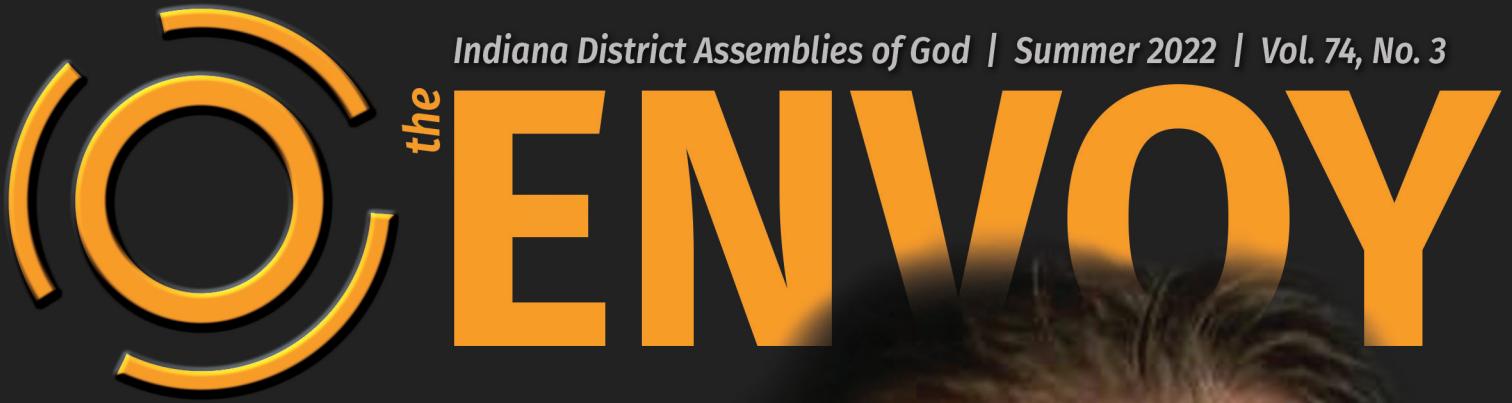


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**Speaker: Scott Hagan**



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DONALD G. GIFFORD, SUPERINTENDENT

## WHO IS THE GREATEST?

When I was growing up, I remember a prominent professional boxer saying often “I am the greatest.” What makes a person great? Their title? Position? Accomplishments? Fame? Or money?

I believe I started preaching when I was about 16 years old. As a teenager I was the first in my family that I am aware of being called into full-time ministry. I married when I was 21 and Diane was 18. We took our first ministry assignment before I had completed all my classes, finishing my last semester with North Central Bible College (now NCU) through correspondence, graduating in 1975. We served as youth pastors in two different churches our first few years of married life together. In November 1977, I acquired another title, senior pastor.

From that role I acquired titles like sectional youth representative, assistant youth director, then assistant presbyter to sectional presbyter, then executive presbyter from 1989-1991.

Next, I received the title assistant district superintendent from 1992-2003. From that position I became a general presbyter with the Assemblies of God. In 2004 I became the district superintendent of the Indiana District.

As far as I know, in less than a year, I will have no title after almost 50 years. Often as a minister, the enemy works on your self-esteem. I need to have a healthy view of who I am in Jesus Christ; but working at self-glory is a very immature and fatal flaw. Who will I be when I have no title or position? I will be a child of God, a King’s kid. I have, at times, been married to the ministry and often had to confess and repent. I have felt the need “to be needed” so I could feel important. I did not pretend in caring for people because I do care, but often I cared more about others’ opinions or expectations than I did about being the person God was pleased with.

I have recently been reading Paul David Tripp’s book, Dangerous Calling. This is a diagnostic book, written to help you take an honest look at yourself in the heart-and life-existing mirror of the Word of God -- to see things that are wrong and need correcting, and to help you place yourself once again under the healing and transforming power of the gospel of Jesus Christ. David establishes that our ministry is shaped, formed, directed, and driven by personal worship of God. Chapter 12 talks about self-glory. Reading this chapter was very painful, causing deep conviction and humble confession, honesty, and repentance.

