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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR BOB WILLIS

Senior Pastor 2023 Annual Report

As I sat down to write my 27th Annual Report for Northpark Community Church, many things came to mind. There are many things that I am extremely grateful for.

There is no way I can mention and thank everyone. Our team is amazing!

Our Children's Ministry, under the leadership of Pastor Candi Maur and her assistant, Laurynn Meyer, has been remarkable. Children have accepted Christ, been baptized, and are growing in their relationship with Jesus Christ. We not only provide opportunities on Sunday morning, Wednesday nights, through camps, and special activities, but we now have a Bible quiz team as well where children are learning more about the Bible and God's ways for our lives.

God has finally brought us a youth pastor! Pastor Justin Goble and Holly are doing an amazing job. We are so grateful that they are here. But we are also incredibly grateful for Pastor Jacob Stout, Kim Tatham, Dave Hartley, Emily Dolin, and others who not only stayed the course over 15 months but grew our youth department in the interim.

The worship at Northpark has been amazing. Thank you to our Worship Pastor Jacob Stout and our Worship Associate Ashley Bjaaland. We are so grateful for their sensitivity to Jesus and their leading us into worship every Sunday morning. We also need to give thanks to Nathan Bjaaland and our sound and tech team; they do an amazing job.

Pastor David Raufman has led us into spiritual growth via small and large groups. Our Wednesday evening discipleship classes with Dr Jim Rossi have been amazing and Jim & Dar Rossi's dinners are delicious! Pastor Dave also has been leading several groups of men into daily Bible study for a number of years now.

Janine Minassian has done an incredible job with our Women's Ministries. There has not only been spiritual growth, but they have raised tens of thousands of dollars for missions and various ministries. Everything that they do has a spiritual purpose, and the results are changed lives!

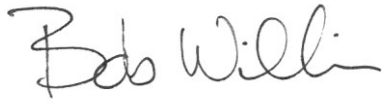
Our Administrative Pastor, Bob Fuller, has not only managed finances well but has guided us into future ministry well. Our better, fully functional, courtyard is in the works, and we should see our vision fulfilled by this coming summer.

And finally, there is the backbone of all that we do! Glenda Coburn is our bookkeeper; Nicole Liberta handles all our communications. Our office manager Kerry Belfiore makes sure that things are running smoothly (and keeps me on track!!!) and Dennis Belfiore our facilities manager, along with Kerrington Raufman and Jude Shepherd keep this 25-year-old building looking new.

As wonderful as all these people are, **it is you who are our strength.** Thanks for your support, participation, and work. I'm still convinced that together we can make a huge difference for Jesus Christ in our community, nation, and world!

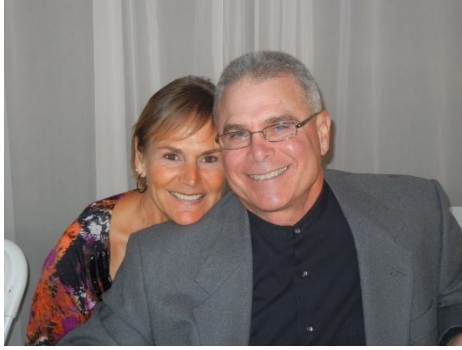
It is a joy serving with all y'all!

Looking forward to another great year together!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Willis". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pastor Bob Willis

BOARD CANDIDATE PROFILES | 2024 ELECTION



BOB CHERRY

Spouse: Cindy Jo

Children: Clayton (spouse MaryAnn, 3 children)
Cory (spouse Cassie, 2 children)

Occupation: UPS 13 yrs., Pastor 15 yrs.,
Medical 10 yrs., Post retirement – Cal Custom Tile

Accepted Christ: 1978

Joined Northpark: 2005

Current Ministries:

Greeter, Usher

Spiritual Journey: In a nutshell: as a young boy, we lived in the projects on the westside. I started school in Catholic school. We moved around a lot so I attended different elementary schools and Jr. High schools. I started High school at McLane High and graduated in 1970.

Throughout this journey, my oldest sister and I attended different churches as we had some spiritual background. “The Lord was in the shadows.”

Cindy and I met in 1975 at a roping arena and we were married 3 months later. We are in our 49th year! Praise God! For Cindy, it was no Easter Egg Hunt! But with the help of friends, we accepted the Lord in 1978 and boy did we need him! From there you have to read between the lines. God is Faithful! “It is a journey.”



STEVE CONNER

Spouse: Crystal

Children: Alec (spouse Varaya and two children),
Nathan (spouse Brenna)

Occupation: Hospice Chaplain

Accepted Christ: Age 5

Joined Northpark: 2017

Current Ministries: Meal Ministry, Tuesday Men's Breakfast/Bible Study attendee and rotational leader

Past Ministries: Empty Nesters Bible Study Leader, Wednesday Night Table Leader, Guest Speaker at Northpark during Pastor Bob's sabbatical

Spiritual Journey: I was raised in a Christian home and being involved in church has always been a part of my life. As a young boy, I would help my children's church director with lessons and puppet shows, and I was a leader in my youth groups. As a young man, I felt called to ministry and was fortunate to have youth leaders that allowed me the opportunity to preach and be active in leadership roles.

Crystal and I met in church. We led a youth group together and we have worked in ministry together ever since. This August, we will be married thirty-five years. In 2001, we answered a call to pastor a church in Coarsegold and we were there for fifteen years. Those years at the church were a challenge and a blessing as we established relationships with the local schools and developed many community ministries.

When we felt the Lord bringing our time at the church to a close, I was led to my current ministry/job as a hospice chaplain. It was during that season of transition and change that we found Northpark and have called it our home church ever since.

