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DONALD G. GIFFORD, SUPERINTENDENT

## GROWING INTO AN EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY SPIRITUAL PERSON

On September 6, 2020, I turned 68 years old, but I feel there is *much* yet to live for, loving God, my spouse, family, and the family of God.

I recall the words of the Apostle Paul to the Corinthian church, “*Brothers, I could not address you as spiritual but as worldly, mere infants in Christ*” (I Corinthians 3:1). Paul said they were living like mere men. They still had so many negative emotions.

The Indiana District has been using Peter Scazzero’s materials to help us build emotionally healthy spiritual lives. We are into our third year dealing with emotionally healthy relationships. Ephesians 4:15, “*Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is Christ.*” So, if I’m going to be an emotionally healthy spiritual man of God at age 68, I’d better hurry up while I have time left. Being emotionally healthy and spiritually mature are inseparable. It is not possible to be spiritually mature while remaining emotionally immature.

Diane and I have used *Emotionally Healthy Spirituality* and *Emotionally Healthy Relationship Day by Day* devotionals by Peter Scazzero before bedtime. Each of us has used *A Psalm in Your Heart* by Dr. George Wood for personal devotions and now before bed. It is amazing the things in our mental and emotional lives that are exposed, as we journey through reading our Bible another year.

Presently I am revisiting the chapter in EHS about “Knowing Yourself That You May Know God.” I am deeply moved by Psalm 139:13-16.

- (13) “For you created my inmost being;  
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.
- (14) I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
your works are wonderful, I know that full well.
- (15) My frame was not hidden from you  
when I was made in the secret place.  
When I was woven together in the depths of the earth.
- (16) Your eyes saw my unformed body.  
All the days ordained for me were written in your book  
before one of them came to be.”

Many go to the grave never really knowing who they were meant to be from birth and die trying to be what others thought they should be. God created us in His image, knit each of us together in our mother’s womb with enormous care, and chose us for a special purpose on earth. When I stand before Jesus after salvation and living for Him, He will not ask me why were you not Moses or Paul, or someone else that I respect? He will ask me, “Why were you not the Don Gifford that I created for a special purpose?” We often live our lives attempting to please others to the point we lose ourselves and God’s design for our lives. I must grow up emotionally to be secure in whom I am in Christ and in the giftings God has placed in my life.

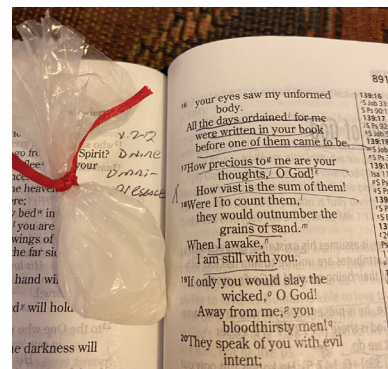
I remember vividly the election of October 2003, where I was surprisingly elected into a new ministry assignment. Someone



took a picture of Superintendent Charles Crank and me, showing only from the ankles down. The Holy Spirit spoke clearly to me to not be intimidated by the fact that Charles

Crank served with excellence for 29 years and had giftings I did not have. Holy Spirit showed me I did not fit into his shoes, and that I should never try. He did tell me to shine his shoes, meaning to always honor him, but to be grateful and appreciative who God called and gifted me to be.

Dr. George Wood states in his Psalm 139 devotional that God made you. From the time you were a single cell, He watched over you microscopically and embryonically. He laid down the genetic code and DNA that determined your peculiar and individual characteristics. He foresaw your personal development and history. This next line is a little concerning. Although the Lord has access to all your hidden faults and sins, David takes such all-encompassing knowledge as a comfort rather than a fright (Psalm 139:17,18). God can count the hairs on your head; but you can’t count the sum of God’s thoughts toward you. He remains focused on you, attentive to you. You are very much on His mind. Many years ago, someone put a few grains of sand in my hand and prophesied, “God’s thoughts about you are more numerous than the sands of the sea, and no matter what, God is always present each moment of your life.” Since then, that person died, but the prophetic Word lives on. For many years I have put a bag of sand into people’s hands, prophesying to them God’s presence and care even in their darkest hours, bringing assurance and comfort.



