

A New Year Challenge from Coach Bill

It's A New Day

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, Let there be light, and here was light..." (Genesis 1:1-3) So it began, a New Day dawned and with it a whole new world started to unfold.

Each day when the sun comes up we are given the opportunity to start a New Day. We no doubt will find ourselves going about certain routines that have become a pattern for us such as brushing our teeth, dressing for our New Day, etc. However, a New Day can also present us with the opportunity to start new, to make some needed changes in our lives, perhaps developing some healthier practices in eating, or working, or improving our relational health with family, friends and God.

It's a New Day is a gift God gives us to allow us to grow beyond our present circumstances. Contrary to a somewhat prevalent thought we do not have to continue in the way things are, especially if they are unhealthy to us or others. We can, by God's grace, experience a "New Day".

My hope and prayer is that as we move into a New Year with the start of January 1, 2016, we will allow it to be the beginning of a "New Day" experience in our lives as individuals and collectively as a church and as a District of churches. It's a New Day; and may we in this New Day grow deeper in our love for Christ Jesus; love move completely each other; serve more faithfully our communities through intentional acts of Christlike ministry; bear witness consistently and constantly to all concerning the love, forgiveness and grace that Jesus brings to all who allow Him to be embraced by His love. May we commit to praying daily for God's will to be done in us and through us and throughout our world.

It's a New Day, *Coach Bill*

Thank You...It was a joy for Janet and I to celebrate the Advent season as we had opportunity to worship with several of our church families across the District. For us personally it was an extra quiet Christmas as it was the year for our boys and their families to celebrate with their in-laws. We enjoyed having Aunt Frances join us for the Christmas Eve Service at New Hope and then spend Christmas Day with us also. Our thanks and appreciation to the many across the RMD for their Christmas wishes, Christmas cards, gifts and checks. Your expressions of love and support

Welcome Rev. Aaron Middleton and family



We welcome Pastor Aaron and Steph Middleton and their two daughters, Kelsey and Sara to the Rocky Mountain District. Coach Bill will Install Pastor Aaron on January 31 as the new pastor at 406 Church, Bozeman.

along with your prayers mean more than we can express. Our prayer is that 2016 will be a New Day in your life, the lives of your family, and the life of your church.

New Year Blessings with our love and thanks,

Coach Bill & Janet
Philippians 1:3-6

A Call to Intercessory Prayer

As we enter into this New Year I would invite the RMD Ministry Team and our local church communities to join with me in a season of Prayer, January 17-31, 2016.

Our prayer concerns will be focused on:

1. A New Day in each of our churches
2. A New Day to reach the unchurched people of our communities across the District
3. New Ministry Team called to pastor Riverton and Livingston along with new start pastors
4. Expanded resources for ministry across our District
5. Renewal for our Global Church

I would like each pastor to select a date for their church to commit to praying for that 24-hour period. Please email your first and second choice of dates for us to compile a list of prayer dates.

"You haven't done this before. Ask, using my name, and you will receive, and you will have abundant joy."
John 16:24

Creating Communities of Hope and Healing,

Coach Bill

Dr. JK Warrick, General Superintendent



Following nearly 38 years of pastoral ministry, J. K. Warrick was elected to the Board of General Superintendents by the 26th General Assembly in 2005. Prior to his election, he served for nearly 12 years as pastor of College Church of the Nazarene in Olathe, Kansas.

A pastor at heart, he considers his role as general superintendent an opportunity to join his colleagues in shepherding the global church. He has a heart for church planting, evangelism, world missions, discipleship, and compassionate ministries. Central to his ministry is the encouragement of the people of God to find a place of service and ministry in the church and community. He is passionate about equipping pastors and laypersons to be missional leaders.

We welcome Dr. Warrick and his wife, Patty to the Rocky Mountain District as Jurisdictional General Superintendent January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017

JANUARY 2016 CONNECTION POINTS

Jurisdictional General Superintendent
Dr. JK and Patty Warrick

- January 1:** New Year's Day
- January 6:** Epiphany
- January 7:** NNU Trustee Meeting (DS's only)
- January 7:** (Prayer Request)
Rev. Terry Graham scheduled for surgery
- January 18:** Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- January 31:** Nazarene Seminarian Offering Sunday
- January 31:** Installation of 406 Church Pastor Aaron Middleton

Looking Ahead...

- District Assembly**
June 24-26, 2016 @ the Billings Hotel & Convention Center
- NMI and SDMI Conventions**
June 24, 2016
- Falcon @ NNU:** June 27-29
- Ministry Team Retreat:**
September 28-30, 2016

Pastor Reviews

Coach Bill had excellent Reviews with the following pastors and church boards:

- Jeff Lauver, Great Falls*
- Terry Graham, Poplar*
- Richard Evans, Sidney*

They each received a unanimous vote for a another 4-year call to minister to their community.