Sometimes in my almost fifty years of ministry I have thought to myself, “I really do not care what others think about me ... I just need to get people out the way who warn or caution me.” At other times I was overly concerned about what people thought about me, allowing them to dictate my schedule and life to please them, then failing God and my family. I have grown to be better at equipping and delegating to others. I hope I have learned I am not right about everything; and others can do a very effective job. I want to cheer them on.

I have felt for many years that my main assignment is to worship God, privately and publicly, take care of my marriage and family, and wash feet. Jesus’ example of taking the lowliest position is overwhelming to me. Washing feet in Jesus’ day was reserved for the lowest slave; yet Jesus didn’t allow his position to keep him from doing what, quite



frankly, the disciples were unwilling to do.

David Tripp says:

1. Self-glory will cause you to parade in public what should be kept in private.
2. Self-glory will cause you to be way too self-referencing. I have found it hard to tell someone they did a good job when they have told others how great they were.
3. Self-glory will cause you to talk when you should be quiet.
4. Self-glory will cause you to care too much about what people think of you.
5. Self-glory will cause you to care too little about what people think of you. If I think “I know it all and have arrived” I simply don’t need other’s insight into my blind spots.
6. Self-glory will cause you to resist facing and admitting your sins, weaknesses, and failures. When people compliment me for something, I often say “thank you”, but Jesus and I know the truth. I must ask myself, is my response because I want them to know how humble I am? Certainly, my righteousness is like filthy rags.
7. Self-glory will cause you to be more position oriented than submission oriented.
8. THIS IS A BIG ONE: Self-glory will cause you to control ministry rather than delegate ministry.

The Lord is not just wanting us to succeed in life, family, and ministry. He is also working to dethrone me. It is only when His throne is more important than mine that I will find joy in the hard and humbling tasks of life, family, and ministry.

When Diane and I have “devotions after dark” we alternate between Tim Dilena’s, The 260 Journey and Dr. George Wood’s, Fearless. I marked these words while reading Mark 9:33-35, “If anyone wants to be first, he must be the very last, and the servant of all. The twelve often argued about who was the greatest.” Dr. Wood points out how easy this could be because Jesus often took only three with him and the other nine were left behind.

In Mark 10:35-37, James and John said to Jesus, “*We want You to do for us whatever we ask.*” Jesus said, “*What do you want Me to do for you?*” They replied, “*Let one of us sit at Your right and the other at Your left in glory.*” Dr. Wood points out that James and John asked this for themselves likely because Peter, James, and John were the inner three with Jesus at the raising of Jairus’ daughter, Jesus’ transfiguration, and Gethsemane. In making this request they were trying to bounce Peter, who is always listed first in the naming of the disciples in the Bible.

The story continues in Mark 10:41-43. The ten were indignant with James and John for asking such a thing. They were all jostling for prominence. Honestly, don’t I want to be first too? The other disciples wanted to be first. I love Dr. Wood’s prayer, “Lord Jesus, may I not use position in family, church, work, or community to advance my own agenda or try to be the boss. Help me, Lord, to serve others with humility.”

Dr. Wood’s conclusion from Mark 10:43-45, “*Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served; but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.*”

Leadership is not about being on top with everyone supporting you. It’s working your way to the bottom to support everyone else. Lord Jesus, I desire to follow Your example and serve. May I never think more highly of myself than I should.



## UPCOMING CREDENTIALING DATES

### Fall/Winter 2022/2023 – Certified, Licensed, and Ordination

Late Summer/Early Fall – Applications sent out

October 15 – Applications Due

December 1 – Credential Orientation

(First-time applicants for Certified or Licensed only)

Mid January 2023 – Credential Exams and Interviews.

*Please contact Credentials Specialist, Susie Bradley ([secretariat@indianaag.org](mailto:secretariat@indianaag.org))*

*to let her know if you are interested or if you have any questions.*

## MINISTER'S CONFERENCE - OCTOBER 24-25, 2022

### Meet our guest speaker, Dr. Scott Hagan

After graduating from Bible college Scott Hagan was discovered by renowned pastor Charles Crabtree, and was asked to serve as a youth



pastor at Crabtree's church in San Jose, California. After seven years under Crabtree's mentorship, Hagan returned to the Sacramento area to plant Harvest Church, which grew to an average weekly attendance of 1,700 over an 11-year period. In 2000 He was called to serve a church in Grand Rapids, Michigan. It would define one of the most life-changing moments in his ministry.