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MATTHEW DILL

Spouse: Lindsay
Children: Brylee (13) Brielle (11) Brooklyn (5)
Occupation: Senior Director, Forsta
Accepted Christ: 1989
Joined Northpark: 2021

Current Ministries: Board Mentee, Childrens Ministry, Wednesday night ministry, Men's Ministry volunteer, Mid-week group host

Past Ministries: CIA (compassion in action,) Truth Project host, BSF participant

Spiritual Journey: I was born in Citrus Heights, CA and was blessed to have been raised by parents who are believers. I gave my life to Christ at age 6. I distinctly remember it to this day – sitting in my room trying to imagine what 'infinity' looks like (you know, as kids do). My dad comes in, sits on my bed and starts talking with me about infinity, and what that could mean to me personally. I already knew about Jesus, and about Heaven and Hell, but had never thought about eternal separation from God in that way before. A separation that wouldn't end if I didn't accept Him and follow Him as my own personal decision. All I knew was... I didn't want to be on the wrong side of THAT fence! My dad led me to accepting Christ into my heart that evening. I was baptized in 7th grade, on New Year's Eve. Lindsay and I met in 2007 and married in 2008. We have three children, all girls, and all goofballs. We attended NewCov for several years, volunteering in various ministries before coming to our home at Northpark in 2021 (we saw Pastor Candi on YouTube, and that was it!!) I've never in my personal walk landed on that one 'thing' that I feel called or designed to do. I feel God likes to have fun and change that up. Which, you know what, works for me. I'm appreciative and glad to help wherever I can and wherever is needed. Lindsay and I (along with an amazing team) currently lead the Studio 56 group. We are having a great time and appreciate Northpark's true family atmosphere.



CHARLIE SPENCER

Spouse: Kathy
Children: Leigh (43) Daughter-in-law Alexadra, Granddaughter Gwendolyn (16 mos)
Occupation: Retired Executive Director
Accepted Christ: 1968
Joined Northpark: 2001

Current Ministries: Worship Team (drums) and Choir

Past Ministries: (Boise church) Worship Team (Drums), Choir, Men's Singing Group that toured the Northwest, Technical Advisor for the church's building project

Spiritual Journey: I accepted Christ when I was 13 years old. I was raised in a Christian family. I attended Whitworth College (University), a Christian College, and worked in the performing arts theater as a sound engineer to help fund my education. I completed my major in Radio/TV Communication at Eastern Washington University. I returned to Whitworth to manage the Theater I worked in (as a student) for the next 4 years.

I was offered a position at Boise State University to help manage the new sports arena. We left Boise in 1998 to work for a Christian Travel Management company in Fresno (Inspiration Travel). I was their Director of Marketing and Event Planning. Inspiration provides unique travel experiences for some the top Christian Ministries in the country (Chuck Swindoll, David Jeremiah, Max Lucado, Tony Evans, Greg Laurie, Michael W. Smith, Amy Grant, Bill & Gloria Gaither, etc.)

In searching for our new church home, we found Northpark (while they held services in Fort Washington Elementary School). We knew we had found our home. We have been here ever since. I got involved in the choir first then discovered they needed a drummer. Having played percussion instruments for over 50 years I volunteered my assistance and have been playing now for over a decade at Northpark.

God brought Kathy and I together in high school and this year we celebrate our 50th anniversary.

NORTHPARK MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

As of February 12, 2024

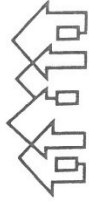
1. Brian Abell	60. Kari Folweiler	119. Eric Murakoshi
2. Kathleen Abell	61. Sean Folweiler	120. Lindsey Murakoshi
3. Royce Allen	62. Linda Franklin	121. Margarita Navarrette
4. Maggie Armistead	63. Sandi Fuller	122. Anastasia Nelson
5. Mike Armistead	64. Donna Gaither	123. Jo Nelson
6. John Baldwin	65. Jim Gaither	124. Ron "Pup" Nelson
7. Patty Baldwin	66. Paul Gaither	125. Alison Neuner
8. Megan Barbeau	67. John Garcia	126. Bonnie Nyberg
9. Trevor Barbeau	68. Marian Garcia	127. Ryan Nyberg
10. Sherry Barnett-Mahr	69. Catherine Hartley	128. Shawna Nyberg
11. Carol Barney	70. David Hartley	129. Thomas Nyberg
12. Terry Barney	71. Melanie Hathaway	130. Missy Obagi
13. Steve Barretta	72. Steve Hathaway	131. Tito Obagi
14. Robert Bebb	73. Buck Helms	132. Betty Olsen
15. Susan Bebb	74. Esther Helms	133. Les Olsen
16. *Julie Beck	75. Aurora Hogendorn	134. Hal O'Neal
17. Dennis Belfiore	76. Dennis Horton	135. Nagene O'Neal
18. Kerry Belfiore	77. Jennifer Horton	136. Georgia Owens
19. Karen Bjaaland	78. Robin Horton	137. Jenny Pacheco
20. Myron Bjaaland	79. Cindy Howell	138. Kelly Paramo
21. Bobbie Brown	80. Jerry Howell	139. Nick Paramo
22. Jeannie Brown	81. Kathy Humphrey	140. Francie Peaslee
23. Kelly Brown	82. Diane Hurst	141. Ken Peaslee
24. Susan Brown	83. Julie Johnson	142. Mary Powell
25. Craig Brueckner	84. Matt Johnson	143. Greg Pyles
26. Jackie Brueckner	85. Valerie Johnson	144. Lydia Pyles
27. John Bruton	86. Audra Jones	145. Robert Ramsey
28. *Joyce Bruton	87. Carolyn Kesterson	146. Gina Raufman
29. Linda Bryant	88. Ken Kesterson	147. Dar Rossi
30. Kris Campbell	89. Jennifer Kiesler	148. Jim Rossi
31. Roy Campbell	90. Jim Kiesler	149. Kris Rutigliano
32. Diane Cantando	91. Donna LaNotte	150. Paul Rutigliano
33. Rory Cantando	92. Nicole Liberta	151. David Saenz
34. Bob Cherry	93. Vincent Liberta	152. Tamara Saenz
35. Cindy Cherry	94. Karen Lopez	153. Dick Sanderson
36. Janet Cheung	95. Rick Lopez	154. Kim Sanderson
37. Ken Cheung	96. Jenny Luk	155. Jennifer Sano
38. Beth Clements	97. Tony Luk	156. Todd Sano
39. Chris Coburn	98. Carol Maul	157. Bob Scholz
40. Glenda Coburn	99. David Maur	158. Carolyn Scholz
41. Julie Collins	100. Elizabeth McGhee	159. Bob Scory
42. Mindy Collins	101. Dean Menard	160. Marian Scory
43. Crystall Conner	102. Tina Menard	161. Alison Shannon
44. Steve Conner	103. Dave Merchen	162. Caroline Shardlow
45. Kendall Cook	104. Joan Merchen	163. Cheryl Silva
46. Lindsay Dill	105. Kim Merchen	164. Steve Silva
47. Matthew Dill	106. Wayne Merchen	165. *Tara Sirvent
48. Chris Doda	107. Julie Meyer	166. Dorothy Smith
49. Melissa Doda	108. Larry Meyer	167. Charlie Spencer
50. Stephen Dutcher	109. Andy Minassian	168. Kathy Spencer
51. Gerry Eden	110. Janine Minassian	169. Michael Sperling
52. Jenni Eden	111. Mary Paul Mitchell	170. Rhoda Sperling
53. Joyce Eden	112. Jody Mize	171. Nancy Stern
54. Ryan Eisele	113. Jacob Moore	172. Tim Stern
55. Sara Eisele	114. Lauri Moore	173. Tiffany Stout
56. Martha Faggionato	115. Scott Moore	174. Chad Swan
57. Mike Faggionato	116. David Morgan	175. Jeanie Swan
58. Jim Feramisco	117. Jennifer Morgan	176. Jason Tatham
59. Margie Feramisco	118. Tom Moshier	177. Kim Tatham

