

Pastor Collapses, Dies Moments After Delivering Sermon

The pastor had just delivered his Sunday morning sermon when he stepped behind the stage and collapsed, later dying of a “cardiac event,” according to reports.

Eddie Crain was the children’s pastor at NorthPointe Community Church in Fresno, California.

“He literally had just poured his heart out in his passion to make a difference for kids,” pastor Steve Williams posted on the church’s Facebook page. Please pray for his family and for all who will be so deeply impacted by this loss.

Crain leaves behind his wife and five sons.

“We don’t get over our grief, we get through it. We can have confidence that God walks through this with us,” Williams writes in another Facebook post. “In Hebrews 13 God promises that, ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you.’ So we can confidently say, ‘The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?’”

“We can trust that God is good. Even when there are so many questions we just don’t have the answers for – about why, why now, and what’s the meaning in this? Everything that we know about God leads us to trust all that we don’t understand about God.

“We’re in uncharted waters as a church family, but we know that Jesus goes with us. And that we will do this together.”

Please keep the church and the Crain family in your prayers, especially as Thanksgiving approaches.