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Dr. Timothy Crump, District Superintendent



Equipping the Local Church To Make Christ-Like Disciples

Why We Do What We Do!

For the last several months, I keep hearing the phrase, “Quietly Quitting.” It seems this phrase refers to a rising trend where employees are doing the bare minimum at work, a reversal of the tendency to go above and beyond in their job. People who are quietly quitting still expect to receive the same pay and benefits but are setting boundaries of what they won’t do.

I believe this “quietly quitting” can be found in marriages, families, the places we work, and yes even the church! Almost everywhere we look we find anger, chaos, confusion, and rampant sin and yet wonder why? No wonder many have quit or are thinking of quitting. Is it just me, or is it getting harder to sow and scatter the seed of the gospel of Jesus Christ?

Why Do We Do What We Do? The Apostle Paul was writing to Timothy about the challenges of ministry. His words are reminders of “Why We Do, What We Do?”

“For this reason, I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace.

2 Timothy 1:6-9a

What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us. 2 Timothy 2:13-14

You then, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others. Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer. Similarly, anyone who competes as an athlete does not receive the victor’s crown except by competing according to the rules.

The hardworking farmer should be the first to receive a share of the crops. Reflect on what I am saying, for the Lord will give you insight into all this.

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel, for which I am suffering even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But God’s word is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they too may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. 2 Timothy 2:1-10

Be strong in the grace of the Lord Jesus Don’t quit and don’t give up! God desires our obedience! Like farmers, we do not get paid every Friday. The harvest is out of our control. Yet, spiritual growth is not just going to happen. It takes dedication and determination and hard work.

Remember why you do what you do! God deserves our very best!

Dr. Timothy Crump



SWID Ministers & Mates Christmas Luncheon

December 3, 2022 @ 11:30am

The Loft @ Walnut Hill Farms

1317 Bennett Rd. Bedford, IN 47421

Cost: \$20.00 per person

The cost will be refunded at the event for each member in attendance.

This event is open to all Lead and Staff Pastors, Retired Pastors, Evangelists, & District Licensed Pastors and their mates. This year, the luncheon is only open to adults.

Reservations are due no later than Friday, November 4.

Mail Reservations & Church Check to: SWID 322 Cedar View Lane. Bedford, IN 47421

[CLICK FOR RESERVATION FORM](#)

SWID Family,

As you think about giving this year, we ask you to consider the SWID Disaster Relief initiative. In an effort to respond and not react, we are continuing to stock our drop-off sites as we anticipate future needs in this effort. Attached you'll find a list with approximate amounts of the donated items. This is to give you a tangible idea of your giving. To simplify the process as well as to maximize buying power, we are requesting monetary donations.

Once you or your church is ready to give, you may do so by mail (c/o Gary Ritter, 1880 Guthrie Rd. Bedford IN 47421) or online through our district website. When giving on the website (www.swidnazarene.org), please select "SWID Nazarene Compassionate Ministries." Important note: Please refrain from giving to a particular cause or relief effort. This will allow us to use the funds at our discretion by continuing to build the relief effort supplies. If you have any questions regarding fund donations, please contact Gary Ritter.

Thank you for your consideration.

Stocking Stuffers for Disaster Relief

\$25 will provide one of the following:

1. N95 Masks (20 pack)
2. Crisis Care Kit
3. Floor Squeegee
4. Floor Broom
5. Rubber Work Gloves (3 pair)
6. 8lb Sledge Hammer
7. Pry Bar Sets (2)
8. Box Fan
9. Box of Diapers
10. Flash Lights (2)

\$100 will provide one of the following:

1. Scoop Shovels (2)
2. Heavy Duty Garbage Bags (125)
3. Heavy Duty Extension Cord and Reel
4. Heavy Duty Strap and Ratchet Set (2)

\$250 - *Heavy Duty Wheelbarrow

\$400 - *Chain Saw

\$1200 - *Portable Generator

\$5000 - *Enclosed Utility Trailer

*items purchased will need to meet specific criteria



CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
FUNDING THE MISSION



Introduction to Funding the Mission 3.0
with Gary Ritter, District Treasurer

ZOOM SESSION
Tuesday, November 1 @ 7:00pm (EST)

Gary Ritter will be walking through the new Funding the Mission platform over Zoom. We would encourage your local pastor and church treasurer to attend. For Zoom information, click the link.

www.swidnazarene.org/zoom-session



CHRISTMAS BLESSING

We have already had a church reach out to the district asking to help another district pastor this Christmas. If your church would also like to help provide a little extra blessing to a district pastor, please email the district office.



SUNDAY SCHOOL & DISCIPLESHIP
MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL

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2022-2023 Children's Quizzing

NOVEMBER 5th
10am
Spencer First
Dig Sites 1-7

[Register Here](#)



children's quizzing



To sign up to receive
information on all things
SWID Kids Ministry
[CLICK HERE](#)

A
JOURNEY
OF GRACE

[discipleship resources @ nazarene.org/journey](https://discipleshipresources@nazarene.org/journey)



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SWID Work & Witness March 2023

Just in recent days, the opportunity for a W&W project to Honduras has arisen! Brian Ruark, our contact person in Honduras, is looking for a two-week interval, most likely in mid to late March, to host a 10 to 12-member team from SWID. We would probably be working at or around the MLV ministry and staying nearby at the Timothy Center. This is a relatively quick notice for a trip out of the country, so it is important that I find out if there are any individuals who are interested in being a part of this team.