When you realize God knows *everything* about you, but still loves you, you respond lovingly to Him. Peter Scazzero asks this question for our consideration, “What do you think might be one of your “birthright” gifts from God that you have ignored in your life?”

I close by sharing these two prayers, one by Peter Scazzero, the other by Dr. Wood: “*Lord, I come this day inviting you to cut those deeply entrenched chains that keep me from being faithful to my true self in Christ. In doing so, may my life be a blessing to many*” (Scazzero). “*Lord Jesus, please dig into me. As You search, I ask You to carry away the thoughts, habits, and actions that offend You; and to repair the wounds that only You can heal. Thank You, that although You know everything about me, You still accept and love me*” (Wood).





## DISCERNING OUR DAY

Talking heads, Facebook, CNN, Fox News, MSNBC, Twitter, Instagram, peaceful protests, violence, burning of cities, racism, injustice, politicians and politics, mask or no mask, faith or lack thereof, social unrest, and the list goes on....

We are living in a day of information, misinformation, deceptive information--all for a narrative that a person or political party wants to promote. Apparently, the promoted position can be presented without a foundation of facts, and possibly, even on bald-faced lies. We are living in the middle of this, trying to lead our family and our congregation through troubling times.

*"Who is wise? Let them realize these things. Who is discerning? Let them understand. The ways of the Lord are right; the righteous walk in them, but the rebellious stumble in them."* - Hosea 14:9 (NIV)

We are not the first generation to live in a culture like this--maybe a generation with information at their fingertips and, definitely, a generation with deceptive ideals.

King Herod encouraged the Wise Men to go and worship the baby, and then come and let him know where he could find him so that he, too, could go and worship him. A few weeks later, Herod was having all the Jewish boys, ages two and under, sacrificed for his personal gain and for the protection of his leadership.

We, as spiritual leaders, apostles, prophets, pastors, teachers, and evangelists, need to have our ears tuned to the heavens and be able to hear what the Lord is saying or not saying. We must be discerning of what is happening in our city, county, state and these United States of America. The flock is counting on us to lead them in the ways of the Lord, which are right.

*"A discerning person keeps wisdom in view, but a fool's eyes wander to the ends of the earth."* - Proverbs 17:24 (NIV)

What are we taking in through the eyes of our soul? Most of us need to "just say no" to the news and social media and allow our souls, which effects our spirits, to rest.

I just returned from two weeks of being off the grid. We were elk hunting in Colorado, and the best news of those two weeks was that my cell phone did not work at our camp! After not looking at the news and social media for a few days, my insides felt better, my mind was clear, and there was no bombardment of my soul. Since I was not seeing any elk, I had time to sit in the mountains and pray, read my Bible, and keep wisdom in view. Let's not allow our eyes to wander to the ends of the earth, but let's be renewed by discerning wisdom and allow our souls to rest from the problems of this world.

*"The mocker seeks wisdom and finds none, but knowledge comes easily to the discerning."* - Proverbs 14:6 (NIV)

What are you posting or reposting on social media? Who are you arguing with, so that you can prove that your ways are right, and their ways, thoughts, and actions are wrong? We, as leaders, need to be very careful with what we say and to whom we are speaking. If people are looking to social media for wisdom, they are in trouble. As I had to remind my father, "Dad, not everything that you read on the internet is true." We must use wisdom and be able to discern what to say, when to say it, and even if we should say it. There is no need to "cast pearls before swine". Self control is a fruit of the Spirit.

*"The heart of the discerning acquires knowledge, for the ears of the wise seek it out."* - Proverbs 18:15 (NIV)

Finally, what is being said from the pulpit? As preachers, we have the opportunity to stand behind a holy desk and declare the glories of the Kingdom of God. Those in the congregation are in need of a *Rhema* word! The ears of the wise seek it out, and we need to have one.

