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### **PASTORS PRAYER GATHERING**

**Tomorrow, November 15, 9 a. m. – Noon EST**

**Winamac Church of the Nazarene**

Lunch following “Dutch Treat” at an area restaurant for those who can stay!

### **COMING EVENTS**

**FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 7**

**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS BANQUET**

**SOUTH LAKE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE**

**5:30 P.M. CST—Pre-Banquet Fellowship with light refreshments**

**6:15 P.M.—BANQUET**

Register at [www.nwinazarene.org](http://www.nwinazarene.org)



**Program: BJ Johnston as John Wesley**

After serving 13 years as missionaries with Youth With a Mission (YWAM), BJ and his family moved from Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, where he served as the Director for the College of the Arts at the UNIVERSITY OF THE NATIONS. They arrived in Jackson, Mississippi January of 2003 where he ministered at Belhaven College as Director of Development for the Arts, Annual Fund Director and

Assistant to the Vice President of Advancement. **He has appeared in more than 50 theatre productions throughout America and is now performing THE MAN FROM ALDERSGATE, compiled from the actual journals of John Wesley by playwright Brad L. Smith.**

Thursday, November 29, 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.



- Discipleship Training and Prayer Emphasis
  - Ron Richmond, Discipleship/Lee Woolery, Prayer
  - Demotte Church of the Nazarene
  - Address of church for Mapquest: 5780 State Road 10, DeMotte, IN 46310
  - Cost: \$10 (Includes Subway Lunch)
- See important additional information about Ron's seminar/training at the end of this eUpdate!
  - **As a part of the prayer emphasis, Steve Weber, special guest via the Internet, will share some of the amazing things God is doing in the prayer movement.**

I recently got this email from Steve Weber that I wanted to share with you. Steve has taken early retirement from his position as Stewardship Ministries Director for the International Church of the Nazarene to give full time to the Prayer Movement in Kansas City and beyond:

*I just spent three days, on retreat, with Gary Schmitz (who is the Director of the Citywide Prayer Movement in Kansas City). We are continuing to refine our vision and mission to the local church. More and more pastors are engaging us in this dialogue. It is crystal clear that God is on the move, and He is doing something very special. **I so want the Nazarenes to be part of this movement of God.***

**Steve has agreed to be our District Prayer Ministries Coach. We're not positive what that means yet...but we're eager to see what God has in mind**

- Registration on line at [www.nwinazarene.org](http://www.nwinazarene.org)

### **DESPERATE FOR HIS PRESENCE?**

I want to re-recommend to you the book "Desperate For His Presence" by Rhonda Hughey. I am reading this book for the second time. It's worth the effort! Available from [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)

### **The following quote is from the book:**

As the faith of believers has become diluted, so the influence and relevance of the church has diminished in society. This disconnect of the church ultimately derives from a decline in knowing God; the lack of an intimate relationship with Jesus by believers has resulted in a loss of true identity, lack of spiritual authority, and a lack of awareness of the church's transforming purpose."

**JANUARY 9-11, 2008**

Nazarene Pastors Conference, San Diego, CA  
Guest Speaker: Reggie McNeal  
[www.nazarenepastor.org](http://www.nazarenepastor.org) for more detailed information

**Discipleship Summits Sponsored By:  
General Church Sunday School Ministries**

- **March 29: Indianapolis, Indiana**
- **April 12, Kankakee, Illinois**

Video Invitation:

[www.inversionproductions.com/SDMI\\_summit.mov](http://www.inversionproductions.com/SDMI_summit.mov)

More information and registration

[www.discipleship.nazarene.org](http://www.discipleship.nazarene.org)

**April 17 and September 11, 2008**

Pastor's training events for International Church of the Nazarene  
Centennial Celebration, **October 5, 2008**

**April 22, 23 and 24: Annual Retreat for Pastors/Staff and Spouses**

**Guest Presenter: Dan Spaite**  
**Focus: "The Significance of Sabbath"**  
**Location: Being negotiated**

**NEWS AND INFORMATION**

- **Valpo Nazarene Church** will break ground for their new building Sunday, December 2. Congratulations to **Pastor Gene Tanner** and the congregation at this exciting time.
- This coming weekend all **Spanish pastors** and their spouses will be together for a Spanish Ministries Retreat. There are excellent additional opportunities for Spanish ministries in so many places on our district. Join me in praying that this weekend will be a great time of encouragement and bonding for our Spanish pastors and their spouses.
- Continue to pray for **North Communities (Dave and Kristin Anderson)** as they continue to receive commitments for the down payment on a beautiful piece of property in the northern part of Noblesville. This is a huge step of faith for this congregation and pastor. I know our support will be greatly appreciated!

