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MESSAGE FROM PASTOR BOB WILLIS

Senior Pastor 2024 Annual Report

2024 was a great year here at Northpark Community Church!

We opened the year participating in 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting with The Church of Fresno/Clovis! 107 churches participated, and 21 different congregations hosted our nightly gatherings with many of us attending the nightly services, which are always a blessing and encouragement.

Spoiler alert! In 2025, 135 churches and people from at least 10 different states participated!

We finished our courtyard project.

Thank you to the many of you who made and are continuing to make contributions. We are currently in the process of making plans about how we can best and frequently take advantage of this blessing.

We had a great Missions Month.

This month-long focus culminated with a missions banquet, in our newly completed courtyard. It was inspiring and encouraging to hear from our missionary guest, Steve Kramer and his family. Many local ministries were in attendance and several Northpark folks signed up to volunteer with these ministries. And, our men's ministries provided us with an awesome tri tip dinner!

It was a busy and productive year with...

- Small Groups
- Wednesday night discipleship classes, and great suppers
- A car show provided a great way for us to connect with the community and support missions
- Camps for kids and youth provided great opportunities for spiritual growth
- Retreats for men and women
- Partnering with missionaries and ministries – local and global
- A LOT of behind-the-scenes ministry (caring and reaching out to people)
- Sunday morning services
- Our finances/giving increased over 2023
- Lots of people volunteered for service

In addition, I need to thank our staff and their families, our ministry leaders, all of our volunteers, and all of you for making it a great year!

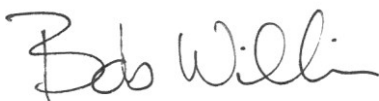
Thank you for your faithfulness - YOU are Northpark!!!

I am looking forward to an even more productive, profitable, growing and Holy Spirit anointed year in 2025 than we've ever known before!

Love All Y'all.

Thanks for the privilege of being your pastor!

Bob Willis



Pastor Bob Willis

BOARD CANDIDATE PROFILES | 2025 ELECTION



MATTHEW DILL

Spouse: Lindsay

Children: Brylee (14) Brielle (12) Brooklyn (6)

Occupation: Senior Director, Forsta

Accepted Christ: 1989

Joined Northpark: 2021

Current Ministries: Children's Ministry Studio 56 Director, Wednesday Night Group Leader, Men's Ministry

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

Spiritual Journey: I was born in Citrus Heights, CA and was blessed to be raised by parents who are believers. I gave my life to Christ at age 6. I distinctly remember the moment to this day! I was baptized in 7th grade.

Growing up, Christ and the church was always at the center of my life. My parents led our church's high school and young adult ministries, so there was always something 'church' going on. In my own personal younger life, I helped drive intercity outreach programs throughout the Central Valley region. Our mission was to assist in every day tasks (like yard work, painting, etc.) and open up conversations to a family's relationship with Christ.

Lindsay and I met in 2007 and married in 2008. We have 3 girls, all goofballs. We attended another church for several years, leading 3rd and 4th grade children's ministry and hosting 'Truth Project' in home studies, before ultimately coming to our home at Northpark in 2021 (we saw Pastor Candi on YouTube, and that was it!!) I'm thankful to Northpark and the volunteer opportunities they have welcomed my family into. Lindsay and I currently partner with an amazing team to lead Studio 56. We are having a great time and appreciate Northpark's true family atmosphere. I am also looking forward to further serving as a board member, if that's what God has in store next!



CHRIS DODA

Spouse: Melissa Doda

Children: Mackenzie (11), Lucas (8)

Occupation: Firefighter, Clovis Fire Department

Accepted Christ: 1995

Joined Northpark: 2011

Current Ministries: Board Member, Men's Ministry Co-Leader, Wednesday Night Group Leader, Worship team, Summer Adventure Leader, Wagon Train Camp Counselor

Past Ministries: Mountain View Church Youth Worship Team, Tech Team, Youth Camp Counselor, Set Up and Take Down team.

Spiritual Journey: When I was a child, my mom attended Community Bible Church with my sister and I. My mom was very active with children's ministry. Growing up at that church I accepted Christ into my life when I was about 7. We attended church regularly and I was baptized at 14. I became interested in serving at the church and was allowed to join the technical team to help with setup, tear down and sound during the services.

We began to attend Mountain View Church when I entered high school. I was approached by one of my friends in youth group to join our youth worship team. He gave me a bass guitar and there I fell in love with worship.

