

THE Harvester

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Have you ever imagined what our communities might be like, or our churches for that matter, if they were truly filled with the love of God?

Mother Teresa once said: "We have been created to love and be loved, and (God) has become man to make it possible for us to love as He loved us . . ."

God's Word declares His love for the world! "God so loved the world . . ." We are commanded to love God with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength and our neighbor as our ourselves. We are reminded that if we love God we will keep His commands.

I was reading in Leviticus sometime ago and came across this verse:

**"The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the Lord your God."
Leviticus 19:34**

As I read this verse, I thought about the large number of people who are struggling loving one another. Hatred, bitterness and anger seem to be on the rise, even within the church and God's people. At times it seems we are struggling loving those who think and act differently. While we may pray for those who despise us, do we genuinely love them? What would that love look like today; both within the place where God's people gather as well as out in the world in which we live?

As followers of Jesus Christ we find ourselves with the wonderful opportunity of loving others, especially those who think and act differently than we do. I need to remind you there was a day when you did not love God and you were in need of His grace, forgiveness and mercy. God has always loved you but He has also loved those who think and act differently than we do. It is how we act to those who seem like aliens to us that truly demonstrates whether the love of Christ dwells within us. Remember God has made it possible for all of us to love others as He has loved us.

"Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.
I John 4:7-12

**Love is in the air and should be in the hearts of those who follow Him!
May 2017 be a year of love for each and every one of us!**

Tim Crump

Your District Servant



Pastors
earn lifelong
learning
hours by
attending!



SCHOOL OF STEWARDSHIP

The Southwest Indiana District is hosting a School of Stewardship event: a day of training for all pastors, staff members, local treasurers, church board members and interested church attenders.

Saturday, April 8 | 9 am-3 pm
Valley Mission Church of the Nazarene
110 Hillcrest Way, Bedford, IN 47421

Cost is **\$10** to cover a meal and refreshments for breaks. 

Please pre-register with your pastor no later than Sunday, April 2.

Questions? Contact your district office at **812-279-6621**.

WORKSHOPS

Presented by Dr. Mark E. Lail, Director of Stewardship Ministries



From Zero to Steward in Seven Difficult Steps

Learn about Funding the Mission, the denomination's funding plan, resources available from Stewardship Ministries and how to create a church culture that nurtures generosity and tithing.

Best Practices in Financial Stewardship

Good financial practices are essential to a healthy church, but it takes effort to maintain a system of checks and balances. Learn about audits, transparency, how to report to the church board, and fraud prevention.

More Resources for Kingdom Work

Gain tips for generating resources for the local church and practices that build great stewards and increase the resources they give. We'll also cover using a church budget, receiving funds electronically, harvesting legacy gifts and choosing the right accounting software for your church.

CHURCH	SDMI	Worship		CHURCH	SDMI	Worship
Bedford Davis Memorial	205	143		Mackey	NR	NR
Bicknell	31	17		Mitchell	49	62
Bloomington Eastview	21	40		MTR Cowboy - CTM	0	27
Bloomington First	204	163		Nashville Parkview	157	167
Boonville	8	13		NA Christ's Comm	140	202
Brazil	78	99		Newburgh	10	20
Brownstown	109	128		Newburgh NewLife	50	115
Calvary Community	36	69		Oakland City	80	137
Carbon	7	11		Oasis of Hope	NR	NR
Cayuga	49	45		Odon	63	58
Chandler	30	23		Orleans	16	29
Clarksville Parkwood	35	28		Owensville	48	45
Cloverdale	55	41		Patricksburg	15	15
Columbus First	291	374		Peter's Switch	NR	NR
Community of Hope	65	92		Petersburg	33	63
Cory Community	171	185		Point Township	388	105
Crossroads Community	NR	NR		Princeton New Life	74	158
Crothersville	17	30		Rockport	123	103
Dale	18	20		Rockville	9	14
Dana	NR	NR		Salem	NR	NR
Evansville Beacon	27	18		Shalom Hisp - CTM	NR	NR
Evansville Faith/Haitian	34	69		Shoals	NR	NR
Evansville First	69	83		Simple 1 - CTM	NR	NR
Evansville Grace	42	63		Spencer	52	97
Fort Branch	22	32		Springs Valley	65	50
Francisco	NR	NR		St. Bernice	21	29
Freedom	19	39		Stinesville	60	82
Freetown	16	20		Sullivan	25	50
Georgetown	12	22		Tell City	40	33
Grandview	23	29		Terre Haute First	84	193
Greencastle	46	65		Terre Haute South	13	23
Greene County	12	12		The Point	234	607
Haleysburg	NR	NR		Turning Point	35	47
Harmony Chapel	27	31		Union Chapel	65	54
Heartland	28	40		Valley Mission	NR	NR
Huntingburg	59	71		Vincennes First	113	92
Jasper/La Vina	NR	NR		Washington	32	51
Jordan	12	12		Winslow	42	57
Kurtz	76	81		Zion Community	98	96

NR signifies the church did not report



One Heart, Many Hands June 18-23, 2017 in Indianapolis

Join 2,000 volunteers who will make their way to Indianapolis to be a part of this incredible community service project. It is going to be different from other General Assembly projects we have done in the past.