From there he returned to California where he and his wife started Real Life Church in 2006. Over the past 11 years Real Life Church has helped plant 10 new congregations and campuses throughout their region. Combined with ministries to local jails, public schools, coffee houses, and their innovative "Church on the Streets" ministry, over 3,000 people weekly are being impacted through their visionary efforts.

A natural leader, Scott Hagan has been drawn to the study and practical application of leadership inside and outside the church. He has written six books on leadership, influence, and biblical topics, and since 1995 has written more than 60 articles appearing in publications such as Charisma Magazine, Ministries Today, Pentecostal Evangel, and Influence Magazine (formerly Enrichment Journal). He speaks regularly at conferences, seminars, and on college campuses.

Making a move from pastoral to higher education leadership at North Central is a natural step for Hagan, who has felt God clearly directing his path toward this change in leadership venue. He is keenly

aware of the legacy he will be building upon after the retirement of Gordon Anderson (North Central president 1995-2017). "Dr. Gordon Anderson has been a mentor and friend," Hagan notes. "His legacy of leadership and love has shaped many of my practices as a leader."

## NEW CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

1:00 p.m..... Check-in/Registration

3:00 p.m..... Opening Session

Guest Speaker: Dr. Scott Hagan

[Dinner on your own]

7:00 p.m..... After Party on Main Street  
at Connection Point Church

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m..... Morning Sessions  
(two sessions w/break in between)

Guest Speaker: Dr. Scott Hagan

#### Location Address:

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JEFF CARLSON, CHURCH DEVELOPMENT AND MEN'S MINISTRIES DIRECTOR

## 10 CULTURAL ATTITUDES TO ADOPT

Culture is a big deal. The culture I set in my ministry has everything to do with my attitude, leadership, speech, drive, and influence. It's only been in recent years I have discovered the vast impact my attitude in these areas has on every aspect of the ministry. I spent a lot of time blaming various things for why the church I led had a toxic culture. But I realized **I am 100% responsible for the culture in my church/ministry – whether I CREATE it or TOLERATE it.** That's a heavy statement but also a true statement. Most often, leaders tolerate the culture they've been handed rather than create a culture which assures a life-giving atmosphere. What culture are you creating? What culture are you tolerating?

Rather than talk about what we need to change, I just want to give us 10 cultural commitments or standards anyone can set to transform the culture in the ministry they're leading.

**Keep/Develop a Holy Amazement at all God is doing** – A hefty wonder at God's work among us keeps us grounded in His abilities instead of impressed with our own.

**An Appreciation and Thankfulness for the People Around Us – NO ONE gets there alone.** Be grateful for those who are on the journey with us.

**Serve the Lord with Gladness** – It's not a "do I have to" spirit... it's got to be an "I get to" spirit! Serving with joy is contagious and lifts everyone together.

**Be a "Can Do" Person** – Don't be a "debby downer" all the time. Be an encourager and take note of how things can be accomplished rather than why they can't.

**Value People Over Policies** – Policies are important. I get that, but don't let a pesky policy get in the way of loving and serving people, especially when it comes to eternal things and discipleship opportunities.

**Take Initiative** – Don't walk past the trash in the parking lot. Pick it up! Don't whine about how no one will do such and such task. You do it! When you model initiative, others will take note and reciprocate.

**Use the Inclusive WE rather than the Divisive THEY** – Are we in this together or not? It's never "leaders" and "workers." It's all of us all the time. It takes all of, His Living Stones, to be built into a useful Church.

**Refuse to Tolerate Complaining or Gossip** – If you tolerate it, or worse, participate in it, the church will never have peace or unity. Complaining and gossip are the great cancers to the body of Christ.

**Be Complimentary** – Celebrate other people's successes. Encourage failures to be used as discipleship opportunities. Do all things with gentleness and mercy.

