

State of the Church

Netherwood Park Church of Christ

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We Are A Church with a Vision.

- ▶ 2020 Vision, developed in 2010.
 - ▶ BTW it's now 2016...
- ▶ Mission of the church: Make, Foster, and Grow Disciples of Jesus Christ.
- ▶ Major Focus #1: Discipleship
- ▶ Major Focus #2: Evangelism
- ▶ Underlying longing: deeper relationships with other Christians.
- ▶ “Confident, committed, and sometimes uncomfortable.”

We are a Church facing Challenges

- ▶ Personal struggles with busy-ness and worldliness.
- ▶ Cultural challenges: society rejecting God's ways.
- ▶ Families and marriages under stress: financial and relationship pressures.
- ▶ Church challenges to turn desires into actions:
 - ▶ Individual spiritual growth
 - ▶ A place to serve for everyone
 - ▶ Better ways and roles in outreach
- ▶ And particularly, we long for relationships and interconnection with each other --but we struggle to form them.

We are a Church with a history of strengths:

- ▶ Stability and continuity
- ▶ Family and acceptance
- ▶ Praying for each other
- ▶ Financial soundness
- ▶ Energy and ideas
- ▶ Generosity

We are blessed to have each other.

- ▶ Sunday morning attendance²: 415 (down 4%)
- ▶ Percent in Bible Class²: 64% (down 4%)
- ▶ Percent in first service²: 43% (up 2%)
- ▶ Christians placing membership²: 31
- ▶ Baptisms³: 7 (people new to us=2)
- ▶ Wonderful Wednesday²: 107, down 14%.
- ▶ Contribution per person²: \$34.20, down 3%.

We are a Church where good things have happened in the last year

- ▶ Transitioned leadership of Journeyland and the nursery
- ▶ Redesigned teen classes, offered summer teen class
- ▶ Hot Topics class and Hitting the Target sermons
- ▶ Men's and Women's classes in the spring
- ▶ New Staff members: Zane and Aaron (welcome!)

We are a Church where good things have happened in the last year

- ▶ Good works: Donated a van, Houston Impact trip, Portales Home trip
- ▶ Continual upgrading of our building (looks nice, huh?)
- ▶ Spanish translation program started.
- ▶ Elders appointed in Swaziland

We are a Church with the opportunity to add staff:

- ▶ We have the opportunity to add to our staff to better pursue our vision
- ▶ We are looking carefully at what is most important to do
- ▶ All options are open

We want to focus on a few areas where we can get better

- ▶ Areas that help us in all three vision areas: Make, Foster, and Grow disciples
- ▶ Areas that offer ways for more of us to be involved
- ▶ Offering the best (scriptural!!!) worship we can (John 4:23, 1 Cor. 14:25)
- ▶ Getting the most impact from small groups (Acts 20:20)
- ▶ Doing our best to show love to each other in times of trouble (John 13:34)
- ▶ Taking full advantage of all ways to reach out with the Gospel, in a coordinated way (1 Cor. 9:22)

We have a budget: where does our money go?

	FY 15-16		FY 16-17	
Salaries	322,571	41.8%	331,423	42.3%
Facilities	118,100	15.3%	118,100	15.1%
Missions	157,140	20.4%	159,117	20.3%
Benevolence	56,400	7.3%	56,400	7.2%
In-Reach	41,325	5.4%	43,175	5.5%
Out-Reach	34,640	4.5%	34,360	4.4%
Education	11,600	1.5%	11,600	1.5%
General	29,650	3.8%	29,650	3.8%
Total	771,426	100.0%	783,825	100.0%

We have a budget: sources, plans, changes:

- ▶ You generously gave \$745,584 in FY 2015 (\$14,338/week).
- ▶ We get about \$10,000 in income from parking and building use.
- ▶ Our target for this year is \$761,146, same as last year's target (\$14,637/week).
- ▶ Our budget is for slightly more: \$783,825 (\$ 15074/week). We will manage our spending as needed to break even with actual giving.
- ▶ What has changed in spending?
 - ▶ In-reach: up 4.5% due to adding Bible Bowl
 - ▶ Salaries: up 2.7% due to salaries and projected hires
 - ▶ Missions: up 1.3% due to cost of living increases

Budget—do you want to know more?

- ▶ This eldership is committed to transparency in the handling of money.
- ▶ The detailed budget is always posted.
 - Including salary information
- ▶ This presentation will be posted on Netherwood's website
- ▶ We are always available to answer any questions you may have.