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| 178. Lisa Taylor | 191. Gabby Wallick | 204. Kris Woods |
| 179. Claude Thompson | 192. Gary Warner | 205. Melanie Woods |
| 180. Joy Thompson | 193. Tommy Warner | |
| 181. Elaine Torres | 194. Jan Weldon | |
| 182. Cheryl Tristan | 195. Mark Weldon | |
| 183. Dan Tristan | 196. Kaitlin Welton | |
| 184. Selah Valadez | 197. Dee Whitford | |
| 185. Jim VanHouwelingen | 198. Bobby Willis | |
| 186. Todd Waldner | 199. Maryellen Willis | |
| 187. Bill Walker | 200. Lee Wilson | |
| 188. Livy Walker | 201. Paul Wilson | |
| 189. *Brynn Wall | 202. Karen Wood | |
| 190. *Tim Wall | 203. Russ Wood | |

***Indicates new members since last year's annual business meeting.**

This list is current as of February 12, 2024 and may not reflect members added after that time.

2022 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES



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**Northpark Community Church
Annual Business Meeting**

Date February 26, 2023

Guiding Behaviors

- 18 Rules of Engagement
- Top 3: Pray for Your Pastor
- Pray for Each Other
- Pray for The Church

BOARD: **Chris Doda, Sean Folweiler, Melanie Hathaway, Jerry Howell, Lindsey Murakoshi, Anastasia Nelson, Tito Obagi**

BOARD MENTEE:

PASTORS: **Bob Willis, Bob Fuller, Candi Maur, Dave Raufman, Jacob Stout**

STAFF: **Nicole Liberta, Dennis Belfiore, Kerry Belfiore**

GUESTS:

Those present are listed in **Bold**.

Topic	Findings/Conclusion	Action/Recommendations
Call to Order	The Annual Business Meeting was called to order by Sean Folweiler at 6:02 p.m.	
Devotional Prayer	Sean Folweiler read a devotional and read from Luke 5:1-11. As a fisherman pays great attention and care to his nets, so Jesus has shown the same effort towards us. We in turn are equipped to fish for men.	
Roll Call	Lindsey Murakoshi announced that there was a quorum. There were 115 members in attendance out of 233.	
New Members	The new members were introduced, Steve Barretta, Lindsay Dill, Matthew Dill, Michael Sperling, Rhoda Sperling, Bill Walker, and Livy Walker.	
Reading of the Proxies	Lindsey Murakoshi read the names of the proxies and the proxy holders. There were 12 proxies.	Greg Pyles moves to accept the proxies. Carol Barney seconded.

		All in favor, motion approved.
Approval of the Minutes	The congregation reviewed the minutes.	Kerry Belfiore moves to accept the minutes. Joyce Eden seconded. All in Favor, motion approved.
Nominating Committee	Lindsey Murakoshi reviewed the process of electing the Nominating Committee and identified those that were on the committee. The committee consisted of Sean Folweiler, Tito Obagi, Chris Doda, Carol Barney, Kathy Humphrey, Nick Paramo, and Kim Sanderson.	
Election of Board Members	Sean Folweiler introduced the current board members- Chris Doda, Sean Folweiler, Melanie Hathaway, Jerry Howell, Lindsey Murakoshi, Anastasia Nelson and Tito Obagi. Sean Folweiler acknowledges the term-ending board members; Anastasia Nelson, Tito Obagi and Lindsey Murakoshi and thanked them for their service. Sean Folweiler introduced the current board member nominees- Dean Menard, Lindsey Murakoshi, Shawna Nyberg, Kim Sanderson, and Jan Weldon. Each nominee gave a brief introduction of themselves and shared the things that they appreciate about Northpark and their hopes for the church. Sean Folweiler announced the election of the new board members- Dean Menard, Lindsey Murakoshi, and Jan Weldon.	
Report of the Pastor	Dave Raufman read Pastor Bob's Letter Lamentations 3:22-24 was referenced. "New" is the theme for the up coming year. We recognize that we have lost many over the past couple years but will continue to wait on the Lord. This year will continue to be a year of transition. Pastor Bob is thankful for his staff and board and is grateful for each one of us. Dave Raufman highlighted several ministries.	