My wife and I were married in 2009. We wanted to choose a church together, so we began to attend the various churches in the area. We found Northpark and really enjoyed the people and the services. As my spiritual path has progressed, I have come to find that when my focus is off of God, the chaos of the world begins to creep in and take hold. Through the years I have come to learn from my studies and wonderful, godly mentors, that to follow Christ is not always easy but it is always worth it. I very much enjoy serving at Northpark and will continue to do so where and when I can.

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BOARD CANDIDATE PROFILES | 2025 ELECTION



JERRY HOWELL

Spouse: Cindy Howell

Adult Children: Shawna and Keri, 5 grandchildren

Occupation: Semi-Retired/PT Public Works Inspector

Accepted Christ: 1972

Joined Northpark: 2017

Current Ministries: Board Member (Secretary), Wednesday Night Group Leader, Fresno Police Chaplain

Past Ministries: Selma First Baptist member (45 yrs), Praise Team, Church Choir, traveling Music Ministries, Chairman and member of the Board of Trustees (multiple terms), Chairman and member of the Deacon Board (multiple terms), Land Acquisition Team, Mexico Mission Team, President and Board member of Kingsburg Young Life

Spiritual Journey: I was adopted at 3 months (long story, God thing). My parents were very active in churches in Orange Cove and Selma (Dad was Head Usher and my mom spent many hours in the church kitchen). We were in church every Sunday morning and Wednesday night until I graduated from High School. During my sophomore summer, I went on a 2-week mission trip with 2 other churches to El Sauzal, Baja CA. During those 2 weeks we did construction work during the day and Vacation Bible School in the evening. It was during this trip I felt God's calling and when we returned, I accepted Jesus and was baptized. After High School and graduating from a vocational college, I got married and entered the U.S. Navy. Upon completion of my service, we returned to Kingsburg and the farm. Selma First Baptist Church was our home church, where I served in many capacities (see above). In 2013, we left Selma and moved to Clovis and started the arduous task of church shopping when at the invitation of Kyla Fox, whose sister attended Selma First suggested we try Northpark (another God Thing). We attended the next Sunday and church shopping was no longer needed; we found our new church home.



JODY JO MIZE

Children: Taylor, Morgan, Lauren, 2 Grandsons

Occupation: Radio Personality 93.7 Kiss Country

Accepted Christ: As a child

Joined Northpark: 1998

Current Ministries: Worship Team and Choir

Spiritual journey: I was raised in a Christian home with my parents being extremely involved in youth group, choir, multiple ministries in the church, which meant us kids were also involved. I started attending Northpark with my sister, Nicole Liberta, in 1998 and I was hooked! I then attended our church plant, The Quest, when it was first beginning. After they were well established, I missed my Northpark family, so I came back. I was rebaptized with my 2 youngest daughters in 2007 at Northpark to publicly declare I had been reenergized to walk with Christ.

I have been singing with the Northpark choir and worship team since my kids were young! My daughters attended Northpark and were involved with children's ministry, youth, Mexico missions trip and Hume.

I was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2013 and went through 6 months of chemo and countless surgeries. I have no idea how anyone gets through all of that without faith! I leaned on mine every step of the way.

My daughters are all married, Taylor is in Texas with my grandbabies, Morgan is in Salt Lake City and Lauren is still in Clovis.

I serve on the board for 2 local organizations. The Light House Recovery Center is one of the ministries that Northpark supports and I host their weekly podcast. I also serve on the board for Pink Heals, helping men, women and children with life threatening illness or disease.

NORTHPARK MEMBERSHIP ROSTER

As of February 12, 2024

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

178. Amy Verzosa
179. Dennis Verzosa
180. Todd Waldner
181. Bill Walker
182. Livy Walker
183. Brynn Wall
184. Tim Wall
185. Gary Warner

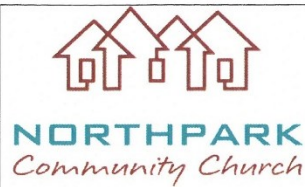
186. Tommy Warner
187. Jan Weldon
188. Mark Weldon
189. Kaitlin Welton
190. Dee Whitford
191. Bobby Willis
192. Maryellen Willis
193. Lee Wilson

194. Paul Wilson
195. Karen Wood
196. Russ Wood
197. Kris Woods
198. Melanie Woods

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

This list is current as of February 11, 2025 and may not reflect members added after that time.

