



The Monday Memo

SUPERINTENDENT'S BRIEFING

Beyond High Definition

The new High Definition Television has just been pronounced passé.

It has been superseded by the 3-D TV. I would imagine that soon 3-D TVs will be showcased in various electronic/entertainment stores and purchased by leading edge gadget people.

Certainly, we will be wowed by the new technology that will give not only greater detail but life-like depth. Yet with the speed of change, it is doubtful that the 3-D TV will be the last generation. I expect that televisions will next begin to incorporate tactile and olfactory sensations so that you will smell the chili in the advertisement and get a sense of touch of the plush bathrobe being peddled.

Of course, all of this is to give us a greater awareness of the reality. It is designed to move us to believe-ability.

Authors such as Clive Staples Lewis, J.R.R. Tolkien, and George MacDonald sought to lead us into another reality through story. Their mission was to help the reader see that beyond the facts and furnishing of our homes, our meals, our work and our routines, there is a dimension of the unseen - all guided by an invisible Hand.

Every moment of every day, the issues and plots of life have a deeper meaning. God is behind it all operating in the invisible for the purpose of unfolding an eternal story.

Certainly, as spiritual leaders we affirm that each week in our preaching and teaching. But I sometimes wonder if, in the midst of running the weekly laps of ministry, we forget that true reality is the invisible and eternal. If so, the kind of clothes, cars, vacations, salaries, and retirement plans we achieve can begin to look like our true reality and they our true treasure. We parrot the Bible but our heart-compass points us somewhere else.

HDTV and 3-DTV all sound exciting, but with you, I yearn for a ceaseless experience of living, convinced and conscious, in the unseen reality of the ever present God and His ministering spirits.

Such sight is mightier than any HD or 3-D. Such sight liberates us and encourages us when the attacks come today or the reversals last week overwhelm us. In battle, Elisha saw it - the hills full of the horses and chariots of heaven dwarfing the band of the enemy.

Colleagues, they are still there. God is at work! And, He is continuously at your side.

May God grant us open eyes to the invisible and eternal that is really around us. Friend, this fading and troubled earth with these wasting, aging bodies is not it. Heaven is, with God on His eternal throne!

“Open the eyes of our heart, Lord!”
Amen!

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Special points of interest:

- Please submit all articles for The Monday Memo to info@cmamad.org

Attn: Ivy Panacopoulos

- All articles will be reviewed and approved for inclusion. Some editing may be required.



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The Weeks Past

On the first Sunday of the New Year, Linda and I worshipped with our Frederick Alliance congregation (Rev. Don and Becky Sargent, pastor and wife). During the service, Pastor Sargent reminded the congregation of his challenge to them before Christmas to initiate a personal outreach to someone during December. The service was then opened

for testimonies and it was thrilling to hear of the many contacts people made throughout the city of Frederick. The service culminated with the celebration of The Lord's Table.

Ministry travel during the week included, Washington (DC), Fredericksburg (VA), Winchester (VA), and Chantilly (VA).

Last Sunday, I had the exciting privilege of participating in the Installation Service for Pastor Julio and Yenory Orozco at our Rockville Hispanic Church. The music was excellent (led by Yenory Orozco) and the sanctuary was full of worshippers. A delicious dinner followed the service. We welcome Julio and Yenory to our district family.

District Calendar

January 10-12, Sunday-Tuesday	District Youth Pastors Retreat	(Summit Grove Camp, New Freedom, PA)
January 15-17, Friday-Sunday	Mid-Winter Nationals Quizzing Event	(Roanoke, VA)
January 19, Tuesday, 10:00AM	Church Multiplication Team	(First Alliance Church, Hockessin, DE)
January 21, Thursday, 10:00AM	License, Ordination, and Consecration Council	(District Office)
January 22-23, Friday/Saturday	Children's Global Vision Workshop	Friday, 6-9:30AM – Island Alliance Church Saturday, 9:30AM-1PM – Franconia Alliance
January 28, Thursday, 10:00AM	Special License, Ordination, and Consecration Council	(District Office)
January 30, Saturday, 2:00PM	David Krilov Ordination Service	(Atlanta Road Alliance Church, Seaford, DE)
February 6, Saturday AM	Alliance Women's Executive Committee Meeting	(District Office)
February 8-10, Monday-Wednesday	Spiritual Disciplines Retreat	(LivingStone Monastery, Newport News, VA)
February 18, Thursday, 10:00AM	District Executive Committee	(District Office)
February 26-27, Friday-Saturday	C&MA Men's Ministry Retreat	(Fredericksburg, VA)