	<p>Children's – They have been doing Junior Bible Quiz on Sunday mornings during the first service.</p> <p>Youth- There are three part time leaders helping in the youth- Kim Tatham, Dave Hartley, and Emily Dolan.</p> <p>Spiritual Growth- Wednesday night classes were a great opportunity to grow as a community and Northpark is currently supporting 30 missionaries around the world. Northpark has been able to continue to support all our commitments.</p>
<p>Report of the Administrator</p>	<p>2022 Finances- We currently have \$588,541 in the bank with \$375,380 in cash available for operations. There is approximately four months of reserves and zero long term debt. We have \$1,015,881 in the general giving fund and \$1,134,534 in total receipts. Our total expenditures for the year were \$1,169,385 which was about 5% more than our income.</p> <p>2023 Projections- We are expecting to operate in line with last year's projections except for some various costs due to inflation.</p> <p>Facilities Projects- Courtyard- removed the covering from the back of the courtyard and trying to use the existing healthy beams. Looking into a shade structure.</p> <p>Security Cameras- waiting to have them installed, need to purchase more equipment. Searching for someone to install cameras.</p> <p>Parking Lot Maintenance- It needs to be resealed. Grass play area- convert to something else to avoid flooding.</p> <p>Trees need to be pruned and the berm needs to be cleaned up including drainage issues and fixing sprinklers.</p>

	Jennifer Armstrong is now doing our books.	
Unfinished Business	No unfinished business.	
New Business	No new business.	
Adjournment	Sean Folweiler closed in prayer. Adjourned at 7:35 pm. Minutes submitted by, Lindsey Murakoshi	

SPIRITUAL GROWTH & MISSIONS

Submitted by Pastor Dave Raufman, Spiritual Growth & Missions Pastor

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

As always, we are focusing on being intentional and this year was no different. We focused on being disciples of Christ Jesus, having not only intellectual knowledge of Christ Jesus, but also putting it into practice in our daily lives.

Wednesday night classes for all ages continue to be a great opportunity for us all to grow in our faith and also in relationship with one another (and also enjoy a great meal together!)

This past year we offered two options for our adults classes for each of our mid-week sessions. The first mid-week session was a video series called “Not a Fan” by Kyle Idleman. It was a study that challenged us to be more than just a fan of Jesus and to become a follower of him. Dr. Jim Rossi also taught a class walking us through ‘The Journey’ (Biblical Pathways to Spiritual Maturity).

Our second session of mid-week classes, we did a video study from RightNow Media titled ‘Unstuck’. This was a study of how to get out of a rut in our spiritual life and walk with Christ. The other class was taught by Dr. Jim Rossi, who began an in depth study of book of Acts. He always does a wonderful job leading - teaching us the background and history of this book of the Bible, and how it applies to us today.

One of the important parts of our mid-week classes is a time for small group discussions to follow up the great teachings. This also gives the opportunity for people to get to know one another just a little more.

We have kicked off our first session of mid-week at Northpark this February, 2024 with the second half of the study of the book of Acts taught by Dr. Jim Rossi and a video study on RightNow Media by Tony Evans called “The Power of Knowing God.”

RightNow Media is another great resource we introduced this year. This extensive library has more than 20,000 videos taught by Christian leaders and speakers. These Bible study videos can be used as part of a group study or for family or personal devotions, and many series include free discussion guides and handouts.

Our church believes that RightNow Media is a tool that can help you live out your faith in every area of your life—at home, at work, and in your community. You can sign up for your free account or get more information at NorthparkChurch.org/RightNow.

We have and will continue provide opportunities for leadership training, men’s breakfast groups, online Bible studies, and Hume Lake Men’s retreat.

MISSIONS REPORT

First and foremost, I would like to say thank you for your giving and support to Northpark and our missionaries and ministries we support monthly. We are one of the few churches that have been able to continue faithfully supporting our missionaries and ministries.

Our missionaries and ministries face many challenges. Some of them are enduring persecution from governments, communities, and non-believing groups working to keep Jesus and His teaching out.

The following is a list of missionaries and ministries we support. I hope that as you read this, you will pray over them for the support they need, and that God will give them favor in their area of ministry.

The Bohnerts	The Jensens	Central Valley Justice Coalition	The Light-House Recovery Center
The Churchhills	The Pascans	Central Valley Teen Challenge	Link Care Center
The Contreras'	The Taylors	ESA/Love INC	Marjoree Mason Center
The DeVines	The Vdovicencos	Evangel Home	New Creation Ministries
The Gonzales'	The Westers	Fellowship of Christian Athletes	West Fresno Ministerial Alliance
The Grabers	The Wiebes	Fresno Rescue Mission	
Marci Baker	The Williams'		

WORSHIP & ARTS

Submitted by Pastor Jacob Stout, Worship Pastor

2023 was a fantastic year in the Northpark Worship Ministry. It was another year of building into the ministry by reaching those who are already serving in the ministry and bringing them together more.

We so often only come together through our Sunday morning gatherings for service and don't have the opportunity to get to know others in the ministry in a more relaxed and laid-back setting. So, one of the things that we started doing as a ministry was gathering outside of normal church assemblies for what I started calling our **Northpark Worship Ministry Family Meetings**. This was a time to just get together and hang out with our families and spend time together. The worship team, tech team and choir were all invited to join in these gatherings, and we are looking forward to having more of those this coming year to help bolster our unity in the group.

Another thing that I started was a **devotional series** on our Tuesday night rehearsals during our prayer time with the worship team. We went through the book *Shaping Worship* by Pastor Steve Baney. Some of the topics were about order, excellence, and humility as we, the worship ministry, lead our church every Sunday. This was such a good series and a time of reflection for us that I decided to do another series for this year, *Before We Gather* by Zac Hicks. I purchased books for everyone in the worship ministry so we can go through it together as a whole group (worship team, tech team and choir) throughout the year. So far this has been a positive addition to our rehearsals. I encourage anyone to pick up either of these books if they are looking for a good study.

But what may have been one of the best new additions in the last year was starting our **G.L.O.W. (God Loves Our Worship) services** on one Sunday evening per month. Each time we met the service was different, from one being all hymns, to another with us all seated in the round with more of an unplugged feel. But every service offered a time of extended worship, prayer and scripture and helped those who attended to focus on God. It was also a time for our worship ministry to invite people from outside of our ministry to join us in leading the church. The feedback from the people who gathered for these was very positive and it is something that I am very much looking forward to doing again this year.

I also need to thank a few people who keep this ministry running smoothly, and make it a joy to come and lead this group of volunteers:

Nathan Bjaaland has continued to lead and oversee the tech ministry with excellence and keep things running behind the scenes so that Sunday services are presented both in person and online in a very professional way. Thank you for your many hours that you have put into this ministry and Northpark.

Sabrina Bjaaland has taken over decorations for the worship center and stage and I could not be happier with the outcome. She has a wonderful eye for details and makes the room inviting and festive for holidays that we celebrate throughout the year. Her creativity has shined in her decorations as shown by the giant crown of thorns that was hung in the middle of the stage for Easter last year.

