



NORTHBRIDGE CHURCH

ANNUAL REPORT

2021-2022

To My NB Family-

We launched our 20th Anniversary year in style - an epic celebration of God's faithfulness and the impact of the gospel on our lives, homes, community, and world. Then to mark the moment, a bold, faith-stretching project...we set out to build the first inclusive playground in our community. What better way to express the heart of Jesus and support our growing ministry to young people with special needs! (More than \$200,000 has been raised with plans to build in May, 2023.)

A major highlight of the year was the moving baptism celebration combined with STUDYS Ministries. What a beautiful picture of the body of Christ, a diverse group coming together as one in the name of Jesus - not a dry eye in the house! And in the spring, the 'Come & See' experience pulled our church family together to encounter Jesus in a fresh new way.

The Enemy has been undermining the church through COVID isolation, political divisions, and ambient fatigue, but each of our experiences in the past year has given us a picture of what happens when our church family joins together in community, pursues Jesus, and unites in mission. Our prayer is that in the coming year, the Lord would help us to capture a fresh vision of what His church can be and usher in a season of renewal and revival for His bride!

With Anticipation,
Mark



ONE FAMILY. ONE STORY. ONE MISSION.

Leading up to our 20th Anniversary event, we journeyed through a series called "One Family, One Story, One Mission." It gave us the opportunity to share the stories and values that have marked NorthBridge history, and called us to re-commit ourselves to those inspiring ideas as we embark on the next 20 years together. On Sunday, September 19, we hosted one large worship service that brought everyone together for an epic celebration - testimonies, favorite songs from our history, anniversary greetings from across the country, and reunions with many old friends! After the service, there was a massive catered picnic that also included hay rides, axe-throwing, bounce houses, and Ravinia-style live music. It was a full day of fun, a tangible reminder of God's faithfulness, and rich celebration of the joy and privilege of being part of God's family.

It has been our tradition at NorthBridge to express our joy and thankfulness for Jesus by investing our Christmas offering in the greater mission of Jesus. And because this year marked NorthBridge's 20th Anniversary, we felt led to do something bold, significant, and tangible that would express the heart of our ministry to our community and to the world. At the close of 2021, the Christmas offering totaled over \$184,000!

For the last few years, we have highlighted two big words to describe the focus of our mission efforts - **Unreached** and **Vulnerable**. By "unreached," we mean those who have little to no access to a Christian church or a Bible in their own language. By "vulnerable," we are referring to those who are often overlooked, unseen, or at risk. Followers of Jesus are called to intentionally reach out to both of these groups. The 2021 Christmas Offering focused on these groups that are so close to the Father's heart.

ENDING SCRIPTURE POVERTY PROJECT

This project spearheaded by our mission partners serving with New Generations intends to produce audio translations for 300 people groups in the next four years.

NorthBridge Church was able to give \$25,000 of our Christmas offering to support this amazing project focusing on the global unreached. With this gift, it means we were able to fund audio scripture to five new tribes of oral-culture people groups.

Joy

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INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND PROJECT

Four years ago, some bold and compassionate leaders from NorthBridge helped us launch a program for children with special needs. As that program has grown, so has the hearts and awareness level of our congregation.

As part of our 20th Anniversary celebration, we cast vision for building Antioch's first inclusive playground, a playground where children of all abilities can truly play and have fun together. The enthusiastic response led to over \$159,000 raised for the playground - more than 3x the largest Christmas offering in our history!

World



TREEHOUSE COMMUNITY PLAYGROUND

Since the Christmas offering, a team from NorthBridge has formed partnerships and designed "Treehouse Community Playground," a playground to serve our entire community. In May, we hosted a kickoff event to introduce the playground to our whole community. This created awareness all through Antioch and beyond, and it generated great excitement among the special needs community. New financial partnerships began to be formed with individuals, local business, and local service organizations. While fundraising continues, the playground is expected to be erected in May, 2023.