2024 BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES



Northpark Community Church Annual Business Meeting February 25, 2024

Guiding Behaviors

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

BOARD: Chris Doda, Melanie Hathaway, Jerry Howell, Dean Menard, Lindsey Murakoshi, Jan Weldon

BOARD MENTEE: Matt Dill, Alison Shannon

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

STAFF: Nicole Liberta, Dennis Belfiore, Kerry Belfiore

GUESTS:

Next board meeting: Monday, March 18th

Topic	Findings/Conclusion	Action/Recommendations
Call to Order	Pastor Bob Willis called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.	
Devotional Prayer	Pastor Bob Willis opened with prayer and reading from John 17: 20-26	
Roll Call	Jerry Howell announced that we had a quorum, (108 members present out of a membership of 203)	
Introduction of New Members	Jerry Howell introduced the new members that have joined this past year Julie Beck Joyce Bruton Tara Sirvent Amy Verzosa Dennis Verzosa Brynn Wall Tim Wall	
Reading of Proxies	Jerry Howell read the names of the membership proxy voters and the proxy holders. There were 13 proxies added to the ballot voting.	Motion by Chris Coburn Second by Tim Stern Motion carried

Approval of prior minutes	The previous annual meeting minutes were provided to the membership for review, Motion to approve.	Motion by Ryan Nyberg Second by Greg Pyles Motion carried.
Recognition of the Nominating Committee	<p>Jerry Howell had the members of the Nominating Committee stand and be recognized and thanked for their service,</p> <p>Jan Weldon - Board member - Committee Chairperson Lindsey Murakoshi - Board member Chris Doda - Board member Trevor Barbeau Kris Campbell Matt Dill Tom Moshier</p>	
Election of 2 Board Members	<p>Pastor Bob Fuller introduced the current board members: Chris Doda Melanie Hathaway Jerry Howell Dean Menard Lindsey Murakoshi Jan Weldon Vacant Position</p> <p>Bob Fuller then acknowledged board members with their terms ending: Melanie Hathaway Vacant Position</p> <p>Bob Fuller then introduced the board candidates: Bob Cherry Steve Connor Matt Dill Charlie Spencer</p> <p>The candidates were then invited to the platform. Each were given several questions by Pastor Fuller. After the interviews, the church members, that were present, and the proxy holders were given ballots to vote on. They were asked to vote for 2 of the 4 candidates. Board members collected and counted the ballots. The results of the election were reported later in the meeting.</p>	
Report of the Pastor	Pastor Bob welcomed everyone and reflected on his calling to his 27 th year as Pastor of Northpark. He then shared his vision and goals for 2024. One of his heart felt goals is for unity in	

	<p>the church, not only for our church, but for all the churches in the Fresno/Clovis area.</p> <p>Pastor Bob was happy to report that 2 new board members were elected on the first ballot. Serving for the next 3-year terms are Bob Cherry and Steve Conner. He congratulated them both.</p>	
Reports of Committees	<p>The various Pastors shared with the congregation each of their visions, for their departments, in 2024.</p> <p>The reports for the following ministries can be found in the 2023 Annual Report. Please refer to those reports for further information.</p> <p>Pastor Candi Maur – Children</p> <p>Pastor Justin Goble – Youth</p> <p>Pastor Dave Raufman – Spiritual Growth / Missions / Men’s Ministries –</p> <p>Pastor Jacob Stout – Worship and Arts</p> <p>Janine Minassian – Women’s Ministries</p> <p>Pastor Bob Fuller – Administration / Treasurer</p>	
Unfinished Business	No unfinished business.	
New Business	No new business.	
Adjournment	<p>Pastor Bob closed in prayer. Motion to adjourn</p> <p>Adjourned at 7:33 pm.</p> <p>Minutes submitted by, Jerry Howell, Board Secretary</p>	<p>Motion by: Tim Stern Second by: Greg Pyles Motion carried</p>

SPIRITUAL GROWTH & MISSIONS

Submitted by Pastor Dave Raufman, Spiritual Growth & Missions Pastor

SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Here at Northpark Community church, our mission remains rooted in being intentional followers of Christ. This year, we have concentrated on deepening our discipleship, aiming for a transformation that goes beyond mere intellectual understanding of Jesus. We strive to embody our faith by actively applying His teaching in our daily lives.

