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NORTHWEST  
CHURCH  
OF THE NAZARENE

# Annual Report 2016-2017

*Helping people discover and engage in a  
life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ.*

## **NW STAFF & LEADERSHIP FOR 2016-2017**

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## Message from Pastor JJ, February 26, 2017..

If you are new to our church, then let me start by saying, "welcome to our church's annual meeting!" Every year, at the end of February, we get ready for a brand new church year by electing a new church board and setting new leadership teams and committees.

Soon I will be conducting a planning session with our newly elected church board. We are going to talk about what we've learned from the survey that we gave you. Then we are going to set some new goals that will help us to better reach our community and beyond with the hope that is only found in Jesus Christ.

These are important days for our congregation and it is imperative that we stay focused on being the people that God has called us to be. We are on a mission - together - to help people discover and engage in a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ. But what does that look like for you and for me? In what ways can we share Jesus with our community and with our friends?

As I was praying and searching for God's direction on what to say to you today, I was drawn to a conversation that we read about in God's word. The conversation was between two people who were sitting by a well. Many people discovered and engaged in a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ as a result of this conversation.

The story that I am talking about is found in John chapter 4. It's when Jesus had a conversation with the Samaritan woman at the well. I want to share some insights that I gained as I once again read this story. Then I'm going to share how these insights relate to our vision at Northwest.

**The story of the woman at the well begins with CONNECTION.**

***"When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?"(His disciples had gone into the town to buy food.)"***

Jesus stopped to rest by a well. A nameless Samaritan woman came to draw some water from the well. Normally, a Jewish man would have walked away from the Samaritan woman but Jesus stayed there so that he could share his life-changing grace and love.

I often wonder what keeps Christians from sharing the life-changing love of Jesus Christ. Is it insecurity? Is it fear? Is it a desire to stay in our comfortable places? I believe that it's all those things and more.

But then I see Christians who are so excited about who Jesus is and what he is doing that they can't help but to invite others to share in their walks with him. So they ask a friend to sit with them at church, or they invite a friend to join them at their small group meeting, or they meet a friend at a church event or activity. Seeing others share Jesus in that way is so inspiring to me!

As we look ahead to our next church year allow me to offer you five things that I believe we need at Northwest. I'm confident that these are things that will help us to better share Jesus' life-changing grace and love. The first one is this,

## **1. WE NEED A CONTAGIOUS SPIRIT TO FLOW IN AND THROUGH OUR CONGREGATION**

We need a fresh, new excitement for who God is and what He is doing in and through people's lives! Can I encourage you? **Tell someone your Jesus story!** Tell your family! Tell your friends! Tell your Jesus story in our quarterly Northwest Stories publication. Tell your Jesus story on social media. Tell others what Jesus is doing in and through your life.

We've been redeveloping our vision for connecting to our community through the ministry of our childcare. Northwest small groups are supporting our classes through our Adopt-A-Class ministry. We are realizing that we have several young families who need the support of a community.

That's why we are planning a parenting conference with GiGi Schweikert to be held on April 1<sup>st</sup>. We are also planning a four-week parenting seminar. We are planning a new Mother's of Preschoolers (MOPS) ministry. We are planning more family-focused Northwest community events. These events and activities give us opportunities to tell our community that we want to serve our community and we want others to join us in our mission to share Jesus with our neighbors and friends!

We are also paying attention to our first impressions, our building and signage, our website design, and our media presence. We want people to feel like they are family when they attend a worship service or other event at Northwest. Pray for us that our love for Jesus is contagious.

***Jesus led the woman at the well through a process of CULTIVATION.***

***The Samaritan woman said to him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can you ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." (John 4:9-10)***

The conversation between Jesus and the Samaritan woman is the longest conversation recorded in scripture. That tells me that Jesus was willing to take all the time that she needed to go through a process of cultivation. He answered her questions. He helped her to recognize her need. He took time to show her his plan for salvation.

This leads me to the next thing that we need to better share Jesus' life-changing grace and love.

## 2. WE NEED TO CULTIVATE THE NEXT GENERATION OF CHRISTIAN LEADERS

I really believe that we should start asking ourselves, "What can we all do to help empower and equip young Christian leaders to lead?" I'd love to start having this conversation more often.