In the days that we are currently living, we must be praying and asking the Lord for the gift of discernment. We need it, our families, and our people need us to have it. As Hosea said, *"Who is discerning? Let them understand. The ways of the Lord are right; the righteous walk in them..."*

We are at a time in our history where we must discern what is happening and have a prophetic voice to declare what it is that the Lord has for you personally, and what is His word to your flock. We can not lean upon our five or ten-year vision that we came up with, but what it is that the Lord is speaking to us today!

Lord, may all the gifts of the Spirit be in operation in our lives, and in this day that we live, loose the gift of discernment upon the pastors of Indiana! Amen.



To book your time at The Place, or for more information, please contact Jen at (317) 872-9812, ext. 104 or email at [jreese@indianaag.org](mailto:jreese@indianaag.org)

Credentialed Indiana ministers receive three days and two nights free each year.

The Place is located at: Lake Placid Christian Conference Center  
0397 South 200 East, Hartford City, IN 47348



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# GOD ADVANCED HIS KINGDOM IN 2020

It's easy to look at the last year and feel a little down. So much has changed, delayed, or even been cancelled. Yet the promise of God is His Kingdom WILL advance. Not a pandemic, social unrest, economic difficulty, or anything else will hold back the Kingdom from advancing in our world. In 2020, it often felt like we were not moving the ball at all, though. We all were super busy, but were we accomplishing anything? Thinking about this the other day in my prayer time, I decided to sit down and think through all we have accomplished together through Indiana Advance in the last 12 months or so. Here's what I came up with.

## CHURCH PLANTING

Since the Fall of 2019, Indiana churches, in partnership with Indiana Advance, have planted the following:

1. Plainfield Mercy Base – September 2019
2. Dunkirk Glad Tidings (Parent Affiliated Church (PAC of Muncie Glad Tidings) – October 2019
3. Milltown Grace Tabernacle (Laconia PAC of Grace Tabernacle) – January 2020
4. Vincennes Conduit A/G – April 2020
5. Hebron Full Throttle (PAC of Valparaiso Heartland Christian Center) – June 2020
6. Several Dinner Churches have been launched or continued throughout the pandemic of 2020 and are doing very well, serving their communities: Delphi, Butler, Kokomo, Indianapolis, Aurora, and more.

## The following churches are in process and are scheduled to launch soon!

1. Brookville – Dwayne and Jamie Harrison (This is an active funding need!)
2. Hartford City Glad Tidings (PAC of Muncie Glad Tidings)

## The following are potential churches in the early stages of development for planting:

1. Ethiopian church plant on west side of Indianapolis
2. Congolese church plant inner city Indianapolis
3. Congolese church plant on north side of Indianapolis
4. Congolese church in Fort Wayne
5. Latino church plant in central Indiana – so much more to come for Latino church plants because of the 2020 launch of ISOM en Español

## Indiana Advance funds provide the following to new church plants and PAC churches:

1. Training – Indiana Advance assists the launching church with the cost of sending the church planter to Church Multiplication Network Church Planter Training called LAUNCH.

2. Indiana Advance provides start up funds of \$5,000 to every church plant, plus additional funds throughout the first year of life, up to about \$18,000 for non-PAC churches.
3. Some apply for, and receive, a \$30,000 matching grant to be used for their launch and to be repaid to Indiana Advance over the next few years of the church's life.

## REVITALIZATION OF CHURCHES

- Moved about 70% of our district affiliated churches to a new accounting system, Aplos, which is helping them tremendously. Indiana Advance is picking up the tab for training and the first year of service for our DA churches.
- We've helped about 10 churches move from DA status to General Council status in the last year.
- Church Life Refresh helped several churches formulate plans and action steps to implement Church Life and health in their local churches.
- Indiana Advance provides scholarships for small church pastors, DA pastors, and ethnic pastors to join the upcoming Church Life Cohorts, launching in January 2021. There's still room for you!
- Indiana Advance often serves churches in helping with board issues, financial difficulty, or even conflict resolution. We actively support dozens of pastors every single week.

We never want to forget 25% of all funding to Indiana Advance serves our churches through the ministry of Lake Placid Campground. Never before was this more important than in 2020.