Three different sessions of our Wednesday night classes for adults offered opportunities for spiritual growth through both video based series and the teaching of Jim Rossi.

The video studies we used were from Right Now Media, a great resource available for all of us to use. The different studies we did challenged us to be more than one who knows of Jesus and to become a true follower/disciple of him.

In Jim Rossi's classes, he did a study continuing through the second half of the book of Acts, and also started a new biblical studies of different Bible characters. Jim always does a wonderful job leading and teaching us as he lays out the biblical background, history, and how it applies to us today.

During these studies we were able to have small group discussions to follow up the great teaching, helping us to not only grow spiritually, but to connect with one another as well.

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

Our commitment to being disciples of Christ calls us not only to grow personally but also to reach out and support those who are on the frontlines of ministry across the globe.

First and foremost, I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your unwavering support and generous giving to Northpark. Your contributions allow us to provide ongoing support for the missionaries and ministries we partner with each month. It is heartening to note that, unlike many other churches, we have managed to maintain our financial assistance, allowing us to continue our critical work.

The challenges faced by our missionaries and supported ministries are significant. Many of our partners operate in areas where they endure substantial opposition, ranging from governmental restrictions to societal persecution. This often makes their work not just a challenging but dangerous, as they strive to spread the message of Jesus Christ amid adversity.

In light of this, it is vital that we not only recognize the strain on their efforts but also actively pray for them. Prayer is a powerful tool that can bring comfort, strength, and favor upon those serving in hostile environments. The following is a list of missionaries and ministries that your contributions support. I encourage you to keep them in your thoughts and prayers, seeking God's guidance and empowerment in their respective missions.

The following is a list of missionaries and ministries that we supported and assisted in 2024.

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

In conclusion, our collective efforts in supporting these ministries not only reflect our commitment to Christ but also set an example of what it means to live out faith in tangible ways. As we continue to grow as disciples, let us remain vigilant in prayer and support for those who have answered the call to serve in challenging environments. Together, we can be a beacon of hope and encouragement for our missionaries, ensuring that they feel the love and support of our Northpark Community Church family.

Thank you once again for your commitment and generosity. May God bless our efforts as we continue to support the work of His kingdom both locally and globally.

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Submitted by Pastor Jacob Stout, Worship Pastor

I felt that 2024 was a bit of a trial year for the worship ministry. Satan has a way of testing you when you really focus on God, and I felt that this was a year of really having to lean on God to get through some things in the worship ministry. Throughout this past year we had people move away or step away from the ministry for various reasons and they were greatly missed. But in the end, I feel that our worship ministry here at Northpark weathered the storms and actually banded together to become a better ministry by relying on each other and committing to the ministry of leading Northpark well.

We started 2024 out strong as we began a year devotional study by Zac Hicks titled *Before We Gather*, which helped us focus our ministry on what God was teaching us and leading us through. This was a great study that I would suggest to anyone who wants to better understand worship and its role in the church. This was a highlight of our midweek rehearsals.

We also had the opportunity to host some worship and prayer services that we called G.L.O.W (God Loves Our Worship) on Sunday evenings that we had other church worship teams join us in leading. We had the opportunity to lead with Bethany Church, Harvest Fresno, The Word Community, and Valley Christian Center. These were beautiful times of worship and reflection on God and what He has done for us. We even took the opportunity to bring a G.L.O.W. service to a Sunday morning when we spent the entire service praying over the beginning of the school year, school campuses, school staff and teachers, and students for the 2024-2025 school year.

Our worship center and the equipment that we use for services and events started to show its age this past year. It seemed that almost every month we had another piece of equipment fail or break and we were just continually troubleshooting on how to get by the entire year. This was stressful, but I knew that God had us in His hands. And He showed us favor by not allowing equipment to crash when we needed it most and allowing us to upgrade in some areas beyond just simply replacing equipment.

On a bright note, we were able to have our first two outdoor services in the new courtyard structure after it was raised. This was in no small part due to the generosity of our own Jonathan Yoshida allowing us to use his professional sound system for these services. We are grateful for his kindness and willingness to share what God has gifted him with to ultimately help our worship ministry thrive. We are also looking forward to using this new courtyard space for more events soon.

The Northpark worship ministry would not be where it is today if not for the hard work and care that these following people put into it on a daily basis:

Nathan Bjaaland has continued to lead and oversee the tech ministry with great excellence. His dedication to serving Northpark and keeping things running smoothly behind the scenes has not gone unnoticed. I could not do my job to my best abilities without Nathan as my ministry partner. I'm thankful for all that he does, and for jumping in and playing drums every so often – he is a blessing in many ways!

