

# eUpdate

## Northwest Indiana District Church of the Nazarene

March 3, 2008

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**“Providing a climate for dynamic holiness ministry through the Church of the Nazarene in Northwest Indiana”**

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

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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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### **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

#### **2008 DISCIPLESHIP SUMMITS**

March 28-29, Indianapolis, IN

April 11-12, Kankakee, IL

For further information and to register go to: [www.nazarenesundayschool.org](http://www.nazarenesundayschool.org)

**FURTHER INFORMATION AT THE END OF THIS EUPDATE**

#### **CENTENNIAL RESOURCES DISTRICT TRAINING SESSION**

**April 17, District Office**

**9:00 a.m. to Noon**

This is a mandatory meeting for all senior pastors

<p><b>Please mark SEPTEMBER 11, 2008 for a final training event before CENTENNIAL SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2008</b></p>
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#### **DISTRICT TEAM RETREAT**

April 22-24, Oakwood Retreat Center, Syracuse, IN

Resource Person: Dr. Dan Spaite

Theme: “Sabbath”

Information on Dr. Dan Spaite: <http://www.azstarnet.com/sn/printDS/24827>

Dr. Dan Spaite is Spiritual Formation Director/Executive Pastor for Discipleship, Crossroads Church of the Nazarene, Phoenix, AZ and is also an emergency medicine physician and a tenured professor of emergency medicine at the University of Arizona

College of Medicine. He has presented this material at a number of District Pastor and Spouse's retreats with excellent feedback.

- Cost of Retreat: \$235 per couple; \$192 per single
- Retreat Registration Deadline: March 24
- You will be receiving registration information this week via snail mail.
- You may also register by e-mailing Sharon at: [sharonho@netnitco.net](mailto:sharonho@netnitco.net)

**Please Note: We had difficulty finding a location for our retreat this year for the dates we needed. We are going back to Oakwood Inn because they did have the dates available. We are currently exploring a different location for our retreat next year and will announce the location at the retreat.**

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### **CONTINUING EDUCATION EVENT**

Dr. Ken Priddy

Friday, May 16, 2008

9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

***“HOW TO DEVELOP LEADERS”***

*(Location and cost will be coming soon)*

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### **EVERYTHING STARTS WITH PRAYER**

***OF ALL THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF SPIRITUAL LEADERS***

***PRAYER IS, WITHOUT A DOUBT, FOUNDATIONAL FOR SPIRITUAL EMPOWERMENT  
AND MISSIONAL EFFECTIVENESS!***

**PASTORS, ARE WE PRAYING?**

**ARE WE LEADING OUR PEOPLE TO PRAY?**

**IS THE LOCAL CHURCH A HOUSE OF PRAYER?**

**(check out the International House of Prayer in Kansas City)**

**[www.ihop.org](http://www.ihop.org)**

**ARE THERE PRAYER ROOMS IN OUR CHURCHES?**

PRAYER RESOURCES ARE AVAILABLE ON THE DISTRICT WEB SITE

**[www.nwinazarene.org](http://www.nwinazarene.org)**

Also check out:

**<http://www.prayerleader.com>**

I have talked to several pastors recently who are using Rhonda Hughey's book

***“DESPERATE FOR HIS PRESENCE”***

*And are reporting excellent response!*

You can order it used for \$4.00 at **[www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)**

- Use it with your church board
- Use it as a Sunday School curriculum
- Use it as a Wednesday evening study
- Use it as a small group resource
- Use it as the basis for preaching a series

## **DISTRICT NMI CONVENTION AND ASSEMBLY**

Real Life Community, Portage, IN

### **Opening Celebration Service: Sunday, July 27**

- All NMI and Assembly Delegates **PLUS** 200 Jr. and Sr. High Students...  
and Nazarenes from across N.W. Indiana
- General Superintendent Dr. J.K. Warrick, Special Speaker

### **NMI CONVENTION**

NMI President Shawn Evans, Presiding  
Monday, July 28, 8:30 a.m.---Noon

### **DISTRICT ASSEMBLY**

Dr. J.K. Warrick, Presiding  
Monday, July 28, 1:30 p.m.---4:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, July 29, 8:30 a.m.---Noon

**Special Guest: Dr. Steve Weber, Kansas City Prayer Movement**

<p><b>PLEASE PRAY FOR BRIAN WILSON, DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT OF THE CHICAGO CENTRAL DISTRICT. BRIAN WILL BE UNDERGOING OPEN HEART SURGERY FOR TWO BY PASSES IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.</b></p>
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**MORE SPECIFICS FOR THE DISCIPLESHIP SUMMIT EVENTS  
HOSTED BY WOODIE STEVENS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRIES**

## **Lead Your Church to the Summit**

### **Connect with your ministry team.**

Your entire ministry leadership team is invited to create together your plan for making disciples who make disciples. Bring your pastoral and lay ministry leaders desiring to be fruitful disciple makers.

### **If you would like to...**

- discover what is working for your colleagues.
- be a fruitful disciple of Jesus Christ.
- help others make disciples.

### **If you want to move your ministry team beyond...**

- programs to relationships.
- membership to discipleship.
- self to Christlikeness.
- knowledge to obedience.
- Sunday to every day.

### **This is a chance to...**

- network with other local leaders.
- create the future of discipleship.
- share best practices of discipleship.
- examine what it means to be a disciple and a discipleship maker.
- find out how discipling children, youth and adults works in growing churches near you.
- explore eight principles of discipleship.
- discover three streams of discipleship practice.
- enhance your strategy for pursuing the mission.

Your summit is not a "ya'all come seminar." I want to listen to you and your ministry team leaders - including children, youth, and adult ministry directors - discuss being and making Christlike disciples. I want to explore with you the possibilities of your church expanding beyond Sunday programs to everyday disciples discipling disciples. I hope to see you at the Summit.

-Woodie J. Stevens