

Baptisms

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Longview



New Nazarenes

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Began ministry in June 2005



Longview Nazarene

Organized 1951

This past year at Longview has been a year of continued change and progress. One of the best things about our church is the quality of our lay leadership. Many of them have been in leadership positions for many years. However, a significant number of young and new-to-our-church people are being added to the leadership ranks. The transition from historic forms of ministry is very difficult, but the core of our church is very committed to becoming a church that is aggressively reaching the surrounding communities for Christ and for the Church of the Nazarene.

One major change we have made this past year revolves around how we utilize Sunday evenings. For many years our church has had a very strong Sunday evening traditional church service. However, when we got serious about how this service was helping us reach lost people for Christ, it became apparent that we needed to make some changes. The result has been the birth of Longview Nazarene University on Sunday evenings. We now provide many Sunday evening classes on a seasonal basis that help us develop leaders in order to increase our ministry base.

There have been two other major shifts in ministry at Longview Nazarene this past year. The first is in our intentional transition to disciple-making. We hosted Pastors Craig Rench (Anaheim 1st) and David Rhone (San Bernardino Master's Plan) to assist us in the journey of both being more mature disciples of Christ Jesus and to be more efficient disciple makers! The other shift has been in becoming more effective in greeting newcomers to our church. In this matter we hosted Richard Leidke from Vancouver 1st Church of God.

We definitely thank God for the privilege of serving alongside the awesome LCN believers and in one of the most beautiful settings in the entire State of Washington!

-Wes Smith