

# STANDING IN THE GAP

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*“To be and make disciples of Jesus Christ”*

## AS THE SEMESTER HEATS UP, WE HAVE A FIRM FOUNDATION

Fall is in full swing with beautiful color changes all around us. And both chapters are operating in full force. Win events and small groups are helping to build and make more disciples and grow closer bonds.

Prayers for continued strength and dedication to God’s will for both students and leaders as the semester gets harder and time is more scarce. Our foundation in Jesus Christ allows us to stand firm even through the difficult times.

“Therefore thus says the Lord God,  
“Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion, a stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation: ‘Whoever believes will not be in haste.’”

- Isaiah 28:16

-Natalie Norris; Standing in the Gap  
Communications Manager



# STANDING IN THE GAP FOUNDATION BOARD UPDATE

By Owen Tosh, Board Chair

Hey folks! This is your friendly neighborhood board chair reporting on the activities of the Standing in the Gap Foundation Board. We've got a mix of irons in the fire, and we're excited about everything happening this school year.

One of the big things we've been working on is writing some amendments to our constitution to better reflect our mission and how God is leading us forward. Updating language around service terms and clarifying the board members more thoroughly are among the changes we are proposing at our open meeting on November 14th at 8 pm (EST). All Foundation members are encouraged to attend!



Other activities include updating our merch options (head to <https://standing-in-the-gap.printify.me> to see our current offerings), determining logistics for the Merit Bongard Memorial scholarship, and continuing to pursue our vision of starting more chapters.

We're expectant of God's provision and leading as we're getting into the groove of this fall semester, and we're excited to see all the ways he continues to work through our ministry.



# “GO AND MAKE DISCIPLES”

**Current Gap Students share how they are influencing their worlds for Christ.**

“I am still learning how to make disciples, but I am very happy with the growth I have made in my walk with God and others. This community has allowed me to become a leader and start the process of pouring into others as others have poured into me. It is very rewarding to know I am on my way to maturing in my faith and making my way to show others God’s love as he has shown this to me.”

- Emily W; Northwood University.



“I have had the wonderful opportunity to help make disciples through standing in the gap. Not only was I helping college kids grow in their faith, but I also was able to help them in their personal lives. I’m our small groups, there is so much more than spiritual questions and growth and that’s what makes the difference in their experience.”

- Piper R; Saginaw Valley State University

“Well, I led foundations two straight years, and now all the leaders at SVSU but one I led through foundations and had a small role in discipling. I’ve also met with lots of people individually and try to offer advice and encouragement.”

- Connor S; Saginaw Valley State University

“It is hard NOT to tell people about the good news of Jesus.”

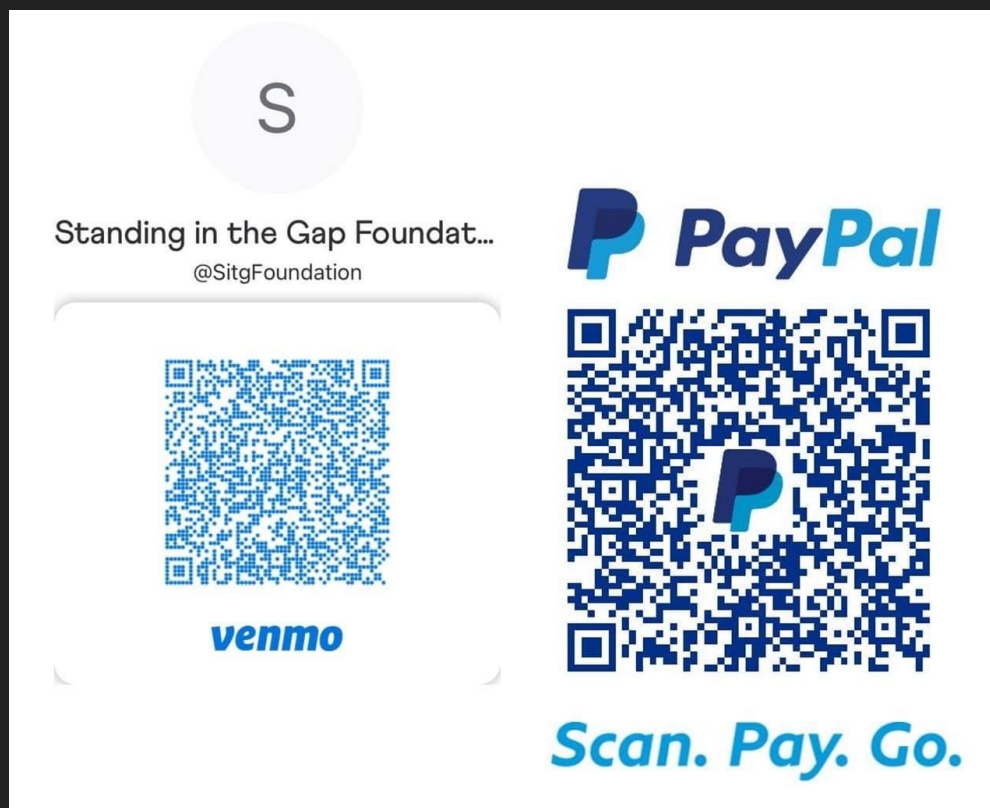
- Shelby B; Saginaw Valley State University

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