Ryan Nyberg has continued to lead our choir with passion and integrity, and I cannot imagine our Northpark services without his help leading the choir. Every time the choir steps on stage it is a treat for not only me, but for the Northpark family as well.

And finally, **Ashley Bjaaland** has been a tremendous help both behind the scenes and in front of the church leading us in worship. She has grown in her abilities as a worship leader, and I am excited to see where God takes her in the future.

We have had the chance to revamp our stage little by little with the addition of a new stage section I am calling the "Preaching Perch," which gives Pastor Bob his own little portion of the stage. We have new rugs, and paint to help spruce up the walls and floors. New signage in the worship center shows

our church mission statement. In the coming year, I look to continue some ongoing projects, updating the drum cage, purchasing new screens and stage lights.

As the Northpark Worship Ministry has begun this new year, I found myself really wondering what our focus should be for 2024. I found my answer in the theme of this year's 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting; unity. I feel that our world needs unity more than ever, and as a ministry that is seen publicly here at Northpark, we need to have that at our core. Jesus prayed in John 17 for the church to have unity, and when the church is unified great things happen. I pray for unity in our church, and for our ministry to lead people in one voice declaring that Jesus Christ is Lord over this city and ascribing the glory that is only for Him.

Let us take this year and worship Christ with abandon and watch and see how God works throughout our city.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Submitted by Pastor Candi Maur, Children's Ministry Pastor

Northpark "KIDS on the GROW": Where God is Rocking Our World!

Our mission is that our kids grow in their faith, love of Jesus, understanding of God, and personal relationship with Jesus. Our goal is that children and volunteers CONNECT, TAKE ACTION and GROW in their character to become more like Christ!

2023 AT-A-GLANCE:

BAPTISMS: 8 kids were baptized during the year.

VOLUNTEERS: Our team consists of 42 Adult and 11 Youth volunteers for Sunday morning and Wednesday night classes. Each week a new lesson, activities and opportunities are made possible by this team. Each Sunday morning, it takes a minimum of 18 volunteers to execute classes for our kids. As you can see from the total numbers, our KIDS on the Grow team can definitely use more hands and feet!

CHILDCARE TEAM: We employ Northpark High School and College age students to work on our childcare team. We know that it is a big help to provide childcare for parents so they can attend services, practices, events, and meetings here.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ASSISTANT: Laurynn Meyer continues to work part-time for Northpark and our children. Her dedication to our program, the kids and the logistics needed to keep our events and services running smoothly is a big help. Laurynn is studying youth ministry online at Grand Canyon University in hopes of going into children's ministry in the future!

SUNDAYS 8:30 AM - JUNIOR BIBLE QUIZ: This is our "Going Deeper with God for Kids" class for ages Kindergarten to 6th grade. Kids are learning facts about the Bible as well as memorizing scripture, then in a trivia quiz format they "buzz in" and answer questions they've learned. There are opportunities to compete quarterly as well as against other churches in the Central Valley. We hosted one of the competitions here with over 50 in attendance from Visalia, Hanford and San Jose. We added a Teen Bible Quiz team this year with 5 youth meeting Sundays after church!

SUNDAYS 10:00 AM: We have a full line-up of 6 different age/grade appropriate classrooms ranging from infants to 6th grade. Our teaching/caring teams consist of adults and youth working together to implement the teachings of Jesus while focusing on our Mission – GROWing kids in their spiritual journey. On average we are sharing Christ with 65 kids every Sunday.

STUDIO 56 (5th/6th GRADE): For our pre-teen kids, (who meet Sundays during the 10 am service) we continue to focus on connecting and building relationships with each other, while at the same time, connecting and growing in their relationship with God. Outside of our Sunday classes, we have found that group activities and gatherings really meet the goal of connecting! These activities are a great way for kids to invite a friend and feel safe. On average, 25 kids have attended each of these events/parties.

MID-WEEK CLASSES: Wednesday nights have proven to be full of FUN, FELLOWSHIP and GROWing closer to God. Memorizing Bible Scripture each week and participating in interactive stories and activities have really connected these kids with each other and with God. We used the series "13 Very Bad Days" and "13 Very Surprising Sayings" to dig deep into growing with God. Also, our class for our 5 years old and younger focus on Bible stories every Wednesday to learn more about Jesus.

HUME SUMMER CAMPS: We continue to grow in the number of kids that are going to camp. This year we sent 92 campers along with 21 counselors. At all three camps, Elementary, Jr High and High School, life changing experiences happened. We witnessed one of our youth getting baptized in Hume Lake. 7 campers asked God into their lives and there were many heart changes that occurred on that mountain top. We are truly privileged to continue to attend HUME Camps where they offer the most amazing opportunities to meet God and build relationships!

HUME CAMP FUNDING: \$4420 was raised by the kids during our PASTA Fundraiser and YOU, Northpark contributed another \$16,063 towards camp scholarships! THANK YOU! Camps continue to rise in costs, so your scholarships, donations, prayers, and support mean so much to getting our kids to camp.

SUMMER ADVENTURE – “HERO HOTLINE”: This year 196 kids, ages 4 years old – 6th grade were “Called Together to Serve God”. This is a great outreach for our kids and our community - 22% of the kids that attended do not usually attend church. 112 adult and youth volunteers made this possible, working 5 weeknights in July. We also witnessed 42 kids asking Jesus into their hearts!

An UNBELIEVEABLE MOMENT occurred the final night of our week when it was announced the amount our kids raised for our Mission Project! We adopted the “Angels of Grace” Foster Family Agency this year and our goal was to raise \$2500 for them. OUR NORTH PARK KIDS AND FRIENDS RAISED OVER...\$4500 and they personally got to witness the surprised look on the Executive Director’s face when she was presented that check! WOW! Our Friday Family Fun Night was celebrated with over 350 people in attendance enjoying desserts from 2 different food trucks, as well as games, waterslides, a bounce house and music!

KIDS & YOUTH PARENT MEETING: New Youth Pastor Justin Goble and I hosted for the first time a joint Kids & Youth parent meeting. We laid out our plan to move, teach and train kids from Nursery through High School and how that looks growing relationally and spiritually in their lives. We shared our vision which is to prepare our next generations to become the church of tomorrow!

