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PRESIDENT'S CORNER – PASTOR LARRY WILLIAMS

Most of you will remember the jaunty little song we learned in Sunday school as kids: “This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine.” It goes on for several verses, proclaiming our determination to speak out for the Lord Jesus (won’t hide our light, won’t let Satan “poof” it out, and so forth). I’ve found it rather easy to add on any number of verses to the same theme: Shining forth for Jesus in this sin-darkened world around us.

I’ve been teaching through the Gospel of John, and I believe the light Jesus provides is one of his major themes. With that in mind, as Conference President, I’ve chosen my theme for the 2024 Conference to be, “Gonna Let it Shine”, hoping and praying God’s Spirit will light a fire under our feet to get the gospel to the world around us.

Mark your calendars now for this conference: June 26-July 3 at the Doubletree by Hilton in Grand Rapids, Michigan. And may the Lord bless you, my dearly beloved.

NEW TROY GBC – PASTOR ROBERT MENSINGER

God is continuing to bless here at New Troy. We had two visitors last month, one has not returned even though they promised they would. I am optimistic about the other. Also, two of our previous faithful have returned and said they would like to make our church their home church. Our attendances and offerings have been holding up well despite our small numbers

We have several members who are struggling with physical ailments. Mindy Burns is continuing to improve. Caroll Stuckey is holding her own. Joyce Smith has uncontrollable shaking in her right hand. America Schmaltz is still in the rehab center in South Haven but is continuing to improve from a stroke. And Florence Casto is almost finished with her cancer treatments. Pastor Ron and Donna Welsh both have health issues. Gary Lozmack is finishing up his treatments for cancer.

Praise God, Pastor Jordan Bradley spoke on October 22 for special meetings. We are thankful for his coming and sharing with us.

Praise God for His faithfulness in keeping the work at New Troy going.

HOME MISSIONS

NATIONAL EVANGELISM TEAM – PASTOR DEL MILLER

Thank you for keeping track of NET. Next year’s dates are July 29-August 13, 2024, with our ministry focus week at Lamoille Valley GBC in Morrisville, VT. If you, or someone you know, would like

to apply for the team, please let us know so we can send out an application. Those are available by email or snail mail. The application deadline is February 1, 2024 which will be here quickly!

We should mention that the dates above are shifted slightly from the original ones. The original dates of July 27-August 11 were to start on a Saturday and then include the next three Sundays. The adjusted dates begin on a Monday and go through the next two Sundays with travel back to Ohio taking place on August 12 and/or 13 . The Vermont team members will be done one or two days earlier since they do not need to travel back to Ohio. It looks as though we will indeed have several Vermont members.

Some of you have heard about our exciting Thursday evening north of Fremont on NET '23. We went to a highly acclaimed ice cream parlor for a relaxing bowl of delicious flavors and were met in the parking lot by a very rowdy hail storm. The storm knocked the electricity out at the ice cream shop so we headed back toward Fremont with no ice cream at all. Just nine miles south, we saw severe tornado damage that had just taken place minutes before. Despite attempts to find another ice cream shop option, we never did actually get any chocolate, vanilla or butter pecan. The team, however, was really patient about the whole experience. The rest of the trip, whenever we saw some storm clouds someone was sure to say, "It must be time to get some ice cream!" The Lord protected us and the team sang many songs in the van as we took multiple detours through the storm damaged area on our way back to the Chapel.

Please do contact us with any questions you have about our upcoming trip.

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