Here are some thoughts that came to my mind. Leaders need someone to **believe in them**. They need someone to help them identify their spiritual passions and unique God-given abilities and gifts. Leaders need someone to **invest in them**. They need someone to take the time that is necessary to show them how Christian leaders lead. Leaders need someone to **encourage them** and let them fail. Most people don't want to fail. But some of the best lessons can be learned when we fail. Leaders need someone to let them own their calling. God doesn't call people to build the church, He calls the church to build people. That is why we want to see more people serving on our ministry teams. It's through serving others that we learn, develop and grow. We have young leaders in our church who are hungry to get more involved and to serve!

We need to do a better job at cultivating the next generation of Christian leaders. Would you pray for us to do better at cultivating the next generation of Christian leaders?

***Jesus defines and demonstrates what it looks like to live a CHRIST-CENTERED life.***

***"Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."  
(John 4:13-14)***

We will never be able to fulfill our mission to help people discover and engage in a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ until we first discover and engage in a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ ourselves. **Jesus is the living water. He is our source for everything we need.** So let me ask you a very important question this morning. Your answer can make bigger difference than it may seem.



### *Will you come to the well?*

Jesus fills our lives with his hope and peace and he shows us what it means to grow our faith in him. Let me ask you, is Northwest a place that helps people grow their faith in Jesus Christ? I believe it is. But this question does lead me to the next thing that we need to better share Jesus' life-changing grace and love.

### **3. WE NEED CLEAR AND CONSISTENT SPIRITUAL GUIDANCE FOR OUR LIVES**

Clear and consistent spiritual guidance is what helps us to know how to discover new meaning and truth as we study God's word. It motivates us to seek a deeper more intimate connection to God through worship and prayer. It reminds us of the blessings and promises that God has provided and the good things that he has done in and through our lives. It fills our lives with the energy and vitality that we need to live out our faith in Jesus Christ.

Let's stay committed to giving people the spiritual guidance that they need. We can do that by starting new small groups. Our vision is to keep starting new Bible Life Groups, new Connection Groups, and new support groups like Grief Share and Financial Peace University.

I also want to encourage those of you who have been walking with Jesus for a long time to **think about how you model a life of worship** to someone who is a new follower of Jesus Christ. You may have heard that same sermon preached a hundred times and you may not know that new song we just sung, but you can still model a life that is passionately in love with Jesus Christ. Also, you don't have to be a theologian to share your story and help someone else grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ. Let me ask those of you who have been Christians for a while, who are you discipling? **Who are you making a spiritual investment in?**

*Jesus demonstrated that he really does CARE.*

***"I know that Messiah" (called Christ) "is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us." Then Jesus declared, "I, the one speaking to you – I am he."  
(John 4:25-26)***

Think about it, God sent Jesus because he didn't want to be a distant god. He wanted to reach into and touch our lives. He wanted to show us what it looks like to have a life-changing relationship with him. Jesus taught us that you need two connections for life change to happen. You need a connection with God and a connection with others. Let me put it this way, if you are Christian, then it's because someone stepped into your life and showed you his love.

I have found in my life that the busier I get, the less I care about others. I tend to run past people when I'm busy. I don't stop to show them God's grace and love.

Matthew 14:14 tells us that, "When Jesus saw the large crowd, **he had compassion on them** and healed their sick." (Matthew 14:14) When Jesus saw the crowds, he saw more than an obstacle getting in the way of his mission; he saw his mission, and he felt compassion for them. This leads me to the next thing that we need to better share Jesus' life-changing grace and love.

#### **4. WE NEED A NEW LEVEL OF COMPASSION FOR OTHERS**

We have given over \$75,000 to others through our Faith Promise and 2020 Vision campaigns. Northwest is a very generous congregation. But I believe that **generosity is best displayed when our hearts break for the people we're helping.** There is a song we sing called, "Hosanna". The lyrics say, "Break my heart for what breaks yours." To me, that's compassion!

In three years our church will do something that we have never done in our history. We will pay off our mortgage. What will our compassionate ministries look like then? I think we should start having that conversation. What other ministries can we engage in when we have additional funds after our mortgage is paid?

In the meantime, what do you think would happen if all of our small groups did an act of serving others every 3-4 months? What if each small group went out and helped some local organization that is trying meet needs? What if each small group sponsored a family in need? What if our church picked a huge project that we can all do together to make a big difference in our community so that we can share Jesus Christ?

