

APRIL 2023 UPDATE

FIRST

DEAR CHURCH,

God is up to something BIG here at Northview, and our FIRST initiative is undoubtedly sacred and significant. Yet, the best part is, we are just getting started! God's plan is unfolding right before our eyes, thanks to your generosity. Your faith in action is taking the limits off of our reach as we strive to make a radical impact through Christ!

We are witnessing an outpouring of the surpassing grace, goodness, and POWER of our God! I'm convinced that we are incapable of outdreaming God. Imagine all the life change on the other side of our giving. Imagine the hungry full, the addicted free, the displaced sheltered, and our strategy fully equipped for this digital age and more, all on the other side of our generosity.

The continued response of our church to put Christ before all things has been encouraging. Our collective demonstration of a faith-filled urgency to participate in God's mission for Northview is beyond celebratory! As a result, I firmly believe that we are seeing His kingdom now within our church, communities, and around the world! So, let's continue to move toward our goal with joy, earnestness, and immense gratitude toward God's faithfulness.

Stay encouraged on this journey, and keep the faith as we finish strong by staying engaged, expectant, and exceptional in our effort to reach millions for Christ!

Keep the party going, church!

PASTOR CJ JOHNSON

SENIOR PASTOR, NORTHVIEW CHURCH



BEFORE ALL THINGS

IN OUR CHURCH

Because of what God has done through our FIRST initiative, we were able to launch our Noblesville campus in the Fall of 2022. The impact the Noblesville campus has already had in the community is incredible! God's grace and generosity are extending far beyond the walls of the local church and into schools, homes, and the lives of people who hadn't heard His name until Northview stepped into Noblesville.

A few highlights from our Noblesville campus:

- We have partnered with Fueled for School and donated \$12,000 to pay for an all-summer lunch program for food insecure school-aged kids.
- The campus provided a fully-stocked snack area for North Elementary, one of our area partner schools.
- 93 First Time Guests have been welcomed.
- 148 people are serving on teams.
- 7 people have stepped into the waters of baptism since November.
- Launched 5th/6th grade ministry at 9 am service and 7th-12th grade started meeting weekly in April.
- SOAP and Life Groups are meeting regularly.
- A brand-new Women's Ministry was brought to the campus.



IN OUR COMMUNITIES

Easter weekend 2023 brought a new opportunity of hosting Easter Egg Hunts for each of the communities where a Northview campus is located. Through funding from the FIRST initiative, we were able to treat over 6,000 guests across campuses to family-friendly fun including food trucks, bounce houses, prize giveaways, games, and more! The main event of the egg hunts saw kids collecting over 83,000 eggs filled with candy and goodies. Each campus has shared stories of families attending Easter Services after feeling welcomed and cared for at the Easter Egg Hunt. Thanks to your generosity, each Northview campus was able to provide this amazing outreach experience for their community.

"As a campus, we have a goal of having everyone hear their name at least once on a Sunday. We believe this is crucial to creating a memorable and impactful guest experience so they know how much they matter to this community. A few months ago, we had a mom stop us and share that her daughter and husband had been attending our campus after not going to church for a while. She said her daughter told her one of the reasons she loved coming to Northview was because people here knew her name. The girl told her mom, 'I didn't know how much I needed that.' Since then, the family jumped in and began serving regularly! It is so awesome to see what God does when we focus on showing the intentional and personal love of Christ to others!"

Dave Fladung, Noblesville Campus Pastor



IN OUR WORLD

Filter of Hope (FoH) has been a long-time friend and global partner of Northview. The water filter that FoH developed can clean up to 200 gallons of water every day for over ten years. That's enough water for two families! Not only is FoH giving families access to clean water, but they are also committed to sharing the Gospel with families and helping them connect with their local church.

What God has done through Northview and FoH has been incredible! During our FIRST initiative, Northview Kids have single-handedly raised \$22,892.55, covering the cost for 572 filters. Those filters have the potential to bring clean drinking water to over 5,700 people. And now our very own students, families, and adults are distributing those filters in-country on our GO Teams. We have already sent six GO Teams, with seven more scheduled for 2023. God is on the move and every Northview attendee at every age has a hand in it!





STATS WORTH CELEBRATING

\$36.4M has been given in the first year of FIRST towards declaring Christ is before all things in our church, our community, and our world.

Households representing **795** people made a new 12-month FIRST commitment.

Households representing **910** people increased their original 2-year FIRST commitment.

Households representing **11,029** people are giving towards FIRST.



**Celebrating what
God has done at the
midpoint of *FIRST*!**

GOD IS MOVING

FIRST COMMITMENTS AND EXPECTED

\$83.5 MILLION

GIFTS HAVE INCREASED TO

GOD IS MOVING

"ALL THINGS WERE
CREATED BY HIM
AND FOR HIM. HE IS
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COLOSSIANS 1:16-17