

NOVEMBER 2023 UPDATE

FIRST

"ALL THINGS WERE
CREATED BY HIM
AND FOR HIM. HE IS
BEFORE ALL THINGS
AND IN HIM ALL
THINGS HOLD
TOGETHER."

HEY NORTHVIEW!

I'm constantly amazed by the incredible work that God is doing in and through us thanks to your unwavering support and dedication. Witnessing the transformation taking place in the lives of so many people around us is a testament to the love of Christ in action and the power of the gospel through your generosity. Your commitment to putting Christ first and above all else has made it possible for countless individuals, families, and communities to experience God's love and grace. Your commitment is truly making a difference in the world around us.

As you read through these impactful updates and reflect on the goodness of God, join me in a posture of gratitude and heightened awareness of God being at work right in our very midst. Everyone engaged and committed to being purposeful in their stewardship for such a time as this is what makes this church extraordinary. I'm convinced like never before, that the effectiveness of this initiative is surely eternal. What a privilege it is to declare the preeminence of Christ as we bring His kingdom now to the earth through **FIRST!**

PASTOR CJ JOHNSON
SENIOR PASTOR,
NORTHVIEW CHURCH

CJ Johnson



BEFORE ALL THINGS

IN OUR CHURCH

God is on the move at Northview, and we are so excited about all He is doing! This fall, we kicked off a new season of men's and women's ministry with two incredible events. Women gathered for our first-ever **THAT GIRL.** event and packed the house at our Carmel campus. They redefined what it means to be "that girl," and women left encouraged, empowered, and united as sisters in Christ. A week later, the men of the house gathered for **Valor.** Men enjoyed a time of connection, worship, and teaching and were encouraged to rely on God and the community of men around them. As a result of these two events, nineteen monthly gatherings are scheduled to begin at eleven Northview campuses. Attendees of the monthly Gatherings will experience a deeper level of connection in their relationship with God and with others as they lean into large-group teaching times and small-group discussions. The generosity of our **FIRST** initiative is making this new season possible, and we can't wait to see the fruit that will come from it!





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IN OUR COMMUNITY

We were ecstatic to see more people than ever walk through the doors of our church and find Jesus this summer. In late July, six Northview campuses (Anderson, Binford, Fishers, Flora, Kokomo, and North Put) hosted a movie night and invited local families to attend. The event was free and offered special activities and food for the unchurched in the community. Together, close to **1,000 people attended** these events!

Each guest was invited to our *At The Movies* series beginning the following weekend. This bridge-building event yielded a significant increase in first-time guests for our worship services and because of this, we saw several people cross the line of faith. Let's keep building bridges!





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IN OUR WORLD

Northview Church recently received an open-door opportunity, into a country that is closed to American tourism, Cuba. Working with our partner **Filter of Hope**, Northview teams have seen God move in some amazing ways. Our teams have installed **138** clean water filters in homes, **230** people were presented the lifesaving news of the Gospel, and **127** individuals chose to surrender their lives to Christ. We are celebrating with all of heaven!

Mario regularly practiced idol worship, which is very common in this Cuban culture. His living room was filled with idols & shrines. After hearing the Gospel, his heart was moved to respond in faith! That night Mario asked his local pastor to help him smash every idol he owned. He shared with the mission team the next day, "I feel free for the first time!"

Mario is just one of the many lives that have been radically changed by your generosity, making a way for him to hear the Gospel. Thank you for giving to FIRST so people like Mario can find freedom and life!

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FIRST CELEBRATIONS

People in our communities and around the world are being reached in many ways because of your partnership with FIRST.

205

**BAPTISMS
IN SEPTEMBER**

335

**HOUSEHOLDS HAVE COMPLETED
THEIR FIRST COMMITMENT.**

18

**GLOBAL MISSION TRIPS AND 1 VISION TRIP IN
2023—MORE THAN ANY CALENDAR YEAR IN OUR
HISTORY AS A CHURCH.**

As part of our **Family Framework**, parents were invited to participate in the Bible Presentation service at all our campuses. Over 180 2nd graders were presented with a personal Bible and a devotional on the book of Mark to help get them started on their journey of reading through the Bible.

180

COMBINED IMPACT OF FILTER OF HOPE TRIPS

465

**FAMILY WATER
FILTERS DISTRIBUTED**

651

**PEOPLE HEARD
THE GOSPEL**

199

**INVITED JESUS INTO
THEIR LIVES**