- Thru 11 months.....Giving was \$1.196M and expenses are at \$1.256M
 - Giving is close to budgeted
 - Expenses are lower than budgeted
- Giving is 5.6% more than last fiscal year
- Deficit realized is less than what was budgeted for the fiscal year
- 90% of giving occurs via online; was 55% just 3 years ago
- Building fund did not have to supplement the mortgage payment this fiscal year

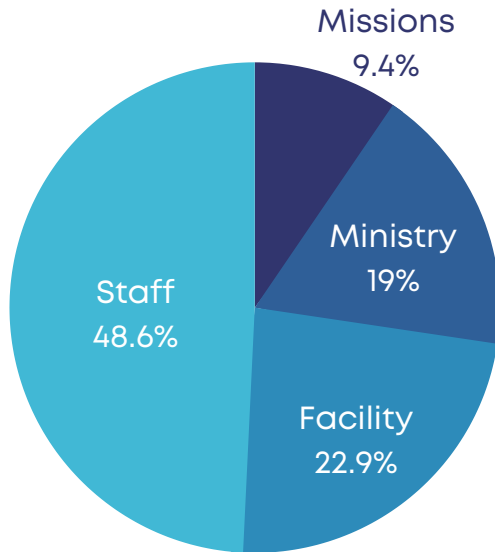
REVENUE / CONTRIBUTIONS	FY2021 BUDGET	FY2022 BUDGET	FY2023 BUDGET
General Offering	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 1,365,000
Special Offering (Christmas Eve)	30,000	34,400	40,400
Savings and Wesleyan Investment Account - Interest	3,000	600	12,600
M173 Contribution to Mortgage	64,000	0	0
Facility Rental/Use Fees	0	0	1,000
TOTAL	\$ 1,297,000	\$ 1,335,000	\$ 1,419,000

God has given us lots to **CELEBRATE**

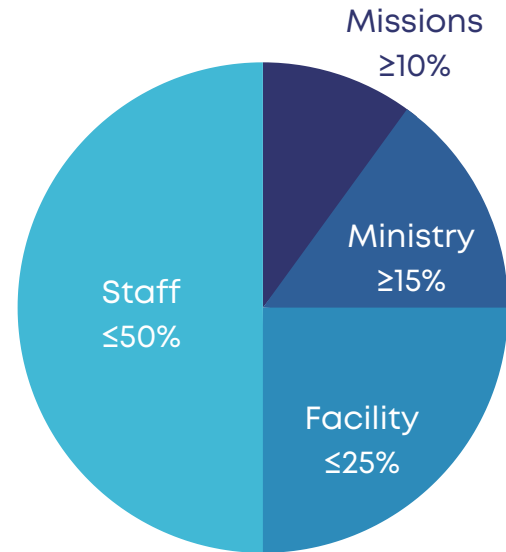
- 2022 giving exceeded last year's giving by 5.6%
- Distributed \$18K in Benevolence funds; still have a high remaining balance
- Sold and closed on the Grayslake land to remove the tax burden for that property
- Reamortized the mortgage note to realize a new lower monthly payment and locked in a 4% interest rate for 5 more years

NB FY23 BUDGET vs. "Healthy" Church

FY23 Expense Budget



Healthy Church



EXPENSE	FY22	FY23	CHANGE
Office	\$ 103,000	\$ 106,000	2.9%
Outreach	\$ 32,500	\$ 35,000	7.7%
Missions & Benevolence	\$ 139,000	\$ 139,000	0.0%
Discipleship	\$ 16,500	\$ 22,000	33.3%
Leadership & Development	\$ 31,500	\$ 32,500	3.2%
Programming & Worship	\$ 38,000	\$ 42,500	11.8%
Family Ministries	\$ 36,000	\$ 42,000	16.7%
Staff	\$ 726,000	\$ 716,500	-1.3%
Facility	\$ 336,500	\$ 337,500	0.3%
TOTAL	\$ 1,459,000	\$ 1,473,000	1.0%

First Communion



Child Dedication



Inclusive Playground Community Kick-Off



Spring Clean Up



Men's Golf Outing



Guatamala Trip

2 Nights of Worship



Sharefest 2021



For the last two years, the Holy Spirit has been drawing the NorthBridge family and the STUDYS congregation toward one another. Back in January, it seemed right to take a next step. The STUDYS family graciously cancelled their normal Sunday plans in order to join us at NorthBridge for a combined baptism celebration. Everyone wore t-shirts proclaiming that we are "One in Spirit."

There was a palpable sense of joy and unity as this diverse gathering worshipped Jesus together and celebrated 19 people proclaiming new life in Him. It really was an unforgettable day that cemented the hearts of our church families together.



JAN '22

Aniya Bates
Josiah Bradin
Patti Carlsen
Donovan Goshay
Tori Goshay
Troy Goshay
Jordan Jackson
Jordan Jackson
Isabella Martinez
Christina Young

STUDYS



NORTHBRIDGE

Jason Brown
Austin Klotter
Kim Kozlak
Becca Palade
Eric Palade
Jubilee Schrader
Olivia Sperling
Jenny Utinans
James Wu



MAY '22

Patrick Benton
Emily Beutlich
Tammy Mytnik
Laura Paul
Eliya Wadsager