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A MESSAGE FROM NATHAN

I am convinced that Northview is at a defining point in our history. Many years from now this season will be remembered as one where God synergized our body in an incredible way to reach our neighbors for Christ. For over 50 years we have opened our doors to Danville and the surrounding communities every Sunday, and by God's grace we will continue to do it for 50 more! Not only do we plan to open the doors on Sundays for decades to come, we believe there are significant opportunities to open the doors more frequently to our neighbors, **especially those whose next step with God is their first step.**

As you know, the church has always been a people, not a building. But people often cultivate relationship in the environment a good building with great amenities creates. That's why a significant part of our vision for the future is connected to the reimagining our facility as a community center that draws people in every day, not just on Sundays. We believe this will have an exponential kingdom impact as it will **multiply the opportunities** with people for relational connection and spiritual growth. What is more, as a community center, our building becomes **a huge gift to our community** as it provides new gathering spaces for sports, arts, children's play, social gatherings, and many more uses!

I believe this is a moment for our church to **make the most of the time** that we find ourselves living in. It's a time to find new ways to reach those around us with the hope of Christ. God has given us an incredible opportunity to help more people take their next step with God.

I am humbled to walk with you in these exciting days!

Nathan Rector, Lead Pastor

- > We are asking God to **OPEN THE DOOR** of evangelism in our community like never before
- > We are inviting God to **OPEN THE DOOR** of our hearts in a way that makes us more generous than ever before
- We must seize opportunities to OPEN THE
 DOOR of the church to a world that is changing
- > We can **OPEN THE DOOR** to life in Jesus through the expansion of relational environments
- > We want to **OPEN THE DOOR** of our facility and gift it to our community 7 days a week
- > We must **OPEN THE DOOR** for others so they can take their next step with God
- > We believe that God will **OPEN THE DOOR** to people's hearts as we share His love
- We will OPEN THE DOOR to a conversation with God about generosity so we can become more like Him

NORTHVIEW'S HISTORY OF OPENING THE DOOR TO THE COMMUNITY

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NOVEMBER 10, 1969		First worship services held at 51 S. Washington St. on the Danville Square
FEBRUARY 27, 1972		First Service was held in the new building at 623 N. State Rd. 39, Danville
SEPTEMBER 1977		The Mother's Day Out Program was launched to support families and promote Christian growth in children
FEBRUARY 8, 1983		The Barnabas Fund was established to assist families who were experiencing temporary financial difficulties
SUMMER 1998		The Nehemiah Project to renovate and refurbish the inside of the church
SUMMER 1999		The Sonshine School expanded to offer child care through the summer
2000		The Clothes Closet formed to serve the needs of Northview families and the community
MAY 15, 2005		A new expansion with the current Auditorium, Connection Café, and staff offices was dedicated. The pre-existing worship center became the Student Center
2010		Northview partnered with the Danville United Methodist Church to provide Hendricks County children with free haircuts, lunch and school supplies for their Backpack School Project
JULY 2017		Northview added the Back to School project on our campus to partner with the Backpack School Project, providing shoes, socks, and underwear to children as they prepare for the first days of school.
JANUARY 2010		A remodeled Student Center and Children's wing provided

ministry use

a fresh new environment for daily community and

JANUARY 2019

INITIATIVE GOALS

PRIMARY GOAL // 100% Engagement

First and foremost, Open the Door is a discipleship initiative. It's about shaping the heart of a Christ follower in how we give of ourselves. When Jesus was with his disciples he spoke more on the connection between money and faith than any other topic. Our primary goal during this initiative is that everyone who calls Northview home will Open the Door to a fresh conversation on kingdom generosity. Whether you've never given anything before, or you are a consistent giver, there is always a next step God is asking you to take in the area of generosity. We are asking that you sincerely pray about this and allow God to lead you through a faith stretching experience.