A new level of compassion would also mean that **we genuinely care** for every person who comes through our front doors. When I invite someone into my home I want them to feel welcomed. I want them to feel loved. I want them to feel like I am there to help them if there is something they need. I want them to know that I am praying for them. A new level of compassion also means a deeper awareness of how we can help others. Will you pray for a new level of compassion?

***Lives were changed because Jesus took the time necessary to have a CONVERSATION.***

***“Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman’s testimony, “He told me everything I ever did.” So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days. And because of his words many more became believers.”  
(John 4:39-41)***

Did you see what just happened in our story? After the woman shared her Jesus story the people came to him and asked him to stay with them. Jesus stayed for two days. He sat down with them. He talked to them about what it means to share in his life-changing grace and love. He had many conversations and, as a result, many more people came to believe.

This leads me to one last thing that we need to better share Jesus' life-changing grace and love.

## **5. WE NEED TO CREATE MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO HAVE CONVERSATIONS THAT POINT OTHERS TO JESUS CHRIST**

I just shared the importance of

### **CONNECTING and CARING and CULTIVATING**

Now let me share a vehicle that will help us to better mobilize these actions.  
The vehicle is conversation.

I asked you earlier if you would be willing to come to the well. I asked you that question because I want you to remember how important it is to keep your heart open to Jesus. Allow Jesus to continually fill you with his love. This reason this is so important is because you can never share something that you do not first possess. So that is the first and most important question for today. Will you come to the well and be filled with the life-changing grace that only Jesus can give? Now let me ask you another question,



## *Will you go to the table?*

I have some pictures here at this table. They all represent people who are already connected to Northwest. They are your friends who don't go to church. They are the people who are connected to our childcare. Some of these are people you already know. Some of them are people you haven't yet met. I want to encourage you to find time to sit down and have conversations with them.

I believe that we should seize the opportunities that God gives us to sit down with others and have conversations that point them to Jesus Christ. The conversation may just simply convey the fact that you care about them. The conversation may share what you're learning as you are growing in your faith. The conversation may heighten your awareness of how you can minister to them or pray for them.

We had a free community spaghetti dinner in the gym last September. People in our church sat around tables and then people in the childcare came in and sat down to eat with them. I thought that was one of best wins for our church this whole year. We have another free community spaghetti dinner scheduled for this Friday from 4:30pm-6:00pm. That would be a perfect time and place for you to go to the table and have a conversation with someone.

Let me also encourage you to socialize with people who are outside your Christian circle. Get acquainted with people in our childcare and community. Invite them to come and be a part of what we are doing at Northwest. Think about it, **Jesus entered a village full of strangers and, when he left the village, it was full of people who believed in him.**

Let me end with this final question. If we won't sit down at the table and have conversations about Jesus with the people in our community, then who will? I've been your pastor for a year and a half and I now know what you have to offer this world. We have some incredible Christian leadership in our church. We have a church full of committed followers of Jesus Christ. We also have so much more that we can offer to others. We have so much more that we can give.

***Come to the well!***

***Go to the table!***

This morning, I'm asking you to respond to this message by coming to the front of our worship center and receiving a gift. The gift is a pail. The pail represents your desire to allow Jesus to fill your heart with his life-changing love throughout this year.

Then I'm asking you to take the card that is in the pail. It is a nameless card like the nameless Samaritan woman. The card represents the person or people that God is going to place in your life this year. I invite you to place that nameless card on the table to represent your willingness to connect with them, care for them, and cultivate them with the love of Jesus Christ. You can keep the pail as a reminder of your commitment today. So let us all worship and respond. Come the well! Go to the table!

Pastor J.J. James

PS – I want to hear your ideas. Send me a note in response to this message. You can email me at [pastorjj@northwestchurch.org](mailto:pastorjj@northwestchurch.org) or you can schedule at time to sit down with me and share.

God Bless You!

You are loved!

# STAFF & LEADERSHIP REPORTS

## Northwest Kids & Families

Over the last eight years I have had the great privilege of working with the kids and their families here at Northwest Church. I have watched them learn, celebrate, struggle and grow in their faith. It has been awesome to work with the BEST volunteers and lay leaders you could ever find to invest in the spiritual formation of kids and their families. We have worked hard this last year to continually and intentionally put consistent adults in the lives of our kids on a weekly basis. Our strong lay leadership provides quality ministry for our families week after week.

We shared God's Word with our kids every week, hoping to give them every opportunity to grow in a personal relationship with God through solid Christian community. During this past year we experienced musicals, family fun nights, kid's camps, and lots of other faith-filled adventures.

