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A Gift to Give One Another by Dave Halford

As we give our time, give our money, give our sanity, & give almost everything else we have to 'properly' celebrate this 'season of joy' that is upon us, maybe there is room for just one more gift . . . the gift of gratitude. Gratitude for the daily, ever present opportunities to 'gift' those around us, either as a 'church', or as individual disciples of He who is the reason for the season.

'Gifts' in a church setting come in many shapes & forms. It may be a 'gift' of generosity providing items or support for our community sisters & brothers, or their children, who could not otherwise receive that which they so need. The tireless, prayerful, & 'just being there when it's most needed' attitude of a loving pastor most assuredly is a precious 'gift'. Individuals continually 'doing their job' without voice or fanfare are irreplaceable 'gifts' in the vibrant life of a church. There is also the great 'gift' to the men, women & children in our own midst given through 'teaching'. These 'gifts' of discipleship lessons ensure that those 'here & now' start to grow, or continue to grow into greater levels of spiritual maturity. Teaching also nurtures the next

generations coming to seek Christ in this 'church'. We may come into our 'church' rarely



noticing the smaller, but certainly important 'gifts' that others have given; beautiful Christmas decorations, a clean place to gather, worship music, children's plays, folded & printed bulletins, or even this Notifier! Even the smallest detail that we appreciate, or take for granted had to be a 'gift' of a deliberate nature by someone who cared enough to give that 'gift'.

The world that we all live in, too, is a gift to us all. However, our world is certainly less interested in 'gifting' others without a darn good reason, or without a certain & sufficient return. If someone does do something good, kind, or selfless, are we not usually shocked? This frantic celebratory season may take, (if we let it!) the 'love' of the true 'reason for the season' & replace it with 'gifts' that will soon break, be re-

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turned, or be 're-gifted'!

Christ instructed us in John 13:34, " love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." This command created the ultimate example of what a 'gift' should look like . . . our 'gifts' to others in our daily lives should look like the sacrificial, selfless, & love-filled gifts we have, & will have received from Christ himself ! Let this be the New Year's resolu-

tion that finally is kept!

If we are to show true gratitude & love to the One whose birth we celebrate on a 'silent night'; let others around us, in church & outside of church, in this coming year, truly 'feel the love' that no earthly gift can match. "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love another." John 13:35

Many Thanks!

Thank you everyone at the Children's School & Church of the Nazarene for your generous gift. Sincerely, Lauren McKenna & Aiden

Thank you so very much with your help. The food & gift cards were very much appreciated!
Love, Leighton

New Cumberland Church of the

Nazarene,
Thank you very much for the groceries! I had no idea there would be so much. I have divided everything up & am going to give them to two single moms that very much need them. They were very excited & thankful when I told them what I had for them.
Thank you,
Anna, Eddie & Lilly Bintaviahok

JOY Club event

Bring your favorite soup & join the JOY Club/Grace Class Saturday, January 21st, 5 PM at The Gathering Place.

2012 Lay Retreat

Featuring: BILLY HUDDLESTON

Billy is an ordained elder & a commissioned evangelist in the Church of the Nazarene. He received his education at Olivet Nazarene University in Kankakee, IL. During his 4 years at O.N.U., he was a 4 year member of the Orpheus Choir, participated in the spiritual life program, held revivals across the educational region, & sang with the southern gospel quartet United. Since 1997, Billy has traveled full time preaching & singing, challenging people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, holding meetings in over 43 states & Canada.

Billy has a passion to lead people into a powerful encounter with the living Christ. It is his desire to see lives & lifestyles changed as a result of those encounters. It is Billy's belief that all lives, young & old alike, are valuable to Jesus Christ & that each one has a vital role to play in the fulfillment & building of His Kingdom.

At the heart of Billy's message is the Cross. He has found that Jesus' style is the Cross Style. To be a follower of Christ is to participate in His Cross & allow Him to be revealed. As an international evangelist, Billy is committed to this message & call.

Don't miss this great weekend to RETREAT
with God & Friends!

Location: Lancaster, PA Willow Valley/Doubletree Resort

First time attendees receive a discount toward the cost of the retreat:
\$10.00 for singles, \$20.00 for couples.