All in all, the last 12 months have been great as far as planting churches, revitalization, and supporting pastors in the trenches. I would take the stats above any year, let alone 2020. If your church gives even \$100 to Indiana Advance, you have participated in everything I've outlined above. Yet in all of these wins, overall giving toward Indiana Advance is down in 2020, by 25%. We must remedy this because there is still so much more to do. More than 10 counties and nine county seats still do not have an Assemblies of God church. I am praying for the Lord of the Harvest to send us planters for these places. But I'm also praying for the Lord to move on the hearts of all of our pastors to participate in these church plants by giving regularly to the mission of church planting and revitalization across our state. It's only in partnership together that we can make sure **Indiana will be saved.**

If you're feeling discouraged about 2020, consider spending some time in prayer with a journal to chronicle all the Lord has been doing this year. Make your own list, like mine, to encourage your soul and to see how God has advanced His Kingdom through your ministry in the past year.



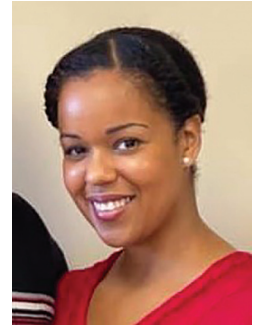


## ISOM OFFERS FIRST CLASS IN SPANISH

The Indiana School of Ministry Español had its first class, *Iglesias Empoderadas del Espíritu*, on August 22, with ten students in attendance. The Outreach and Grace en Español Pastor in Greenwood, Pastor Ed Garcia, started the year off with teaching this class. In September, Pastor Jon Susa, the lead pastor of The Caring Place in Indianapolis, taught *Introducción al Nuevo Testamento*. Both instructors did an amazing job of pouring into the lives and ministries of our Hispanic students. Much thanks to Evelyn Garcia, Pastor Ed's lovely wife, and Glorielba Orta Melendez, one of their congregants and an ISOM student, for helping make ISOM Español a reality and a success. We look forward to the rest of the year and know that, through the students who are attending ISOM Español, there will be Hispanic churches planted throughout the Indiana District.



Ed and Evelyn Garcia



Glorielba Orta Melendez

## ISOM *plus*

Fall 2020



### Basics of Church Bookkeeping | November 7, 2020

INSTRUCTOR: Rev. Greg Allison

COST: \$40 - includes lunch

DEADLINE: November 4, 2020

The objective of this seminar is to equip the church bookkeeper to set up and maintain church bookkeeping systems in compliance with the law and generally accepted accounting practices. This seminar will familiarize the student with how to use Aplos non-profit accounting software to accurately and ethically record and report transactions.

## ISOM COURSE SCHEDULE

CLASS DATES	LEVEL ONE	LEVEL TWO	LEVEL THREE
Nov. 7, 2020	<b>The Life of Christ</b> CERT 101	<b>Effective Leadership</b> LIC 208	<b>Church Leadership</b> ORD 308
Dec. 5, 2020	<b>Introduction to Pentecostal Doctrine</b> CERT 102	<b>Conflict Management</b> LIC 209	<b>The Poetic Books</b> ORD 304
Jan. 30, 2021	<b>Old Testament Survey</b> CERT 112	<b>The Local Church in Evangelism</b> LIC 211	<b>Church Administration and Law</b> ORD 310
Feb. 27, 2021	<b>Relationships &amp; Ethics in Ministry</b> CERT 108	<b>Eschatology</b> LIC 206	<b>Preaching in Cultural Context</b> ORD 305
March 27, 2021	<b>Introduction to Theology</b> CERT 113	<b>Prison Epistles</b> LIC 212	<b>Pastoral Ministry</b> ORD 307
May 1, 2021	<b>AG History, Missions &amp; Governance</b> CERT 107	<b>Introduction to AG Missions</b> LIC 207	<b>Corinthians</b> ORD 302

Class times are 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

**\*\*Internships are required ONLY for those pursuing ministerial credentials.**

All internships are through Berean School of the Bible ([https://www.globaluniversity.edu/berean\\_index.cfm](https://www.globaluniversity.edu/berean_index.cfm)).

See internship information on the ISOM website.





