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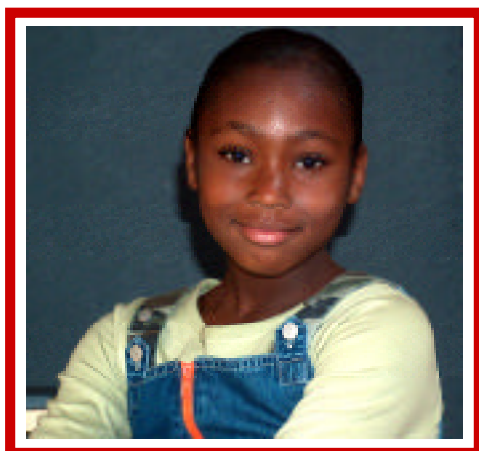
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We Miss Claudette

by Dawn Stueckle, Sunset Youth Services

When we met Claudette she was a bit shy and cautious. She would come on the van provided by Public Housing in order to be here for the summer. Soon she became one of our girls, with no hesitations. Claudette was always smiling. She would run into my office every morning last summer and give me a hug. When we went on our Girl's Slumber Party last year I remember her swimming all day and then putting on her pajamas that night, she was excited about all of it. She must have used an entire can of whipped cream on her sundae that night! I will miss having my regular "chats" with her. She loved to come sit in my office and just talk. We talked about life, death, dreams, and just being a girl. My life is better because I knew her. Our family at Sunset Youth Services is grieving her loss. We will always love you baby.



NorCal General Assembly Delegates l-r: Marcia Bundy, John Calhoun, Jim Clayton, Betty Cooper, P.T. Mammen and Carol Van Buskirk.

General Assembly 2005 News...

Nina G. Gunter, general director of Nazarene Missions International (NMI), and J. K. Warrick, pastor of the College Church of the Nazarene in Olathe, Kansas were elected as General Superintendents... The Kansas City First Church junior high missions team participating in the One Heart, Many Hands compassionate ministry project was involved in a serious accident outside Indianapolis on Sunday that left all 12 passengers injured, three critically... Citing the history of the Church of the Nazarene and its development of "centers of holy fire," General Superintendent Jim L. Bond described our nearly 100 year pilgrimage as a commitment to the "primary passion to 'spread scriptural holiness'" as the driving force of our existence... Retiring General Superintendent W. Talmadge Johnson and retiring General Superintendent Jim L. Bond were elected General Superintendent Emeritus... Nazarene Compassionate Ministries International, Nazarene Youth International, and Children's Ministries are sponsoring the denominational decadal emphasis, Connecting a New Generation . At the 2001 General Assembly, the Board of General Superintendents declared 2002-2012 as a decade of emphasis on children and youth... All of these reports and more news from General Assembly can be found at www.ncnnews.com

Mission to Serve Children

Friends of P.T.Mammen gathered at the Japra Vineyards on Sunday after noon to lunch and great musical experience with Dennis Rawls in concert, and the highly talented Filipino Youth Chorus led by Henry. Dr. Romesh and Sunita Japra graciously opened their opulent residence for this great cause. Assemblyman Gene Mullin of San Mateo County, Professor Alice Bulos, the prominent Filipino Community leader, and many other well wishers came together.

The event was to help support the mission to care for children through the International Christian Center of San Jose (3275 Williams Road, San Jose, CA 95117). Rev. P.T. Mammen serves as pastor there. The Church of the Nazarene has made available this 7 million dollar property to Dr. Mammen's care. The plan is to develop the Center's resources to provide children a safe haven. A preschool and kindergarten are already planned. A well-coordinated playground has been created on this beautiful campus. Classrooms, a new kitchen and a new restroom are now installed. When the facilities are adequately equipped, it can care for 45 children. We hope to serve those who may not have the resources to send a child to high quality program.

This event was sponsored by Federation of Indian Americans. The diverse community of 125 attended the event which was opened by FIA spokesman, Yogi Chugh and led by FIA Chairman, Dr. Romesh Japra. Romesh and Sunita Japra handed the first donation of \$1001.00 to Dr. John Calhoun, the District Superintendent of the Church of the Nazarene in Northern California. John Calhoun along with Jan Calhoun explained the vision of Dr. P.T.Mammen, and matched the Japra's gift.

