great Commission we discover to our shame that we have not embraced enough of the Great Commandment (Mt. 22:36-37) to carry it out! Loving God and making disciples are inseparable. But loving God is foundational! The Great Commandment precedes the Great Commission on the pages of Scripture and in practice of our faith. If we persist in attempting to carry out the Commission without embracing the Commandment, relationship declines into religion and religion saves no one! Confronted with religion, the world will remain lost!

Jesus, thank you, indeed you are ...the vine and we are the branches. Forgive us when we rush off thinking it is reverse and we do not remain dependent on you. May our inner fruit reflect Christ and our “splashes” bring you praise.

For a Healthier Today and Tomorrow,

Jon



District Items of Interest

Northeastern District Family Newsletter

Articles for the August Newsletter should be sent to da_martin@northeasterncma.com by **Monday, July 27, 2009**

In Transition

Rev. Thomas E. and Arliss Allen
to National Evangelist

Mr. Joshua J. and Ellen Daigneault
to Provisional Assistant Pastor of
Technical Arts and Worship
South Glens Falls, NY (mid-July)

Rev. Donald L. and Shirley Hewlett
to Pastor, Schoharie, NY
2849 State Rt. 145
Schoharie, NY 12157-9714
(end of July)

Rev. David B. and Barbara Linn
to Central District

**Rev. David A. and Elaine
Wheatley Jr.**
to Leave of Absence
wheatleyde@gmail.com

Delta Lake Bible Conference Center Family Retreat

September 4—7, 2009

Speaker: Rev. Nick Becker.
Concert with the Doerfel Family
Sunday, 6:00 PM.
For further information, contact
Delta Lake Bible
Conference Center
315-336-7210 or
dlbcc@deltalake.org

With Deepest Sympathy

Mrs. C. Ellen (Rev. Everett) Eck
Retired C&MA Missionary
Widow of Former District Pastor
March 17, 2009

**Mrs. Marjorie A.
(Rev. Robert) Reese**
Wife of Retired Former District Pastor
April 4, 2009

Rev. C. Herbert Dyke, Jr.
Father of Rev. Bruce Dyke
District Missionary
May 8, 2009

Mr. Joseph A. Ryan, Sr.
Father of Mrs. Patricia Ward
(pastor's wife at Utica)
May 16, 2009

Mr. Samuel Nace
Father of Mrs. Charm Fields
(pastor's wife at Ithaca)
May 30, 2009

**Mrs. Dorothy F.
(Rev. Louis J., Jr.) Isch**
Wife of Retired Former District Pastor
June 5, 2009

**Mrs. Frances
(Rev. Youngve) Kindberg**
Widow of Former District Pastor and
Assistant District Superintendent
June 7, 2009

Miss Ellen F. Keller
Retired C&MA Missionary born
at Buffalo, NY
June 8, 2009

Mr. Henry P. Bouw
Brother of Rev. Jacob Bouw, Jr.
Retired District Missionary
June 16, 2009



Ordination/Consecration/MSP

Please remember to pray for candidates working toward Ordination or Consecration as well as licensed Ministerial Study Program students. Their names are listed in the October 13, 2009, Ordination/Consecration **In-Service Training** invitation newsletter section. They need our prayer support for the Lord's enablement and blessing as they fulfill their preparation requirements in a timely manner while caring for family and ministry responsibilities.

Pastors' Work Week

October 5-8, 2009

If interested please contact:
rickb@deltalake.org
315-336-7210

Fall Missions Conferences

Theme: **Open Doors**

Verse: "And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains."
Colossians 4:3 (NIV)

Are your church
Missions Committee plans
well on their way for an exciting
conference this Fall?

Looking for Pastors or Interim Pastors in NY

Ballston Spa, Delhi, Cortland,
Horseheads, Olean,
Rochester/Savior's Chapel,
Springville, Wellsville
and Whitesville

Looking for Assistant or Associate Pastors in NY

Jamestown, Oneida,
Rochester/Trinity,
Syracuse and Watertown

Dates to Remember



Parsonage to Parsonage

JULY

- 3-11 **District Family Bible Conference, DLBCC**
- 4 Alliance Men, DLBCC, 2:30 PM
- 5 AWM Renew, DLBCC Main Tab, 3:00 PM
- 6 **INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY**
District Office Closed
- 7 LO&CC Meeting, District Office, 10:00 AM
- 7-12 International Bible Quizzing
- 8-12 Encounter (Youth), Nyack College
- 12-18 Explorer Camp (9-12 grades), DLBCC
- 12-18 Adventure Camp, (9-12 grades), DLBCC
- 14 CMTeam Meeting, Kenmore Alliance Church, 10:00 AM
- 16 Missions Committee Teleconference
10:00 AM
- 16 Evangelism Committee Teleconference
3:00 PM
- 19-25 Pioneer Camp (6-8 grades), DLBCC
- 26--August 1
Trailblazer Camp (3-5 grades), DLBCC
- 29--August 2
Encounter (Youth), Simpson U., Redding, CA

AUGUST

Happy Vacation!

