

eUpdate

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

ASSEMBLY REFLECTIONS

It was great to be with you at our recent Assembly. I thought Dr. J. K. Warrick was right on target every time he preached! It was my goal that this District Assembly be more than just a “business as usual” gathering. I hope that you sensed the presence of the Lord and were encouraged and strengthened by our times of worship. I especially hope that Steve Weber’s presentations found a responsive spot in your heart. I will be following up this eUpdate with additional thoughts regarding prayer....and becoming more “desperate for his presence.” The following is a copy of an e-mail I received from a member at Duneland Community. This is a young adult person who used to attend Granger Community and has never been a part of a denominational church.

I thought our GS was really a great speaker. I was thrilled that we had someone in charge who cares so much about prayer and the idea that we need to give everything to Christ. I loved the "altar" call he did at the end. His analogy of giving all your loaves and fishes really has stuck with me. I have refocused to make sure I am living more that way. I had gotten off track with the new baby and our illnesses.

We got to the Tuesday portion and they were running late so I was able to hear the pastoral reports while we waited to hear Steve Weber. It was really inspiring to hear how God is working in some of the churches in our district. I also was encouraged that many of the pastors are focusing more on prayer.

Steve Weber was the most humble and honest speaker I have heard for a long time. You could tell God was speaking through him. The group prayer time was wonderful. I want so badly to belong to a church that is truly desperate for God's presence and that is prayer centered. I am praying that DCC will become that place. Bethany Thomas

**CENTENNIAL REFRESHER TRAINING AND “ENDURING GIFTS
ENDOWMENT” OVERVIEW FOR SENIOR PASTORS**

Thursday, September 11
Logansport Church of the Nazarene
For Map Quest: 109 W. Clinton St
Logansport, IN 46947
9 am. to noon (ESDT)
Continental Breakfast: 8:30 a.m.
Lunch: Dutch Treat at local restaurant. We'll have a private room.

The “Refresher Training” will compose a small portion of our time together. I trust by now your Centennial Celebration plans are well along. The balance of the time will be given to a thorough overview of the “Enduring Gifts Endowment” Program. Kevin Stirratt with Segue Foundation will be with us to answer questions.

All Senior Pastors are expected to be present for this event!

“HIGH IMPACT REVITALIZATION” WITH DR. KEN PRIDDY
A “Stand Alone” Project 6:15, 2-Day Intensive

Friday, October 17
9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Session 1: 9 a.m. to Noon
Session 2: 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Session 3: 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, October 18
9 a.m. to noon – One Session Only
Location: District Office
Times are local time

- **Cost for current Project 6:15 participants: \$0.00**
- **Cost for new participants: The actual copying cost of the materials needed for the event. Dr. Priddy and I are currently working on the amount of material and will have a definite cost when he returns from China. By the way, his son is a starter on the US Volleyball Team. Look for #8.**

Note: On Thursday evening, October 16, pastors who are currently involved in Project 6:15 will meet with Dr. Priddy to evaluate progress, ask questions and share common problems and concerns.

Registration information will be sent next week!!



ESTHER HOPE GOES HOME

We have been praying for Scott and Terry Apple's preemie baby Esther Hope. It's been an incredible story of God's grace that Esther has been released from the hospital and is now home. It would be neat if many of you would send an e-mail to Scott and Terry assuring them of continued prayers and congratulations on having Esther home with them. Scott's e-mail is: scott@noblenaz.org

COMMENTS FROM J.K. WARRICK REGARDING NMI/NYI COLLABORATION

I thought it was noteworthy that Dr. Warrick mentioned that this was the best intergenerational experience he has seen with the combined efforts of NMI and NYI on Sunday night and the service projects for our students on Monday. **Congratulations and a big "Thank You" to Shawn Evans and Keith White who have made this intergenerational event happen the past couple of years.** On Sunday night, we had around 250 of our students present for the Mission USA Service. Praise the Lord!

DEMOTTE JUST CONCLUDES PRAYER SATURATION WEEKEND

The first of three "Prayer Saturation" weekends on the district with Stever Weber has just concluded this past Monday night.. I've received excellent feedback from Bill Hunter and Steve Weber regarding this event at the DeMotte Church. Please be praying for Richard Burdett/Lebanon and Mark DeYoung/Fairmeadow Community, who will be hosting this event the next two weekends.

PRAYER RESOURCES

I hope you have read the Prayer Resource information that were part of your pastor's packet at District Assembly. These items are also available on the home page of the district website. I'm a bit haunted by the statement made by a friend of Steve Weber who has been in the prayer movement for some years now,

"It's amazing how few people show up when the only reason for our gathering is God."

We will never experience the power, purity and fruitfulness that God has in mind for every local congregation unless the pastor intentionally and strategically leads the way. My prayer: "Lord, make our local churches houses of prayer."

NEWS FROM CHURCHES

Fairmeadow – Mark DeYoung reports a break-in at the church several days ago. Fortunately, only a small amount of petty cash was taken. Office equipment and two expensive guitars that could easily have been stolen were not disturbed.

Kokomo Bon Air – Dennis Riggs continues to make remarkable recovery from brain surgery. Continue to pray for Dennis as he regains full strength and returns to pastoral responsibilities in September.

Lafayette First: Pastor Troy Hochstetler and his wife Shari will experience their first Sunday at Lafayette First on August 24. How about sending a “welcome to Northwest Indiana” e-mail to Troy and Shari? troy.hochstetler@gmail.com

Noblesville – The pastoral search continues. Please pray for this congregation as they are going through a very difficult time. Dr. Mike Ross is serving as part-time interim pastor, preaching on Sundays and also doing assisting the church with a “self-study” in preparation for a new pastor.

Duneland Community – We have gone through the interview process for the candidate for senior pastor of Duneland Community. A vote of the congregation will be taken August 24. Please pray for this process to come to a successful conclusion.

Living Hope - Rich and Stacey Schmidt have returned from Guatemala where they went through intensive Spanish language training as a part of Rich’s sabbatical.



Real Life Portage Spanish recently held their first Family Retreat. Congratulations to Pastor Claudio and Fabiana!!

This congregation meets at Real Life Community in Portage each Sunday.