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RESOURCE CENTER MISSION STATEMENT

**WE EXIST TO RESOURCE
AND
SUPPORT OUR PASTORS
AND CHURCHES
TO ASSIST THEM
IN BUILDING
HEALTHY MINISTRIES.**

Jesus bent down and started to write on the ground with his finger. When they kept on questioning him, he straightened up and said to them, "If anyone of you is without sin, let him be the first to throw a stone at her." Again, he stooped down and wrote on the ground.
John 8:6b-8

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prairie camp

July 24 — August 3



Camp Speaker, Steve Jones

A NOTE FROM OUR CAMP SPEAKER:

Brothers and sisters, I am excited about spending time at Prairie Street Camp with you all. I know that God is going to do great things among us.

Please pray even now...

- That the Lord would direct me as I pray and prepare the messages for your services,
- That He would work in the lives of those who will be coming to the services, even if they do not yet know that they will be invited,
- That the enemy of our souls would not be able to distract, divide or discourage people from attending camp or hearing what the Spirit wants to say to them, and
- That the Spirit of God would refresh, challenge and transform the lives of His people during our ten days together.

I know that the Lord is gracious and responds to His people's prayers, and it is very important to me that we bathe this entire camp meeting in prayer. I would never want our days together to result in "hey, that was nice. A good year at camp?" when the Lord wanted there to be a special visitation of holiness and power upon His people. As we each set our personal expectations or what God will do for us at camp, The danger is not that we aim too high and miss it, but that we aim too low and hit it. Let's invest prayer time in preparing our hearts. I look forward to our time together!

-Steve Jones

Come, explore,

and see how Jesus wants to tailor you!

Family Camp Activities include:

- Family Fun Time Carnival
- Movie night in the Tabernacle
- Hymn sing around the campfire
- Family Hot Dog Roast
- Basketball Tournament
- Family Campfire S'mores/Hayride
- JOY Rally
- Father/Son Picnic
- Bike Ride Fundraiser
- Children's Programming
- Youth Night
- Kickball

See the Family Camp Brochure for additional activities and information or visit our website at www.prairiecamp.org.



CHURCH UPDATES & NEWS

Networking

Pray for our churches who are seeking their next pastor:
Burr Oak Missionary Church
Gospel Center Missionary Church



Congratulations to **Pastor Johnny and Heather Raber** (LaGrange MC) on the birth of their son, **John Dawson** on February 27th.

Congratulations to **Pastor Brad and Kelsey Bullock** (New Life Fellowship) on the birth of their son, **Westin James** on June 26th.



Congratulations to **Rev. Dale and Elaine Walterhouse** (Pleasant Hill MC) who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary this year!



Continue to pray for those who are attending our summer camps at **Prairie Camp** and the decisions that are being made.



Hillside Gospel/Bluegrass Jamboree takes place each month at **Hillside Missionary Church** on the 3rd Thursday from 6:30—9:00pm. For more information: 574-784-8222.

Church of the Month

Diamond Cove Missionary Church

Rev. Charlie Keller (on right)



On May 24, Diamond Cove hosted a "Biker Day" with over 50 bikes and 150 people gathered for Sunday music, preaching and a barbecue. Four people made commitments to follow Jesus Christ! This was their 5th annual Biker Day, but the new ingredient this year was leadership provided by a Christian biker association called H.I.M. They are based out of the Detroit metro region but headed up in their area by a new family attending the fellowship. "We thank God for the move of His Spirit among us at this event!" -Charlie Keller



LaPorte Missionary Church (Rev. Carl Galloway) reports record attendance of 251 for their May 31st services. They held a children's dedication service and dedicated five children from four families. "God is working and we are praising Him."

-Pastor Carl



New Paris Missionary Church, Rev. David Hackney, had the privilege of officiating for the dedication of seven children to the Lord on Sunday, June 7th during a special service at the church.



Warsaw Missionary Church (Rev. Jim Beeler) had the unique opportunity to celebrate a mortgage burning and a ground breaking on the very same day! On May 31st representatives from the county, city, denomination, North Central District and United Missionary Loans and Investments had the privilege of taking part in the ceremony as well as DJ Construction and Church Growth Services. The church paid off the original note to UML&I and also began construction on their new multi-purpose expansion. It was a special day of remembering the church's history as well as looking toward the future.



General Conference

Ask the Lord of the Harvest is this year's theme for the **20th Missionary Church General Conference**, July 14-17, hosted by Bethel College, Mishawaka, Indiana. Two notable speakers will join the conference: Jim Cymbala and Jerry B. Jenkins.

Concert of Prayer—Beginning at 9:00am on July 13th you are welcome to come to lift up the needs of the Missionary Church. Dr. Ben Jennings, International Prayer Director for Campus Crusade for Christ and long time ordained minister in the Missionary Church will be the leader.