Contact: Registrars-Lay Retreat: JR & Christy Jester @ layretreat@gmail.com

Download 2012 Registration Form (After completing the registration form, mail it to JR & Christy Jester, P O Box 359, Cheswold, DE 19936, 302-382-9021) OR email to: layretreat@gmail.com OR register on line at manaz.org (under 2012 Lay Retreat)

You may send your deposit via mail to JR & Christy Jester, OR pay your deposit electronically through PayPal after registering online.

MORE Thanks!

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for the wonderful meal provided after Gladys' funeral.. We are so grateful for everyone who helped to pull this together for us. Thank also for all your love, support, & prayers throughout Gladys' long illness.
Love, Cliff, Cheryl, & Don

Dear Staff & Volunteers,
We just wanted to thank you for hosting the Thanksgiving Feast. We appreciate the time & effort that went into preparing such a good meal for us to enjoy. We are very happy to be a part of such a great program! We also enjoyed Parents' Night our & would like to thank you that as well!
Karle & Jason Snyder

Dear Church Family,
We just wanted to thank you so much for your generosity in giving us a Thanksgiving basket. Even though we're living an hour away from the church now, it's so encouraging to both of us that we remain in your thoughts & prayers. Thank you so much again for the basket
Love, Sean & Sarah Reese

To the amazing people & friends of the New Cumberland Church of the Naza-

rene & Children's School,
I want to offer a heart-felt & tremendously BIG thank you for the yummy Thanksgiving basket we received! I have been exceptionally blessed to have had the privilege to see Christ's work being done through the action & character of your congregation. We are lucky to have friends like you, who think of us & offer a bounty of food at this time of year to my ever-growing family. We love you! May you be touched with the blessings & magic of the Christmas season & may God's light shine brightly through you as you impact others. Thank you again!
Amanda Frank & Ben, Hayley & Kendall.

Dear Church of the Nazarene & Children's School families,
I wanted to take time to express our gratitude for the generous gift you gave to our family. Matt & I were incredibly overwhelmed by the kindness we received since I've started working here. We were touched by the card & gift cards we were given for Thanksgiving. I will be extremely helpful as we prepare our celebrations for the holiday season. This Thanksgiving, I can truly say how thankful I am to have a wonderful place of employment where I feel a part of a great group of people. It has been such a blessing! With love, Matt & Jess Harris

Appreciation

Dear New Cumberland Church,
Christian greetings from Dakar, Senegal host city to the Africa West Field offices.

By way of this letter I wish to acknowledge receipt of your generous gift of \$298.90 to the Drought Relief in Chad. Your interest in the Africa West Field as demonstrated by your contribution to this cause is greatly appreciated. In receiving gift to the Field such as yours, I am again reminded that it is God himself who is raising up a Holy People who are obedient to His leading, and who seek to partner with what He is doing in West Africa & elsewhere in the world.

This past year has seen many victories & incredible growth in West Africa as a result of the obedient response of Nazarenes around the world. God is calling His people to a response, & I

am glad that you have heard His voice. The needs in this part of world are great & your contribution has made the task more manageable.

Should you be interested in knowing of the further needs of the Field, or in receiving regular updates on the progress of the work in West Africa, please let me know by writing me at awfsc@awfcon.org. Regular updates are also available at our website: www.awfcon.org.

Please know that you are appreciated & vital to the ongoing ministry of His church.

Peace & Grace,

Rev. Mark Leslie Louw

"And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus." Phil.

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Calendar of Events

Dec. 28 - No activities at the church

Jan. 1 - New Year's Day Service, 10:30 AM (no Sunday School) Regular schedule will resume Jan. 8

Jan. 27 - 28 - Youth: Festival of Life

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Introducing people to Jesus
Christ so they might know
Him personally and
participate passionately in
His Mission.

Church Activities Cancellations

If activities &/or services need to be changed or cancelled, check one of the following communication media as they will broadcast our change:

Radio: WJTL 90.3 FM	WHTM 27 (ABC 27)
WDAC 94.5 FM	WHP CBS 21
BOB 94.9 FM	WLYN 15 / CW 15
WLAN 96.9 FM /1390 AM	Internet:
WRVV 97.3 FM	www.wgal.com/closings/index.html
KISS 99.3 FM	www.wjtl.com/snowcrew/
WHP 580 AM	wdac.com/Closings/churchclosingsonly.php
TV: WGAL 8	