STEVE FURR, STUDENT MINISTRIES DIRECTOR



## REGISTER ONLINE FOR A WATCH PARTY NEAR YOU!

**SURGE LIVE** - Registration opens at 6:30 pm, Service starts at 7:00 pm  
*Church 52 Family Worship Center, Indianapolis*

**LaPorte Watch Party** -  
*Assembly of God, LaPorte*

**Angola Watch Party** -  
*Assembly of God, Angola*

**Madison Watch Party** -  
*Assembly of God, Madison*

**Ellettsville Watch Party** -  
*First Assembly of God, Ellettsville*

**Marion Watch Party** -  
*New Life Community Church, Marion*

**Evansville Watch Party** -  
*Calvary Temple, Evansville*

**Private Watch Party** - Your Church!

**Lafayette Watch Party** -  
*River City Church, Lafayette*

**Registration deadline is October 29**  
**Register on the youth page at [indianaag.org](http://indianaag.org)**







BGMC hosted an event unlike any other in its history. On September 13, children's ministries across America were challenged to take one day to raise one million dollars for critical missionary needs. BGMC asked that each child take the month of August to raise \$100 and give.

We are excited, in Indiana, about offerings that came in for BGMC EPIC GIVE DAY! Here are a few reports:

- Mooresville Springhill \$12,721.62
- Ellettsville First Assembly \$2600.00
- Covington First Assembly \$2,000.00
- South Bend Southgate \$819.58
- Princeton Oasis \$748.00
- Westfield Radiant Life \$350.00
- Avon Crossroads \$173.05
- Decatur Lighthouse \$127.82

GREAT JOB! We are excited that our children's leaders are creating a heart of compassion in kids across Indiana! In total, National BGMC raised \$811,247.98 for Epic Give Day.



Congratulations to Sydney Buess, from Avon Crossroads Church, who was crowned the church's first ever Honor Star on October 5, 2020. Sydney worked hard for three years to achieve this goal.



Here are the Honor Star requirements:

- Memorizing questions and answers, and their scripture references about the Holy Spirit, healing, and end-time events
- Memorizing the books of the Bible
- Memorizing the Assemblies of God's Statement of Faith
- Researching the Gospels to find the references of the ten main events in the Life of Christ
- Memorizing the Lord's prayer and keeping a prayer journal
- Learning how to lead someone to Christ by memorizing the ABC's of Salvation with their scripture verses and references
- Writing an essay entitled, "Think on These Things"

Indiana is so proud of you, Sydney, for working so hard to reach your goal.

## WILL YOU BE PART OF THE MIRACLE?

**2020 Indiana Goal:**  
**\$1 Million from STL and BGMC combined!**

*In the miracle of the feeding of the 5,000, the boy gave what he had at the moment to Jesus. Jesus blessed it, and his offering fed well over 5,000 people! He was only 1 in a crowd of 5,000 men that day, but a miracle took place because he gave.*

**We are asking for all of our student ministries across Indiana to be:**

- 1) Gospel Centered
- 2) Spirit Empowered
- 3) Personally Responsible to reach the lost around the world.

**IN 2020 WE ARE BELIEVING FOR:**  
**5,000 to give \$100 and 500 to give \$1,000**





KATHY HOLDEMAN, WOMEN'S MINISTRIES DIRECTOR

## BETTER TOGETHER - VITAL 2020

*"Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. Likewise, two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone? A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken."* -Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 (NLT)

I was so disappointed that we didn't get to have Vital in a face-to-face meeting. So, like so many things in 2020, we had to become flexible. This is not a strong suit for most of us. I felt led to change the theme and couldn't get "Better Together" out of my heart. Wow, did God know what He was doing! The theme really didn't make sense to use for a pandemic when everyone is quarantining, social distancing, and so many churches are not meeting in our "normal" fashion. The Word of God is clear, from beginning to end, that we are created for relationship. Pandemic doesn't change the plan of the Creator. So, we developed our event and invited churches to join together in "watch parties" as they were able. We invited Church 52 to lead us in worship, and we had three main speakers: Cindy Burton, Cassidy McCall, and Keilah Shope. There were some fun

moments and an exercise section that was hilarious. We also offered eight workshops for all registered women. We had churches so excited because women who have not been able to travel to attend Vital Conference were united with us once again. We could see the hand of God throughout the day, as there were reports of women standing in worship and experiencing the presence of Jesus, and of women who developed prayer partners for the coming weeks.

