

STANDING IN THE GAP

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“To be and make disciples of Jesus Christ”

NEW YEAR, NEW WAYS GOD IS MOVING THROUGH STANDING IN THE GAP

With the New Year arriving, new ideas of what opportunities and possibilities. Resolutions bring hopes of better futures and aspirations.

Both Standing in the Gap chapters started the year by refocusing and brainstorming new ideas to reach more people with the good news of the gospel.

It is encouraging to see how many new and returning gappers are present each week, united with a common goal of serving Jesus to further his kingdom in each chapter.

Please continue to support both chapters through continued prayer as they press on through stressful schedules and other commitments.

“But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

-Philippians 3:13-14

-Natalie Norris; Standing in the Gap Communications Manager



NEW YEAR, NEW NORTHWOOD INITIATIVES

By Gabriel Nelson

Greetings from the Northwood chapter of Standing in the Gap! This semester we welcomed three new student leaders: Jake, Isabel, and Mikaela. Our focus for this semester is to increase discipleship and the number of win events we do.

To that end, each new student leader has been paired with an older student leader, giving opportunities for each to grow. Before each Wednesday night gathering, we have been meeting as the leadership team to spend time in prayer for the ministry of Standing in the Gap, the good of the campus, and whatever challenges or blessings we are experiencing.

This has drawn us together as a team, and had a meaningful impact on our practice of ministry.



To increase opportunities for building community and evangelization, we are also hosting a Win Event about every other week. These include everything from board game nights on campus to the upcoming Chili Cookoff at the Midland Church of the Brethren.

One of the other exciting developments has been the Bible reading program that the church has begun, which several Gap members are participating in. Together, we are reading through the Every Day Bible and meeting before church—we're calling it "Coffee and Christ—to discuss the readings for the week. This combination of study and socialization has become a highlight of the week for the participants.

As we engage in the work of worship, and evangelism, and discipleship, we ask for your prayers for God's blessings and help in all that we do for his glory.

Yours in Christ,
Gabriel Nelson



NEW YEAR REFRESH AT SVSU

By Nate Polzin

Happy New Year Gap alumni!

2024 has started off well at SVSU and The Church in Drive! Gap has had several new students and young adults join our group. The new folks have started bringing friends and there's an energy and excitement in the group.

This semester we are studying the G.O.A.T.s. We started with the greatest question of all time (when Jesus asks, "who do you say that I am?") and last week we talked about the greatest disciple of all time (the one who puts themselves last and serves in Jesus' Name).



We will also explore the greatest commandment, the greatest love, the greatest book, and several other GOATs. It should be an interesting semester!

This year, we are planning to bring back the Gap Parents' Banquet. It's been several years since we have hosted Gap parents, but it will be a chance to show them what Gap is all about.

We saw some parents get saved because of the testimony of the testimonies they heard at the banquet and the influence they saw Jesus have on their student!

Thank you for your interest, support and especially your prayers for our ministry! God bless you and keep in touch!

Nate

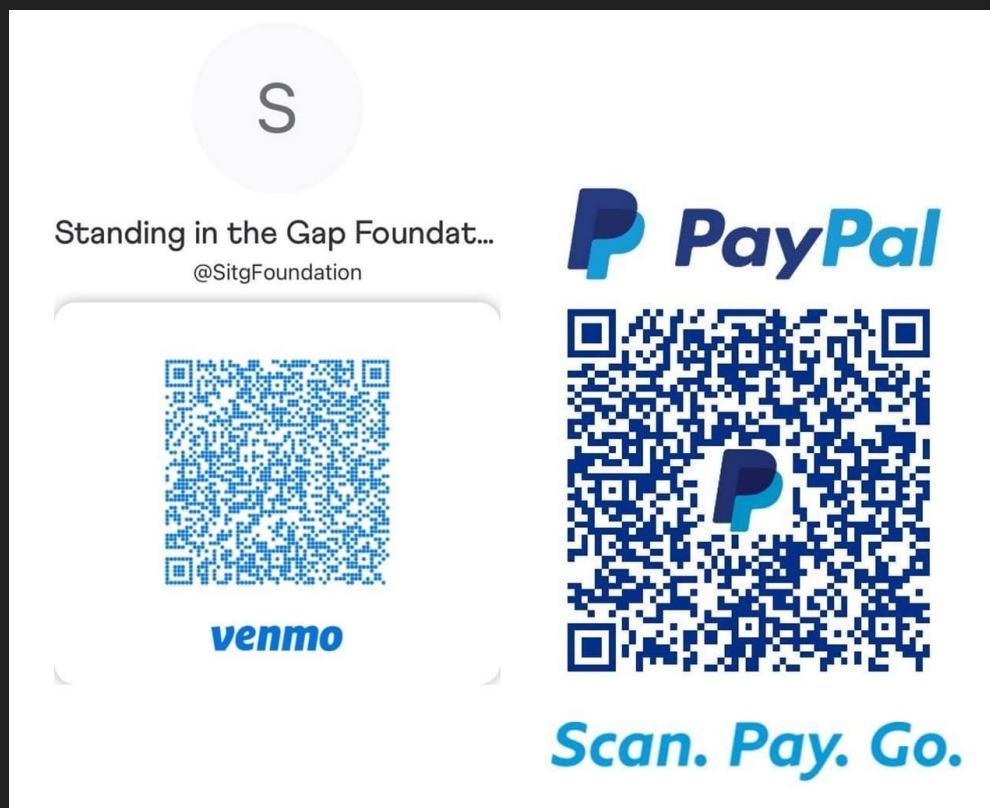


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