

FIRST

AUGUST 2023 UPDATE



Hey Northview!

Here we are again at another milestone on this FIRST journey, and we aren't slowing down anytime soon because GOD IS ON THE MOVE! Life change is happening within our church, communities, and around the world through your faithful generosity. As you read through these updates join me in giving thanks to God for His unfailing love that meets needs far and wide even beyond the walls of our church. I'm convinced that there is no greater privilege than to cover the earth with the mercy and hope of Christ. Together, let's continue to partner with God in our effort to know Christ and make Him known! Celebrating with you as we witness the hand of God at work through this FIRST initiative.

Grateful,

Pastor CJ Johnson

BEFORE ALL THINGS

IN OUR CHURCH

At Northview, we're all about pouring into the next generation and helping them grow in their faith. This Spring, because of your generosity through FIRST, we were able to celebrate many of our Northview families as they took part in one of our Family Framework events, Baby Dedication! In May, **63 children were dedicated across all our campuses.**

Baby Dedication is a meaningful event where parents publicly commit to raising their child in a God-honoring way, and the community of family and friends they have invited commits to coming alongside and supporting the parents on this journey through their child's life. The parents read a letter about the hopes and dreams they have for their child, and loved ones pray blessings over the child. We're so excited for these families! We also celebrated and honored **20 Northview families** who foster children by putting together a family movie night kit to bless each individual family. The kits included gift cards for pizza and a Redbox movie, popcorn, and more.

In addition, **50 Binford attendees** partnered with Hands of Hope Care Community to help six foster families with some much-needed household projects like landscaping, decluttering, organization, and even some demolition and rebuilding.



IN OUR COMMUNITY

Because of your generosity during our **FIRST** initiative, we've seen relationships repaired and marriages strengthened. Check out some of the stats from this past quarter!

Singles – 20 people attended the Dating on Purpose Workshop in Greater Lafayette to learn how to build a healthy relationship.

Engaged Couples – 16 couples attended the Becoming One Marriage Prep workshop to build a strong foundation for marriage.

Date Nights – 218 couples attended one of our 23 date nights in the second quarter, with many of them providing low-cost childcare.

Grace Marriage Experience – 102 couples attended this quarterly marriage workshop with childcare included because they are intentional about having an awesome marriage.

ReEngage Marriage Small Group – With an average attendance of 60-80 people and childcare included, we have first-time couples join us at the Carmel campus each week to invest in creating a God centered marriage.

Hopeful Tomorrows - 10 couples in need of a breakthrough in their marriage found hope and help at the Hopeful Tomorrows Marriage Intensive Weekend.



IN OUR WORLD

Through our partnership with Bright Hope in Uganda and your FIRST giving, we sent two medical GO Teams that cared for over **2,000 patients** to treat illnesses like malaria, TB, and worms in the past few months. A gentleman at one of the clinics shared:

"You did us much good. Other religions when they receive help, they keep it to themselves. But you born again Christians, you freely gave us everything without any reservations."

Bright Hope has also been intentionally pouring into a place called Oyam. Fifteen years ago, Oyam was an area ravaged by the civil war and the Lord's Resistance Army. Many of the families in this community are not only fighting the generational poverty that they were born into, but they are also trying to heal from the trauma of the war. Local pastors are stepping up and saying yes to the steps that must take place for their communities to see change. One strategy they use is partnering with local schools. The school in Oyam is using Bright Hope's agriculture and pig programs to provide a lower cost sustainable education for their students. Not only do the students gain skills by helping in the field at their school, but they can also take those skills home to their families. In total, they are currently working with over 160 churches that are transforming communities and sharing the gospel.

Thank you, Northview Church, for caring about the mamas, fathers, orphans, widows, young and old in Uganda!





80 VOLUNTEERS

THE CARMEL CAMPUS HAD 80 VOLUNTEERS PARTICIPATE IN A HABITAT FOR HUMANITY PANEL BUILD, HELPING TO BUILD THE WALLS OF A FUTURE HOME FOR A FAMILY IN CENTRAL INDIANA!

100 MEALS

THE KOKOMO CAMPUS SUPPLIED 100 MEALS THROUGH THE KOKOMO RESCUE MISSION TO RESIDENTS IN NEED IN THE COMMUNITY. THE KOKOMO RESCUE MISSION CONTINUALLY PROVIDES MUCH-NEEDED SUPPORT TO THE HOMELESS AND THOSE LIVING IN POVERTY AND WAS BLESSED BY THE GENEROSITY OF NORTHVIEW!

37 INMATES

**OUR GOD BEHIND BARS CAMPUS IN
NEW CASTLE HAD 37 INMATES
COMPLETE GRIEFSHARE.**

63 FAMILIES

**THE FISHER'S CAMPUS HIT A NEW RECORD OF
SERVING 63 FAMILIES IN ONE EVENING AT THE
MOBILE FOOD PANTRY! THIS MINISTRY CONTINUES
TO GROW AND HOPES TO SERVE OVER 80
FAMILIES A WEEK BY THE END OF SUMMER!**



GOD IS MOVING

FIRST COMMITMENTS AND EXPECTED

\$83.5 MILLION

GIFTS HAVE INCREASED TO

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AND FOR HIM. HE IS
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COLOSSIANS 1:16-17