



Southwest Indiana District

Ordination Service

Dr. David W. Graves
General Superintendent

Dr. Timothy W. Crump
District Superintendent

July 10, 2021

First Assembly of God
Bedford, IN. 47421

A Celebration of the Call



The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of Heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
He descended into hell;
The third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit
the Holy Church universal,
the communion of saints
the forgiveness of sins
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Amen

Our First Time District Licensed Ministers

Rev. Seth Jones

Rev. Sam Moore

Rev. Travis Stockelman

Future District Events

NYI Convention

August 07, 2021

9:00 am ET

Location: Valley Mission Church of the Nazarene
(110 Hillcrest Way, Bedford, Indiana)

SDMI Convention

August 28, 2021

9:00 am ET.

Location: Columbus First Church of the Nazarene
(1245 McClure Rd, Columbus, Indiana)

Dr. Mark Fleschner



Mark's Christian heritage began early in his life. He was saved as a teen and totally surrendered his life to God as a young adult. He received his call to full-time Christian ministry in 1989 in his mid-thirties and for the past thirty years, has been in full-time Christian service, culminating as the Lead Pastor at Terre Haute First Church in Terre Haute, IN. Prior to entering the ministry, his career was in Business.

Through Mark's years of ministry, he has served in various roles: Youth Minister, Associate Pastor, Co-Pastor, Lead Pastor, Community leader of Pastors, Mentor to Pastors, and Church Consultant.

Mark has served in several district roles: Chairman / Secretary of the Board of Ministerial Studies, District Advisory Board member, Finance Chair, Zone Superintendent, and Trustee for Olivet Nazarene University.

Most recently, he served as a Church Consultant for New Church Specialties (NCS). He states: "This has been very rewarding as it has matched some of my key spiritual gifts and skillset with leaders in churches experiencing transition, going through a difficult time, or needing a shift in vision and focus."

Mark is an avid reader and enjoys spending time with people, watching sports, researching, writing, and working outdoors. He is a devoted family man married to his wife, Debbie. They have three adult children: Stephanie (Luke) and grandsons, Asher and Judah, Laura (Caleb), and Mark.

His life goal is to lead people to a relationship with Jesus Christ and teach them how to become growing, mature, transformed followers of Christ. He declares: "I want to help them reach their fullest potential in Christ and find their real purpose in life!"

His life verse is Matthew 6:33, "Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Order of Service FOR THE ORDINATION OF ELDERS

Prelude	Rev. Mark Thompson
Welcome	Dr. Timothy W. Crump
Processional	Rev. Nathan Rogers
"Holiness unto the Lord"	
Statement of Purpose & Invocation	Dr. David W. Graves
Scripture Reading	Rev. John Paulus
Ephesians 4 : 1-7, 11-13	
The Apostles' Creed	Dr. Timothy W. Crump
(Congregation Standing)	
Recognition of Retiring Minister	Dr. Timothy W. Crump
Challenge to Newly Licensed Ministers	Dr. Timothy W. Crump
Presentation of Ordinands	Rev. Patrick Shay
Receiving of the Ordinands	Dr. David W. Graves
Examination of the Ordinands	Dr. David W. Graves
Manual Reading Paragraph 502	Rev. Tim Lichtley
Special	Rev. Nathan Rogers
"I Will Not Forget Thee"	
Sermon	Dr. David W. Graves
Ordination Ritual	Dr. David W. Graves
Sending Forth	Dr. David W. Graves
Recessional	"The Doxology"

Dr. David W. Graves
Presiding General Superintendent



Dr. David W. Graves is a general superintendent in the Church of the Nazarene.

Dr. Graves was chosen for the highest elected office in the denomination at the 27th General Assembly held in Orlando, Florida, USA, in 2009. At the time of his election, Dr. Graves was the senior pastor of College Church of the Nazarene in Olathe, Kansas, where he had served since 2006.

Prior to College Church, he served as director of Sunday School Ministries for the Church of the Nazarene International Headquarters from 2001 to 2006. He has had pastoral assignments in Kansas, Ohio, Tennessee, Oklahoma, and North Carolina.

Dr. Graves is a graduate of Olivet Nazarene University and received his Master of Divinity degree from Nazarene Theological Seminary. He received an honorary Doctor of Divinity from Olivet. He is the author of three books and has written for numerous publications.

Dr. Graves and his wife, Sharon, have four married children, Michael, John, Stephen, Rachel, and 12 beautiful grandchildren.

Rev. Sheila Thompson

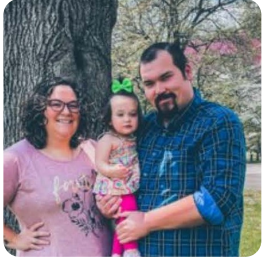


Pastor Sheila's call into ministry has been many years in the works. In 2001, she began working in youth ministry as a volunteer. At first, she was reluctant to serve in this capacity, but God had a plan even then. Through the years, Sheila has gone from simply being the adult in charge, to having the desire to lead people to a Christlike life.

Sheila began lay ministry classes in 2005 for youth ministry and then for Lay Pastor through the CLT program. In 2012, Sheila states: "God clearly called me to preach and move toward ordination."

She received her first local license in July 2013, and her first district license in July 2015. She has been extremely blessed to serve as a Youth Pastor for 4 years at Crossroads Community Church. Not only did her pastor, Mark Roberts, direct, mentor, and encourage her every day. She also had her husband, Jack, encouraging and working her along the way. On January 7th, 2018, she became the Senior Pastor of the Rockville Church.

