

FIRST

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 northview church

WHAT GOD IS DOING

IS NOT NORMAL

And we're going to celebrate!

We felt God calling each of us to declare Him FIRST ... Before all things and to allow the reality of who He is to permeate all areas of our lives. We asked every person to take their next step in discipleship and generosity through FIRST. We launched a bold plan to accelerate the life-change happening within our campus walls, to continue expanding our reach in Indiana as well as to those who have not yet heard about Jesus around the world.

We had high hopes. But we want to tell you, you stepped it up BIG! And that deserves to be celebrated!

So, we're kicking the FIRST initiative up a notch to celebrate all you've committed to do and to say THANK YOU.

On November 1, I'll be passing the leadership baton to Pastor C.J. And I wholeheartedly trust he will continue leading with the vision of FIRST for years to come. And I can't wait to see all that God is going to do in this next season through Northview Church.

Northview, we want to change the world. And we know together anything is possible!



Steve Poe





For more than four decades, the favor of God has rested powerfully upon Northview. Not a day goes by that I don't find myself amazed by the legacy and heritage of our church. Our story truly is remarkable. What a privilege it is to be a part of such a move of God!

Nevertheless, I cannot shake the feeling that we still have more to gain, than we have to lose. I believe God is stirring things up within our country. And I am convinced Northview will be at the center of our nation's next great awakening as we continue rising to the occasion.

As I stated recently in a sermon, "I would rather be an overly courageous church, than an overly cautious church." So let's continue marching on! For the goal of FIRST is not to accumulate great things, but to accomplish great things.

And this is a legacy season. Welcome to the party, friends. Let's go!

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BEFORE ALL THINGS

IN OUR CHURCH

When it comes to generosity, fear says wait but faith says **now!** This couldn't be more true as we look back at this FIRST quarter and witness the **power of faith** that was displayed during our **Big Give Weekend**. As a result of this weekend, we were able to **pay the remaining debt** for our **Kokomo Campus!** Yay God!

This was a full circle moment that truly began long before Oakbrook and Northview merged in 2018 to become the Northview Kokomo Campus. This was **always a dream** for some of the pioneering leaders for Kokomo. So you can only imagine the resounding celebration and endless praise that took place when we were able to announce that the **building debt was paid** as a result of the Big Give Weekend!

We're convinced that God will continue to do **exceedingly and abundantly above** all we could ever dream for our reach within our surrounding communities. What He did in Kokomo is **just the beginning** as we continue to expand our reach. Way to go church! **We've only just begun** and we will walk by faith rather than wait in our fears to make a difference for Christ. **Let's continue to keep God FIRST before all things!**

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IN OUR COMMUNITY



Kaleb had never experienced a prom due to his terminally ill condition. The Northview team made special arrangements with Kaleb's family to ensure it was a night to remember! Twenty paparazzi cheered Kaleb on as he walked the red carpet. Patty, his close family-friend and buddy shared the night with him as they took photos, snacked, and danced together. Kaleb joyously shared with all around him, "I feel like a king!"

Volunteer Debbie shared her experience as a buddy for the evening:

"I was paired with Jessica and Michael who will celebrate their 5th wedding anniversary in August. They were such a joy! They both had been in show choir at Carmel High School and sang the night away with karaoke! Michael inspired us as he serenaded his lovely bride. The limousine ride was a hit and they shared they hadn't been in one since their wedding. **I have to say they were such a joy, and I was blessed to be their buddy for the evening.**"



IN OUR WORLD

On June 3rd and 4th, Northview church partnered with Kids Around the World and Convoy of Hope to pack and deliver meals to those suffering from the War in Ukraine. Through the generosity of the FIRST campaign, Northview purchased over **\$70,000 worth of supplies**. In addition, **800 volunteers** from all our campuses showed up to assemble and pack **270,864 meals** – an entire shipping container!

Once the meals were packed and loaded onto pallets, our partner Convoy of Hope picked them up and delivered them to Poland for distribution. Convoy of Hope continues to serve displaced or in need Ukrainians throughout eight European countries. **More than 6.8 million Ukrainians** are sheltering in countries outside of their own. Through the generosity of Northview, **over 270,000 people were able to be served**.



GOD IS MOVING

434

HOUSEHOLDS HAVE GIVEN TO
NORTHVIEW FOR THE FIRST TIME

4,326

HOUSEHOLDS HAVE PARTICIPATED
IN GIVING TO FIRST

\$11,888,294

GIVEN TOWARD THE \$78 MILLION COMMITTED

**"ALL THINGS WERE
CREATED BY HIM
AND FOR HIM. HIS IS
BEFORE ALL THINGS
AND IN HIM ALL
THINGS HOLD
TOGETHER."**

COLOSSIANS 1:16-17