

STANDING IN THE GAP

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To be and make disciples of Jesus Christ

INVITING GOD INTO THE CHAOTIC START OF THE YEAR



As the summer is coming to a close, the new school year is fast approaching. Both chapters are prayerfully anticipating reaching many souls with the Good News which is the gospel. Your continued prayers are greatly appreciated. Back to school can be a very exciting time, but it can also lead to anxiety. Anxieties about new classes, jobs, and presenting Christ to those around us. The new academic year brings many new opportunities. God's perfect grace and peace come to all that invites it.

"When anxiety was great within me, your consolation brought me joy."-Psalm 94:19

-Natalie Norris; Standing in the Gap Communications Manager

Adopt A Gapper

By Ben Coughlin

Many churches struggle to bring in younger members. Usually, if they can bring them into the church, it is challenging to find a way to utilize their full potential.

This is why the Church in Drive rolled out Adopt-A-Gapper! What is Adopt-A-Gapper you ask? Well, it's a program where college-aged Standing in the Gap members are paired up with adult church members. This helps foster friendships between generations at the church. It helps gappers to receive personal advice for their situation and it also incentivizes gappers to volunteer to fill church needs and lend a hand to help the church members.

We've seen a lot of success with Adopt-A-Gapper in the past and we expect to see it continue to bring fruit in the future.

If you are interested, we will be rolling out our new pairings this fall!



Joshua Lang was adopted by Ray Strawser in the 2021-2022 academic year, Ray is a dedicated member of the Church in Drive that has mentored many.

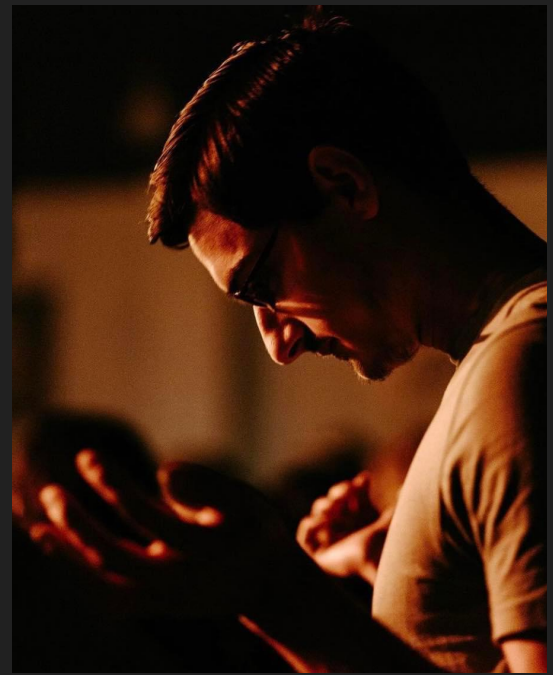


Ray was Emilio Gomez Adopt a Gapper, and he and his girlfriend, Piper soon became close with him and his wife Laura Lee. They both have been great role models to them as a Christian couple.

Student Testimony

By Luke Gorlich

To me, Standing in the Gap is more than an RSO (Registered Student Organization). It is a community. The people I have met in this group have seen my highs and lows, and they have shown me how to exemplify Christian values along the way. I have met numerous friends through Standing in the Gap and enjoyed attending the semester retreat, which further strengthened those bonds. It pains me that I will be graduating in a year because I will be unable to see some of the people I call my closest friends every Wednesday night.



With that being said, my favorite part of Standing in the Gap is the fellowship that being a part of a Christian group brings. This ranges from retreats, as stated before, to meeting up after church and grabbing a bite on Sunday afternoon. Another significant part of Standing in the Gap is the opportunity to join a small group to further connections. Throughout my time at Northwood, I have been in Foundations, Celebration of Discipline, Prayer Team, and others. I was also a part of the Tuesday night "Gaptivities" off-campus and in the student union at Northwood. These events have all brought me closer and closer to showing others the love of Jesus in my everyday life.

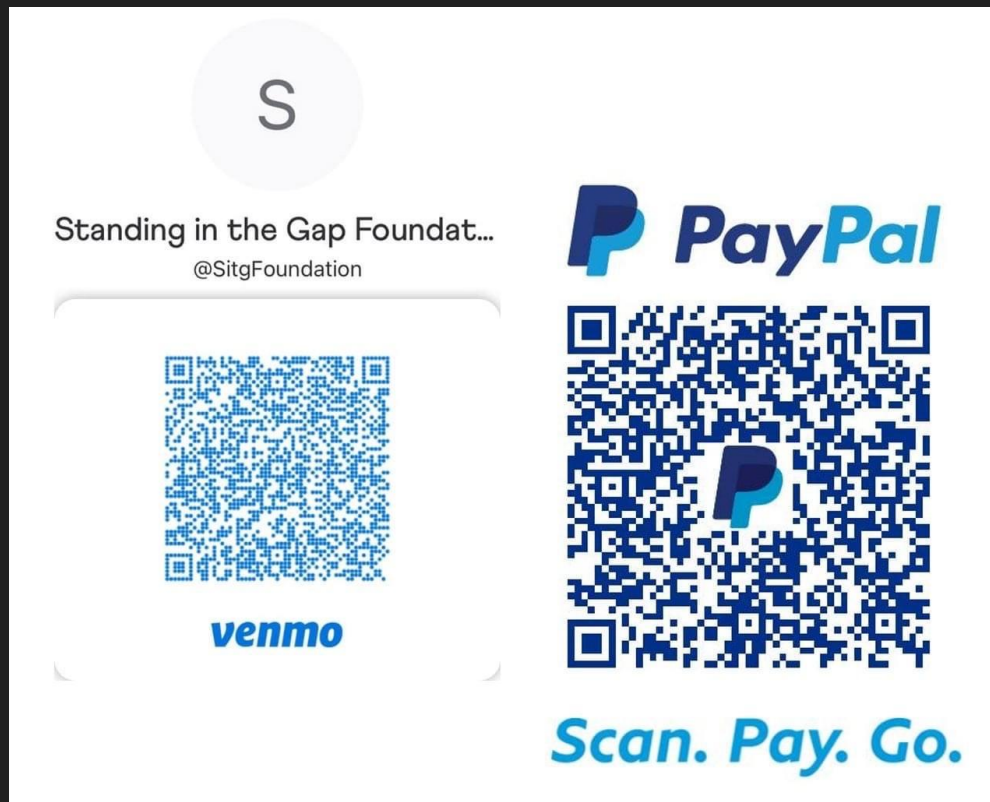


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