SECONDARY GOAL // \$4.3 Million over 2 years

This is a one fund initiative. That means we are trusting God for this amount to fuel our ongoing general fund and our additional vision over the next two years. This will catalyze our mission to Help People Take their Next Step with God like never before!



INITIATIVE OVERVIEW

DEVOTED & THANKFUL // \$1.8 Million

Open the Door will include ongoing commitments to all the existing ministries of the church. This is two years of our regular general budget which sustains and supports all of our ministries, missions, staffing, administration, and facility maintenance. We are so thankful for the people and mission God has given us and will continue to devote ourselves to Helping People take their next step with God.

OPENINGS & OPPORTUNITIES // \$2.5 Million

We see an incredible opportunity to transform our existing facility into a vibrant community center full of life 7 days a week. This will allow us to connect to hundreds of people each week that we would have never reached. On any given day there will be multiple opportunities for relational connection including community sports, arts, parties, company meetings, seminars and other gatherings. These will be laid alongside our existing discipleship classes, affinity groups, worship nights, Life Groups and other church activities. The result will be that unchurched people will find a new front door into the church community! Open the Door will allow us to build Phase 1 of a 2 Phase Community Center building plan.

TOTAL // \$4.3 MILLION OVER 2 YEARS



COMMUNITY CENTER DETAILS

26,555 Sq. Foot Expansion that will Include:

- Coffee shop
- Turf field
- Children's play place
- New kitchen
- Breakout rooms for community gatherings
- Basketball courts (Phase 2)

Renovation of Existing Auditorium:

- Technology upgrade
- New seating
- Stage and baptistery









THE **GENEROSITY JOURNEY**

INITIAL GIVER

This is someone who decides to give for the first time, out of a response to God's Word about giving. This is someone who decides to give something and trust God and the leaders of the Church with this gift.

CONSISTENT GIVER

This is someone who decides to give something and to give it on a consistent basis to exercise the discipline of giving. Often, someone who decides to make their gift an online recurring gift will be someone who is learning the behavior of consistency. Nononline givers can be consistent givers as well of course; it just requires more discipline.

SURRENDERED GIVER

This is someone who recognizes the power of the gospel and is surrendered to honoring God with 100% of their resources as a result. A Surrendered Giver is someone who gives in a way that changes them, in a way that reflects that their giving is governing their spending/saving rather than their spending/saving governing their giving. A Surrendered Giver isn't just concerned with what they ARE giving but is more concerned with what they're NOT giving and why, and they seek to honor God with 100% of what He has given them. whether that means direct monetary giving or a God-honoring use of an existing resource.

INTENTIONAL GIVER

This is someone who is beginning to think about their giving in relation to other things on which they spend their money. So, for example, this type of giver begins asking the question, "Why am I giving more to AT&T than I am giving to God? Should I be giving to God more than I give for my mortgage each month?" This giver starts to make their giving an intentional choice that reflects how they prioritize it in relation to other things on which they spend their money.

ETERNAL GIVER

This is someone who is thinking about the longer tail of generosity rather than just the shorter term of monthto-month generosity or even year-to-year. An Eternal Giver makes decisions in the short term that have longer term effects as it relates to their generosity capacity. They think of what home they buy, what car they purchase, how much savings they choose to keep, all in relation to their generosity capacity. An Eternal Giver is driven by the things of eternity, putting their hope in God and not in the things of this earth.

WHAT IS A ONE FUND INITIATIVE?

You may have been a part of church campaigns in the past during which you were asked to give a second gift 'above and beyond' your usual gifts to make special initiatives like new buildings and new ministries possible.

Normally, you gave that gift to the 'Building Fund' and you also continued to give offerings to the 'General Fund.' This type of giving is potentially confusing to people who either don't have a baseline for their "usual giving" or who aren't able to really celebrate the total giving they are engaging in at Northview Christian Church in one single number. We believe that it's is all ONE MISSION that we're on – the mission of making disciples of Jesus one person, one family, one neighborhood at a time. So, we as a leadership have decided that we're going to give our gifts to Northview Christian Church into one fund for this next season of ministry expansion – to celebrate the totality of our generosity growth as disciples of Jesus.