Sabrina Bjaaland has again this year kept the worship center looking amazing with fresh ideas to decorate the stage for Easter, Christmas, Missions Month and other times through the year. I have greatly enjoyed seeing her creativity come out and her really taking hold of this opportunity to serve Northpark.

Ryan Nyberg was again our fearless leader of the Northpark Choir. I greatly admire his dedication to excellence with every song that the choir sings, and he even took the time to arrange one of the Christmas songs for choir this past holiday season.

Ashley Bjaaland has continued to grow in her worship leading and building of all of the on screen graphics for Sunday mornings. I am excited to see where God leads Ashley in the future.

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!

2024 AT-A-GLANCE:

Volunteers: Our team consists of 38 Adults and 15 Youth Volunteers for Sunday morning classes.

JUNIOR BIBLE QUIZ (JBQ) – SUNDAYS AT 8:30 A.M.

Kids ages 1st to 6th grade spend their time learning facts about the Bible as well as memorizing scripture. Through small group interaction with games, specific teachings as well as a trivia quiz format – the kids "buzz in" and answer questions they've learned. There are opportunities to compete quarterly as well against other churches in the Central Valley. We hosted one of the competitions here with over 110 in attendance from Visalia, Hanford and San Jose.

TEEN BIBLE QUIZ (TBQ) – SUNDAYS AFTER CHURCH

Teens from Jr High through High School meet after church to go in-depth and learn more facts, more scripture and test their knowledge against other teens in the Central Valley. With over 500 facts and over 100 scriptures, these youth compete at a higher level with other churches.

SUNDAY KIDS CLASSES 10:00 A.M.

We have a full line-up of 5 different age/grade appropriate classrooms ranging from infants to 6th grade. Our teaching 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 share Christ with 60 kids every Sunday. Due to a decrease in adult volunteers (18 and older), we had to close one of the classrooms and combine two classrooms together in 2024, however on February 16, 2025, we re-opened our 6th classroom.

- **Studio 56:** For our pre-teen kids, 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. They are challenged every month with a NEW POWER VERSE and are encouraged to memorize that scripture. Outside of our Sunday classes, we have found our large group gatherings to really meet the goal of connecting! These quarterly activities are a great place to invite a friend and feel safe. On average, 25 kids have attended each of these events/parties which include: Bowling at Fresno State, Summer Pool Party, Game Night and their 56er Christmas Party. I also want to give a special thanks to Lindsay & Matthew Dill, who have taken on leadership of Studio 56!
- **KIDS Church:** This past year, kids in 2nd through 4th grades really took on the challenge to learn and memorize the New and Old Testament books of the Bible. Weekly, these kids are learning not only stories, but where to find the stories in the Bible and how to find this information. Also, they are discovering what it means to give their time, talents and treasures to God, how to share their love of God and how to make Godly choices in daily circumstances. These are just some of the things they are taking away from lessons in this class.

MIDWEEK 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 "6 Very Awesome Promises"

and “6 Very Cool Stories” 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:

It is exciting to see our Northpark kids inviting friends outside the church to come to camp and hear about God and learn how to grow in a personal relationship with Him. This year we sent 87 campers along with 21 counselors. At all three camps, Elementary, Jr High and High School, life-changing experiences happened. We are truly privileged to continue to attend Hume Lake Camps where they offer the most amazing opportunities to meet God and build relationships!

HUME CAMP FUNDING: \$3375 was raised by the kids during our Pasta Fundraiser, Hume gave out \$8700 in Camperships and YOU, Northpark contributed another \$14,665 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 – “CAMP FIRELIGHT”:

This year 201 kids, ages 4 years old – 6th grade went on an “Adventure with God”. We continue to see that this is a great outreach for our kids and our community. 15% of the kids that attended this year do not usually attend church. 118 adult and youth volunteers made this possible, working 5 weeknights in July. We also witnessed 38 kids asking Jesus into their hearts! This year our goal to raise \$3000 for Hume Lake Christian Camps Campership Fund was exceeded and we were excited to send \$3390 to them to make it possible for other kids to go to camp for the summer! And our Friday Night Family night was another big hit hosting about 400 people for our end of the week celebration!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

This year the Northpark kids and their families brought Christmas cheer to three Senior Living Centers. We had a group of 24 adults and 27 kids split up into three teams singing Christmas songs and delivering each senior a handmade card by our own Northpark kids and a bag of sweets as well. Then, we finished the evening all together walking through our Northpark neighborhood singing Christmas carols to them. On the way back to our Northpark courtyard, many kids asked if we could do this again next year! So...it's in the plans for 2025!

KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY/MOVIE NIGHT/PARENT'S NIGHT OUT!

I decided a few years back that having a plan for the many opportunities during the Holidays was a must. So, that plan is every other year our Northpark kids would get to do a Christmas Musical Drama Production OR have an Kids Christmas Party. Well, this was the year for the KIDS Christmas Party! It's also important to make sure that the parents of our kids have some time for themselves during the holidays (because I remember that is what I needed when I was a young parent).

With all that said – we had a 4-hour Christmas Party on campus on a Saturday evening in December. Kids from newborns to 6th grade came in their pajamas, brought their pillows and sleeping bags and ate pizza together, played games and watched the movie “Inside Out 2”. When they were all done with that, Santa came to visit bringing each one of them a gift picked out especially just for each child there. We had a total of 14 youth and young adults helping that evening and it was truly a special night. The bonus... parents of these kids got 4 glorious hours of time for themselves to do whatever they wanted...a gift to them from Northpark KIDS on the Grow Ministry!

ADDITIONAL 2024 RESPONSIBILITIES/OPPORTUNITIES FOR PASTOR CANDI:

- Sunday Service preaching
- Childcare oversight of 6 childcare employees
- Speaker for FCA and Faith Clubs at Clovis West High School
- Northpark Women's Ministry Retreat Speaker - Being Rooted and Established in God's Love

THANK YOU so very much Northpark for the opportunity you have given me to serve here and work with our children! I am thoroughly honored.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Submitted by Pastor Justin Goble, Youth Pastor

UPDATES ON YOUTH STAFF

We have an amazing team of youth leaders!

In addition to Dave Hartley, Kim Tatham, and Megan Barbeau, this year we have added Selah Valadez, John Earley, and John Mo as youth leaders. These leaders have done an amazing job serving with all their hearts and making powerful connections.

2024 RECAP

At the beginning of the year the group was strongly encouraged to participate in the 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting and even went to Bethany as a group to practice this critical spiritual discipline.

In February the group went to Via Church's Youth Winter Conference here in Fresno and were able to experience powerful worship and challenging teachings helping us all grow in our faith and commitment to Christ.

In March the group attended the Breakaway Conference at People's Church in Fresno and were able to also experience powerful worship and teachers, as well as serve their local communities and be involved with organizations in our neighborhoods.

Hume Summer Camp is always a massive highlight! Deep discipleship was able to be had there, in addition to connecting with students one-on-one. Students felt their passion for God stoked by the work of Hume Camp.

Over the Summer we had pool parties, volunteered at Kids Summer Adventure, and had a Back To School Bash to celebrate and build community together. We also had several new students connect to the group over this Summer.

It's been exciting to see teens connecting and getting excited to be part of God's family! Both Sunday mornings and Wednesday nights 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 also were able to participate in UNITED Worship and Prayer, a city-wide youth event, as well as continuing the tradition of Rad Sab, an on site youth retreat at Northpark, and seeing God deepen the sense of community here through those opportunities.

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. Several have either committed or recommitted their lives to Christ over this year!

We've had a lot of fun and a lot of growth this year. Along with the events already mentioned, we've had 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 for the students to find their place in God's community and His call to service.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Submitted by Janine Minassian, Women's Ministry Director

Thank you, Lord, for the amazing blessings He gave us in 2024!!

Every year we have 2 major fundraisers, our Car Show in June and our Holiday Boutique in November. These 2 events are the primary resources for monies we give to various ministries.

At our **Car Show** we had over 100 cars and well over 500 people from the community attended the event! The beauty of this is not just that we raise money to give to missions, but we also invite the local ministries we support to be a part of the program. Each ministry is given the opportunity to give a 3-5 minute informational message to the attendees. The other amazing thing that happens is that people who would never set foot on a church campus are willing to come to church for a car show. The result of this is not just the community of people that they meet, but they get to hear about all that the Lord is doing through Northpark and these local ministries. This year our car show made over \$4,100!!

