

Northeastern District Family Newsletter

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Thoughts from Dan

“Random Thoughts From Recent Travels”

Life is different for me now. For 20 years my church life consisted of being in the same church practically every Sunday and having very few opportunities to attend services in other places. Now it's a different church every week.

I (Elaine, too) enjoy very much my visits to our District Churches and always come away blessed, encouraged and inspired. Sometimes I also leave with thoughts to share with all of our District Churches. In this article a few of them are offered for your consideration.

Offerings. We need to continually communicate and emphasize that the offering is an act of worship and treat it as such. Reading a short Scripture portion followed by brief comments helps with this. Somewhere along the line in my pastoral ministry I stopped saying, “we are now going to take the offering,” and began saying, “we will now receive the offering.” Somehow the idea that we are “taking” something from people doesn't sit just right with me.

Pastoral Prayer. It seems that often this is almost an afterthought in our planning and preparation for corporate worship (sometimes it is left out altogether). While not a proponent of written pastoral prayers, I do encourage all of us to spend time planning for this part of the service. There is no lack of material to include in pastoral prayers when we think of the needs of our churches, families, denomination, communities, nation and the world.

Worship. Often I hear people say something like this, “The worship was great today.” Then it becomes clear that they were referring to the singing time. It's unfortunate that “worship” in the minds of many is being defined in such a narrow way. If the song service is the worship, then what is the sermon, the reading of Scripture, the offering, the pastoral prayer, etc.? This mind set is of concern to me. I'm praying it is not a trend that will continue.

Jargon. Rev. Scott Slocum, Pastor in Essex Junction, VT, speaking to some of our District pastors in March said, “Speak as if there are unchurched people in your service and there will be.” If our desire is for unchurched guests in our services to be drawn to the Lord and His Church, then we need to be sensitive to the reality that much of the lingo we use is like a foreign language in their ears. I include myself when I say how prone we are to using terminology that, while meaningful and understandable to us, distracts rather than attracts pre-Christians.

As you think on these things, please know that my heart is not to hinder but to help. From time-to-time I will share more thoughts from my travels.

Your partner in the gospel, *Dan*



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Church Health Dinner Cruise June 10, 2008 6:30 PM boarding

For all who have pre-registered:
Dress is business casual.
*Please NO shorts,
jeans or t-shirts.*

The Steamboat Company staff will be available for photos prior to boarding and your photo will be available following the cruise IF you desire to make a purchase. The cost for the photos will be \$20.00.

District Superintendent
Rev. Daniel D. Miller

Director of
Church Health and
Multiplication
Rev. Jon A. Martin

Executive Secretary
Billie L. Merrick

District Business
Manager/Bookkeeper
Mr. Frank E. Whiting

Church Health
and Multiplication
Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Debra A. Martin

CHECK IT OUT!

Isn't it amazing how our ears perk up a couple of notches when someone you trust makes a recommendation? "That was an exceptional movie!" "This is a must read!" "You will never forget that dining experience!" "Boy, do I every like the way that car handles." "They have the BEST....."

At the Church Health and Multiplication booth during District & Prayer Conference, forms for "Book Reviews" will be available again this year. Recently two Book Reviews by Kevin R. Robbins were received. **CHECK THEM OUT!**

***A Resilient Life*, by Gordon MacDonald**
ISBN #: 0-7852-8791-4
Estimated cost: \$14.99 (paper back)

Kevin has been encouraged in reading: "A Resilient Life," by Gordon MacDonald as it reminds him of the importance of living, "for the long haul" Hebrews 12:1-2 style. "The section on the importance of vital friendships has led to a lot of self-examination," states Kevin. Some key ministry principles that Kevin found to be helpful and would like to pass on to you are as follows:

- ◆ The importance of dealing with internal "baggage"
- ◆ Cultivating some close, vital friendships is crucial to long-term endurance
- ◆ We have to work at ministry from a "long term" perspective

Kevin believes that this book is one of MacDonald's best and "that is saying a lot because everything he writes is good."

***Tough Choices*, by Carly Fiorina (former CEO of Hewlett-Packard)**
Estimated cost: approximately \$10.20 as new on Amazon.com

This book has encouraged Kevin in the following ways:

- ◆ "It reminds me of the importance of staying true to your values and 'doing the right thing' even if others do not."
- ◆ "It served as a reminder of how important people are."

Kevin believes that some of the principles in this book that may help others are:

- ◆ "We can choose how to respond when others wound us."
- ◆ "Always remain true to your core values & beliefs."
- ◆ "Leadership requires building strong teams."
- ◆ "Trust your instincts"

Even though this is not a "Christian" book and bits of it may be offensive, Kevin would recommend this book to church leaders. In fact, Bill Hybels refers to this book as: "one of his top five books on leadership" and it is required reading for his Executive Team at Willow Creek.

