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The Chicago District Evangelistic Association is a single purpose ministry. Christians can be involved in many good works, but none as basic as evangelism—the preaching and teaching of the message and life of Jesus for the purpose of bringing people to a personal and eternal relationship with God. All other ministries either lead to or rest upon this foundational work .

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New Church News



**NORTH POINT
CHRISTIAN CHURCH**
Reaching Up • Reaching Out • Reaching In

BLAST ZONES—TOUCHING LIVES

North Point Church in Winthrop Harbor, IL launched 13 weeks of VBS for the summer recently. We meet in various backyards of members and invite the neighborhood kids to take part in a five night VBS. Plans call for several of the weeks to have two each week with our children's director leading each of the weeks. We are now through five weeks with over 100 in attendance—**70% of the children are from outside the church.** Our approach to VBS is for outreach to new people. The Friday night is a family night and everyone joins collectively for a party together! We are reaching families through the children! Three of the weeks are in our Warren Campus area which will open in late October.

www.mfoster12.blogspot.com



News From Parkview, Lockport

Construction is progressing at the Lockport facility, with new lighting, audio-visual and cosmetic changes remaining to be completed. There is a healthy launch team forming in preparation for the September 21st birth of the new church. There are several preview services planned prior to opening Sunday and the first mass mailing to 50,000 area homes has gone out into the community announcing the new church. To follow the progress of this new church, go to:
http://parkviewlockport.typepad.com/parkview_lockport_blog/2008/07



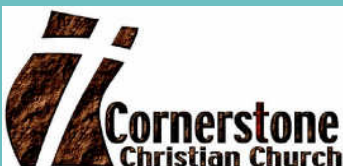
Suncrest-East update

We've had overwhelming support in two ways from the Suncrest family. First, our launch team is at 120 people! That is so exciting and allows us to launch very strongly. Second, our goal of receiving \$100,000 in our Exponential offering has been passed! God has truly blessed this effort to launch a second campus in the Merrillville/Hobart area. We are working hard to be a presence in the community and finding ways to pour love on the community. We had a launch team picnic recently in which I invited my neighbors. Now to truly appreciate this, they are neighbors who have been resistant to coming to Suncrest because of the distance from our houses to Suncrest. But they jumped at the chance to come to our picnic. And we were able to bless them with some groceries we did not use for the picnic. Beyond that there is such a sense of partnership for mission from the launch team. Everyone is genuinely excited about what God is going to do through Suncrest-East. Doug Gamble Lead Evangelist.
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Recently at Cornerstone Christian Church, a man walked up to me after a service and immediately began to laugh. Even for us this is an unusual occurrence, so I asked if everything was okay. The man stopped and just said, "sure, I saw you as Rocky on your YouTube channel!" Now let me explain. My associate minister (Kipp Dincler) and I frequently create videos to enhance our worship services. They have been very effective and many are intended to be humorous or demonstrate a small point.

We also take these videos and place them on our own "YouTube Channel" (www.youtube.com/cccg). This option is completely free and allows us to share our message with more people, including this man. The video he was referring to was a video spoof with me as Rocky Balboa that went along with a message series.

I learned something valuable, that many different methods can communicate our message. Sometimes even a silly little video on the Internet can open the door just enough to share the words of life that we have been entrusted to spread.



Moving Forward



At Impact Christian Church, the phrase, "Move Forward" has become more than a cliché, but what we believe the way God

wants to continue to use this new church. Still grieving the loss of their lead church planter, Steve Szoke, the people of Impact have rallied around the vision and passion that was inside Steve's heart. Before Steve's passing, May-June had been designated "Decision Month." The results of that emphasis are still being reaped, with baptisms, decisions to serve, get involved and share financially in the ministry.

Vacation Bible School is underway this week with over 40 children registered and several Impact people working all over. And, in keeping with the church's emphasis to minister to men, a "Guy's Video Game Night" has been planned for July 13, after the VBS closing program that morning.

Impact Christian Church is moving forward and will continue to live out the vision of Steve Szoke to reach people that 'fall through the cracks of life.' Steve's dad, Bob Szoke, is leading the Impact ministry team along with Jon Spencer and Jake Garcia (intern). Thank you for your prayers. Attendance continues to grow, with June averages over 100 weekly. bszoke@cdea.org.



This Sunday over 3/4 of our church will be in the Bourbonnais Friendship Festival Parade. We're handing out over 6000 freezer popsicles and invite cards to our church. A

picture of the invite card is shown below. We had them produced professionally. The theme this year is "Big-Top Bourbonnais" It's a clown/circus theme.

We are also having a come to church...go to Splash Valley for FREE day on July 20th.



Invite card

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COMMUNITY
CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Connect >> ME:OTHERS Connect
2 weeks ago one of our Plainfield small groups went to the "Feed My Starving Children" warehouse in Aurora. **FMSC is an organization that sends over 50 Million meals a year to under resourced areas around the world.** On a Thursday night this small group helped package and ship **13,000 meals** to be sent out around the world. I love seeing families and small groups contribute and impact the world together!

Contribute >> ME:WORLD SERVEFEST. Two more weekends are planned this summer for ServeFest, July 19th and Saturday August 16. *Interfaith Food Pantry in Plainfield and *Feed My Starving Children in Aurora from 9-11am **CANNED FOOD DRIVE** This summer we are going to continue our partnership with the Interfaith Food Pantry in Plainfield.

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DOLLARS It's still worth it!
& SENSE Starting new churches is still worth

every dollar given to support this great venture. Compared with last year at this time, CDEA will be instrumental in the launching of 7 new churches across Chicagoland! And, each of these new churches/campuses will have within them the DNA to reproduce themselves!

New church work is one of the greatest things in the world in which to invest. Each new church/campus launch will seek to reach people that are either overlooked or not accessible by existing churches. Yes, the CDEA is a great place to invest in the future of Chicagoland, today. Please use the enclosed envelope for **your** next gift.