Here's where numbers are currently:

- 481 - total registered to date
- 75 - churches involved
- 7 - Global Workers registered
- 33 - watch parties across the district

Several who had their first women's event of the year found it totally successful. We are keeping the event available for 30 days, and women are still registering so they can be a part. Many women are continuing to meet to view the workshops together. The idea of "Better Together" was a great reminder of God's plan for His church. From the opening prayer, through every message, to First Lady Diane Gifford with the closing prayer, we were reminded that we are all "Better Together."







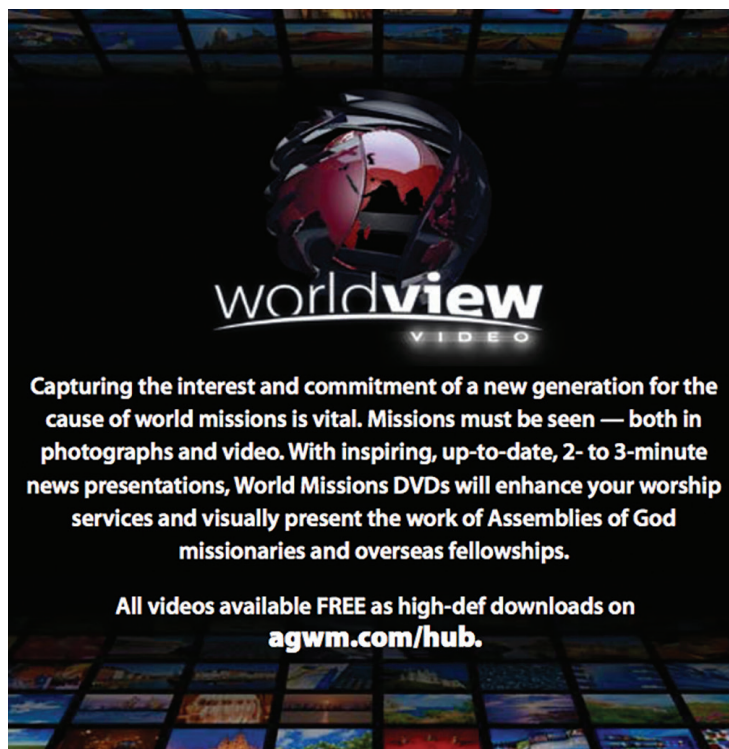
## ASK GOD FOR MORE ANOINTING IN YOUR LIFE

In the last Envoy I shared a biblical truth that **we can ask God for more**. Of course, there is a balance, and it is discovered through prayer and in knowing who God is. Throughout scripture we see that God is a God of more, and He offers us life more abundant. Don't allow any inkling of fear or doubt to quarantine you from God's great truth and assurances.

I shared previously that it is perfectly acceptable to ask God for more victory in and through your life. This time I want to embolden you to **ask God for more anointing in your life**. In 2 Kings 2:1-14 we see that, while Elijah goes up in a whirlwind, Elisha refused to stay back, and he absolutely refused to settle for less. In fact, Elisha asked for a double portion of God's supernatural anointing upon his life. **God is pleased when we ask for more of Him...**more of His power and anointing upon our lives.

But please note (and this is absolutely vital to realize): **more anointing** also means **more responsibility**. It's really easy to look at larger ministries and say, *"I want that."* We must realize though, that with greater anointing also comes a greater burden. If you have 10 people under you and 1 troublemaker, then if you have 100 people, your troublemakers grow proportionally.

**There is absolutely nothing wrong with asking God for more anointing.** My prayer for you is that God would increase your life even now in this changing season. Don't settle for yesterday's anointing; instead, let Him pour and renew you with fresh oil.