KIDS CHRISTMAS MUSICAL DRAMA PRODUCTION – “THE CHRISTMAS EXPRESS”: It’s been a while since the kids have performed a full musical drama production, but 19 kids were absolutely committed to doing that this year for you. The kids committed to practices every week, sometimes twice a week for 2 ½ months. We had 5 adult leaders and 4 youth leaders working with the kids to put the program together and present it during our Sunday services!

PANCAKE BREAKFAST & FAMILY FUN: We hosted a back-to-school kick-off in August inviting our Northpark family and the community to join us for pancakes, waterslides, games, and a foam bubble pit (which was a hit)! We estimated 300-350 adults and children joined us on that Saturday morning!

CARE CHRISTMAS BAGS: For our Christmas Project this year we chose to support children and their families that are in the hospital at Community Regional Medical Center in the PICU (pediatric care unit). Having one of our very own experience a life threatening event the previous year, we chose to put our prayers into action and gathered items that kids and their families could use while they were in the hospital during the holiday season. Our goal was to take 25 “Care” bags to them, and we delivered 27 bags. Every bag included a blanket, a gift card to Target, games, snacks, toiletries, and other items. THANK YOU for your generous donations once again!

ADDITIONAL 2022 RESPONSIBILITIES/OPPORTUNITIES FOR PASTOR CANDI:

- Sunday Services Preaching
- Northpark Women’s Ministry Retreat Speaker

THANK YOU Northpark for the wonderful blessing of serving here and working with your children! I am honored.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Submitted by Pastor Justin Goble, Youth Pastor

Updates on Youth Staff:

- Worship Pastor Jacob Stout, Kim Tatham, Dave Hartley and Emily Dolin continued running the youth program until bringing on Pastor Justin Goble in July 2023.
- At the end of the year, both Emily Dolin and Holly Goble, deeply faithful volunteers, felt led to step down to focus on other areas of life God was calling them toward. Emily is focusing more on her studies and heavy academic schedule. Holly is focusing more on being a mother and making room for such an important task.
- We were excited to welcome new youth volunteers this year! Megan Barbeau and Kari Folweiler joined leadership and have been serving with all their hearts, making powerful connections.

2023 Recap

At the beginning of year, the group continued to focus on unity and basics of faith, and a teaching series on the book of John. There was a 'groovy' 70's themed movie night as they watched 'Jesus Revolution' and talked about how to share their faith with others, and the parallels that could be drawn between their own situations and the story in the movie!

Hume summer camp is always a massive highlight. We had one teen get baptized and two rededicate their lives to God! God also deeply grew a sense of community in the group. We love seeing how God works at Hume!

In July, Justin Goble was hired as Youth Pastor at Northpark Church. It's been a phenomenal seven months working here and being able to serve these incredible teens. They have embraced Holly and I deeply. I have also been able to get plugged into schools through Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA) and Youth For Christ (YFC). It's been a high-energy year, and we're looking forward to all that God has yet to bring, including being new parents!

It's been exciting to see teens connecting and getting excited to be part of God's family! Both Sundays and Wednesdays have had strong turnouts with teens forming deep connections with each other and leaders. Teens have also been essential volunteers in many areas, especially children's ministry. We were able to attend UNITED Worship and Prayer, a city-wide event, as well as continuing the tradition of the onsite youth retreat 'Rad Sab', and seeing God deepen the sense of community here through those events.

Since July, the youth program has covered many topics ranging from testimonies, to forgiveness, to prayer. We have seen a deep excitement from the youth in growing to be more like Jesus every day. They are hungry to have God be a deep part of their lives! Teen Bible Quizzing has also started this year, allowing students to go even deeper in their understanding of God's Word.

We've also had a lot of fun this year! We've had many pool parties over the summer, a Back-To-School Bash, a mall scavenger hunt, been able to celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas together, as well as many other incredible moments. Please be praying as we look for more leaders to pour into these teens' lives and as Holly and I learn to be first-time parents!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Submitted by Janine Minassian, Women's Ministry Director

God was so good and blessed Northpark Women's Ministries with another action-packed year in 2023!

Our November **Holiday Boutique** was a huge success! As always, our ladies worked tirelessly to create baskets, crafts, baked goods, set up jewelry, and so much more. As a result, we made over \$23,000! Once again, we were able to partner with our Northpark youth. They were the personal shoppers for several of the ladies, and in turn, earned credit towards summer camp at Hume Lake.

We hosted our second annual **Car Show** and made over \$8,000. The turnout was bigger than last year with over 100 cars registered and well over 400 people from the community attended. We even made the evening news! We had 22 craft and food vendors. All 6 of the ministries we support sent representatives who got up and spoke about what they do.

The profits from these two fundraisers not only helped us to support our youth with camp credit, but it also gave us the opportunity to **continue to give financially to the following ministries:**

- Ron (Pup), Anastasia Nelson, and Zach Nelson with Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- Justice Coalition
- The Lighthouse Recovery Center
- Pregnancy Care Center
- The Graber family
- Angels of Grace
- and this year we added Medical Ministries International

Throughout the year, we had several ongoing fellowship opportunities as well.

Our **weekly Bible studies** continued to meet throughout the year. Wednesday mornings are led by Margarita Navarette. Tuesday evenings are led by Robyn Scroggins. This year, during the summer and winter breaks, the ladies tried something new and started a book club. This gave them an opportunity to meet and discuss the faith-based fiction book they read. Overall, I think this was a huge success and something we will continue to do since the ladies enjoyed it so much.

This year, under the direction of Cheryl Tristan, we have been hosting weekly **women's Beginner Yoga** classes. These meetings average anywhere from 10-20 ladies and offers a Christ focused time of self care for all physical abilities. This has been a great way for people in the community to connect with Northpark. Cheryl also offered a Saturday morning yoga class at our retreat this year!

Kim Tatham hosted our **Women's Fun Nights**, and as always, Bunco was a HUGE hit!! The ladies look forward to these events where they can relax, laugh, and enjoy some tasty treats. The great part about these fun nights is that the ladies of Northpark often invite friends who attend other churches and some who don't attend church at all. So, they come, have some fun, then Kim always concludes with a little something from the word of God.