**Have an Attractive Spirituality** – Help people want to serve the Jesus you serve by living a life worthy of your calling. Pray hard. Worship hard. Serve with all you've got. Always point people back to Jesus.

Setting culture, or re-setting culture, is challenging. It's not executed from a book or set of conference notes. It can't be stolen from another ministry. It must be birthed inside the leader and become instinctual, born out of an authentic lifestyle of spiritual life with Jesus. Start there. Pay attention to the culture you are creating, and God will do amazing things among you!

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CLASS DATES	LEVEL ONE	LEVEL TWO	LEVEL THREE
Aug. 27, 2022	Spirit Empowered Churches CERT 110	Introduction to Homiletics LIC 205	The Pentateuch ORD 303 - CBS
Sept. 17, 2022	New Testament Survey CERT 111	Acts LIC 210 - CBS	Theology of Prayer ORD 309
Oct. 15, 2022	Introduction to Hermeneutics CERT 105	Romans LIC 204 - CBS	Theology of Worship ORD 301
Nov. 5, 2022	The Life of Christ CERT 101 - CBS	Effective Leadership LIC 208	Church Leadership ORD 308
Dec. 3, 2022	Introduction to Pentecostal Doctrine CERT 102	Conflict Management LIC 209	The Poetic Books ORD 304 - CBS
Jan. 28, 2023	Old Testament Survey CERT 112 - CBS	The Local Church in Evangelism LIC 211	Church Administration and Law ORD 310
Feb. 25, 2023	Relationships & Ethics in Ministry CERT 108	Eschatology LIC 206 - CBS	Preaching in Cultural Context ORD 305
March 25, 2023	Introduction to Theology CERT 113	Prison Epistles LIC 212 - CBS	Pastoral Ministry ORD 307
April 22, 2023	AG History, Missions & Governance CERT 107	Introduction to AG Missions LIC 207	Corinthians ORD 302 - CBS

Class times are 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. / CBS (Certificate in Biblical Studies)

\*\*Internships are required ONLY for those pursuing ministerial credentials. All internships are through Berean School of the Bible.  
See internship information on the ISOM website.

NIVEL UNO ATENCION: FECHAS DIFERENTES	FECHAS DE CLASES	NIVEL DOS	NIVEL TRES
Iglesias Empoderadas del Espíritu CERT 110S - Ago. 20, 2022	Ago. 27, 2022	Introducción a la Homilética LIC 205S	El Pentateuco ORD 303S
Introducción al Nuevo Testamento CERT 111S - Sep. 24, 2022	Sep. 17, 2022	Hechos LIC 210S	Consejería Pastoral ORD 311S
Introducción a la Hermenéutica CERT 105S - Oct. 22, 2022	Oct. 15, 2022	Romanos LIC 204S	Teología de la Oración y la Adoración ORD 301S
La Vida de Cristo CERT 101S - Nov. 12, 2022	Nov. 5, 2022	Liderazgo Efectivo LIC 208S	Aplicaciones Prácticas del Ministerio ORD 312S
Introducción a la Doctrina Pentecostal CERT 102S - Dic. 10, 2022	Dic. 3, 2022	Manejo del Conflicto LIC 209S	Los Libros Poéticos ORD 304S
Introducción al Antiguo Testamento CERT 112S - Ene. 21, 2023	Ene. 28, 2023	Iglesia Local en el Evangelismo LIC 211S	Administración, Leyes y Finanzas de la Iglesia ORD 310S
Relaciones y la Ética en el Ministerio CERT 108S - Feb. 18, 2023	Feb. 25, 2023	Escatología LIC 206S	Predicando en un Mundo Contemporáneo ORD 305S
Introducción a la Teología CERT 113S - Mar. 18, 2023	Mar. 25, 2023	Epístolas de la Prisión LIC 212S	El Ministerio Pastoral ORD 307S
Historia, Misiones y Organización de las AD CERT 107S - Abril 15, 2023	Abrial 22, 2023	Introducción a las Misiones de las Asambleas de Dios LIC 207S	Los Corintios ORD 302S

El horario de la clase es de 9:00 am - 4:00 pm.

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\*\* Nivel Uno - Lugar por determinarse.



