

ROCKY MOUNTAIN DISTRICT

MARCH 2016

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

A Note from Coach Bill

Reveille, the call to awaken to a new day. We tend to associate reveille with the morning bugle call announcing to sleeping soldiers, awake, get up, get moving, a new day is beginning. It really however, has much more ancient roots. It is in fact that which could be used to describe what occurred in Genesis 1:1-31. Darkness, a shapeless and formless mass, emptiness, and chaotic turmoil hears a reveille call; the Creator God speaks; the Living Word echoes His command; and the hovering Spirit of God responds to move and shape as light breaks into and dispels the darkness. God's reveille announces a New Day, a new creation and new life is beginning. Darkness, despair, hopelessness, and chaotic turmoil once again meet in the lives of those who had hoped and believed that Jesus of Nazareth was the One...the Messiah. Yet, he had been crucified, was now dead, buried, and sealed in the darkness of a tomb. He seemed lost and engulfed in the grip of death. A new reveille sounds on the first day of a new week. The mourners discover the stone seal had been rolled away, the burial cloths were lying in their places but the body they had wrapped was gone, the tomb was empty; for a New Day of Resurrection had begun. Today God's Reveille announced by Jesus's Resurrection continues to sound it's call...wake up sleeping world, get up and get moving in my ways you who were created in my image. It's a New Day! Come out of the darkness and grip of sin and death and live in the light and life of the New Day. This is the message, this is the hope and reality of Easter...A New Day has begun and is calling to all who respond to God's Reveille call through Jesus; come, follow me, live my life, and walk in my light.

Living in the New Day, Coach Bill

March 2016 Connection Points

February 28—March 5
Nazarene World Week Prayer

March 2, Read Across
America Day

March 4, World Day of Prayer

March 7-8, NYI Leadership
Conference (ENC)

March 9-11, NNU Trustee

March 13, Daylight Savings
Time (begins)

March 17, St. Patrick's Day

March 20, Palm Sunday
First Day of Springs
Easter Offering for WEF

March 24, Maundy Thursday

March 25, Good Friday

March 27, Easter Sunday

Looking Ahead...

District Assembly
June 24-26, 2016 @ the Billings Hotel & Convention

NMI and SDMI Conventions June 24, 2016



Rev. Aaron and Steph Middleton and the Bozeman 406 Church worshipped in their new facility, for the first time, on Sunday, February 14th. They are excited about the potential outreach ministry in this new facility and to the area of Belgrade. Please pray for this re-start church and ministry to the greater communities of Belgrade and Bozeman areas.



(pictures by Tom Lance)

Experience PALCON 2016 (registration opens February 1st)

"Pastors and Leaders Conference"

Northwest Nazarene University

June 27-29, 2016

REVISION REFRESH RETOOL REFOCUS RENEW

The RMD extends their Love and Prayers of Sympathy to Rev. Melvin Cross and family at the home-going of his wife, Audrey on Friday, February 26, 2016. Rev. and Mrs. Cross retired in 2002 and moved to Montana near their son.

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