Our **Holiday Boutique** this year was a HUGE success!! We opened our doors at 4 p.m. on Friday with the worship center FULL of gift baskets, baked goods, jewelry and more, and by 6:30 p.m. nearly half of our baskets and other items had sold!! The great thing about this fundraiser is not just that we raise money to give to local and foreign ministries, but our Northpark youth have an opportunity to earn money which then goes towards Hume summer camp. This year our boutique profited over \$18,600!!

Profits from these 2 events go to support the following ministries:

- Ron (Pup) Nelson, Anastasia Nelson, and Zach Nelson with Fellowship of Christian Athletes
- The Central Valley Justice Coalition
- The Light House Recovery Program
- Pregnancy Care Center
- The Graber Family serving as missionaries in Africa with YWAM
- Angels of Grace
- Medical Ministries International

Our **weekly Bible studies** continue to flourish under the leadership of Margarita Navarrette on Wednesday mornings, and Robyn Scroggins for the evening studies. In addition to strengthening ladies' souls with weekly Bible studies, ladies have an opportunity to strengthen their bodies with weekly yoga classes, under the direction of Cheryl Tristan.

Our **MomCo** (formerly known as MOPS) program under the direction of Sabrina Bjaaland continues to minister to the mothers of young children from Northpark and the community.

9 to 5 For Christ, our monthly dinner meeting, continues to grow under the direction of Joyce Eden. This meeting gives women from Northpark and the community an opportunity to meet with other women in the workplace. At these meetings, women have their bodies and souls fed. They pray for each other and discuss job leads and job needs. This monthly meeting presents networking opportunity for women who love the Lord to come together and encourage one another in the workplace as believers.

New Beginnings, our quarterly luncheon, continues to grow under the direction of Dar Rossi. At each of these luncheons, the sanctuary is literally bursting at the seams with ladies who come to have their souls fed, their stomachs filled, and then they leave with more gifts from Dar and her team than they know what to do with.

Both 9 to 5 and New Beginnings choose a ministry to sponsor each quarter. They ask the ladies to make monetary donations as well as to bring specific items that the various ministries need and these

ladies show up!! They give more than we have room to store and there have been times where it has taken 2 carloads to get all the donations over to the ministries!!

This year we returned to Calvin Crest for the third year of our annual **Women's Retreat** and what a year this was!! Once again, we had the privilege of having Pastor Candi Maur as our speaker and the 30 ladies who attended were so blessed by her teachings and the testimonies of the different women who spoke at each session.

I thank God for every opportunity He gave us to come together for fellowship, food, fundraising, and laughter. God has been so good, and I pray that He will continue to give us so many more opportunities for ministry in 2025!

Thank you to each of you for your continued prayers and support of Northpark Women's Ministries.

"I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust Him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit."

Romans 15:13

FINANCIAL REPORT

as of December 31, 2024

Prepared by Pastor Bob Fuller, Administrative Pastor

This yearly financial report is intended to give you, the membership and regular participants of Northpark Community Church, a view of Northpark's financial condition. You are the source of Northpark's financial resources as you give in accordance with principles of giving following the guidance of the Lord Jesus.

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.

We fulfill this purpose through:

- Meeting together,
- Joint worship,
- Communication with God individually and collectively through prayer,
- Discipleship teaching by our pastors and Bible teachers,
- Events and activities that promote Christ-focused people-relationships,
- Serving people in the name of Jesus Christ,
- Assisting other Christian missions and ministries.

We believe these elements of purpose must serve everyone: adults young and older, children, youth.

FINANCIAL POSITION AT END OF CALENDAR 2024:

- We have \$524,984 in the 'bank'. Of that \$290,963 is available for operation (55%).
- This provides nearly 3 months of operating reserve.
- The other 45% is earmarked as building fund, church plant fund, and special designated gifts.
- We have **no long-term debt**. The mortgage was paid off in 2021.
- Our **unrestricted financial position is down about 16% from end of prior year**. The primary reason for this is the construction of the courtyard (details below).

CASH FLOW – OPERATIONS IN CALENDAR 2024

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

RECEIPTS:

General fund giving: \$1,043,284

- Projected budget for the year was met; amount about 7% greater than the prior year.
- Given by 249 Giving Units (a GU is a family unit or a single person).
- 90% of the funds came from 50% of the giving units.
- The total number of 2024 Giving Units was up about 4% from prior year.