If this is something that you or someone you know might be willing to participate in, please let Doug Jones, SWID W&W Coordinator, know as soon as possible. His email is jonesdd@sbcglobal.net and his phone number is 812.821.4849.

Offering of Thanks on Sunday, November 20

The Offering of Thanks for the World Evangelism Fund (WEF) is on Sunday, November 20. Materials are now available for order or download for the Offering of Thanks by clicking [here](#). The goal for the church year is 5.5% of the local church yearly income.

Care and Connection Missionaries- Meet the Robbins

Our new Care and Connection Missionaries are Rusty and Diane Robbins from the Eurasia Region. [Click HERE for more information.](#)

Child Sponsorship

You can sponsor a child through Nazarene Compassionate Ministries (NCM) in an area where children are at higher risk for human trafficking. Visit ncm.org/sponsor-a-child for more information. Child Sponsorship is only \$30 a month!

Could You Go?

[Click here](#) to access the website of the current list of missionary needs around the world. It is designed to help those interested in pursuing missionary service for any length of time and find a position that suits their interests and gifting. Could you go?

Freedom Sunday

Freedom Sunday is a time for your church to take a stand against human trafficking, pray for survivors, and support church-led anti-human trafficking ministries. This year, NCM invites churches to choose any weekend to mark Freedom Sunday. [Click here](#) to access Freedom Sunday resources.

SWID Calendar

November

- 3 - SWID Disaster Relief Team Mtg
- 5 - Children's Quiz @ Spencer First
- 6 - Daylight Savings Time
- 8 - Investment and Audit Committee Mtg
- 12 - Teen Quiz @ Brazil
- 15 - SWID Advisory Board Mtg
- 20 - Thanksgiving Offering
- 24 - Thanksgiving
- 27 - First Sunday of Advent

December

- 2-3 Teen Quiz - St. Louis Top Ten Tourney
- 3 - SWID Christmas Pastors/Staff & Mates
- 10 - Teen Quiz @ Faith Community
- 16 - Ministerial Candidate Packets Due

January 2023

- 7 - Children's Quizzing @ Brazil
- 10 - SWID Church Properties Board Mtg
- 14 - Teen Quiz @ Rockville
- 27-28 Ministerial Candidate Workshop
@Higher Ground Conference Center

February 2023

- 2 - Disaster Relief Leadership Team
- 4 - Children's Quizzing @ Rockville
- 11 - Teen Quiz - Crossroads Community
- 18 - District Celebrate Life @ Nashville Parkview

March 2023

- 4 - Children's Quizzing @ Evansville Faith
- 10-11 - Teen Quiz - Mackey
- 11 - Men's Breakout with Dr. Gregg Chenoweth
- 12 - Daylight Savings Time Resumes
- 24 - District Women's Retreat
with Susie Shellenberger
- 25 - Board of Ministry - Ordination Interviews
- 27 - SWID Nominating Committee
- 28 - District Advisory Board Mtg



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Recent Visits From Around SWID



Rev. Taylor Monhollen received a unanimous 4 year renewal at Heartland Nazarene



Dr. David Nixon sharing at the Ministers and Mates Learning Retreat



Pastor Ben Muncie leading his congregation at Stinesville Nazarene in worship



Pastor Duane Brown receives 4 more years at Turning Point!



Rev. Duane Brown sharing the word.



Worship at Winslow



EQUIP Training Event at Valley Mission



Pastor Aaron Gall at Winslow



Pastor Mark Wooten at Crothersville



SWID Golf Scramble



For more pictures from around the district
Check out our Facebook page
www.facebook.com/swidnazarene



Brazil November 12

All teen quizzes are in person and start at 8 AM CST / 9 AM EST.

For More Info: Garrett Lee (812) 201-7220



SWID Cohorts

Dr. Crump is hosting learning opportunities for pastors across SWID. If you are interested in any of the groups below, please contact the district office.

Bi-Vocational - This cohort will look at the challenges, resources, and ways to be a thriving bi-vocational pastor

Revitalization - This cohort designed to help you develop your passion and plan to move your church forward.

Next Step / Multiplication - This cohort is designed for those in churches around 75+ who are looking for steps to move their church forward. What decisions will you need to make? What resources will help you and your leadership team and staff? We will look at things that might be holding you and your church back from moving forward. In addition, we will talk about how you can move beyond addition to multiplication within your local church context. I will also discuss an opportunity to attend the Exponential Conference in Florida.

New/Young Pastors - This cohort is designed to help a young or new Lead pastor or even a seasoned Vet lead their congregation more effectively. We will look at things like conflict, running a church board meeting, how to instill vision and mission as you move into the future, finances, church budgets, retirement planning, etc. I welcome any ideas you have on topics of interest.

Contact Us

As a reminder, our District Office is now working remotely and would be glad to connect with you using the following contact information:
Each of us can be contacted through the District Office @ 812.279.6621



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