In 2017, we will be concentrating all our efforts in the east side of Indianapolis. Over the course of 5 days, our teams will be making themselves available to repair homes in low-income neighborhoods, clean parks, and paint community and senior centers.

Registration: \$195.00 PAID IN FULL before January 31, 2017
After that date \$225.00 Registration closes May 01, 2017.

Included in Registration:

- * Box lunch * Insurance * Program expenses * Event T-shirt
- * Special Events (All additional costs including meals except for lunches listed above, lodging, and transportation are the responsibility of the individual or teams)

Lodging: OHMH is working with Indianapolis University (This housing is optional... Each participant is responsible for their housing) Lodging is limited so register soon!

5 Night Option (June 18-23) with no meals = \$146.25 per person double occupancy. If you want to include meals add \$75.00 (5 breakfasts and 4 dinners)

7 Night Option (June 18-25) with no meals = \$204.75 per person double occupancy. If you want to include meals add \$110.00 (7 breakfasts and 6 dinners)

Southwest Indiana participants should register with their local church as a team. If your church does not have a team going you are welcome to join another church team. If you have questions, need more information, or want to locate another team to join, contact either:

Bethany Burnett
burnettbn@mvschool.org
812-454-2360

or

Dave Lynn
davel8257@aol.com
812-486-5504

To register contact: **csisler@oneheartmanyhands.com**

For a great promotion video go to: **www.medialibrary2.nazarene.org** or **www.facebook.com/NazareneOfficial/videos** and look for One Heart Many Hands video.

If you need help with the suggested team project funds, please contact Rita Stanley. The District NMI may be able to help!

SWID SDMI Chairman

Dr. James Hicks

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Teaching from the Overflow: Men Rooted in God's Word

"My cup overflows" Psalm 23:5b

As a Christian leader, how healthy is your root system? Is your personal time in the Word primarily motivated by the satisfaction of making a check mark on your daily "to do" list? Are you investing time in the Word primarily with the objective of preparing materials to teach? Or do you pour yourself into God's Word for the sheer joy of tapping into the Living Water that satisfies every part of your being?

God loves to give teachers of His Word amazing previews of what He has in store for His people. As a shepherd of God's flock, there's nothing more delightful than getting up early and going out to find the greenest pastures and stillest waters that the Lord has created for my unhurried and refreshing enjoyment. I can feel His pleasure as I linger over His Word, listen for His still, small voice, and drink deeply satisfying gulps of living water. All this before the rest of His people stir and move into the day. My heart overflows, and I am truly "full."

From this place of deep communion with my God through His Word, I am solidly rooted in Him. Abiding with Him extends far beyond reading words on a page or hearing the sound my voice makes in prayer. It's the place that I live from, as I have gladly invested my first thoughts of the day in hearing God's perspective on the world that He created for us. And more significantly, it's the place - the only place - where I consistently get the pure, unfiltered perspective of who God says I am. When I can get underneath the stream of living water, my cup truly overflows.

As a Christian leader, you have a front row view of the difficulties of true discipleship. You see the utter darkness of men's hearts, and you are struck by the total impossibility of any one of us walking in Jesus' footsteps (including yourself) without supernatural transformation of the heart. And you have experienced that grace, like an earthquake breaking every demonic shackle, allowing you to leave the prison of the heart as a free man.

But you also recognize the opportunity - day by day, and even moment by moment - to grow up into the freedom that has been bought for you with such a price. By simply abiding in Him and digging deep into His Word, you have unlimited access to the Living Water that satisfies every fiber of your being. And as you stay in that place of fullness, you are involuntarily bubbling over into everyone you come in contact with.

As leaders in the path of discipleship, we have great authority - sometimes greater than we think. The desire to get rooted in God's Word is more "caught" than "taught." Those who follow us will naturally seek to emulate what they see in us. Will we demonstrate how to read the Word as a duty, a chore required for spiritual promotion? Or, by our example, will we project a man-sized thirst for the Living Water of the Word that compels us to sit underneath its beautiful stream until we are so full that we start overflowing onto everyone in our path?

Article by Tim Truesdale - husband, father of four, and nationally recognized leader of Men's Ministry.
SDMI Connections, March 2016.