BILLY WORLAND, STUDENT MINISTRIES DIRECTOR

# 2022 SUMMER CAMP HIGHLIGHTS

We had six incredible weeks in which God moved powerfully! The altar results were great: 538 were saved or rededicated, 541 were filled or refilled with the Holy Spirit, 355 were healed, and 114 were called into full-time ministry.

We celebrated with 267 individuals who gave \$100 or more to STL or BGMC this year, and earned their 1 in 5000 shirts!

Our teen camp speakers were Ricky Spindler and Jayme Montera, and the kid's camp speakers were Barry Jorris and Josh Holdeman. Several students gave very encouraging reports of their camp experiences this year. We are also very grateful to Justin Keyes and his staff at Lake Placid, who made the campgrounds so nice and inviting. Cook Carla Ferguson and her staff served up some of the best food we have ever had.

Camp is the fruit of all who prayed, served, gave, supported, and encouraged the ministry of camp. Thank you! Your efforts have made an eternal impact for the Kingdom. Be encouraged, and may the God of all hope bless you and may His favor rest upon you, in Jesus' name!

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guess what mama, god changed  
a lot of people these days I was  
crying while praying. bye mama  
love you hope to see you soon!  
god is really real,

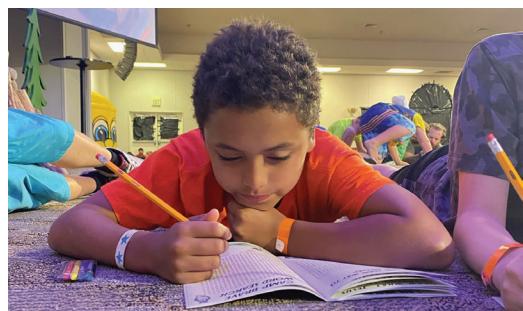
Dear mom & Dad  
Gess wat! God  
has spoken to me.  
he told me that  
I am chosen and  
that he wants me  
to Preach the Good  
news all arnd the  
world. as me am Eli

Dear mom  
  
I hope you're doing  
well, say hi to everyone for  
me. I can't wait to Preach  
to you the things  
I'm learning from Camp.

I'm doing good &  
opening my heart  
more to god. I got a  
group of friends and  
Before Bed we share  
together, also can we  
talk about me going  
to el salvador for  
missions. lol! Love you

Hi Mom Hi Dad,  
I am having so much fun  
right now I wish you could  
be here to see it. I already  
have learned so much about  
Jesus. The moment I walked  
into the church I knew I  
belonged. I love you guys  
so much  
I LOVE





**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.





KATHY HOLDEMAN, WOMEN'S MINISTRIES DIRECTOR

# THE REMEDY FOR THE PLAGUE OF HOPELESSNESS

As believers, we are all acutely aware that we should be “happy” people all the time. Right? I mean come on... sins forgiven, ticket to Heaven, what more could we ask for? Reality is, we all deal with life and sometimes life is HARD!

It seems we can all get so focused on the present and what we see right in front of our faces forgetting the reality that God is good, all the time and all the time, God is good. In the last few weeks, I have felt and lived under a cloud, a weight of oppression in the air. Our economy, gas prices, empty grocery shelves, sickness, evil in food courts at the mall, and before you know it...there it is; Your own oppressive cloud overshadowing everything you do. I want to identify this as the Plague of Hopelessness. This doesn't mean that we are hopeless, but even here – living the best life, it is easy to get our minds off track; To lose hope; to get our focus off the fact – God is good!

*John 10:10, “The thief’s purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.” (NLT)*

The reason we find ourselves feeling hopeless – there is a real thief. He does all he can to rob us of hope – peace – joy. He puts out every difficulty he can to get us off track and so often, it works. How can we get around it?

## ASK FOR HELP – seems simple but we often skip it.

- Jer. 33:3, “Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known”
- Ps. 54:4, “But God is my helper. The Lord keeps me alive!”
- PRIDE IS A DESTROYER AND IN TOTAL RESISTANCE TO GOD!