We are looking forward to a great year of ministry ahead. We've got plans for . . .

- ★ Sharing the message of "Follow U" the Musical with our Northwest Church family and friends in March.
- ★ Launching a MOPs (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers) ministry, in connection with our Six Week – Spring Wednesday Night programming "Gizmos & Gadgets".
- ★ A summer filled with family fun at VBS, Splash Pad Nights, District Kids Camp and much more.

Thank you for the opportunity to love and serve the families of Northwest Church.

-Pastor Jen Miller, Pastor to Kids & Families

## Northwest Christian Childcare

Dear Northwest Church,

This has been a very busy year at Northwest Christian Childcare. We have lots of new families and ministry opportunities with them. Our curriculum continues to grow in excellence as we focus on new and exciting ideas methods to make sure our preschoolers are fully prepared for their next educational milestone.



Camp registration is open and filling up quickly. Please keep us in your prayers as we hire new camp staff and pass on our vision of ministry.

Coming up this spring:

March 31<sup>st</sup>- April 1<sup>st</sup>. –Parenting conference with speaker Gigi Schweikert – an expert in Early Childhood Development, who speaks around the world to parents and early educators. It will be an exciting weekend with lots of great information. Plan to attend on Saturday April 1<sup>st</sup>. from 9-12! You will not want to miss it!

May 8-12 – Teacher appreciation week.

***Watch for more information on these two events.***

Below is an email from a perspective parent that she sent after she toured our facility. Enjoy!

***I love how experienced and warm your staff is, how excited and happy the children were to be with one another and to be at Northwest Christian Child Care (I received a lot of hellos and waves that day from the little ones), the philosophy and mission of your location, the finger-print security, and how helpful and welcoming the ladies at the front desk were.***

***Walking the halls during the tour, I felt that Northwest Christian Child Care would be a great fit for my child and family, and hope very much that we'll be able to be a part of your location's family.***

***I left my wait list application and check prior to leaving from the tour and I hope to hear from you soon on my status on the wait list.***

***Thank you so much for all your help!***

In His service,

Bethany Nicholson, Northwest Christian Childcare Director

## **Northwest Youth (7th-12th Grade)**

Greetings friends!

I'd like to start by saying "thank you" to all of you who have made me and my family feel welcome here at NW. It has been just under a year now since I joined the pastoral staff and my, how time has flown by! This first year has brought much change to our lives and we are grateful for such a loving and supportive church family.

This past year started out a bit slow, as was expected. I was trying to get used to a totally new environment, the teens were trying to get used to a new leader, and the rest of the staff is STILL trying to figure out how I can wear shorts in the middle of winter!

But over the last 6 months I have really begun to feel that NW is home. I can see relationships growing between myself and many of the congregation...and especially between myself and many of the teens. Youth ministry is relational, perhaps more now than ever before. If we want to speak truth into their lives, we must first be someone that they can trust...this is done by spending time with them, meeting them where they are in life and just loving on them. I've got a year under my belt with this group now and they are just now starting to open up. I hope that by the end of year 2, I will have strong relationships with most of them. This is not something that you can or even want, to rush.

As we move forward this year, I want to be very intentional with the time I have with our teens. Because of the busy lives our teens live, I decided that Sunday mornings would be our best teaching/learning time. Sunday nights are set aside for games and bonding, with a once a month big activity that takes place after morning service. Our goal is to capitalize on the greater numbers we have on Sunday morning, and hopefully get their friends to church with a planned activity afterwards.

We have a young group right now...but within that group I see great leadership potential. I'll be working this year on identifying and building leaders that can really take charge and be the foundation of our group, as we continue to welcome the young ones being promoted into the youth group each year.

I am extremely excited about what our teens are not only capable of, but what I know they will do! Thank you for loving our NW teens. Please join with me in continued prayerful support during these very difficult and impressionable years of their lives!

In Christ,

Stephen Smith, Youth Director

## Worship & Creative Arts

As the new director of Worship and Creative Arts at Northwest Church of the Nazarene I have spent much of my time over the past few months learning the ropes of this new position. I have worked with staff and leadership to understand my role, most especially how this role can serve to continue to grow people into a deeper relationship with Christ. I felt it was best to work with the worship team in developing a practice schedule, as well as introducing new songs to the line up.