Our monthly **9 to 5 for Christ** meetings continue to grow as ladies from Northpark and throughout the community come together to pray for one another, eat a great meal, and hear an amazing speaker. This is such a blessing to those in and out of the workplace and it is also a great networking opportunity for those looking for employment. We are so thankful for Joyce Eden and her team for organizing this event each month.

This year, our **MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers)** group welcomed a new coordinator, Sabrina Bjaaland. She has done an amazing job! MOPS meets bi-monthly and includes women who attend Northpark, other churches, and some who do not attend church at all. This meeting gives mothers of preschoolers an opportunity to fellowship with others who are in the same season of life.

Our **New Beginnings Luncheons**, which meet quarterly, has continued to grow. Hosted by Dar Rossi and her team, these luncheons are attended by ladies from all over the valley and welcome an average of 160 women at each event. These ladies partner with Teen Challenge to set up, prepare, and clean up - and this is no small task. The attendees are asked to bring items for whichever ministry is being highlighted that quarter. They are so generous in their giving, that at times it has taken 2 loads just to transport everything!

Lastly, we were once again able to host a **Women's Retreat at Calvin Crest**. Last year's retreat was such a success that we decided we would go again. We had 40 ladies register. Pastor Candi Maur was our speaker and as usual, she did an amazing job. Our worship team was May Bruckner and Sydney Oscarson. The ladies were so blessed by them.

Our theme was "To the Full - Moving from Surviving to Thriving." The ladies were encouraged to see themselves as God sees them. The weekend went so well that before we even left the retreat, several of them came up to us and asked if we were doing this again in 2024.

I am always overwhelmed with gratitude when I look back at all that God allowed us to do. It is not just the ability to raise money, which we in turn get to give to others, but also in the way He presents new opportunities and refreshes ongoing ones, then lets us bless others and be blessed by others through fellowship.

As I look with anticipation to 2024 and where God will take us, I am reminded of one of the Bible verses from our retreat:

Deuteronomy 31:6

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; He will never leave you nor forsake you.

Thank you for all your prayers and ongoing support of our Northpark Women's Ministries team!

FINANCIAL REPORT

as of December 31, 2023

Prepared by Pastor Bob Fuller, Administrative Pastor

This financial report is to give you, the Northpark membership and regular adherents, a view of Northpark's financial condition.

You, in accordance with principles of giving directed by the Lord Jesus, are the source of Northpark's financial resources. You entrust the staff and Board of Trustees to steward those resources in ways that facilitate Northpark's God-directed mission and purpose.

As you view the financial facts in this report, bear in mind that these resources were expended on the ministry activities which supported this purpose, which are described in the accompanying reports from the various Northpark ministry leaders.

FINANCIAL POSITION AT END OF CALENDAR 2022:

- **We have \$667,881 in the 'bank.'** Of that total, \$368,866 is available for operation (55%). This provides approximately 4 months of operating reserve. (Operations cost approximately \$90,000 per month.) The other 45% is earmarked as building fund, church plant fund, and special designated gifts.
- We presently have **no long-term debt**. The mortgage was paid off in 2021.
- Our **net financial position is up about 1% from end of prior year**. Most of that increase is due to the building/courtyard fund donations in 2023.

CASH FLOW – OPERATIONS IN CALENDAR 2023

Note: This section notes highlights; details are given in charts and diagrams following.

RECEIPTS:

General fund giving: \$974,814.

- This is approximately 4% less than the prior year and approximately 6% less than the original budget projection.
- This amount was given by 240 Giving Units (a GU is a family unit or a single person). 90% of the funds came from 50% of the giving units.

2023 Giving Units were about 10% fewer than the prior year.

Other Receipts:

- Outreach/Missions donations: \$49,018 which was **32% less than the prior year**.
- Facilities/building fund/Courtyard fund donations: \$169,774
- Facility use fees (Heart Christian Academy school): \$42,600.

Total Receipts:

- **\$1,236,628 - up 10% from prior year** - attributable mostly to Courtyard donations and facility use fee from Heart Christian Academy

EXPENDITURES:

Operational expenses are categorized as shown below. Each category includes personnel costs associated with that facet of operation.

**This is the information that should be viewed in conjunction with the activity reports of all the ministry areas of Northpark as noted in the introduction to this report.*

Ministry – all on-campus and local ministry activities, for adults, children, youth.

42% of total income – this percentage is consistent with the previous year.

Outreach/Missions/Benevolence – designated and undesignated outgo to missions and needs.

7% of total income – **the target percentage of 10% was not reached in 2023.**

Administration – ministry support, financial management

29% of total income – **this percentage is consistent with the prior year.**

Facilities – maintenance, equipment, projects

23% of total income – **this percentage is higher than previous years, primarily due to the significant increase in electrical use cost.**

Facilities Improvements – permanent building projects

0% of total income – **no major facility expenditures other than toward courtyard**

Financing – mortgage or other long-term liabilities

0% - no current long-term debt. Going forward, a loan availability for the Courtyard project has been established if needed. None of those funds have yet been drawn.

Reserves/Contingencies/Set-asides – savings, church plant set-aside, facility reserves.

Less than 1% of total income this year – less this past year due to decreased income

Total Net Income/Expense

In 2023, our **operational expenditures were about 1% less than income**, not including Courtyard donations and expenditures to date.

FUTURE: CASH FLOW CONSIDERATIONS FOR 2024

Normal Operations:

Expected to continue more or less consistently as past year. With inflation, costs of various things are going to increase, which must be considered in planning.

Courtyard Improvement Project:

In 2022, church leadership and the congregation authorized an architectural design for a fully covered, multi-season courtyard structure. The design was completed and submitted for construction estimate. The projected construction cost was about \$1.5M, significantly more than the leadership wanted to take on. So the Board opted to not continue with construction of that design. Rather, the focus went to mitigation of the potential safety risk of the deteriorating beams. To that end, the Board engaged the services of a demolition company to remove the covering and beams.

Then in 2023, in consultation with Andrew Young Construction of Fresno, leadership considered and opted to commence a significantly less expensive option for a covered courtyard.

The proposal was submitted to the congregation and fund-raising commenced.



Total cost for this new design is about \$450,000.

As of end of 2023, the status of the project is:

Design and engineering of the structure is complete; the permitting process with the City of Fresno has commenced; the steel structure is in production. The rest of the demolition and construction of the new structure is expected in early spring, with projected completion in late spring.

