

State of the Church

Netherwood Park Church of Christ
September 2018

We Are A Church with a Vision.

- ▶ 2020 Vision, developed in 2010.
 - ▶ BTW it's now 2018...
- ▶ Mission of the church: Make, Foster, and Grow Disciples of Jesus Christ.
- ▶ Major Focus #1: Discipleship
- ▶ Major Focus #2: Evangelism
- ▶ Underlying Need: deeper relationships with Christ and other Christians.
- ▶ “Confident, committed, and sometimes uncomfortable.”

We are a Church facing Challenges

- ▶ Personal struggles with busy-ness and worldliness.
- ▶ Cultural challenges: Personal influence of society rejecting God's ways.
- ▶ Families and marriages under stress: social, financial, and relationship pressures.
- ▶ Church challenges to turn needs into actions:
 - ▶ Individual spiritual growth
 - ▶ A place to serve for everyone
 - ▶ Better ways and roles in outreach
- ▶ And particularly, we need a close relationship with Christ -but many of us have difficulty accepting what is offered.

We are a Church with a history of strengths:

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

We are blessed to have each other.

- ▶ Sunday morning attendance: 373 (down 9%)
- ▶ Percent in Bible Class: 81% (up 17%)
- ▶ Baptisms: 9
- ▶ Wonderful Wednesday: 95 (down 4%)
- ▶ Contribution per person: \$31.81 (up 3%)

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

- ▶ Sermons on Romans and Becoming Comfortable in Our Uncomfortable Christianity
- ▶ Ladies' Retreat
- ▶ Portales Children Home trip and Beaumont trips
- ▶ El Paso VBS
- ▶ Outreach Day, Trunk or Treat, Christmas Outreach
- ▶ Continual upgrading of our building (Thanks Craig)

We are a Church where good things continue to happen

- ▶ E-Giving Initiated (29 are enrolled)
- ▶ Small Groups (9 groups with 130 attendees) with 12 or 13 groups next year (30 additional attendees)
- ▶ Safety Team Established with Gradual Implementation and Training During This Fiscal Year
- ▶ The Truth Transforms website (Chambers)
- ▶ Financial Peace seminar (Goldmans)
- ▶ Shepherding Assistants

Youth Ministry

- ▶ Addison (with Masha and Ava) joined us as our Youth and Family Minister
- ▶ Houston Impact trip
- ▶ Party with Jesus
- ▶ Additional Youth Devotionals and Family Events
- ▶ Focus for Future on:
 - ▶ Growth in Christ
 - ▶ Growth as a family
 - ▶ Service as a Living Sacrifice for the World to See

Missions

- ▶ Primary Efforts:
 - ▶ Thailand (Patinya and Megk)
 - ▶ Swaziland (Bheki and Moses)
 - ▶ African Christian College
 - ▶ South Dakota (Wayne Sharp)
- ▶ 3% Cost of Living Increase; Budget Decrease 7%
- ▶ Brad Carter of ACC to Visit October 3rd
- ▶ Tanner Whittenberg Trip to Ukraine
- ▶ Support for Missions Remains Strong (Financially, with Prayers, and a Willingness to Work)

We have a budget: where does our money go?

	FY 17-18 Budget		FY 17-18 Actual		FY 18-19 Budget	
Salaries	268,525	37.4%	237,908	33.1%	286,567	39.1%
Facilities	118,100	16.4%	110,953	15.4%	127,500	17.4%
Missions	159,115	22.1%	137,627	19.2%	150,200	20.5%
Benevolence	56,400	7.9%	53,708	7.5%	56,400	7.7%
In-Reach	41,075	5.7%	29,073	4.0%	47,575	6.5%
Out-Reach	34,360	4.8%	28,607	4.0%	29,760	4.1%
Education	12,150	1.7%	8,464	1.2%	12,650	1.7%
General	28,650	4.0%	21,255	3.0%	22,300	3.0%
Total	718,375	100.0%	627,595	87.4%	732,952	100.0%

We have a budget: sources, plans, changes:

- ▶ You generously gave \$617,495 in FY 2018 (\$11,875/week).
- ▶ We get about \$15,000 in income from parking and building use.
- ▶ Our target for this year is \$720,952, increased from last year's budget, but weekly budget decreased because of one additional week (\$13,630/week to \$13,603/week).
- ▶ What has changed in spending?
 - ▶ Buildings and Grounds increased 8.0% due to increased cost of insurance, security and janitorial services
 - ▶ Salaries: up 6.7% with a full year of our Youth Minister and annual raises

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.

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)