

## RELIGION

# Local church to celebrate denomination's centennial anniversary on October 5th

On October 5, 2008, the First Church of the Nazarene in Kings Mountain will join with 18,000 other Nazarene churches in 151 world areas to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Church of the Nazarene.

Preparations for the day began in 2004 with the writing and translation of materials sent to every Nazarene church across the globe. The plan is that all 1.6 million members of the church will hear the same sermon, celebrate with the same music, and participate in the same readings in 24 time zones on the same day.

"Our congregation is excited to celebrate this anniversary with all of our Nazarene family around the world," said Rev. Michael Daugherty, pastor of KM's First Church of the Nazarene. "At the same time, we want to emphasize that the family never stops growing, and there is plenty of room for all. In our society today, it seems that relationships often don't last very long. We invite our community to join us on October 5 to see relationships that have remained strong for 100 years."

Currently meeting at the Kings Mountain YMCA, the congregation held a special ground breaking service earlier this year to celebrate

the beginning of construction for their new church facilities. The church purchased 33 acres at 121 Countryside Road for the project that will include a new sanctuary and Sunday School facilities. The October 5 anniversary celebration at First Church of the Nazarene will begin at 10 a.m. at the pavilion on the congregation's new property.

The special service will be followed by lunch, activities and fellowship time for all ages, concluding with a singspiration and closing time of prayer.

The Church of the Nazarene has its roots in Methodism, drawn from the teachings of English evangelist John Wesley (1703-1791). The denomination was established in October 1908 in Pilot Point, Texas, the culmination of mergers of several like-minded groups. The mission of the Church of the Nazarene is to make Christlike disciples in the nations.

With a long history of mission work and 20th- and 21st-century advances in communication and transportation, the Church of the Nazarene has deliberately decided to steer an international course.

"A century ago, the Nazarenes were an American family with relatives in other countries,"

dio. The Camille Putnam Photography studio is currently open by appointment only. But regular office hours may be offered in the next few weeks. Putnam said that in addition to studio shoots, she also offers her services to covering special events, like weddings. Customers will soon have the option of reviewing and ordering proofs on-line at [camilleputnam.com](http://camilleputnam.com)

The daughter of two local business owners, Mark (landscaping) and Cindy Brown (Chloe's Boutique), Camille resides in Kings Mountain with her husband Rusty Putnam and their two children, Cooper, 4, and Kinley, 2.

For more information or to schedule a session, call 704-739-1499.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

The above photo was taken in Pilot Point, Texas in 1908 on the, now historic, site of the merger that created The Church of the Nazarene.

wrote Stan Ingersol, the denomination's archivist, in a brief history of the group. "Today we are an international family of districts and congregations planted on each of Earth's inhabited continents. No single language, race, or nationality claims a majority of our members," according to [nazarene.org](http://nazarene.org)

Attesting to the success of the denomination's interna-

tional initiative, the Church of the Nazarene now includes graduate theological seminaries in North America, Central America, and Asia-Pacific; liberal arts colleges in Africa, Canada, Korea, and the United States; nearly 40 theological schools worldwide; hospitals in Swaziland, India, and Papua New Guinea; radio broadcasts in 30 languages; and printed materials in 103

languages. At the Church of the Nazarene's quadrennial general assembly in 2001, 42 percent of delegates either spoke English as a second language or did not speak the language at all.

The denomination has been headquartered in Kansas City, Missouri, since 1912. The First Church of the Nazarene in Kings Mountain was established in 1940.

## PHOTOGRAPHY

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and so she decided, one day, to pursue that calling professionally. The next morning she received a phone call from her mother, who told her that the photography studio, which Joan Crawford opened as Studio J in the 1990s before it was sold to Mike and Susan Johnsonbaugh, was up for sale. With great support from her husband and family, she went for it.

"This has been an awesome experience for me," she said on Friday. "Photography is telling a story and capturing individuals and their personalities as the story unfolds."

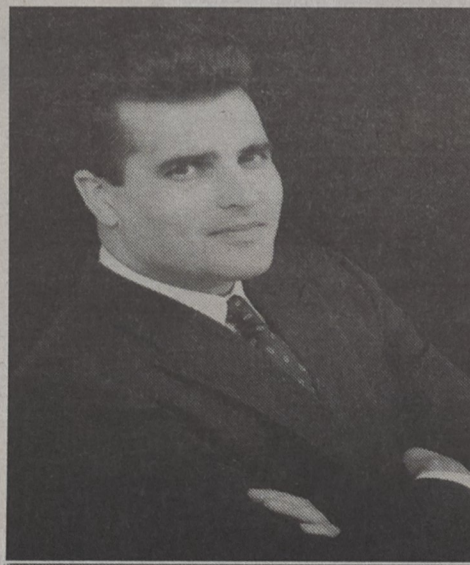
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