Rev. Matthew Smith

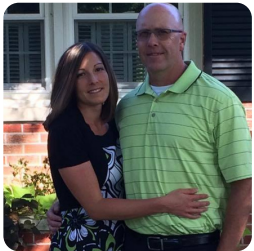


Pastor Matthew was born in Evansville, Indiana, to Tim and Loretta Smith. Reared in the Church of the Nazarene, he first accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at six. At the age of 18, shortly after being entirely sanctified, Matthew accepted the call into the ministry and began pursuing a Religious Studies Degree at Oakland City University, graduating in 2010. While

attending OCU, he met the love of his life, Kayla, and they were married in 2012. God gave them their first child, Lorien Estel Smith, in December of 2019.

Seeking to continue his education and preparation for the ministry, Matthew completed his Masters of Divinity degree in 2016 at Chapman Seminary at Oakland City University. He had the privilege to serve for the past seven years as the Assistant Pastor at Wellspring Church of the Nazarene (formally Evansville First). In recent years, he has been pursuing a Master's degree from Grace College in Mental Health Counseling following the prompting from the Holy Spirit to be bi-vocational, serving Him by counseling those in need within his community.

Bryan Thompson



Bryan grew up attending Point Township Church of the Nazarene. In the spring of 2009, Evangelist Russel Coffey held a revival at Point Township. During that revival, God called him to a ministry that has forever changed his relationship with the Lord, his church, and his community. The ministry, Beyond the Walls, was born during the summer of

that next year. It became a Parent Affiliated Church in 2017.

As 2019 was wrapping up, it appeared that the call God had placed on Bryan's life seemed to be expanding. Point Township needed a lead pastor.

On February 2, 2020, Bryan was installed as lead pastor of the church he grew up in, Point Township Church of the Nazarene. Bryan feels like he and Ashley are among the most blessed to lead this congregation. They have been called to do life with a group of believers that love the Lord. They believe that God is still searching for, and saves the lost and broken among their community and beyond.



Joseph Decker



Andrew DeKemper



Jarren Rogers



Darrell Sellers



Matthew Smith



Bryan Thompson



Sheila Thompson

RETIRING MIINISTERS



Dr. Mark Fleschner

Rev. Joseph Decker



Joseph was born in Lansing, MI, and grew up in Midland, MI. If you were to ask his mom, she would tell you that he was called into ministry at three years old. He was baptized into the faith in 2010 while attending Nease Memorial Church of the Nazarene in Midland, MI. After his baptism, he continued to explore a calling that God had for him. After multiple

times of God confirming his calling, Joseph was convinced to pursue Christian Ministry. He was fully sanctified in his junior year of college.

He graduated from Olivet Nazarene University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Christian Education and a minor in Theology. Joseph continued his studies and, in 2019, graduated with a MA in Pastoral Ministry. While finishing his degree, Joseph was the youth pastor of the Living Grace Church in Merrillville, IN.

Joe and his wife, Raychel, accepted the call to move to Winslow in January 2020. They are the proud pastor and pastor's wife to the great people at Winslow Church of the Nazarene.

Rev. Andrew DeKemper



Andrew studied music at Kentucky Community and Technical College in Hyden, Ky, and traveled playing music. While attending college, Andrew felt the call into ministry and a passion for teaching. After graduating with an Associate's Degree in Music Performance, Andrew transferred to Trevecca Nazarene University to study Music Education.

In 2011, Andrew married Alissa, and they began their ministry of sharing the gospel through music and teaching young people. In 2012, after graduating with his Bachelor's degree in Music Education, Andrew and Alissa moved to Evansville, Indiana. Where he became the youth and worship pastor at Evansville Grace Church of the Nazarene, and a choir and general music teacher at Helfrich Park Stem Academy, where he still works today.

Andrew received his first District License in 2013 and took the course of study classes through Nazarene Bible College online. Since 2015 Andrew has served as the Chaplain at Encompass Health in Evansville, Indiana. There he provides a worship service on Sunday afternoon of music and preaching while praying and ministering to patients.

Rev. Jarren Rogers



Pastor Jarren Rogers is a 2018 graduate from Trevecca Nazarene University with a Bachelor's Degree in Intercultural Studies and a minor in Journalism. Jarren currently ministers at Columbus First Church of the Nazarene with his wife Annie and baby daughter Rosie Jane.

Jarren received his call to ministry at Nazarene Youth Conference in 2011 and served as a missionary for three months in eastern Europe in 2017. Jarren has also been a life success coach for refugee and immigrant children at the Nations Ministry Center in Nashville, Tennessee.

Rev. Darrell Sellers



Pastor Darrell received the call into ministry when he was 11 years old. Only by the grace of God does he stand here today. It was his wife, Hayley, whom God had chosen for him, and a Nazarene Church in Clarksville, TN, that set the stage for him to rededicate his life to God. Darrell believes he was sanctified at this very time in 2002.

After finishing the educational course of study at Nazarene Bible College in 2018, Pastor Darrell served as an Associate Pastor to children and families at Pensacola First Church under the mentorship of Jon Carnes, Ken McClusky, and Terry Krebs.

Taking his first lead assignment at the Washington Church of the Nazarene was a full leap of faith for Pastor Darrell, as it took an additional nine months for the rest of his family to join him in Washington from their home in Florida.

Today, he is privileged to watch God heal, break chains, transform lives and revive a church in ways no man or woman could do on their own! He looks forward to what God has in store on the corner where the church is located in their little town in Southwest Indiana!