

FIRST

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DEAR CHURCH,

Few words can accurately describe the worldwide impact the FIRST initiative continues to make in our church, communities, and worldwide! As a church, we continue to rally behind this vision with an unshakeable faith that pleases our heavenly Father. From launching new campus locations, providing clean water, and creating epic family events, we consistently bring tangible hope and joy into the world because of your generosity!

We may never know this side of heaven the total reach of our combined efforts, but the glimpses of transformation thus far have been priceless! I've never been more encouraged or excited to take the church beyond the walls of our buildings. Let's continue to partner with God and remind local and global communities that Northview is here with a mission to change lives! Keep putting Jesus before all things knowing that your worship through giving is sharing the relentless grace and love of Jesus!

CJ JOHNSON

SENIOR PASTOR, NORTHVIEW CHURCH



BEFORE ALL THINGS

IN OUR CHURCH

CHICKEN BOWL - FAMILY MINISTRY UPDATE

Our Family Framework events are **set up for families** to make fun memories and have meaningful spiritual conversations with their kids. On October 1, we were able to host **162 guys** at our Father-Son Chicken Bowl.

The **Chicken Bowl** is for 7th-12th grade guys and their dads, stepdads, uncles, grandpas, or father figures. Men and their students spent the afternoon eating Chick-fil-A, competing in a flag football tournament and enjoying a “char-dude-erie board” (mozzarella sticks, wings, fries, and nachos!).

However, the most crucial reason we were there was to have an **intentional conversation about pursuing sexual integrity**. Our message and discussions were centered on how **freedom is worth fighting for** and the power of **confession** and **accountability**. Because of your generosity, families were able to win and be intentional through this Family Framework event.



IN OUR COMMUNITIES

LINKING ARMS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Pastor Steve Poe regularly prays that we'd be able to **link arms** with other churches in our community to share the **love of God** with our neighbors. Our Fishers campus has done just that. In partnership with the **Grace Care Center (GCC)**, a ministry of Grace Fishers Church, we are serving those in need in our community **together**.

Every Wednesday, the GCC's Mobile Food Pantry is set up in a church parking lot to distribute **fresh produce**, meaningful **food staples**, and **household necessities** to our neighbors. This partnership is **only possible** through your generosity and engagement with FIRST. **Thank you, Northview!**



A family of five is posed in a car garage. The father, on the left, wears a yellow polo shirt. The mother, on the right, wears a blue patterned blouse. They are surrounded by three children: a girl in a black t-shirt, a younger girl in a blue top, and a boy in a grey Nike t-shirt. A car is visible in the background.

BLESSING THE HLUSHCHENKO FAMILY

Earlier this year, the Hlushchenko family of five left their home, escaped their country and fled for their lives when Russia started bombing and attacking their hometown. Through a personal connection with Steve Boles, Northview's deaf ministry interpreter and leader of **Mission to Ukraine**, the Hlushchenko's have made their way to Indiana and have become **a part of our church**. Through your **FIRST** generosity, we have blessed this family with **reliable transportation**. This practical gift, as well as others, has helped with their acclimation to America. The Hlushchenko's share their **heartfelt thanks and appreciation** to the generous people of Northview!

A close-up photograph of a grocery store shelf filled with various canned goods, including soups and vegetables.

All this work is done in the
name of *Jesus* and made
possible because of **FIRST!**

IN OUR WORLD

HELPING CHILDREN THROUGH WORLD VISION'S CHOSEN CAMPAIGN

Northview Church continues its partnership with **World Vision**, a Christian humanitarian organization helping **children, families and their communities** overcome poverty and injustice.

Through the Chosen campaign last fall, our church became World Vision's **most significant** church partnership with **2,648 children** sponsored. Now through your generous FIRST commitments, we can go **deeper** into the communities where our sponsored children live. One of the most significant ways we've done this is through helping provide clean water. When clean water becomes a reality, **family life is improved** for the whole community, and **education is more possible** for the children.

In August, we made our first trip to the two villages where our sponsored children live. To witness **first-hand** the impact that has already been made is **incredible**. One of our villages has a new water tower that pipes clean water to the middle of their village **for all to access**.

Another town had a new well drilled that will bring clean water after petitioning the government to do this for the past **99 years**. The village chief expressed gratitude to World Vision and Northview Church for helping his people.



GOD IS MOVING

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**HOUSEHOLDS NOW HAVE WATER FILTERS
THROUGH FILTER OF HOPE GO TRIPS**

2,500

**PEOPLE NOW HAVE ACCESS TO
CLEAN WATER THROUGH OUR
PARTNERSHIP WITH WORLD VISION**

\$4.9 MILLION

IN DEBT REDUCTION

\$19.4 MILLION

GIVEN TOWARD THE \$78 MILLION COMMITTED

COLOSSIANS 1:16-17

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