SEPTEMBER

- 1 DEXCOM Agenda Items Due at District Office
- 4-7 **Delta Family Retreat, DLBCC**
- 7 **LABOR DAY HOLIDAY**
District Office Closed
- 10 Evangelism Committee Teleconference
3:00 PM
- 13 Missions Tours Begin
- 15 DEXCOM Meeting, District Office, 10:00 AM
- 25-26 AWM Fall Refocus, DLBCC
- 29 LO&CC Agenda Items Due at District Office

The house is on fire! I smell smoke. Dan searched for flames from attic to basement, before realizing the smoke was from a Delta campfire. Too bad he didn't smell marshmallows—we would have been there!

It's beginning to feel a lot like Delta! Campfires, activity, anticipation, and excitement are brewing. The flowers are planted, the Tab is cleaned, the cottagers are arriving, and the college kids are working. It all adds up to spiritual refreshment and summer fun. I hope to see many of you there!

This year we welcome Rev. John and Mimi Soper, Vice President for Church Ministries, as our Family Camp evening speaker. I welcome you to meet them as well at the following events:

Pastors' Wives and Women Official Workers
Are invited to
Tea with Mimi Soper
Tuesday, July 7, 2009
2:00 to 3:30 p.m.
At the Miller Parsonage
8933 Lakeview Drive

and

Official Workers, and their Spouses
Are invited to
Meet and Greet Reverend John and Mimi Soper
Wednesday, July 8
After the evening service
At the Miller Parsonage
8933 Lakeview Drive

We are excited to see you soon at Family Camp. Looking forward to some Holy Spirit Fire. Hey, save a marshmallow for us!

Happy Igniting! *Elaine*

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THE ORCHARD FOUNDATION (Pg. 5)

PO Box 35660, Colorado Springs, CO 80935-3566. 386-668-6442; 716-984-5140 (Cell); Rev. Stephen B. Clark (Paula); 218 Plumosa Rd., DeBary, FL 32713; Summer address: c/o Delta Lake Bible Conference Center, 6420 Pillmore Dr., Rome, NY 13340; Vice President for Development; clarks@theorchard.org

Delhi

delhialliancechurch@gmail.com

Rev. Barritt W. Durbin

"Rev."

Rev. Benjamin D. Lineman

138 Flower City Park, Rochester, NY 14615

Directory Updates

2009 Family Bible Conference Schedule

Friday Evening, July 3rd

5:00-6:00 Supper served
6:00 Prayer Stoddard Chapel
7:00 Message **Rev. John Soper** – Main Tab
Message- **Rev. Ben Lineman** – Youth Tab
7:30 Children's Program - Delta A
9:00 Delta Cafe
11:30 Lights Out

Saturday, July 4th

7:00 Prayer - Stoddard Chapel
7:30 Flag Raising Ceremony
7:30-8:15 Breakfast served
9:00-12:00 Children's Programs
10:00 Missions-Main Tab
Missions-Youth Tab
11:00 Bible Hour – **Rev. Wayne Eppheimer**- Main Tab
Bible Hour -- **Rev. Dan Richter**- Youth Tab
12:15-1:00 Lunch served
1:15 Recreation
1:30 **Bike Parade**—Outside Snack Shop
2:00 **Alliance Men**—Youth Tab
5:00-6:00 Supper served
6:00 Prayer - Stoddard Chapel
7:00 Concert – **Bob Stromberg**
7:00 Children's Church - Delta A
9:00 Delta Café
11:30 Lights Out

Sunday, July 5th

7:00 Prayer - Stoddard Chapel
7:30-8:15 Breakfast served
9:00 Communion Service/Healing
Rev. Dan Miller– Main Tab
9:00-10:15 Children's & Youth Programs
(Nursery & Pre-school till 12)
10:30 Family Worship Service - Main Tab
Rev. John Soper
12:15-1:00 Sunday Dinner served
2:00 Baptismal Service
3:00 **AWM "Renew Rally"** - Main Tab
5:00-6:00 Supper served
6:00 Prayer - Stoddard Chapel
7:00 Message – **Rev. John Soper**-Main Tab
7:00 Message—**Rev. Ben Lineman**-Youth Tab
7:30 Children's Church - Delta A
9:00 Delta Cafe
11:30 Lights Out

Monday - Friday, July 6th-10th

7:00 Prayer - Stoddard Chapel
7:30-8:15 Breakfast served
9:00-12:00 Children's Programs
9:00 Missions-Main Tab/Youth Tab-(Mon-Fri)
10:00 Seminars - Main Tab/Youth Tab
11:00 Bible Hour - Main Tab/Youth Tab
12:15-1:00 Lunch served
1:15 Recreation
5:00-6:00 Supper served
6:00 Prayer - Stoddard Chapel
7:00 Evening Service – **Rev. John Soper** – Main Tab
Evening Service – **Rev. Ben Lineman** –Youth Tab
7:00 Children's Church - Delta A
9:00 Delta Café
9:30 Youth Activity
11:30 Lights Out