## BE OPEN

- We have all heard the definition of insanity: doing the same things over and over expecting different results.
- Isa. 43:19, “Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.”
- Rom. 12:2, “Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing, and perfect will.”
- Be open to His plan – that will NOT LOOK ANYTHING LIKE THE HOPELESS SITUATION YOU HAVE BEEN IN.
- Our definition of VICTORY and His definition of victory are not the same!

## CREATE PURPOSE

- Ps. 139:13-16, “For you created my in most being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. 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. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.”
- Jer. 29:11, “For I know the plans I have for you,” says the LORD.

*“They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.”*

- Esther 4:14, “Who knows if perhaps you were made queen for just such a time as this?”
- You have a job to do - step into it.
- Boredom – having no purpose, aimless? That’s dangerous territory! I am often tired, because I am chasing my purpose and it is wearing me out.
- If God were done with you, you wouldn’t be here.

## DETERMINE YOUR EXPERIENCE

- Gen. 4:7, “If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.”
- Deut. 11:26-28, “I’ve brought you today to the cross roads of Blessing and Curse. The Blessing: if you listen obediently to the commandments of GOD, your God, which I command you today. The Curse: if you don’t pay attention to the commandments of GOD, your God, but leave the road that I command you today, following other gods of which you know nothing.”

God’s ultimate plan is that we live with a blessed hope. There is life beyond this Plague of Hopelessness. Allow the blessed hope to fuel your future.

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# ANNUAL RENEWAL AND COMMISSIONING



For the first time in three years, all our stateside, global workers from the Indiana District gathered in-person for AGWM's annual renewal and commissioning in Springfield, Missouri. The past two years have relegated the renewal process to take place strictly online, so it was an encouraging experience to be together after such an extended hiatus. Renewal is an opportunity for all stateside global workers to reconnect and be equipped during their itineration period. Commissioning, subsequently, is the culminating service for all the newly appointed or reappointed ones who will be launching out into their respective countries and regions of calling.

This gathering allowed us to host a dinner for our Indiana family



whose status is Career (our MAs, Craig and Jonalyn Palmer heading to the Philippines and Jennifer McClure heading to a sensitive country, attended a separate track the week prior). The following day during the commissioning event, three of our families were prayed over and presented with a Fire Bible (a gift from Superintendent Don and Diane Gifford) and a Bible in the language of the people they are called to serve.

Indiana is truly blessed with an extraordinary, global family! A total of five families, combined with our MAs, were commissioned to Africa, Arab World, Eurasia, and Asia Pacific. From the heartland of America, we are privileged and honored to have global workers in every region of the world sharing Good News "until He comes again." Thank you, Indiana pastors and churches, for supporting our global workers and for aligning your heartbeat with God's Great Commission.



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## 2022 DISTRICT COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



▲ On Monday, the Church Multiplication Network was hosted by Church Development Director Jeff Carlson with speaker Jeffery Portman.



▲ Women's Ministries Director, Kathy Holdeman, hosted the Credentialled Women's Luncheon on Monday.



▲ The Speed-the-Light Luncheon was hosted by Student Ministries Director Billy Worland and the speaker was Tom Greene. Former DYM, Steve Furr, also attended. Pastor Evan Turney, represented the top STL giving church, Mooresville Springhill Christian Center.



▲ Monday business began with worship, led by Music Ministries Director Paula Gallaway, and worship leaders from around the state.



▲ (Left to right): Assistant Superintendent Robby Bradford takes the chair as Superintendent Don Gifford gives his report at the Monday business session. Executive Secretary Chad McAtee gave his report which included ministry groups and Indiana School of Ministry. Treasurer and Business Administrator Greg Allison gave his annual report. Church Development Director Jeff Carlson mentioned highlights from the past year.



▲ (Left to right): Roster Committee Chairman, Joel Rivera, gave the roster report at the start of business. Northwest Executive Presbyter, Mike Bean, led a prayer for unsaved family members. Pastor Don Gifford and Pastor Chad McAtee prayed over Pastor Keith and Karen Taylor as the outgoing central executive presbyter. Pastor Tim Davis was one of several who received prayer during Monday business.