The Open the Door initiative will last for two years. In those two years, every gift that is given to Northview Christian Church will go to the key components of Open the Door: Devoted & Thankful and Openings & Opportunities. These areas are explained in detail in the pages of this booklet. We've included a sample commitment card so you can begin to pray about your commitment and what that will mean for your journey with God.

\$	What I/We would normally give in a yea (regular giving, special projects, missions, etc.)
+\$	My/Our expanded annual generosity as part of the OTD initiative
=\$	x2 years
	\$
Gifts from my/our store	d resources +\$
MY/OUR TOTAL	2-YEAR OPEN THE DOOR COMMITMENT
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TWO-YEAR GIFT CHART

As you pray and discern how God would ask you to give during this time, use this gift chart as a discipleship tool — let it be something that inspires and challenges you towards greater generosity for Christ's Kingdom as we seek to give it all for Him.

GIFTS NEEDED	TWO-YEAR GIFT COMMITMENT	ANNUAL GIFT	MONTHLY GIFT	GIFT LEVEL TOTAL
1	\$500,000	\$250,000	\$20,833	\$500,000
1	\$250,000	\$125,000	\$10,417	\$250,000
2	\$150,000	\$75,000	\$6,250	\$300,000
3	\$100,000	\$50,000	\$4,167	\$300,000
4	\$75,000	\$37,500	\$3,125	\$300,000
5	\$65,000	\$32,500	\$2,708	\$325,000
7	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$2,083	\$350,000
8	\$35,000	\$17,500	\$1,458	\$280,000
12	\$25,000	\$12,500	\$1,042	\$300,000
15	\$15,000	\$7,500	\$625	\$225,000
20	\$12,500	\$6,250	\$521	\$250,000
30	\$10,000	\$5,000	\$417	\$300,000
35	\$7,500	\$3,750	\$313	\$262,500
40	\$5,000	\$2,500	\$208	\$200,000
MANY	\$2,500	\$1,250	\$104	\$157,500
TOTAL GIF	T GOAL			\$4,300,000

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OPEN DOOR OPPORTUNITIES

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

1.	When have you experienced the power of a trustworthy vision that inspired you to action?				
2.	As you read Colossians 4:2-5, what is it that God is inviting you into? What excites you about this invitation?				
3.	When have you devoted yourself to prayer? How did you see God move during that time?				

4.	Honest question: Do I actively "pray for open doors" so that the message of Christ can be heard? How could I be better seeking opportunities for this?
5.	Paul encourages us to be looking for open doors to share the love of Jesus with others. An open door can take the form of many different scenarios. Can you think of any open doors in your life right now?
6.	Paul instructs for us to "make the most of every opportunity for those outside the family of faith. When I think about the stewardship of my life, do I feel I am in a place of influence, either in terms of my workplace, my family, my neighborhood, or other arena of my life so that others can be impacted by my actions and demonstrations of faith?

STEPPING THROUGH THE OPEN DOOR

SHORTLY BEFORE DAWN JESUS WENT OUT TO THEM, WALKING ON THE LAKE. WHEN THE DISCIPLES SAW HIM WALKING ON THE LAKE, THEY WERE TERRIFIED. "IT'S A GHOST," THEY SAID, AND CRIED OUT IN FEAR.

BUT JESUS IMMEDIATELY SAID TO THEM:
"TAKE COURAGE! IT IS I. DON'T BE AFRAID."

"LORD, IF IT'S YOU," PETER REPLIED, "TELL ME TO COME TO YOU ON THE WATER."

"COME," HE SAID.

THEN PETER GOT DOWN OUT OF THE BOAT, WALKED ON THE WATER AND CAME TOWARD JESUS. BUT WHEN HE SAW THE WIND, HE WAS AFRAID AND, BEGINNING TO SINK, CRIED OUT, "LORD, SAVE ME!"

