

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT

Church of the Nazarene

District Newsletter

"Happy Mother's Day"

May 2015

A Note from Coach Bill. . .

Most, if not all, observers and those committed to the study of today's culture, when reflecting on the influence of the church upon today's culture agree that it is at best anemic or a nonfactor in its influence. A critical question that we, "Followers of Jesus," most ask is, why is this? Why is today's church, with all the tools of communication, technology, etc. available to us, that should enhance our influence on and in our culture, having a lesser influence of transformation than it did in first century AD? Could it be, we've exchanged sacrificial service to Christ and for others, for social status. Could it be that we've exchanged the anointing of the Holy Spirit for cultural appeal. Could it be we've become more focused on being an engaging place where people can come to feel good about themselves, than being sent out to engage people with the "Good News" of Jesus.

The words of the "Resurrected Jesus" to the church of Laodicea are words that we the church today must read, reflect on, and ultimately act on. "I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other. So, because you are lukewarm—neither hot or cold—I am about to spit you out of my mouth. You say, I am rich; I have acquired wealth and do not need a thing. But you do not realize that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined in the fire, so you can become rich, and white clothes to wear, so you can cover your nakedness; and salve to put on your eyes, so you can see." (Revelations 3:15-18)

May 2015 Connections

May 1: DAB Prayer Conference Call, 5:15pm

May 5-8: Prime Time Rocky Mountains, Colorado

May 5: Cinco de Mayo

May 10: Mother's Day

May 14-15: Oregon Pacific District Assembly

May 17: Graduates Sunday

May 25: Memorial Day

May 3: Baby Day

May 6: National Nurse Day

May 7: National Day of Prayer

May 10: NTS Commencement

May 14: District Nominating Committee

May 24: Pentecost Sunday

May 26: Cohort Conference Call

District Missionary Tour

May 8: Gillette

May 15: Sheridan

May 9-10: Casper

May 17: Great Falls

May 11: Torrington

May 12: Wheatland

May 13: Evanston

May 14: Sunnyside

Dream Team Meetings

May 4: Riverton

May 7: Laurel

May 11: Great Falls

May 18: Kalispell

May 28: Torrington

Rocky Mountain District Kids Bible Quiz

The District Kids' Bible Quiz meet was held in Casper, Wyoming on Saturday, April 11th, with the Casper church hosting. Quiz Teams from Casper, Gillette, Riverton, and Sheridan joined together for fun music, games, and showing what they had learned about the book of Exodus this year. All the kids shared the memory verses they had learned, with several getting all 20 correct. The younger quizzers, "Red" quizzers, answered two rounds of 15 questions each. The "Blue" quizzers answered two rounds of 20 questions each. Following lunch, the kids celebrated with an hour at Jump Craze, bouncing around in various trampoline areas and having a great time. Congratulations to the following:

Casper: (Information not received)

Gillette: Masen Knight, all-star gold medal with 1 perfect round
Edmund Guernsey, silver medal
David Guernsey, silver medal

Riverton: Celeste Depew, Gold All-Star with 2 perfect rounds and perfect memory (blue level)
Kristen Depew, Gold Medal and all 20 memory verses (red level)

Sheridan: (Information not received)

A big thank you to all the coaches, parents, and church family that helped the kids learn and participate this year. **Rev. Judith England**

District *Camping* Season 2015

Montana Boys & Girls
July 27th-31st

Super Camp
August 3rd-8th

Wyoming Boys & Girls
August 10th-14th

Laymen's Retreat
September 5th-7th



Rocky Mountain District Assembly General Superintendent Dr. David Graves June 26-28, 2015 Billings Hotel and Convention Center

Friday, June 26, 7:00pm

District Assembly Opening Service
Greetings: Dr. David Graves
Music: Mrs. Kala Johnston, Whitefish
Report/Challenge: Coach Bill Carr

Saturday, June 27

Business Session, 8:30am—12:30pm
Reports, Elections, Pastors Sharing a "Power of One Story"

Ticketed Catered Lunch

Afternoon Workshops: Dr. David Graves and
Dr. Carla Sunberg

Ordination Service, 7:00pm

Sunday, June 28, 10:00am

Celebration Worship Service
Speaker: Dr. David Graves
Holy Communion

Youth Activities

Concert, June 26, 9:00pm
"Covenant" from NNU

Local Work & Witness Project
Saturday, June 27, 9:00am

Children's Ministry and Nursery

Provided during all Assembly sessions

NMI and SDMI Convention

Friday, June 26, 2015
Billings Hotel and Convention Center
NMI President: Rev. James Johnson
SDMI President: Rev. Ken Osso