FOR A HEALTHY TODAY AND TOMORROW, Jon

Centennial Celebration

Congratulations to
Beartown Road Alliance Church
21 Beartown Road
Painted Post, NY 14870

celebrating 100 years in the Corning/Painted Post area.
Celebration service to be held **Sunday, June 15, 2008 at 10:30 AM**

For more information please call **Rhonda Anderson at: 607-936-8332**

District Items of Interest

Miss Amber Rose Krause
was married to
Mr. Daniel Lee Marcello
at St. Paul, MN on May 24, 2008,
during a lovely ceremony with
Rev. Philip C. Turner officiating.
CONGRATULATIONS
Amber and Dan!

**Northeastern District
Family Newsletter**
Articles for the **July**
newsletter should be sent to
da_martin@northeasterncma.com
by **Monday June 23**

**Looking for Pastors
Interim Pastors in NY**
Andover, Niagara Falls,
Orchard Park,
Saratoga Springs, and Troy

**Looking for Assistant or
Associate Pastors in NY**
Corning, Kingston and Syracuse

ADOPTION

Congratulations to
Jonathan and Esta Schuerholz
Kenmore Alliance Church
on the adoption of
Boaz "Bo" Calys Schuerholz
April 15th 2008

Birthday: December 5, 2003 in Haiti

In Transition

Rev. Jack L. and Jean Murphy
to Retired, May 1, 2008
Congratulations!

Rev. Richard W. and Leah Rutherford
to Retired, July 1, 2008
Congratulations!

Rev. Bo C. and Christie Sanders
to Leave of Absence
to attend seminary.

Welcome

Mr. Christopher and Linda Agee
Provisional Pastor
Ticonderoga, NY

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Assistant Pastor
of Church Planting
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Dates to Remember

JUNE

- 1-4 Senior Saints Advance, Delta LBCC
- 9-12 District and Prayer Conference**
South Glens Falls, NY
- 12 DEXCOM Meeting, South Glens Falls
- 13 District Office Closed (day following Conference)
- 27--July 6**
District Family Bible Conference, Delta LBCC
- 29 AWM "Renew" Rally, Delta LBCC Main Tab, 3:00 PM

JULY

- 4 **INDEPENDENCE DAY HOLIDAY**
District Office Closed
- 6--12 Explorer Camp (grades 9—12), Delta LBCC
- 8--12 International Bible Quizzing
- 10 Evangelism Committee Teleconference, 10:00 AM
- 13--19 Pioneer Camp (grades 6-8), Delta LBCC
- 13--19 Adventure Camp (grades 9-12), Delta LBCC
- 15 CMTeam Meeting, District Office, 10:00 AM
- 20--26 Trailblazer Camp (grades 3-5), Delta LBCC
- 20--26 Voyager Camp (boys, ages 11-14), Delta LBCC
- 24 Missions Committee Teleconference, 10:00 AM

Directory Updates

Albion website
faithalliance.weebly.com (page 6)

Rochester

Delete: English Road Alliance Church
Replace with Assumed Name:
The Savior's Chapel

Miss Amber R. Kraus

Mrs. Amber R. Marcello (Daniel)
Home info remains the same

Please send phone, address, e-mail and
website updates when they occur to
office@northeasterncma.com – Thank you!



Parsonage to Parsonage

“Got health?” is the theme of District Prayer Conference, June 9–12. An area we’ll be examining is our marriages. How healthy are they?

One of the best evangelism tools we have is our relationship with our spouses. If we thrive, the world will take notice. If not, the world won’t easily forget that this thing called Christianity really does not work.

Ministry can suck the life out of us. There is so much to do that is “important” that we can put our spouses on the back burner to be given attention only when the water starts boiling and the pan hissing. By then, it may be too late to prevent the burns and scars on our lives and testimonies.

As Dan and I enjoy the second half of our marriage, I realize more and more the precious gift God gave us when He created a man and a woman for each other. Each day is to be treasured. God did all for His pleasure and His glory and the furtherance of His Kingdom. Are our marriages giving God pleasure, glory, and furthering His Kingdom? If not, and even if so, we need continual check ups to keep our marriages humming.

On Tuesday, June 10, Dan and I will teach a marriage seminar at District Conference in hopes that this 1 ½ hour dose of medicine will spur us on to healthy marriages. The truth is marital health is not achieved in one day. It needs to be nurtured every day of the year. But, attending this session can start us on our way to healthy marriages. Hope to see you there!

With much love, *Elaine*

District and Prayer Conference

Northeastern District and Prayer Conference

Living the Call Together: Got Health?

June 9–12, 2008

District Official Workers: the District Office Staff looks forward to seeing you at the **Pine Knolls Alliance Church, South Glens Falls**, Monday, the 9th, 1:00 PM Business Session (registration begins 11:00 AM). Please duplicate the Conference reports (CD mailed May 21) for any lay delegates who may not have registered by May 9 so they may read them prior to registering at Conference. Registration fees at Conference are: \$65 Accredited Delegate (Voting)
\$25 Corresponding Delegate (Non-Voting)

The **Church Health and Multiplication Dinner Cruise** boarding is **Tuesday, 6:30 PM**, at the Lake George Steamboat Company for those who made reservations.