During my first few weeks we were working to prepare for the Advent season. In that we created and published a devotional that was distributed to our members. I also created cards for people to use in inviting others to our Christmas Eve services. I created a video for the Christmas Eve service, utilizing children from the church's daycare program. In collaboration with

Pastor James I created a video that was distributed to members to watch in celebration of Christmas on Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>.

I have worked with the pastors to create graphics for sermon series. Through this process I collaborate with the staff in order to develop something that is visually appealing and biblically sound.

With the update of the sanctuary I have been working with Live Tech in order to make sure the sound during services is up to quality.

This summer we will meet and discuss the next calendar year. Planning, praying, creating and designing impactful worship experiences. So, as we move forward into a very positive direction, I am excited about the future of Northwest Church.

Darren Hawkins, Worship & Creative Arts Director

## Nazarene Missions International

The purpose of Nazarene Missions International, as stated in the NMI Handbook is: *to mobilize the church in mission through praying, discipling, giving, and educating.*

Northwest NMI Council members for 2016-17 were: Co-presidents Twyla Fleming and Vicky Cairns, Don Baldwin, Audrey Clumm, Willie Dishon, Marilyn Van Gilder

Throughout the year the Northwest NMI has made known to our congregation prayer needs for various parts of the world, including Tim and Michelle Eby's ministry in Senegal, JESUS Film ministries worldwide, Lynn and Sherry Schmidt's work in the Philippines, the Ibarra, Ecuador Puerta Abierta Church (which we support through Faith Promise giving); Chile, South America, where Leah Haugh (former Northwest family) serves with Extreme Nazarene Missions; Nazarene Compassionate Ministries work with the international refugee crisis, and others.

In March, several from Northwest attended the Columbus West Zone Missions Rally, where we were excited to hear about Tim and Michelle Eby's work in the Africa West Field. Due to our generous Faith Promise giving, we were able to purchase two motorbikes and small backpacks of supplies for JESUSfilm teams in the Africa West Field.

At our annual South Central Ohio NMI Convention in April, Northwest was assigned Milton and Olga Gay as our LINKS missionaries. The Gays serve in Guatemala, Milton as Regional NYI president and Olga as logistics coordinator for the Nazarene Seminary in Guatemala, and with the North Central Field NMI. (LINKS is the acronym for **L**oving, **I**nterested, **N**azarenes, **K**nowing and

Sharing.) The Bible Life Class of senior citizens has been our contact with our LINKS family. Alice Cochenour has been the LINKS secretary.

Our Faith Promise speaker in April was Brian Helstrom, of JESUS Film Harvest Partners. He presented an inspiring and challenging message of God's amazing, encouraging work through JESUS Film ministries. Faith Promise pledges came to over \$66,000, which exceeds our goal of \$55,000. Currently, our Faith Promise giving for 2016-17 is on track to be fulfilled before our next Faith Promise weekend on May 6-7, 2017.

Our generous Faith Promise giving has also enabled us to give financial support to students at Asia Pacific Nazarene Theological Seminary (requested by Northwest members Lynn and Sherry Schmidt, who serve there) and to a refugee family in Croatia through Nazarene Compassionate Ministries, as well as the motorbikes for JESUS Film workers.

Our School Pal-Paks collection came to 60 this year, and Northwest contributed about 80 Crisis Care Kits.

In January, Steve and Sue Noll were honored with the *Distinguished Service Award*. For each award given, \$125 is sent to *Nazarene Missionary Health Care*, which provides health care coverage for Nazarene missionaries world-wide.

Northwest sent a Work & Witness team of six (Pastor JJ James, Alice Cochenour, Vicky Cairns, Tom Keyes, Quinn Miller, Twyla Fleming) to Jaltenango, Chiapas, Mexico in early February. The team helped complete the roof of La Fortaleza Drug & Rehab Center, worked with children at the Jaltenango First Church, shared the Gospel with and invited neighbors to the JESUS Film showing, supported and prayed for the showing.

Every year new Mission Reading Books and CD's are made available for us to learn more about how God is working through Nazarene missions around the world. We hope you take advantage of these and encourage your children and teens to enjoy them, too.