IMMEDIATELY JESUS REACHED OUT HIS HAND AND CAUGHT HIM. "YOU OF LITTLE FAITH," HE SAID,

"WHY DID YOU DOUBT?"

AND WHEN THEY CLIMBED INTO THE BOAT, THE WIND DIED DOWN.

// Matthew 14:25-32

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STEPPING THROUGH THE OPEN DOOR

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

1.	If the most common command in the Bible is to "fear not," why do we struggle with it so much? When have you experienced God walking with you through your fears? What was the outcome?
2.	There is an incredible chain of interconnected Open Door stories found in the book of Acts that all had an element of fear within them. What does that chain of fear to faith stories teach you about God? About yourself?
3.	What are some of the uncertainties or worries that make you hesitant to jump into God's work? What are some practical ways you can overcome these doubts or worries?

4.	How have you witnessed Barriers of Fear turned into Doorways of Faith in your life?
5.	Read Matthew 6:19-21 and 6:24. On a scale of one to ten, how radical is the instruction to not "store up treasures?" Why or why not?
6.	Jesus offers a principle, "For where your treasure is, there you heart will be also." How could changing the way you use you money change your heart as well?
7.	Read on to Matthew 6:25-34 to see how this perspective on money is linked to a radical trust in the care of God. How ha growing in generosity also grown your trust in God?

OPEN THE DOOR OF MY HEART

THE SON IS THE IMAGE OF THE INVISIBLE GOD. THE FIRSTBORN OVER ALL CREATION, FOR IN HIM ALL THINGS WERE CREATED: THINGS IN HEAVEN AND ON EARTH. VISIBLE AND INVISIBLE. WHETHER THRONES OR POWERS OR RULERS OR AUTHORITIES: ALL THINGS HAVE BEEN CREATED THROUGH HIM AND FOR HIM. HE IS BEFORE ALL THINGS. AND IN HIM ALL THINGS HOLD TOGETHER. AND HE IS THE HEAD OF THE BODY. THE CHURCH: HE IS THE BEGINNING AND THE FIRSTBORN FROM AMONG THE DEAD. SO THAT IN EVERYTHING HE MIGHT HAVE THE SUPREMACY. FOR GOD WAS PLEASED TO HAVE ALL HIS FULLNESS DWELL IN HIM. AND THROUGH HIM TO RECONCILE TO HIMSELF ALL THINGS. WHETHER THINGS ON EARTH OR THINGS IN HEAVEN. BY MAKING PEACE THROUGH HIS BLOOD, SHED ON THE CROSS.

// Colossians 1:15-20

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OPEN THE DOOR OF MY HEART

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

1.	Colossians 1 is all about the supremacy of Jesus. The question that it causes us to ask ourselves is: "Is Jesus prominent or preeminent in my life." How does the difference between the words <i>prominent</i> and <i>preeminent</i> help reveal a potential growth step in your life?
2.	How do you know if Jesus is preeminent in your life? What does it look like to prioritize Jesus above everything else?
3.	Do I give in such a way that places Christ as first in all things? Practically speaking, does my giving affect my saving and spending decisions, or do my saving and spending decisions affect my giving?

4.	In light of who Christ is and His transformative power in my life, am I giving in a way that changes me, or has it become comfortable and routine?			
	NOW HE WHO SUPPLIES SEED TO THE SOWER AND BREAD FOR FOOD WILL ALSO SUPPLY AND INCREASE YOUR STORE OF SEED AND WILL ENLARGE THE HARVEST OF YOUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. YOU WILL BE ENRICHED IN EVERY WAY SO THAT YOU CAN BE GENEROUS ON EVERY OCCASION, AND THROUGH US YOUR GENEROSITY WILL RESULT IN THANKSGIVING TO GOD.			
	// 2 Corinthians 9:10-11			
5.	Why does God give resources to us? So that we can have			

5. Why does God give resources to us? So that we can have more money for ourselves? So that we can feel more secure? So that we can impress others and feel significant? NO!! It's so that we can be generous on every occasion!
So here's the question: If you were God, would you give you more money??