Chris Nallan of South Valley Business Systems gave a power point presentation to highlight the needs. Eden Community Pre-school and Kindergarten will provide a supportive and caring environment where children will learn values that will direct them to a bright future, said Mr. Nallan. We have to return some funds borrowed to continue construction and provide staff support. We will need to generate \$100,000.00 to actualize this goal. As soon as the facility is given the final approval from the city, we will begin the reapplication process for licensing. We expect to launch the project by the middle of August 2005.

The response from the community began with one donor offering the first \$1,000.00. Another supporter offered to match the donations. Every gift received through these efforts will double because of the matching offer. Sunday's collection reached \$24,000 with the matching gift. We invite friends to share one substantial gift with us at this time to enable this vision to move forward. Please make checks payable to "International Christian Center." The donation is tax deductible. Here is an opportunity to invest in the new vision. Everyone interested in supporting this effort is invited to send a gift to ICC, 3275 Williams Road, San Jose, CA 95117.

Another musical extravaganza has been scheduled for Saturday, September 3, 2005. The evening will begin with dinner 5:00 to 5:45 PM and the musical program immediately following at the International Christian Center in San Jose.

Remember to take pictures of your Church events so they can be included in The Bridge!

Mark Your Calendars

Make sure you're ready for the Castro Valley "King of the Jungle" Musical on Saturday, August 6. The musical will begin at 10:30am with a family barbecue lunch to follow. 50 Kids from around the NorCal District have been practicing hard, so let's show our support and have a fun afternoon. Call the Castro Valley Church for more details at 510.581.8377.

General Assembly 2005 Legislation

In legislative actions on Tuesday, the General Assembly:

- Adopted a motion giving the presiding general superintendent discretionary power to ordain divorced persons to the office of elder or deacon. This previously required action by the entire Board of General Superintendents.
- Changed the name of the “General Rules” to the “Covenant of Christian Character.”
- Voted to change rules regarding amending the church constitution to make such changes possible by a two-thirds vote of General Assembly delegates present and voting. (The procedure requires two-thirds of all delegates officially registered).
- Narrowly rejected a motion to require two consecutive General Assemblies to approve changes to the Articles of Faith before sending the action to the districts for ratification.
- Removed the requirement for general superintendent approval before a clergy member “not in good standing” resigns his or her credential, requiring only district advisory board approval.
- Rejected a proposal to make Christian baptism a requirement for membership in the Church of the Nazarene.
- Referred for study six resolutions that collectively proposed changes to four of the church’s 16 Articles of Faith. The General Assembly directed that these resolutions be studied “by a body with theologians” whose composition “reflects the world-wide nature” of the denomination. The resolutions sought changes in Articles 1 (God), 6 (Atonement), 7 (Prevenient Grace), and 15 (The Church). Articles of Faith are part of the church’s constitution and changes to them require a two-thirds favorable vote by the General Assembly and ratification by two-thirds of the church’s phase 2 and 3 districts. While changes are relatively infrequent, the 2001 General Assembly approved three changes. A current resolution called for reversing one of those actions.
- Voted to remove the 903 section from the Manual and place its content in the rulings of the Board of General Superintendents.
- Referred to the Board of General Superintendents a resolution that sought to institute a conflict resolution process in place of the current provisions that allow laypersons charged with misconduct to insist upon and receive a trial.
- Made “repeated marital infidelity” a cause that permanently disqualifies a former minister from ever regaining a ministerial credential from the Church of the Nazarene.
- Voted to ban from lay leadership positions anyone who has lost a ministerial credential due to sexual abuse of a child, homosexual behavior, or repeated marital infidelity



Sr. High Camp: Unsinkable Faith

Who: Incoming Freshmen to graduating Seniors

When: July 11-15, 2005

\$50.00 deposit due on June 17

\$180.00 Balance due by July 11

Where: Lake Shasta

For more information contact Pastor Drew via phone at 707.226.5551 or via email napanaz@hotmail.com or contact Pastor Donabel at 707.648.1986 or via email donabelcmartin@hotmail.com

Jr. High Camp: Rock-N-Water

Who: For those finishing 6th grade and entering 9th grade

When: July 24 - 27, 2005

\$160 Balance due by July 10

(check with Pastors Gary or Donabel to see if there’s still space if you missed the June 10 registration deposit deadline)

Where: On the American River near Sacramento

For more information contact Pastor Gary at 831.722.2407 or email garyb@watsnaz.org or you may contact Pastor Donabel.