We would like to end with this quote:

***It is insufficient to proclaim that the Church of God has a mission in the world. Rather, the God of mission has a Church in the world. Grasp this inversion of subject and object, and participation in God's mission will become a joyous, life-giving privilege. Miss it, and mission involvement will eventually degenerate into a wearisome, overwhelming duty. If the Church is faithful to the gospel, its focus, passion and delight is always and only Jesus Christ. Once our hearts beat in time with that of our Lord, we can experience a joyously passionate engagement in mission. (Tim Dearborn, Perspectives p. 90; from "Beyond Duty" 1997 World Vision, Inc.)***

We pray this will be true at Northwest Church of the Nazarene!

Respectfully submitted,  
Co-presidents Twyla Fleming and Vicky Cairns

## Church Treasurer's Report

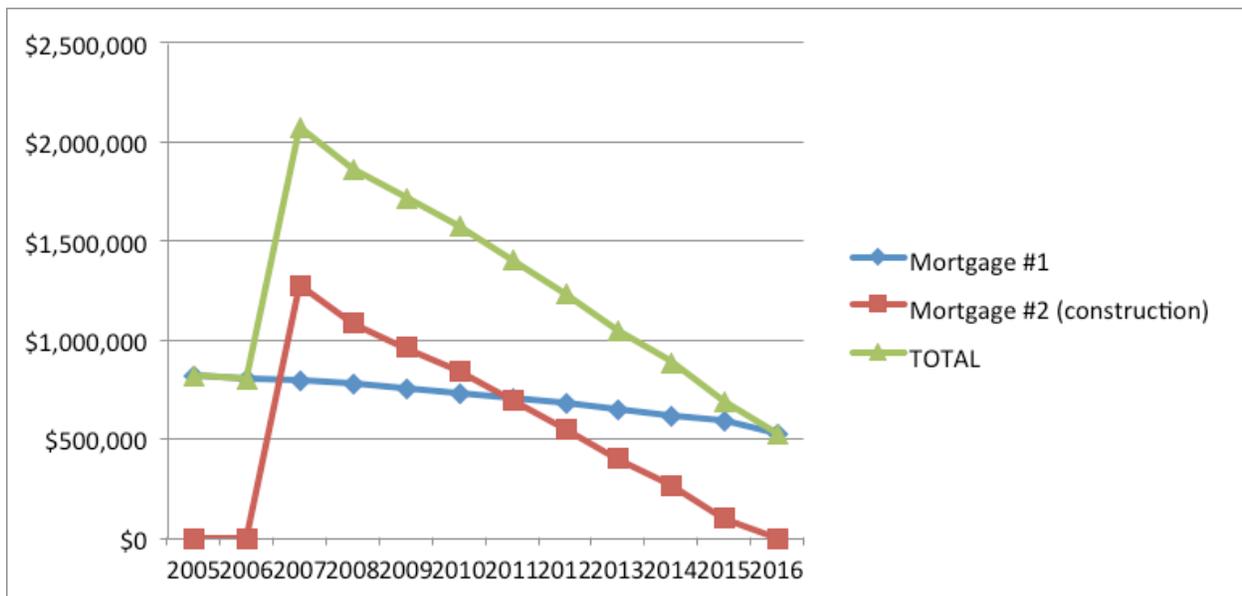
The annual budget of this past church year has seen a number of adjustments from the previous year, including additions of staff for youth ministry (Stephen Smith) and worship leadership (Darren Hawkins) that we had been long anticipating. The budget is periodically reviewed by the Finance Committee along with projected and actual resources that you provide to responsibly maintain the financial integrity of Northwest (both church and childcare). Funds exceeding the current expenses are designated as church board-approved items which you see in the form of properly maintained facilities (i.e. replacement windows, parking lot repair, roof repair, replaced doors, gym floor replacement) – this committee, in conjunction with observations & requests from the Facility Committee, is involved in making wise recommendations for the church board to act upon. You have most likely noticed updated carpeting and a refreshed platform recently, and will soon sit in new chairs with wider seating – imitating a pew having more flexible occupant spacing. Some improvements are noticeable while other maintenance items are not (unless they are not maintained, and then they eventually get noticed in a negative manner). Balancing building maintenance with wear- and ministry-related facilities is the focus of the finance team. I appreciate the time and input all of these committee members invest in the Northwest church and childcare.