Funds are projected as follows:

Total Cost: \$450,000

Fundraising:

Target \$320,000

- Pledged amount to date \$270,000 over 3 years
- Received to date \$169,000.
- Short term loan (3 year payoff) - \$220,000 is available – draw amount only as necessary
- From church reserves - \$60,000 - \$100,000 as necessary

CONCLUSION

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you as Church Administrator for the past 17+ years. It has been and continues to be my honor to serve the Lord in this capacity.

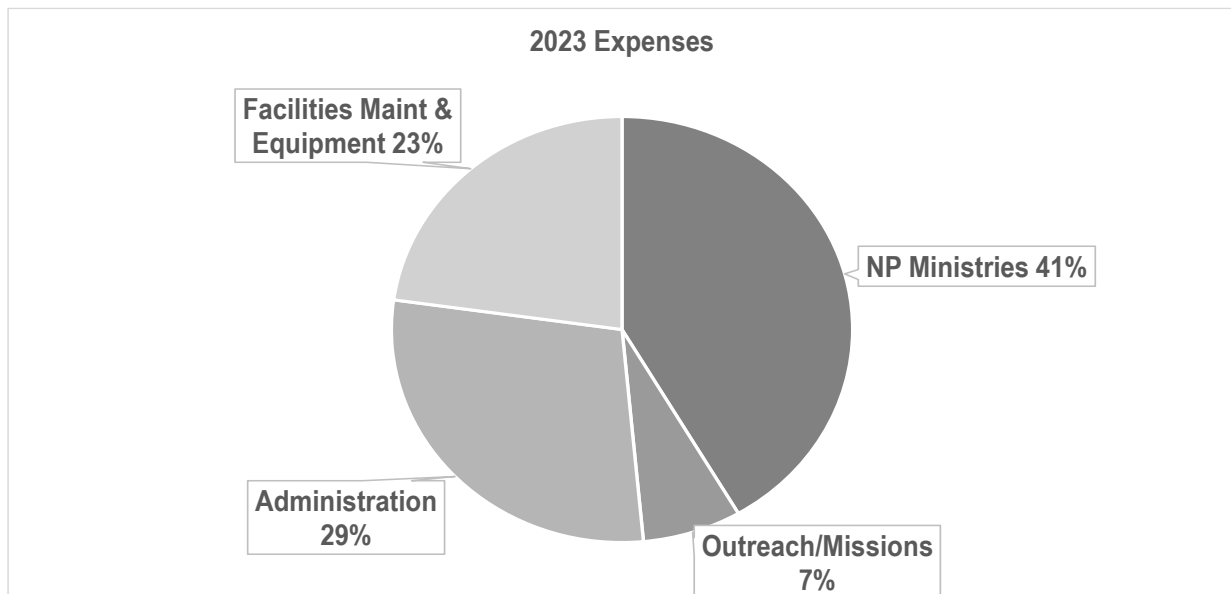
Respectfully submitted,

Bob Fuller

Bob Fuller, Pastor of Administration

FINANCIAL CHARTS AND DIAGRAMS

Receipts and Expenditures							
Row	Category	2023 Amount	% of Income	2022 Amount	% of Income	2021 Amount	% of Income
1	Receipts						
2	Unrestricted						
3	General Fund / Tithes	\$974,814	91%	\$1,015,211	91%	\$1,025,412	94%
4	Facilities Use Fees/Other	\$43,022	4%	\$19,270	2%	\$0	0%
5	Total Unrestricted Receipts	\$1,017,836	95%	\$1,034,481	92%	\$1,025,412	94%
6	Restricted						
7	Outreach/Missions	\$49,018	5%	\$63,023	6%	\$67,258	6%
8	Facilities/Building exc Courtyard	\$2,654	0%	\$11,583	1%	\$1,310	0%
9	Designated	\$0	0%	\$12,000	1%	\$0	0%
10	Total Restricted Receipts	\$51,672	5%	\$86,606	8%	\$68,568	6%
11	Receipts Total	\$1,069,508	100%	\$1,121,087	100%	\$1,093,980	100%
12							
13	Expenditures						
14	NP Ministries	\$453,705	42%	\$470,369	42%	\$454,363	42%
15	Outreach/Missions	\$72,193	7%	\$110,673	10%	\$125,190	11%
16	Administration	\$311,261	29%	\$314,887	28%	\$292,797	27%
17	Facilities Maint & Equipment	\$244,851	23%	\$221,494	20%	\$150,300	14%
18	Facilities Improvement exc Courtyard	\$0	0%	\$16,670	1%	\$0	0%
19	Expenditures Total	\$1,082,010	101%	\$1,134,093	101%	\$1,022,650	93%
20	Net Cash Flow	-\$12,502	-1%	-\$13,006	-1%	\$71,330	7%
21							
22	Reserves Savings	\$8,822	1%	\$18,674	2%	\$17,233	2%
23	Restricted Savings Designated	\$0	0%	\$12,000	1%	\$0	0%



End of Calendar Year Financial Position					
Row	Category	December 31, 2023		December 31, 2022	
				Total	Details
					Change
1					
2	Cash on Hand				
3	Restricted	\$ 299,015		\$ 213,161	\$ (85,854)
4	Building Fund		\$ 188,341		\$ 111,637
5	Church Plant Fund		\$ 84,513		\$ 80,604
6	Outreach/Other		\$ 26,161		\$ 20,920
7	Unrestricted - Available	\$ 368,866		\$ 375,380	\$ 6,514
8	Total Cash on Hand	\$ 667,881		\$ 588,541	\$ (79,340)
9					
10	Unrestricted - Available %	55%		64%	
11	Months of Operation Available	4.1		3.9	
12	(Monthly Expenses)	\$ 90,167		\$ 96,070	
13					
14	Other Assets	\$ 3,943,088		\$ 3,943,088	
15	Building, Property, Equipment at Cost				
16					
17	Amount Owed	\$ 18,174		\$ 17,861	\$ (313)
18	Mortgage	\$ 0		\$ 0	
	Payroll Taxes Payable	\$ 18,174		\$ 17,861	
19					
20	Net Value	\$ 4,610,969		\$ 4,531,629	\$ (79,340)