▲ (Left to right): Chi Alpha Personnel Director at the National Ministry Center, Jeff Alexander, received prayer during Monday business. Pastors Troy and Teresa Trout stood in to receive prayer for a family member during Monday business.

## 2022 DISTRICT COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



▲ Superintendent Don Gifford recognizes Executive Secretary Chad McAtee as he was re-elected to his position.



▲ Monday business was well attended. This district council had 586 people who registered to attend.



▲ Pastor Greg Carter was re-elected as the Southeast Executive Presbyter.



▲ The Monday evening worship was led by Colton Kellam and the worship team from New Palestine Church 52. (Top right): Assistant General Superintendent Rick DuBose was the guest speaker at this year's council hosted by Indianapolis Caring Place and Pastor Jon Susa.



▲ Superintendent Don Gifford welcomed Pastor Teresa Trout as the newly elected Central Executive Presbyter.



▲ Student Ministries Director Billy and Karen Worland presented former DYD Steve and Elaine Furr with a plaque from the national office recognizing their ministry contribution over the past 29 years. (Top right): Assistant General Superintendent Rick DuBose presented (on behalf of the executive leadership team) Dave and Dawn Rose, and Jeremy and Heidi Turner with financial assistance for medical debt.



▲ Those newly elected and re-elected were prayed over at the Monday evening service.



▲ Students from the New Palestine Church 52 drama team performed during the offering.



▲ City Barbecue was served at the Fellowship Reception following the evening service. This reception was sponsored by Convoy of Hope and planned by Pastor Greg and Amy Allison.

## 2022 DISTRICT COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



▲ Senior ministers met on Tuesday morning for breakfast at Caring Place. Johnny Garrison and Don Gifford brought the humor.



▲ Pastor Don Gifford was the Communion Service speaker. His message was "The Holy Spirit, Our Friend."



▲ All PKs were called forward for prayer. It was an overwhelming sight to see so many who are living the legacy of their parents and embracing their own calling.



▲ Pastor Robby Bradford led the communion as Indiana Chi Alpha Director Derek Britt and Muncie Glad Tidings Pastor Kevin Holt prayed over the elements.



▲ The Tuesday Communion Service worship was led by Music Ministries Director Paula Gallaway and other worship leaders from around the state.

▼ Assistant Superintendent Robby Bradford gave a memorial tribute to those ministers who have passed on since May 2021. (Bottom right): The altars were a powerful time of prayer.



▲ Five ministers were honored for 50 years of ordination. They were: William Paul Harrison, A. Eugene Shaw, David Hamilton, Ron Dubbels, and Larry Bradshaw.

► The Missions Luncheon speaker was Dr. Mark Rutland, pictured here with World Missions Secretary Jon Susa, and Craig and Jonalyn Palmer, missionary associates to Philippines.



## 2022 DISTRICT COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS



▲ During Tuesday night's service Pastor Jon Susa recognized the Indiana School of Ministry (ISOM) in Espanol students who have completed their courses. Pastor Chad McAtee recognized those students completing all three levels of ISOM, as well as those receiving credentials: certified, licensed (pictured below) and ordained.



▲ The ordination service worship was led by Adam Baker and the team from Indianapolis Caring Place.



▲ The 2022 Ordination Class (left). Ordination candidates with presbyters who would be laying on hands during the service (right).



▲ Executive Secretary Chad McAtee, Assistant General Superintendent Rick DuBose, and Superintendent Don Gifford. Executive Presbyters pictured here with Assistant General Superintendent Rick DuBose. Pastor Staci Miller with her family after the ordination service. ▼ Pastor Jodi Green and Pastor Darin Herzog during the laying on of hands as they were ordained at this district council.



▲ The Bike Ride for Missions was on Wednesday after council and raised money for STL and BGMC.



## NEWS AND VIEWS



▲ On April 10, 2022, Executive Secretary Chad and Julie McAtee were at Terre Haute The Journey Church to set the church in order as a General Council church. The McAtees celebrated with Pastor Bill and Cindy Richardson and their new board.