Saturday, July 11th

7:00 Prayer - Stoddard Chapel
7:30-8:15 Breakfast served
9:00-9:45 Children's Program - Delta A
9:00-11:00 Nursery & Pre-School
9:00-10:00 **Rev. Wayne Eppheimer** – Main Tab
10:00-11:00 Family Worship Service - Main Tab
Rev. John Soper
12:00 Lunch/Check-out

Specials

Monday & Thursday

Sunrise Fisherman's Outing (6:30-8:30 am)

Saturday, July 4th

7:30 am **Flag Raising Ceremony**
1:30 pm **Bike Parade**- (Outside Snack Shop)
2:30 pm **Alliance Men** (Youth Tab)
7:00 pm **Concert-Bob Stromberg**- Main Tab

Sunday, July 5th

2:00 pm Baptismal Service
3:00 pm **AWM "Renew Rally"**

Tuesday, July 7th

2:00 pm **Pastors' Wives Gathering**

Wednesday, July 8th:

12:30 pm **12th Annual Jerry Slocum Classic**
Golf Tour

Thursday, July 9th

1:30 pm **Simpson Circle Challenge**
1:30-3:30 pm **Cottager Flea Market**
(benefiting the College Scholarship Fund)

MEMORANDUM

The Northeastern District of The Christian and Missionary Alliance, Inc.
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DATE: June 19, 2009

TO: Chris Agee Charles Jones Justin Sweeney
Jill Bieber Tim Kong Patrick Tharp
Arnie Buehler Kelvin McKnight Lonnie Thoms
Ron Goldberg Cheryl Rinker Ricardo Volcy

FROM: Rev. Daniel D. Miller, District Superintendent

This memo is to notify you of the **In-Service Training** Day scheduled for TUESDAY, **October 13**, 2009 beginning promptly at **10:00 AM**, Lower Level of the Delta Center. The program for the 13th is as follows:

9:30 AM Coffee, beverages, light snacks at Delta Cafe

10:00 – 11:00 AM Alliance Women Ministries with Mrs. Daisy B. Wallace
Break (15 minutes)

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM Pastor’s Role with Rev. Kurt P. Johnson

12:15 PM Lunch will be served **compliments** of the District at the Delta Dining Hall for all those preparing for ordination/consecration and *provisional* official workers, and their spouses who attend.

1:00 — 3:15 PM Church Health and Multiplication with Rev. Jon A. Martin

2:00 PM Break (15 minutes)

3:15 PM Adjournment

Attendance of those preparing for ordination or consecration is **required** by the License, Ordination, and Consecration Council, unless you already have received credit specifically for the topics listed above. If you are **unable to attend**, please **contact me directly** at dd_miller@northeasterncma.com by **September 29**, 2009 (unless your absence results from a later sickness or unforeseen circumstance). Transportation expenses will be your responsibility (perhaps your church will assist with this). Please try to ride together as much as possible to the Delta Lake Bible Conference Center, 8912 Turin Rd., Rome, NY (phone: 315-336-7210).

Please NOTE: *Provisional* Official Workers who **choose** to attend will receive In-Service Training credit towards their **future** ordination/consecration requirements.

Spouses are invited and encouraged to attend, but child care will not be provided.

To assist in our preparations for our day together we are asking **each couple/individual to return the portion at the bottom to the District Office by September 29**, 2009.

An added bonus is Continuing Education Credit!

cc: Mrs. Daisy B. Wallace Rev. Jon Martin Mrs. Elaine Miller
Rev. Kurt P. Johnson Mrs. Debra Martin Mr. Rick Barnard

P.S. To: Ken Allen, Jim Bogoniewski, Peter Bondzinski, Jeff Cutting, Joshua Daigneault, Denes House and Todd Wolfe

Having completed 6 In-Service Training events, attendance is your **CHOICE**. If you (and your spouse) **plan to attend**, please complete and **return** the bottom portion by **Sept. 29** – lunch/snacks will be **compliments** of the District.

To: All other District Official Workers and spouses: you are cordially invited to attend this training. Lunch and snacks will be provided at the Delta Center Dining Hall at \$10.00 per person. If you desire to attend, please return the bottom portion and payment (payable to Northeastern District/C&MA) by September 29. Thank you!

In Service Ord., Cons. Invite 10-13-09; DDM/blm

Please **return** by **September 29**, 2009, to: Northeastern District/C&MA, 6275 Pillmore Dr., Rome, NY 13440

FAX: 315-336-0347; office@northeasterncma.com **or** 315-336-4720, Ext. 201

Re: **October 13, 2009 -- In-Service Training**

I am planning to attend. I am **not** planning to attend

My spouse **plans** to accompany me. If Applicable (other official workers/spouses):

My spouse does **not** plan to accompany me. \$ _____ Enclosed -- \$10.00 per person

Please Print: **Name(s)** _____

Comments _____