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The Week Ahead

Ministry will include attending our Youth Pastors Retreat at Summit Grove Camp (New Freedom, PA), leading our District Prayer Team on Tuesday, and visiting our Mid-Winter quizzing event in Roanoke, VA on the weekend.

In addition, Andy and I will have the privilege of meeting with several of our developing pastors during the week. Travel will take me to Falls Church (VA), Oakton (VA), Washington (DC), Charlottesville (VA), and Roanoke (VA).

Your prayers for our district staff ministries are always appreciated. Andy and I put many miles on our cars during each week and God has been very gracious to us.

Linda has been away since Thursday morning. Her father had to have emergency surgery in Butler, PA. She is there caring for her parents during this time. Thanks for praying for her in the care-giving role.

May God be your Guide and Energy during this week of ministry!

Living the Call Together,

Randy (Corbin)

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Annual Reports

The first submission of the Annual Report was received January 5, 2010 from Winchester, VA - New Hope Alliance Church ~ *Thank you!*

The Annual Report packet of information and link to the worksheet were sent electronically Monday, January 4th. A paper instruction packet and worksheet has been mailed to churches without access to email.

While the National Office requires all reporting to be completed by February 26th, if you are able to

submit the report prior to that date, please do! Contact the district office (301) 620-9934 if you need assistance with the process.

If you did not receive the email or are unable to open the attachments, please do not delay in contacting Ivy Panacopoulos, Ext 201 or email (ipanacopoulos@cmamad.org).

Hispanic speaking churches requiring assistance completing their report may contact Laura Lores (llores@cmamad.org) or call Ext 206.

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Congratulations!

Keith and Cara Helsel (Sunnyside Alliance Church, Secretary, MD) announce the birth of a baby girl! Alexia Faith Helsel was born on Thursday, January 7, 2010 at 10:22am. She weighed 6lb, 9 ounces and measured 20 inches long.

A N EXCITING AND POWERFUL MISSIONS MOBILIZATION WORKSHOP(S) FOR THOSE WORKING WITH CHILDREN.

- Two dates and two locations and are being offered for this workshop
- The workshop on January 22 and 23 will be identical
- View the informational brochure at <http://cmamad.org/InvolvingKidsBrochure>
- Choose the time and place convenient to you

<i>Link</i>	<u>Schedule 1</u>	<u>Schedule 2</u>
<u>Children's Global Vision Workshop</u> For Information and Registration	Friday, January 22, 2010 6:00pm - 9:30pm Island Alliance Church 510 Thompson Creek Rd Stevensville, MD 21666	Saturday January 23, 2010 9:30am - 1:00pm Franconia Alliance Church 6315 Beulah St Alexandria, VA 22310

Link **C&MA Men's Ministry Retreat** For Information and Registration

District C&MA Ministry to Men Retreat February 26-27, 2010

Men's Battle in the Work Place: Dissatisfaction with work

Location: Country Inn & Suites, Fredericksburg, VA.

Cost: **Register by January 18, 2010 to receive the discounted rate of \$55.00 for double occupancy**

After January 18, 2010, double occupancy registration will increase to \$65.00 per person

Single occupancy is \$110.00; a discounted rate does not apply

Registration covers hotel stay, breakfast and lunch on February 27.

This Friday evening - Saturday morning retreat is specifically planned for pastors and key leaders of ministry to men in churches, although all men are welcomed and encouraged to come. Please visit <http://cmamad.org/MensMinistryRetreat> to register now!