▼ May 22, 2022, was an extra special day of ministry as Superintendent Don and Diane Gifford were at West Lafayette Connection Point Church for the consecration service of their new pastors Jeff and Amy Carlson. Special guests were former pastors Zach and Shellie Maddox, and Ted and Susan Brust, along with many family members, and IDAG directors. Pastor Zach passed the same baton to Pastor Jeff that he had received from Pastor Brust. Special thank yous were given to the official board, chaired by Jeff Nagle, who did an outstanding job. Two people who were recently ordained at district council were honored: Michael and Shana Ivy, and Mark and Ashley Whitehead, who are part of this pastoral staff. Recognition was also given to founding pastor William McKee and former pastor Don Osten. This church is poised to raise up ministers, plant new churches, and to fulfill the Great Commission, making disciples of all nations.



► June 19, 2022, was the 10 year celebration for Pastor Paul and Melissa Higgins at Evansville Harvest Community Church. This campus church was started under Owensville Dayspring, Pastor Scott Burr. In 10 years there has

been much growth in number, in discipleship, in worship, changing the church location and upgrading the facilities. This was their first Sunday with "live" worship and Melissa led with all her heart. Their daughter, Zoey, was playing the box drum for her first time, too. Pastor Paul was ordained during the 2022 district council. Superintendent Don and Diane Gifford arrived prior to the service to hear Pastor Paul leading a prayer model. Following the altar service, we came together for a great lunch prepared in honor of the celebration.



► On July 10, 2022, Superintendent Don and Diane Gifford attended the consecration service of Pastor Ron and Kristy Gorsuch, new pastors of Granger Journey Church. Pastor Jeff Kennedy, from South Bend Southgate, has begun a mentoring process with Pastor Ron.

The congregation gathered in the altars for a time of consecration for the whole church. We also enjoyed worshipping with Chi Alpha Director Tim and Melissa Kern, and their children.



► Superintendent Don and Diane Gifford ministered at Evansville Calvary Temple on July 17, 2022, for the consecration service of Pastor Ken and Linda Seher. The worship was anointed with freedom to praise the Lord. Great testimonies were shared from those attending the Royal Ranger Camporama. We had a consecration altar service with a great response followed by a great church dinner. It was a pleasure to work with board member Bob Hall during the pastoral transition.



► The consecration service for Pastor David and Tracey Robinson was held at Knox Trinity Assembly on May 29, 2022. Fill-in pastor Glen Mitchell, who stayed for 6 years, passed the baton to Pastor David. It was a touching hand-off. Pastor David and his sister, Abigail, sang an incredible duet. It was great to have campus pastor from Gary, Mark Kish, and retired pastor Byron Benedict, in the service, along with many family members.



▲ Congratulations to Pastor Mark and Pam Wright on the birth of their son, born on July 22, 2022. Mark Wright, Jr. was born at 10:30 a.m., weighing 8 lbs., 10 oz. Congratulations also to grandfather Rev. William Wright.



▲ Congratulations to Pastor Jonathan and Rebecca Taylor on the birth of their daughter, Reynah Joy Taylor, born on March 3, 2022. She was born at 4:52 a.m., weighing 5 lbs., 8 oz. and measuring 19.25 inches long. She is pictured here with her big sister, Selah Grace.



▲ Congratulations to Pastor Zach and Lauren Gidcumb on the adoption of Noelle LeAnn and Kadence Ryan Gidcumb who were officially adopted on April 4, 2022. Grandparents Pastor Jim and Becky Gidcumb, grandparents Pastors Larry and Missy Turney, great grandparents Fred and Deanie Sherman, uncle and aunt Pastor Evan and Carolyn Turney, uncle and aunt Pastor Jake and Kelsey Gidcumb, and aunt Pastor Jen Reese celebrated and welcomed Ellie and Kade into the family.



▲ Congratulations Pastors Seth and Britta Burgan on the birth of their son, Wyatt Hunter Burgan. He was born on July 23, 2022, at 1:16 p.m. He weighed 6 lbs., 11 oz. and measured 19" long. Congratulations also to Grandparents Jeff and Pam Burgan.

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►The Music Leadership Team, led by Paula Gallaway, along with other worship leaders from around the state, met at the district office on July 25 for a planning meeting for the upcoming Worship Conference to be held October 7-8, 2022.