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



WISHING ALL OF YOU A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!

Alice and I will be leaving in the morning (Friday) for Georgia and Tennessee where we will be spending Christmas with family. With Brian, Julie and Justin in the Philippines and Justin and Kim in Seattle, unfortunately we won't be with either of the boys and their spouses.

God has blessed us with a wonderful district family. We appreciate each of you and pray 2009 will be a year of becoming more desperate for His presence for all of us!

HOLINESS TODAY SUBSCRIPTIONS

The month of February is our district's emphasis month for *Holiness Today* subscriptions. The subscription goal for each church is 20% of your Sunday morning worship attendance. The main goal of *Holiness Today*, however, is to partner with pastors to help bring the message of holiness into the every day lives of every person. *Holiness Today* can be ordered by phone by calling 1-800-877-0700 or by e mail at subscriptions@nph.com. Please make promoting *Holiness Today* a priority during the month of February.

CHANGE IN DISTRICT ASSEMBLY DATES

As previously announced, our district assembly this year will be June 7-9 at Kokomo First Church. Schedule is as follows:

Sunday Evening, June 7, 6:00 p.m.: Mission USA Celebration Service
NMI Convention: Monday, June 8, 8:30—Noon:

District Assembly Session 1: Monday, June 8, 1:30 p.m.—4:30 p.m.
Ordination Service: Monday evening, June 8, 7:00 p.m.
District Assembly Session 2: Tuesday, June 9, 8:30 a.m.—Noon

ADDITIONS TO THE DISTRICT TEAM

Congratulations to the following couples who are expecting additions to their families in the near future: Dave and Jolyne Bartley, Jeremy and Jessica Byler and Troy and Shari Hochstetler. I know you join me in praying for normal deliveries and healthy babies!

KOKOMO FIRST ANNOUNCES GRAND OPENING

The weekend of March 13-15 has been announced as the grand opening of Kokomo First's new facilities. Tentative plans call for a Friday night concert, a Saturday open house with an evening Celebration Service and one combined service on Sunday.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS REGARDING FRESH ENCOUNTER

Date: January 19-21, 2009

Place: Lindenwood Retreat Center

Cost: \$91 double occupancy, 2 nights, 6 meals; \$120.50 single occupancy, 2 nights, 6 meals.

Deadline for registration: January 9, 2009

(We will be responsible for payment of all rooms reserved, whether or not they are actually used)

You can find the latest information regarding "The Fresh Encounter" at
www.nwinazarene.org

NEWS FROM CHURCHES

Covington: Congratulations to Tom Hunter and his congregation on a major remodeling of their building. This will provide additional fellowship space as well as a more functional arrangement.

Crawfordsville: Mike Uhl will be on sabbatical the entire month of January. Congratulations Mike!

Fairmeadow Community: Mark DeYoung has announced that a major remodeling of their fellowship hall is well underway. This remodeling is for the purpose of developing a youth center for outreach to the community. A recent presentation by the church to the school board resulted in enthusiastic, positive response.

Frankfort First: Gregg Davis announced great compassionate outreaches around Thanksgiving: 12 Thanksgiving baskets to the needy, food pantry serving nearly 80 families, Thanksgiving dinner served to 85 needy in the community, as well as a

Christmas toy drive, Angel Tree/Shoebox Ministry and the delivery of 462 crisis care kits to the Maryland distribution center.

Highland: Jake Lee reports the best statistical month since his arrival. New mission initiatives included the congregation's involvement at the Good Samaritan Soup Kitchen as well as final planning for the Celebrate Recovery Program.

Hobart: We welcome Bob and Kay Lothenore to the Northwest Indiana District. Bob and Kay were introduced at the recent Christmas banquet. Bob will be serving as interim pastor at Hobart for a period of time.

Kokomo First: David Leeder announces the "Grand Opening" of their new building in March.

North Communities: David Anderson informed me that Steve Weber will be doing a prayer emphasis the Saturday and Sunday prior to the "Fresh Encounter" district event in January.

South Bend First: David Bartley reports plans for a major expansion of the facilities at South Bend First are well underway. Financing and building plans are being finalized with construction to follow as soon as weather permits.

Kokomo Bon Air: Dennis Riggs informs me that Bon Air Café, an acoustical evening around coffee, cakes, and candles was held recently in the family life center with new people attending the event.

Portage Grace: Mark Hostetler reports 11 families (10 outside the congregation) received Thanksgiving baskets and turkeys at Thanksgiving time. New mission initiatives include a February 20-hour Famine and an Extreme '09 Peru Work and Witness involvement.

Michiana Hispanic: Hernan Osorio reports new home Bible Studies have begun on Wednesday evenings.

"The Word became flesh, and dwelt among us. And we beheld His Glory. Glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth!"

May your Christmas be filled with the very presence of God, and His grace and peace in fullest measure!!