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## **Gateway Church of the Nazarene**

*Oskaloosa, Iowa*

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### **Project:**

Relocation: Multi-Ministry Center | Lobby | Cafe and Bookstore | Children's Wing  
Children's Worship | Indoor Playland | Youth Center with Gaming Area | Office Suite  
Classrooms | Commercial Kitchen

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### **Square Feet:**

51,967 New Facility

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### **Project Completed:**

Spring 2011

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## Design and Ministry Needs

In the early months of 2006 First Church of the Nazarene's worship center burnt to the ground. While it was a devastating day, it was the beginning of a journey that would deliver the church to a new location and new opportunity.

Initially, the church had to decide whether they should rebuild on their existing site or seek new, more prominent property. Studies were completed to determine the viability of meeting their ministry vision on new vs. old, and the resulting decision set the relocation process in motion.

## Highlights

Gateway to the City of Oskaloosa! 30 Foot Cross, flexible 750 seat multi-ministry worship space with theatrical platform complimented by an appropriately sized and naturally lit lobby boasting a cafe and indoor playland, themed and secure children's ministry wing, separate youth worship and game space, sports functions, full service kitchen serving flexible classrooms as well as the large gathering spaces, staff office suite, fireside/chapel room and plenty of parking.

## Results

With an intense desire to reach Oskaloosa for Christ, First Church of the Nazarene completed a project that will not only touch the community but be an attractive "Gateway" to the city. God provided a beautiful setting, strategically located adjacent to the highway exit, across the street from Wal-Mart, at the main entrance to town - everyone knows where it is! The 51,967 square foot facility has become well known to the community as well as the Nazarene churches throughout the state. And, most importantly, the church is growing and touching the community in ways not afforded on their previous site.

*"Our new building is an incredible tool that God is using to help us reach many new and young families. Our investment in The McKnight Group with their experience, wisdom, and expertise was the wisest decision we made after our loss in a church fire."*

*- Dave Childers, Lead Pastor*



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