OTHER RECEIPTS:

- Outreach/Missions donations: \$61,822 up 26% from previous year.
- Facilities/building/courtyard fund donations: \$373,852
- Facility use fees (Heart Christian Academy school): \$42,000
- Other Designated donations: \$4,350

TOTAL RECEIPTS:

- **\$1,525,308** up 22% from prior year, primarily due to courtyard fund donations.

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, etc.

46% of income (excluding Building/Courtyard Fund)

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

8% of income – the target is at least 10% of income to Outreach.

Administration – ministry support, financial management

27% of income

Facilities – maintenance, equipment, projects

22% of income

Financing – mortgage or other long-term liabilities

0% - no long-term debt

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

0% of total income

In 2024, our **operational expenditures were about 3% more than income.**

COURTYARD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**Base Cost**

Metal building, demo, electrical \$415,000

Additions to contract

Gables and eaves, Additional electrical, Mister system,
Fire alarm, ADA requirements – parking lot and building,
Parking lot seal and striping, Sump pump,
Column stone decoration, Vertical shades,
Miscellaneous

\$161,342

Total Contract

\$576,342

Paid to Date (1/28/2025)

Andrew Young Construction

\$576,342

Additions

Portable stage, Video screen and projector, Miscellaneous	\$16,278
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Future (estimate)

Furniture and equipment	\$20,000
Storage facility	\$100,000

Total	\$712,620
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Income for Courtyard Fund

Pledged	\$351,055
Received as of 12/31/2024 toward pledges	\$290,710
Special donation	\$253,449

Total received as of 12/31/2024	\$544,159
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Building Fund Remaining

On Hand as of 1/28/2025	\$62,926
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FUTURE**Cash Flow Considerations for 2025****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.

CONCLUSION

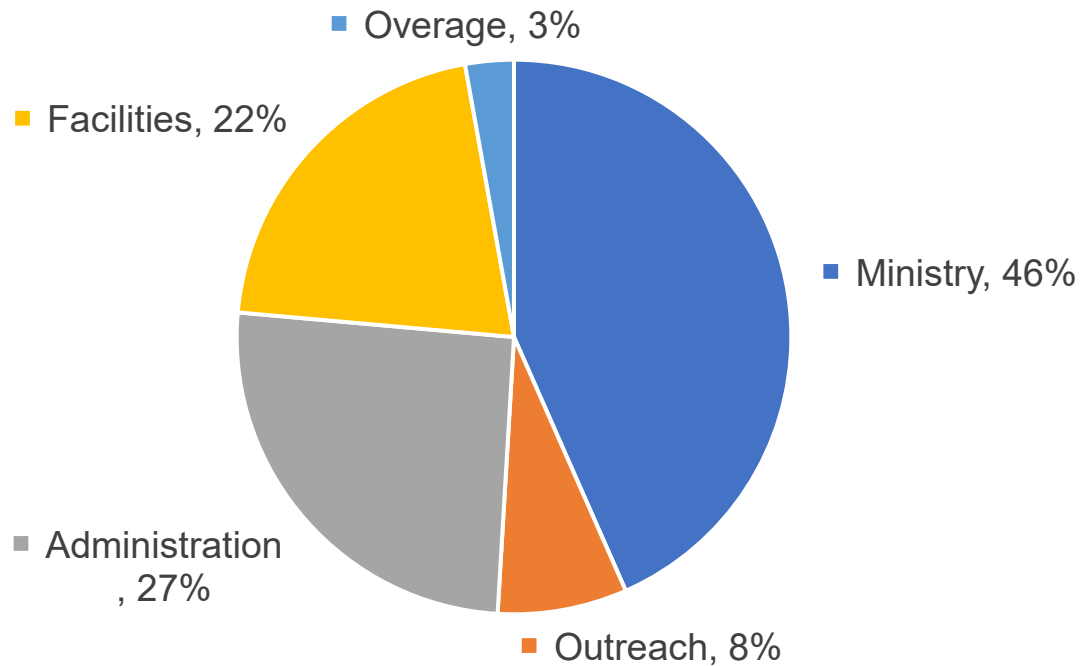
Thank you for the opportunity to serve you as Church Administrator for the past 18+ years. It has been and continues to be my honor to serve the Lord in this capacity.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Fuller

FINANCIAL CHARTS AND DIAGRAMS

2024 Expenditures as a Percentage of Income



Cash Position December 31, 2024

