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

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS...THE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE CENTENNIAL SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2008

This coming Sunday is Centennial Sunday around the world as we celebrate 100 years of the existence of the Church of the Nazarene. It's good for us to celebrate our history and our heritage. Even more important, however, is to ask the question: “If we continue our present course, where will we be, not in 100 years...but 25 years, or 10 years...or 5 years?” I will be sending some thoughts later regarding the need for careful consideration of this question!

WE WELCOME NEW PASTORS TO THE DISTRICT



Lafayette First: Troy and Shari Hochstetler's first Sunday at Lafayette First was August 27, and the formal installation took place on September 7. Pastor Troy comes to us from Indianapolis First Church where he was on staff for 5 years. Previous to that assignment he was a student at Nazarene Theological Seminary. Troy and Shari have a daughter, Kyla, 18 months old. **Welcome, Troy and Shari!!**

Duneland Community (Chesterton): Greg and Gretchen Arthur will begin their ministry at Duneland Community November 3. Greg has served as Associate Pastor at Christ United Methodist Church in Chapel Hill, N.C. for 5 years. He is an ordained elder in the Church of the Nazarene. Greg and Gretchen have two children, Sophia age 5, Logan 19 months. **Welcome, Greg and Gretchen, to N. W. Indiana**



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HIGH IMPACT CHURCH REVITALIZATION OCTOBER 17 AND 18

A "Stand Alone" 2 Day Intensive focusing on Church Revitalization

October 17: 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

October 18: 9:00 a.m. to noon

LOCATION

Southlake Church of the Nazarene
Off of I-65, exit east toward Valparaiso
Church is on the right 8 minutes from I-65

Detailed Information: <http://www.nwinazarene.org/page.aspx?id=349248>

14 Pastors are currently registered for this event could change the future for pastors who attend and aggressively implement the principles Dr. Priddy will be presenting!

TOM HUNTER DISTRICT SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRIES DIRECTOR



I'm delighted to announce that Pastor Tom Hunter (Covington), has agreed to serve the district in this important position. Initial planning for new directions in Sunday School Ministries will be taking place in the immediate future. Be looking for details!!



Sunday School and Discipleship Ministries International (SDMI) **2008 Sunday School Emphasis**

The fall Sunday School emphasis will coincide with the Church of the Nazarene's Centennial Celebration. [Click here for the weekly activities.](#)

The Master's Plan 2008

You are invited to the second international convention The Master's Plan 2008, "The Power of His Presence." [Click here for more information.](#)

Global Discipleship Summit

On November 1, 2008, materials will be released for all ministry leaders who seek to make Christlike disciples. [Click here for more information.](#)

JERRY WALWORTH ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT

Pastor Jerry Walworth has announced his retirement from active pastoral ministry. Jerry and Jean began their ministry at Hobart in January of 1971. January of 2009 would have marked 38 years of ministry to Hobart and the N.W. Indiana District. A retirement reception will be held at the church fellowship hall on Saturday, October 25 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Jerry's and Jean's last Sunday will be October 26.



I know you join me in congratulating Jerry and Jean at this important transition time in their lives and ministry. They will continue to live in Hobart in a home they have purchased for retirement.

NEWS FROM CHURCHES

- **Fairmeadow:** Significant damage has been experienced in the Calumet region because of the recent floods. Many homes in Munster have been damaged, some beyond repair. Many families had no flood insurance. Fairmeadow Communityh invited the congregation at Southside Christian in Munster to worship with them 2 Sundays ago because of the severe damage to their sanctuary. Pray for Mark DeYoung and his congregation as they are ministering in the midst of these tragic circumstances.

ALSO... Todd and Raquel Forrest have been helping in the relief effort. We will be meeting with those in the area soon to determine if what we can do as a district to assist in the recovery effort.

Noblesville: Continue to pray for this congregation during this challenging time. Mike Ross has been playing a significant role as interim pastor working with the board and congregation on issues important to the future of the church and the arrival of a new pastor. In the next few weeks crucial decisions will be made toward next steps for the congregation. Thanks for praying for Noblesville!

South Bend First: The Advisory Board recently approved a loan of up to \$1.2 million for the construction of new facilities at South Bend First. Congratulations to Pastor Dave Bartley and the S.B. 1st Congregation at this exciting time!

- **West Lebanon:** Sunday October 5, the West Lebanon Congregation will be voting on a new pastor. Please pray for this congregation at this important time of seeking pastoral leadership!

The annual District Pastoral Team Christmas Banquet will take place on Friday evening, December 5. Details of location and program will be coming soon. Be sure this date is reserved on your calendar!!