Some items of financial significance over the last fiscal year:

- Not only are we meeting our denominational obligations, but because at least 10% of our income supports missions, we have been recognized as a Mission 10 Church for 25 consecutive years. 11.26% of our income went to the World Evangelism Fund and approved Special Missions, including your giving to special ministries (like Child sponsorship) by individuals reporting NW as their home church.
- Over \$6,000 was given to assist more than 15 families in need with rent, gas, and food. You gave nearly \$2,500 specifically designated for Benevolence & Crisis Care. This is a truly caring body of believers!
- Using 2020 Vision's \$25,000 ministry budget, you:
  - Supported women in crisis through the Pregnancy Decision Health Center with \$10,000 ,
  - Partnered with Lower Lights Ministries (\$7,500) and Lower Lights Christian Health Center (\$7,500) as they continue to meet needs of the inner city communities around them.
- In the coming fiscal year, we are planning to support the following ministries with the following amounts, if the 2020 target of \$100,000 is met:

- Provide food for hungering families through Worthington Resource Pantry (\$1,500) ,
  - PDHC (\$7,000) ,
  - Lower Lights (\$7,500) and LLCHC (\$7,500) ,
  - Kairos Prison Ministry (\$1,500)
- Reduced our mortgage balance to below the pre-expansion project started less than 11 years ago!

For the last 10 years, Northwest has demonstrated it is serious about the desire to not only get out of debt in order to better provide ministry to our circle of influence, but to improve our ability to minister through the building improvements. Here is a snapshot of just how serious we have been:



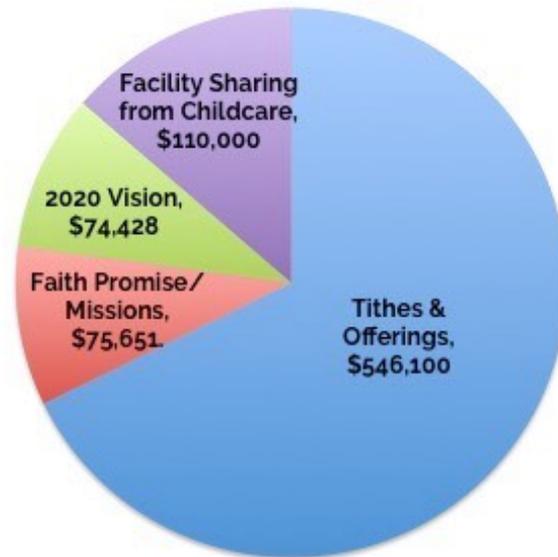
As you can see, we have completely paid off the construction loan and have a remaining balance of \$526k, as we continue to pay it down using both budgeted mortgage payment amounts and your 2020 contributions (75% to reducing the mortgage, 25% to designated ministries). We are on target to pay it off in 2020 (only 3 more years!) only if we can come close to our annual 2020 Vision goal of \$100k; at this time we are far short of that, having received only \$41,170 of pledges for this period. We have been on track for the last decade (thanks to your generous and faithful giving), but more participants are needed in order to complete this journey and start the next era of Northwest ministry without this debt.

If you have not made a pledge yet, please consider how you can become a part of this vision. We have much to be thankful for, and I thank you for continuing the Northwest tradition of faithful giving, and look forward to the ministries we will be able to expand into as a result.

# FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Your generous giving this year allowed us to support: local missions like Lower Lights Ministries & Lower Lights Christian Health Center in the Franklinton area and Pregnancy Decision Health Centers; missionaries around the world; families in need of financial assistance with food and rent; NW children and youth ministries; and so much more. More detailed financial reports are available upon request from Corri Page at [pagec@northwestchurch.org](mailto:pagec@northwestchurch.org).

## CHURCH INCOME: \$806, 179 (March 1, 2016 - January 31, 2017)



## EXPENSES/MINISTRY SUPPORT: \$728,724 (March 1, 2016 - January 31, 2017)

### From Tithes & Offerings / Childcare Facility Sharing: \$606,420.19

- Operating Expenses (mortgage, maintenance, office, denominational obligations): \$311,246.31
- Salaries & Benefits: \$246,127.27
- Ministry Expenses: \$49,046.61

### From Faith Promise/Other Missions Giving: \$49,082.81

\*Faith Promise funds not sent out prior to the fiscal year end are held in a reserve fund until they are sent out of missions support.

### From 2020 Vision: \$73,221

\*\$17,400 for local ministry support (Lower Lights Christian Health Center, Lower Lights Ministries, Pregnancy Decision Health Centers), \$55,821 extra principal payments on our mortgage. Remaining funds held in reserve to be sent for ministry support.



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