

Gary Sivewright

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Consulting Specialties

TIPs Pastor

Dr. Gary Sivewright is the former chaplain and vice-president of Mount Vernon Nazarene University, where he also served as professor of Christian education. After leaving the University, Gary served as Senior Pastor at The Shepherd's House in Apple Valley, Ohio. Before coming to Mount Vernon, Gary was director of Nazarene Youth International Ministries at Nazarene Headquarters in Kansas City, MO. While at Nazarene Headquarters, Gary also served as curriculum editor, program director and editor of two award-winning magazines, *Teens Today* and *Bread*. He served as youth pastor at two churches for seven years before going to Headquarters.

Gary has authored ten books including his three latest for Barefoot Ministries, *Developing a Healthy Relationship with Your Teen*, *Developing a Healthy Communication with Your Teen* and *Developing Healthy Character within Your Teen*. He developed Family Face to Face, an interactive communication ministry for families in the church and is a national presenter for HomeWord Parent Seminars. Gary currently serves as an interim pastor for churches in transition for NXTStep Church Services.

Sivewright holds degrees from Southern Nazarene University, Nazarene Theological Seminary and Vanderbilt University. Gary, widowed in 2012, married his wife Darla in June of 2017. He has two sons. Chad and his wife, Brittany, with the oldest of three grandsons, Penndleton. Jason and his wife, Jillian, have the other two grandsons, Isaiah and Shepherd. Darla has a son, Luke and his wife, Neena, and a daughter, Zoey.