

Summertime... usually a time of relaxation, vacations, family reunions, and just sitting by a pool or beach somewhere not thinking about anything. I don't know about you, but it seems this summer is busier than ever before. It may be because we have not been able to do anything and that now we are trying to do everything. It may be that we have not done anything for so long that doing things seems busier than it actually is. It may be that I just need another vacation. I vote for the 3<sup>rd</sup> one.

We are so excited to get to begin meeting together again. We just finished our District Assembly and Family Camp. At District Assembly we were able to have a meet and greet for our District Auxiliary ministries for Leaders in SDMI, NMI, NYI, AMI, CMI and our Spanish ministries. It was a wonderful time of connection on Thursday prior to Assembly's start.

On Friday, we were able to have Break-out seminars for delegates and those attending Assembly. Some of our seminars were focused on Auxiliary ministries like NMI, NYI, CMI. We were blessed to have a seminar with our General Superintendent, Dr. Busic regarding his new book, *Way, Truth, Life: Discipleship as a Journey of Grace*. Rev. Jason Caddy and Pastor Tonya Marks from Columbia Grace shared ways to use in discipleship in our local church. We had panel discussions with leaders post-covid. It was a great time of training, knowledge, and connection. I am very thankful for our incredible SDMI team that helped put all of this together. I am thankful to all of our presenters for all of their hard work. I am thankful to be a part of such a wonderful District.

We enjoyed a wonderful Family Camp and may I encourage anyone who reads this to make plans now for next year to be a part of a wonderful week at our District Camp Ground.

Now on to camps, I know our NYI leaders just finished two weeks of Youth camps and we are a week away from two weeks of children's camps.

Please keep all our youth and children in your prayers as they attend camps. Some may make a decision for Christ in their lives whether salvation or on their journey with Him.

We have a new leader for our District Children's ministries, Pastor Shaun Stevenson, Children's Pastor from Gallatin, TN church. Please keep him in your prayers as he takes on this new District Role. He is going to do a great job!

As you finish summer and make plans for Fall and Winter and maybe even Spring if you plan a whole church year, you maybe feeling the same as me overwhelmed at the business of summer.

Remember to ...

Stay in Prayer

Stay in the Word

Stay looking for opportunities to Disciple those around you in Christ!!