Senior's Day — A new pre-conference event is scheduled for Monday, July 13th, *Celebrating the Past, Embracing the Future* for those 60 plus years of age. Don't miss an afternoon and evening of great songs, good preaching, laughing, former quartets and trios, delicious meal, awards, historical review, etc. Steve and Maria Gardner, along with Dr. Paul Robbins, will be present to help with music. Dr. Jay Kesler will be speaking in the afternoon session. The evening service will focus exclusively on the vintage music many grew up with. The cost is \$17.50 per person (reduced rate) which includes what has been listed plus more.

For more information on General Conference go to our website: www.mcncd.org and click on the Resources tab. There you will find the Missionary Church, Inc. link. Or you can call 260.747.2027 and ask for Lynn.



The Revolution (Rev. Ryan Flemming) has received a donation of a beautiful 1968 Mustang Coupe from a friend that sensed the Lord leading him to give it to them to sell for the ministry! They are currently trying to sell it with all proceeds going to The Revolution. One of the things they'd like to use the money for is to purchase a BADLY needed church van so they can pick up people for church. If you are interested or know of someone who may be, you can contact Pastor Ryan (aka DJ Rhino) at 219.985.1891 or www.therevolutionchurch.net.

Networking

simply jesus

During Teen Camp we are going to discover the "whole" Jesus. We will explore the person who became angry at the temple, the man who walked on water, and the Teacher who chose everyday teenagers to be his disciples. Jesus Christ was an incredible man while walking on this earth and it's time for us to see who he is so we can begin to understand who we are. Come and explore with us!

Speaker: Brad Reimer
Worship: David Cummings
Check in: Sunday, July 26
Check out: Saturday, August 1
Pick up your registrations at your local church or at the District Resource Center.

2009-2010 **Children's Quiz** Season begins soon. You can prepare ahead by studying Luke 1-11. Two helpful books are *Luke for Everyone* by Tom Wright and the *NIV Application Commentary "Luke"* by Darrell L. Bock. The 2009 quiz dates are:
October 17
November 14
December 12

Any questions? Contact Rev. Diane Howard: diane32056@msn.com.

Teen Quizzing has a 3 minute promotion video that is available by contacting Chris Greeney at: cgreeney@sbcglobal.net. Chris is willing to present the teen quizzing program for your church and can organize mock quizzes with teams for your group so you can experience what a quiz entails! Did you know that Bethel College has endorsed the value of Bible Quizzing and is offering a wide variety of scholarships to our quizzers? You'll want to get involved now!

If your church would like to list items to sell or give away in this column, please send an email to: cheryl@mcncd.org by the 20th of the month.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



July

- 3 District Resource Center closed
- 4 Independence Day
- 5 Stats due
- 6-10 Preteen Camp Week
- 9-11 International Quiz Finals
- 13-17 General Conference
- 15-17 Rookie Camp
- 24-Aug 2 Family Camp

DISTRICT PRAYER UPDATE

Recent Prayer Requests and Praises:

- **Ethan Nicholls (Jason & Terri)** (Redeemer), 6 month old following heart surgery on June 24th. He is home recovering! Continue to pray for healing and good weight gain.
- **Dr. Norman Bridges** (NCMEF— Director) Pray for healing from the June 2nd surgery.
- **Rev. Mike Peter's family** following the home going of his brother-in-law in June.
- **Dr. Al Beutler's wife, Barbara**, had knee replacement surgery on June 11th.
- **Rev. Don Conrad's family** following the home going of his 23 yr. old grandson in June.
- **Rev. Brent Danielson** (LaGrange) following knee surgery and now physical therapy from a previous injury.
- **Rev. Mike Cain's wife, Kathy**, (Lake), has recently been hospitalized for colitis and his **mother** has been diagnosed with breast cancer with treatment to be scheduled.
- The family of **Rev. Matt Yoder** (Liberty) after the home going of his grandmother.
- **Rev. Chuck & Nancy Lambdin** beginning a new ministry in Texas and needing to sell their home in Mendon, Michigan.
- **Maggie Jernas**, who is 3 years old, has been diagnosed with cancer in her bone marrow. Maggie's parents are **Rodney and Rachel Jernas**, on staff at Nappanee Missionary Church. **Rev. Bill & Silvia Greenwood's** (Pleasant Ridge) granddaughter.
- Pray for the smooth transition of our new **District Superintendent, Rev. Chris Knight** and **Assistant to the District Superintendent, Mr. Dan Bridges**.
- Continue to pray for the health issues of some of the spouses of our pastors: **Nancy Lee Ashley, Angie Lamason, Cindy Maynard, Jean Breniser**.