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On September 20, 2020, Superintendent Don and Diane Gifford installed Pastor Wally and Delores Hall as the new pastor at Beech Grove Faith Assembly. Former pastor Lawrence Cook passed the baton to Pastor Hall. Diane presented gift cards and a beautiful figurine to Delores.



Hartford City Glad Tidings and Campus Pastor Josh Johnson launched their first service on October 11, 2020, with 86 in attendance (16 in their children's ministry area). Donuts and coffee were served before service, and a lunch followed. Of the 86 people, 14 were there for the first time, not having previously attended any of the pre-launch events or meetings. Congratulations to Lead Pastor Kevin Holt and his team for a successful launch. God has big plans for Blackford County!



Wednesday night, October 7, 2020, Superintendent Don and Diane Gifford participated in the commissioning service of five AGWM missionaries, hosted by IDAG World Missions Secretary, Pastor Jon Susa. Those commissioned were Annelise and Kevin Croell (Europe), Sara Nelson (Africa), A.P. (Sensitive Country), Doug and Kristi Allee (Asia Pacific) and Zach and Amy Holdeman (Africa). We had worship, prayer & the Word by Pastor Jon Susa. Superintendent Don Gifford exhorted from the Word and gave the commissioning charge. Bibles were

presented from the various area directors to each candidate by Pastor Jon Susa. World Missionary David Delp presented each candidate with three books from the Emotionally Healthy Spirituality series. Pastor Don, assisted by Pastor Susa, and Diane Gifford, anointed each candidate with oil, sanitizing his hands before praying for each one. We were also privileged to be joined by World Missionaries Rick and Gloria McCartney and Scott and Erin Pongratz.







▲Missionaries Chris and Carol Martin visited the Martha Room on September 10, 2020.



On August 30, 2020, Superintendent Don and Diane Gifford celebrated the mortgage burning of Indianapolis The Assembly on South Post Road (formerly Harvestime), with current pastors, Barry and Cynthia LeBlanc, and former pastor of 36+ years, Elaine Moody. Elaine's husband, John, passed 10 years ago. We commend the ministry of Pastor Moody with many salvations, healings and Holy Spirit baptisms. We commend Pastor Barry for giving honor to Sister Moody, presenting a beautifully framed and matted portrait of her and John to be hung in the church. Pastor Barry has been the new pastor for almost two years.



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On October 11, 2020, Superintendent Don and Diane Gifford were at Cedar Lake Gateway Christian Fellowship for ministry and dedication of their new facilities. Pastor Judy Gardner, her husband, Ron, and their son, Jacob Gardner, (leading worship), give great leadership to this congregation. They have been in this building 1.5 years. With much remodeling, it is beautiful! More importantly, there is presence of God in this place! Jacob sang with passion, and the worship was Spirit-led! Several responded to the altar. Pastor Don read a dedication charge, and the congregation responded. The church body positioned themselves around the sanctuary as we corporately prayed, dedicating this house of worship to the Lord.





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## NEWS AND VIEWS



# MINISTER'S WIVES/ WOMEN IN MINISTRY RETREAT

## MARCH 1-2, 2021

Location: Season's Lodge  
Nashville, Indiana

Speaker:  
**Karen Yancey**

Karen Yancey serves the AGK Ministry Network in Kansas. As the director of Network Development, she oversees four initiatives: Crisis Assistance, Connection, Community and Coaching. She is an ordained minister. Karen earned a Masters degree at AGTS, with emphasis in theology, organizational leadership and coaching. Karen recently joined the national team for the Network of Women Ministers.

With humor, appealing genuineness, personal stories and wisdom rooted in scripture Karen shares her heart with others who are on a similar journey in their calling and love for Christ. She recognizes the multi-faceted challenges

inherent in the lives of women in ministry leadership, yet maintains that focus on God and His agenda is the key to navigating the storms and challenges of life. "God is calling women in ministry to step-out of their comfort zone, step-in to their God-designed destiny, step-over obstacles that marginalize faith, and step-beyond the status quo into fullness of life with Him!"

For fun, Karen enjoys reading, while sipping on her favorite Starbucks drink, and finds decorating therapeutic. However, being a grandmother to seven remains one of her greatest joys.

