

STATE OF THE CHURCH

Netherwood Park Church of Christ

August 2019

We Are A Church With A Vision

- 2020 Vision was developed in 2010
- 2030 Vision is under development
- 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

We Are A Church Facing Challenges

- Personal
 - Struggles with busy-ness and worldliness
- Cultural
 - Influence of society rejecting God's ways
- Families and marriages
 - Social, financial, and relationship pressures

We Are A Church Facing Challenges

- Church (turning needs into actions)
 - Individual spiritual growth
 - A place to serve for everyone
 - Better ways and roles in outreach
- We often endure hardships because of our close relationship with Christ.

We Are A Church With Strengths

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

We Are Blessed To Have Each Other

	2018	2019	Change
Sunday Worship	375	352	-6%
Sunday Class	264	254	-4%
% in Class	70%	72%	2%

Wednesday	98	93	-5%
% in Wednesday	26%	26%	0%

Good Things Are Happening

- This year's theme - On A Mission
- Ladies' Retreat (2nd Annual)
- Men's Retreat
- Family Encampment, Couples Retreat
- Food Pantry
- Security Team
- Health Ministry
- Vacation Bible School
- Senior Luncheons and Cinemas

Good Things Continue To Happen

- E-Giving for providing regular contributions
 - (42 are enrolled, 12 are recurring)
- Small Groups (10 groups with ~150 attendees)
- The Truth Transforms website (Chambers)
- Singles Events (Game Nights, Luncheons)
- Ponderosa Christian Camp Youth Sessions
- Mission trips, adult and youth

Youth Ministry

- Houston Impact trip
- Party with Jesus
- Thursday “Hangout Days” in the summer
- 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)
- Tanner Whittenberg's Second Trip to Ukraine
- Support for Missions Remains Strong (Financially, with Prayers, and a Willingness to Work)

Areas Where We Can Get Better

- Continue to Make, Foster, and Grow disciples
- Areas that offer ways for more of us to be involved - Always needing teachers
- 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)

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