- **From Don Meyer (Rochester):**

Last Sunday we continued with our family service format. The first half of the service is adults and teens. I preach half my message then in much the traditional way. The children and workers come into the service for the second half. I finish out my message with a variable mix of video, object lesson, audience activity participation, and humor. On this Sunday I included a supportive video selection from "Tales from the Toy Box". (available at [www.kidology.org](http://www.kidology.org)) Strange as it may seem, when it came commitment time it was several adults who raised their hands in decision for Christ. Two of them are new to our congregation. One of them came to me after the service and said they asked Jesus into their heart that morning. Please pray that I and we have the closeness to continue to discern God's will and the commitment to do it no matter what. What I have described here is just the tip of the iceberg. There is much spiritual and time effort supporting the few things I mention here. Project 6:15 is a key part in what God is doing. I don't know what will continue and for how long but I know God is leading.

- **From Neil Horner (Duneland)** Jon and Vicki began coming to DCC last spring before they were married. He had just bought an older home in Chesterton that he was remodeling. After their wedding, they lived in her condo with her two boys. During the summer, they moved so they could spend more time working on the house. Jon is a National Guard officer but his position was never deployed. In August they changed his position and gave him one week before he left for 9 months in Baghdad. (He was in a rocket attack last week but was only knocked down by the blast, not hurt). Anyway, he had torn out some walls, one of the bathrooms, and the furnace right before he had to leave because he had a couple months before heat would be needed. While his time and place has changed DCC has taken it on as a project to finish their home, taking it to the extent that we are redoing the entire HVAC, plumbing, center support beam, and many walls, etc... It has been great to see all the guys come together to do this with Nov 18th being the target day for major completion. It has become not only a service project but it has also become a bonding time for many of the guys. Many of the supplies are being donated and most of the labor is being donated. Praise God for opportunities such as this for His people to give.
- **Dan Ventling (Tipton)** has informed me that **Student Impact** recently received the "**Service Organization of the Year**" award from the Westfield Chamber of Commerce." Dan is the founding Executive Director of Student Impact, a non profit organization ministering to Junior and Senior High students in the Westfield schools. **Congratulations, Dan!**

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REGARDING RON RICHMOND'S DISCIPLESHIP SEMINAR/TRAINING**

The Discipleship Seminar is designed to equip pastors and laypersons to teach others how to live the Christian life victoriously, why so many Christians and churches are struggling spiritually, how to follow up new converts, and disciple individuals or small groups.

Ron's book "**The Steps to Success in the Christian Life**" includes:

- How to have meaningful devotions
- The basic truths of Christianity in the Bible
- How to lead someone to Christ
- How Satan fights Christians
- How to let Jesus be the lord of your life
- How discouragement can become spiritual defeat
- The most powerful principle in the Bible
- God's will for every person's life
- How to pray more effectively for unsaved loved ones

Recently Ron has taught on discipleship and trained people in discipling in Indiana, Minnesota and Michigan. He will soon be training youth pastors, NYI presidents, teen teachers and youth workers from all over the state of Louisiana. He is in full agreement with Ken Priddy that "**spiritual renewal precedes successful strategic planning.**" Our greatest need is for people to become true disciples by letting Jesus be the lord of their lives.

**Reminder: Please bring your copy of Ron's book you received several months ago with you to the seminar.**

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PRAYER EMPHASIS**

As mentioned by Steve Weber in his quote above, God is doing a new thing around the world, and it is now beginning to take hold in the United States...and **prayer is the foundation!** We will have a live conversation via the internet with Steve Weber. **Steve will be giving us an update on the exciting progression of the prayer movement in Kansas City.** I will also be sharing a Jim Cymbala prayer resource. **And...we will pray together.**

**Abundant Blessings in the Name of Jesus!!**