

# eUpdate

Northwest Indiana District Church of the Nazarene  
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**CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE  
CENTENNIAL  
OCTOBER 5, 2008**



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***WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO WITH THE CHURCH GOD HAS GIVEN YOU?***

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## **PRAYER AND DISCIPLESHIP FOCUS REPLACES PASTOR/STAFF RETREAT**

For a number of years we have gathered in the fall for a 24 hour retreat for pastors and staff. Our gathering place, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes Retreat Center, is has been sold and is no longer available for retreats. This, along with several scheduling issues, made me decide to replace this event this year with a one day, 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. resourcing event focusing on discipleship and prayer.

Ron Richmond: Resource Person for Discipleship Training



**Thursday, November 8  
9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
DeMotte Church of the Nazarene**

Each Senior pastor has received a copy of Ron's discipleship resource, "The Steps to Success in the Christian Life." Ron will be training us in how to effectively use this discipling resource with individuals, couples, families, Sunday school classes, small groups or for one-one-one discipling. Ron has led training for his resource with several districts with excellent response. He is also using it at Woodslake Church of the Nazarene in Wichita Kansas where he serves on staff.

### Focus on Prayer

We will also be previewing some excellent resources on prayer. One of the resources is by Jim Cymbala, "When God's People Pray."



### **SHAUN McCLELLAN JOINS STAFF AT VALPO**

Shaun McClellan, Worship Pastor at Wichita First Nazarene, has accepted the invitation to become Worship Pastor at Valpo Naz. Shaun joined the Wichita First Church staff in February 1, 2003. Before coming to Wichita, he was an associate staff member in the music department at Denver First Church of the Nazarene and served as Interim Worship Leader at DFC in 2001. He has lead worship for General Assembly, NYI Convention in 2001 and Nazarene Youth Congress (NYC) in Toronto, Canada, 1999. Shaun and his wife, Courtney, have been married for six years and have one son. Parker is 3 years old and expecting the arrival of his little brother soon! The vacancy of the Worship Pastor position at Valpo Naz was the result of the resignation of Joel Burbrink several months ago. Joel accepted the call as Worship Pastor at his home church, First Church of the Nazarene in Seymour, Indiana.

### **CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE: 1908-2008**

**On Sunday, October 5, 2008**, the Church of the Nazarene worldwide will be celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. Much planning has gone into the planning for this historic event. This event provides every pastor a great opportunity to lead his/her congregation in worship and celebrate. It will also provide a great opportunity to communicate who we are as a worldwide church, why we came into existence and our vision for the future. Every pastor is expected to have this date set aside for this celebration.

### **DISTRICT TRAINING DAYS FOR WORLD WIDE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION**

There will be two training days set aside for training of pastors for the Centennial Celebration. Make sure they are on your calendar. Every pastor is expected to be present:

**APRIL 17, 2008**

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2008**

## EAST CHICAGO CELEBRATES 3<sup>RD</sup> ANNIVERSARY AS ORGANIZED CHURCH



Pastor Alberto Guang



Fellowship Meal Following the Service

It was a special treat for Alice and me to celebrate with the East Chicago Spanish Congregation on the occasion of their 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary this past Sunday. It was a great day. Representatives of Portage, and Michiana Spanish were present as well. Congratulations, East Chicago!

### FREE PRAYER RESOURCE AVAILABLE

I have not read this book but it came to me from one of the sites I receive emails from. Can't beat free. Go to <http://www.christianinfoservices.com/165391/pivotal.html>, fill out the information (they're looking for leads for capital stewardship programs), and your set.

### E-UPDATE NOW AVAILABLE ON LINE

You can now access each issue of the eUpdate from the home page of the district website, [www.nwinazarene.org](http://www.nwinazarene.org) Access is on the link panel on the left of the home page. At the bottom right of the home page anyone who would like to receive the eUpdate can subscribe by simply entering the appropriate email address. Pastor, you might like to make this option available for your leadership or other interested individuals in your congregation.

**ALSO...We will be archiving past issues for easy access to information in earlier editions of the eUpdate.**

**THANKS TO TOM KUHN WHOSE COMPUTER EXPERTISE IS KEEPING OUR WEBSITE CURRENT AS WELL AS MAKING IT MUCH MORE ATTRACTIVE AND USEFUL!!**

HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT THE REVAMPED CONTINUING LAY TRAINING RESOURCES LATELY? CLICK BELOW AND TAKE A LOOK!

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### **RECENT NEWS FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

From David Leeder:

Things are continuing to go well here at Kokomo First; the building is coming along well, ahead of schedule and below budget. The walls and frame go up early November, most of the ground work for that has been done and we are working on the parking lot area etc at the moment. Yesterday we received into fellowship 18 new members, this coming week end we begin revival services with Dr Mark Barnes, DS of North Carolina district and a personal friend. On the 28th we have 8 people being baptized.

From Todd and Raquel Forrest (Our Family Center)

1. We have over 40 kids, six of whom need a one on one tutor. (mostly in reading and spelling) Pray for more tutors, maybe someone you know.
2. Our finances are less than \$3,500 a month. We need \$5,500 to make OFC productive and successful. We are certain that God will provide.
3. We have 10 new families this year. A few of them have children or teens going through our counseling program in addition to our after school program. Please keep these in your thoughts and prayers.
4. Gift of Hope (Christmas for needy families) is coming quickly. Pray that we get donations and volunteers for the 70 families we expect to minister and help this Christmas.
5. **Pray for the newstart of Hammond Family Community church coming in Easter. That God may send families who feel they want to part of this new church. May they join us for a weekly prayer and sharing time as we prepare our hearts and mind for what is to come.**

Thank you for your prayers and your support. Have a great week. May God's blessing be with you!

**DO YOU HAVE NEWS THAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO PASS ALONG TO THE PASTORAL TEAM? PLEASE E-MAIL THE INFORMATION AND I'LL PASS IT ALONG IN THE NEXT eUPDATE.**