



CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



Congratulations to Hemet's Grace Academy

Congratulations to Hemet Church of the Nazarene in Hemet, California, for recognizing a need for Christian education in its community. They are opening Grace Academy this fall.

The need. After more than 25 years, Hemet's Community Christian School is shutting down. Although the campus is staying open until the end of the school year, the closure has left many parents and students scrambling to find another private, Christian school to fit their needs. The school had considered various options for staying open, but it decided that it was best for the church to close its school with over 100 students.

The need met. One option is Grace Academy, a new school opening this fall at Hemet Church of the Nazarene. Although the name may be different, many of the teachers and other staff members from Community Christian will be coming over to the new school. The new school, on the Nazarene church's 14-acre campus, includes up to six classrooms, a chapel, and space that will be constructed into a playground. The grounds also have a large grassy space that could be made into a sports park.

When the Hemet Church of the Nazarene moved to its current location near Florida Avenue and Soboba Street in 2008, it was built with a school in mind. "The intention was to start a school, but with the downturn in the economy, Christian schools in the valley have faced some hard times," said the church's pastor, Jim Dorsey. "Christian education is almost a luxury for most families." He said the timing has worked out well for the church and the school. "We're very excited about it," he said. "We're looking for students, and they're looking for a school. It's kind of a win-win situation."

Dorsey said he hopes to start Grace Academy with 100 students for the first year. "I think that's a doable goal," he said. "That would keep the cost down on the students' tuition and would enable us to keep the school in operation."

Nazarene Educators Worldwide applauds this church for recognizing and meeting the need of Christian education for their community.

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