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

LOCAL CONGREGATIONS OCCUPY NEW SPACE

Valpo Nazarene Church worshipped in their new worship center for the first time Sunday, July 12. This major construction project has been in process for the past year and a half. Congratulations to Pastor Gene Tanner and Executive Pastor Shawn Evans, who oversaw the building construction, on the successful completion of this historic project.

Interim Pastor Bob Lothenore has led the **Hobart** congregation in a move from their church building to a leased facility. Their first Sunday to worship in the new space was July 5. This is an important step forward for the Hobart congregation and I know you join me in offering congratulations and prayers for the continued Revitalization of this congregation.

Pastor Greg Arthur recently showed me through the new space **Duneland Community** occupied for the first time July 19. This is a major move for this congregation! They have been worshipping in a school auditorium in Chesterton for a number of years. This new space will give significant flexibility they have not enjoyed up to this time.

Pastor Rich Schmidt has announced the transition of **Living Hope** to a new location. Since the church was planted nine years ago they have been meeting in a banquet center in Valparaiso. The new leased facilities will give them seven day a week availability they've not had in their previous location.

OUR FAMILY CENTER RECEIVES 2GRANTS

I'm delighted to announce that Our Family Center has received a very important grant of \$25,000 from the City of Hammond. They also have been successful in receiving a grant from the Legacy Foundation specifically to be utilized in their “Say Yes!” program.

These two grants represent significant breakthroughs in the continuation of Our Family Center in Hammond.

NEW STAFF

Kokomo Bon Air –Tyler Dunlop has joined the staff as Music and Worship Pastor at Kokomo Bon Air. His first Sunday is August 16. We welcome Tyler and Carey Dunlop and their two sons Sam and Regi to the district!

Noblesville – Daryl Trotter has joined the staff at Noblesville as Administrative Pastor. Daryl has been closely involved with Pastor Mike Ross in “The Pastor’s Institute.”

COMING EVENTS

August 22 - “Q-Fest ‘09” – Children’s Quiz Kick Off – Lafayette 1st, 12-2 p.m. EST

August 29 – District Golf Outing at Swan Lake Course, Plymouth, IN (To register: www.valponaz.org click on Schedule and Resources under Quick Links.

October 3 – Women’s Ministries Retreat: “Sweet Life Café”, Real Life Community, Portage, IN; 9-4 p.m. CST. To register go to www.nwinazarene.org and click on Sunday School, registration information will be there.

MINISTRY EQUIPPING DAY SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 **FOCUS: MAKING CHRISTLIKE DISCIPLES**

Guest Children’s Presenter: Dr. Leon Blanchette

Location: South Lake Church

Details for this important event are still in the planning stages. Additional information regarding presenters and subject areas will be available soon.



The Ross’s and Garcias

CONGRATULATIONS TO NOBLESVILLE AS **THEY INITIATE THEIR SPANISH MINISTRIES** **RESTART**

From Pastor Mike Ross: “Excitement was high around Noble Naz this morning (August 2). We kicked off our new Spanish Ministry and the event was exhilarating. The Spanish and English speaking congregations came together in unity and mutual commitment. The new Spanish Ministries pastor,

Freddy Garcia, is an incredible man. He and I both spoke and he was outstanding. Several of the Spanish folks joined our Praise Team and Worship Band. The Spanish service will begin next week at 10:30. The future looks bright.”

NEW WEBSITE FOR PASTOR'S WIVES

PoWeR— the Pastors' Wives Resources website provides resources for the parsonage family. It is also a place where you Pastors' wives will find a common bond with those who constantly face the joy and challenges of parsonage life. **Pastors...Please pass this information along to your wife!** Access the site at <http://pwr.nazarene.org/> for more complete information!