

# #10 Nappanee Missionary Church

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## History:

- The years between 2000 and 2002 were busy for Nappanee Missionary Church and DJ Construction, as the two partnered on a three-phase project. In the end, 83,520 sq. ft. of space was added in this integrated design and build project, doubling the space of the 125 year-old church. Phase 1 focused on the office wing; phase 2 consisted of the building of classrooms and a Grand Hall; and phase 3 included the construction of a gymnasium which soon became home to the “Connection” services. The exterior of these projects was matched to six other previous additions to the building, giving the structure a unified appearance.
- The 9,100 sq. ft. Grand Hall provides ground and second floor access to the sanctuary and classrooms; it also serves as a central fellowship and gathering space. One end of the hall contains a two-story glass wall that floods the area with natural light.
- While the education facilities were expanded for all ages, special attention was given to the Children’s Ministry Center with attractive themes and interactive play areas. The Student Ministry Center, named “The Fieldhouse,” has booths and hanging out space around the perimeter.
- DJ returned to Nappanee Missionary Church in 2012 to renovate the children’s and nursery areas, also a multi-phase project. The project included improved mechanical systems, finishes, theming updates, lobby renovation, and the creation of a mother’s room and meeting area.

“It’s no surprise that our largest church project to date would be for the largest church in Elkhart County. And that first project for NMC has led to some amazing personal relationships as well. Pastor Dave Engbrecht and Pastor Joe Focht are now good friends as well as mentors to me in the areas of church growth and church leadership. What’s really amazing is to look back now and see how God used this project to carry out His plan. Our project manager, Dan Jacobs, developed relationships that led him to first attend NMC and later join their teams on short-term mission trips. God used those experiences to call Dan and his family into full-time mission work as they have since left DJ and the US to serve as directors of a Baby Center in Kenya.”

--Bob Schrock, CEO  
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