Wednesday Health Electives

Financial/Retirement Health with Mr. David C. Luck, CPA, PC; 9:00—10:30 AM
Physical Health with Dr. Bruce W. Guckelberg; 11:00—11:45 AM / 3:30—4:15 PM
Spiritual Health with Rev. Jonathan L. Schuerholz; 11:00—11:45 AM / 3:30—4:15 PM
Marital and Family Health with Rev. Daniel D. and Elaine Miller; 1:30—3:00 PM

Wednesday Evening Service, 7:00 PM

Pastors’ Emergency Fund Offering will be received

Alliance Service awards:

15 Years

Rev. Brian L. Mandigo
Rev. Verlyn N. Ratzlaff
Rev. Richard E. Sheets

25 Years

Rev. William J. Trinidad

Honoring Retirees

Rev. Jack L. and Jean Murphy
Rev. Richard W. and Leah Rutherford

Ordination

Kevin T. Ellwood who passed his oral examination May 6.
Speaker, Rev. H. Wayne Eppehimer, C&MA Board of Directors Representative

Communion/Healing led by Pine Knolls Pastoral Staff

2008 Family Bible Conference Schedule

Friday Evening, June 27

5:00-6:00 Supper served
 6:00 Prayer - Stoddard Chapel
 7:00 Message – **John Stumbo** – Main Tab
 Message- **Dan Maxfield** – Youth Tab
 7:30 Children’s Program - Delta A
 9:00 Delta Cafe
 11:30 Lights Out

Saturday, June 28

7:00 am Prayer - Stoddard Chapel
 7:30-8:15 Breakfast served
 9:00-12:00 Children’s Programs
 10:00 am Missions-Main Tab
 Missions-Youth Tab
 11:00 Bible Hour – **Jon Schuerholtz**- Main Tab
 Bible Hour- **Scott Wolf**- Youth Tab
 12:15-1:00 Lunch served
 1:15 Recreation
 5:00-6:00 Supper served
 6:00pm Prayer - Stoddard Chapel
 7:00 Concert – **The Needhams**
 7:00 Children’s Church - Delta A
 9:00 Delta Café
 11:30 Lights Out

Sunday, June 29

7:00 Prayer - Stoddard Chapel
 7:30-8:15 Breakfast served
 9:00 Communion Service/Healing
 - **Rev. Mike Clayton** – Main Tab
 9:00-10:15 Children’s & Youth Programs
 (Nursery & Pre-school till 12)
 10:30 Family Worship Service - Main Tab
TBA
 12:15-1:00 Sunday Dinner served
 3:00 **AWM “Renew Rally”** - Main Tab
 5:00-6:00 Supper served
 6:00 Prayer - Stoddard Chapel
 7:00 Message – **John Stumbo**-Main Tab
 7:00 Message-**Danny Maxfield**-Youth Tab
 7:30 Children’s Church - Delta A
 9:00 Delta Cafe
 11:30 Lights Out

Monday - Friday, June 30- July 4

7:00 Prayer - Stoddard Chapel
 7:30-8:15 Breakfast served
 9:00-12:00 Children’s Programs
 9:00 Seminars - Main Tab/Youth Tab
 10:00 Missions-Main Tab/Youth Tab-(Mon-Fri)
 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 Concert-**Dane Bailey**- Main Tab
 7:00 Children’s Church - Delta A
 9:00 Delta Café
 9:30 Youth Activity
 11:30 Lights Out

Saturday, July 5

7:00 am Prayer - Stoddard Chapel
 7:30-8:15 Breakfast served
 9:00am Special seminar-Dr Howard, John Stumbo-
 Main Tab
 9:00-12:00 Children’s Programs
 10:00 am Missions-Main Tab
 Missions-Youth Tab
 11:00 Bible Hour – **Jon Schuerholtz**- Main Tab
 Bible Hour- **Scott Wolf**- Youth Tab
 12:15-1:00 Lunch served
 1:15 Recreation
 5:00-6:00 Supper served
 6:00pm Prayer - Stoddard Chapel
 7:00 Message- **John Stumbo**-Main Tab
 7:00 Message-**Danny Maxfield**-Youth Tab
 7:30 Children’s Church - Delta A
 9:00 Delta Café
 11:30 Lights Out

Sunday, July 6

7:00 Prayer - Stoddard Chapel
 7:30-8:15 Breakfast served
 9:00am Communion Service/Healing
 -**Rev Dave Richter**- Main Tab
 9:00-10:15 Children’s Program - Delta A
 Youth Program - Youth Tab
 9:00-12:00 Nursery & Pre-School
 10:00 Family Worship Service - Main Tab
Rev. Dan Miller-
 11:00 Check-out
 11:30-12:00 Sunday Dinner served

Specials

Monday & Thursday:

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

Tuesday 1st: **-Pastors’ Wives Gathering** - 2 pm

Wednesday 2nd:

12:15 **11th Annual Jerry Slocum Classic** - Golf Tour

1:30 **Simpson Circle Challenge**

Friday 4th:

7:30 am **-Flag Raising Ceremony**

2:00 pm-**Alliance Men** (Youth Tab)

3:15pm-**Bike Parade**- (Outside Snack Shop)

7:00pm-Concert-**Dane Bailey**- Main Tab

Saturday 5th

2:00pm- Baptismal Service