World Evangelism Fund (WEF) Unified Ministries Fund (UMF) Update 12/31/16

CHURCH	WEF	UMF		CHURCH	WEF	UMF
Bedford Davis Memorial	6,000	10,058		Mackey	10,870	17,961
Bicknell	1,427	2,138		Mitchell	1,010	1,300
Bloomington Eastview	2,192	3,611		MTR Cowboy -CTM	0	0
Bloomington First	8,125	12,202		Nashville Parkview	5,835	4,160
Boonville	380	1,633		NA Christ's Comm	0	16,282
Brazil	6,855	10,125		Newburgh	1,290	819
Brownstown	6,897	11,602		Newburgh NewLife	2,075	7,747
Calvary Community	2,465	3,572		Oakland City	37,342	9,169
Carbon	241	615		Oasis of Hope	300	478
Cayuga	848	424		Odon	4,495	4,671
Chandler	1,157	3,642		Orleans	1,250	2,150
Clarksville Parkwood	1,427	1,559		Owensville	0	0
Cloverdale	2,825	5,550		Patricksburg	629	504
Columbus First	700	21,591		Peter's Switch	789	2,220
Community of Hope	4,241	6,231		Petersburg	4,557	4,215
Cory Community	6,553	1,557		Point Township	3,572	5,831
Crossroads Community	3,062	5,304		Princeton New Life	4,915	7,967
Crothersville	710	0		Rockport	2,125	3,545
Dale	429	741		Rockville	0	831
Dana	0	0		Salem	398	687
Evansville Beacon	143	234		Shalom Hisp - CTM	287	223
Evansville Faith	2,026	3,348		Shoals	1,468	1,736
Evansville First	4,288	3,855		Simple 1 -CTM	0	0
Evansville Grace	1,393	2,276		Spencer	6,856	9,800
Fort Branch	882	1,359		Springs Valley	2,608	3,307
Francisco	1,800	1,420		St. Bernice	595	600
Freedom	1,621	2,587		Stinesville	3115	5,261
Freetown	545	1,759		Sullivan	0	0
Georgetown	0	0		Tell City	1,985	2,475
Grandview	650	1,083		Terre Haute First	5,425	9,034
Greencastle	2,868	4,846		Terre Haute South	0	0
Greene County	0	0		The Point	7,150	5,600
Haleysburg	928	2,196		Turning Point	247	0
Harmony Chapel	2,132	2,502		Union Chapel	2,173	3,176
Heartland	2,749	4,477		Valley Mission	6,375	10,385
Huntingburg	2,370	4,606		Vincennes First	4,102	6,276
Jasper/LaVina	769	2,558		Washington	1,836	2,431
Jordan	0	0		Winslow	1,990	2,732
Kurtz	3,012	5,000		Zion Community	2,706	7,819

Please Remember

Pastor Larry Carr,
(Carbon) whose
mother, Norma Carr
died on
December 27, 2016.

The family of
Margaret
(Margie) Mitchum,
86, widow of
Rev. C.R. Mitchum,
who died on
January 9th in Evans-
ville.
Her husband
preceded her in
death last August.

2017 Conventions Assembly

**SWID
A Look At
Our Future**
Monday, July 17
7:00 p.m.

**NMI/NYI
Conventions**
Morning &
Afternoon of
July 18

**Ordination
Service**
The evening of
July 18th

**District
Assembly**
July 18th at
6:30 p.m.
and concludes the
afternoon of the
19th

District Celebrate Life Information

Saturday February 18th 2017

The Point- 311 Myers Street, Seymour IN, 47274

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. (Eastern Time)

Early Bird Registration: \$25 per participant (If postmarked by 1/20/17)

Final Registration: \$35 per participant (If postmarked after 1/20/17)

PLEASE SUBMIT ALL REGISTRATIONS by Feb. 10th!

If the event is cancelled due to weather make up date is February 27.

Important Sponsor Information:

Payment must accompany registration and all forms from each church are to be sent with one church check. Participation without payment is not permitted! Please make check payable to: **SWID NYI**. Also if more than one person is participating from your church, please email Aaron Florian (aaron@gotothepoint.com) with a list of all participants and their events in addition to mailing the registration forms.

Mail form and money to:
The Point c/o Aaron Florian
311 Myers Street, Seymour IN 47274

Registrations that do not include the registration fee will not be processed until the fee is received. Any registration submitted by the Early Bird deadline that does not have the fee will be charged the Final Deadline price of \$35. Regional Celebrate Life will take place this year at Olivet Nazarene University, Thursday, May 11th thru Saturday, May 13th.

Mark Thompson, SWID NYI President pastormark@davismemorial.org

District Ladies Day "Arise & Sparkle"

Saturday, April 1 at 10 a.m.

The Point - 311 Myers Street, Seymour IN, 47274

Cost is \$25

Booths open @ 9:00 a.m.

**Dr. Carolyn Johnson will be our special speaker
as she shares from Isaiah 60:1.**

**The theme will be Arise and Sparkle and we are
asking the ladies to wear something sparkly.**

**One of our SWID ladies will be catering the
meal. More information will be sent to our
churches in February.**

Save the date!



New Nazarenes

Shoals: (Pastor Kevin Quinn) Edith Davis, Alice Robbins, Chuck Seals, Carol Spears, Jeanie Taylor & Wanda Tedrow

Princeton New Life: (Pastor Andrew Johnson) Paige Auberry and Janice Mason

Recent Baptisms

Dale: (Pastor Steve Beck) Baleigh Roos and Daelynn Fakes

Evansville First: (Pastor Chet Todd) Matt Gossar, Seth Gossar, Matt Smith, Dalton Davis, Zack Young, Judah Eaton, Madison Eaton, Emma Eaton, Amy Schmidt, Patrina Herrell, and Angie Wilkinson.

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