OPEN THE DOOR WIDE!

FOR I TESTIFY THAT THEY GAVE
AS MUCH AS THEY WERE ABLE,
AND EVEN BEYOND THEIR ABILITY.

ENTIRELY ON THEIR OWN, THEY
URGENTLY PLEADED WITH US FOR
THE PRIVILEGE OF SHARING IN THIS
SERVICE TO THE LORD'S PEOPLE. AND
THEY EXCEEDED OUR EXPECTATIONS:
THEY GAVE THEMSELVES FIRST OF ALL
TO THE LORD, AND THEN BY THE WILL
OF GOD ALSO TO US.

// 2 Corinthians 8:3-5

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OPEN THE DOOR WIDE!

LIFE GROUP QUESTIONS

1.	Have you ever experienced the truth of the statement "It's more blessed to give than to receive?" How you have learned it and how has that truth shaped you?
2.	In 2 Corinthians 8 we read about a church in Macedonia that experienced extreme poverty. Yet Paul describes them as a model of generosity. How is it possible for a church living in extreme poverty to overflow in generosity?
3.	Why do you think God asks us to surrender our resources to Him first? Have you had an experience with God when you surrendered your first and best gift to Him? How did He stretch your faith in that experience?

4.	The Macedonian church felt like it was a privilege to contribute to the ministry of Paul. Why was this a privilege to them? Have you felt that similar privilege motivating your own generosity? Describe.
5.	Is your giving typically a chore or a cheerful act for you? How does it help your perspective to remember that God is the source of our ability to give and His praise is the final outcome of our generosity?
6.	What has God revealed to you about His will for your life through the Open the Door initiative?

MAKING THE MOST OF OPEN DOORS

But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

// 1 Timothy 6:6-19

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FAQS FOR OPEN THE DOOR

What are you asking me to do?

First and foremost, we are asking that you pray and seek God's leading on what He is asking of you. Prepare your heart to hear Him, and then listen to what He says. Engage in a Life Group during this season, if you haven't already engaged in one. Engage in personal reflection with God in the Open the Door Booklet you will be receiving. Talk with your spouse, your family, or others about what this commitment will mean for this next exciting season of your life.

We are asking that you make a commitment to gospel-driven, Jesus-centered generosity - whatever it is that God leads you to do. Follow His leading.

Finally, we ask that you prepare to be amazed. It is an awesome God that we serve, and He is going to move in huge ways as we anticipate an unprecedented impact from our collective Open the Door commitments – something only God can do. Please mark your calendar for Commitment Sunday, November 24, and prepare to experience a life-changing worship service that will forever be remembered as a defining moment for our church and for our own faith.

If we are committing to Open the Door, how does this change my giving to missions, the general fund, and other special offerings?

During this two-year period, every contribution to God through Northview Christian Church is a contribution to our Open the Door initiative. Every aspect of the ministry vision God is calling us towards for the next two years will be funded through Open the Door. There will not be separate funds. Every gift made will go into the same fund and will be our Open the Door giving. Therefore, every weekend becomes a day to celebrate and contribute towards what God is doing in us and through us as we go beyond ourselves and beyond our walls!

What if I have never even given to Northview Christian Church before?

Open the Door was crafted specifically with you in mind. Open the Door is a "one fund" generosity initiative, meaning that it is different from a traditional capital campaign where you are called to give an extra gift above and beyond your normal giving - thus creating two steps for people who aren't yet giving. Open the Door is a call to surrendered, faithfilled generosity for absolutely everyone at Northview Christian Church. If you have never given before, this is your chance to get in the game with a committed sacrifice. We really hope you will.

Are there additional ways besides cash that I can give more towards Open the Door?

Be creative as you explore ways you and your family can give towards Open the Door. You might have some stocks, property, or other items of that nature. Or you may have some stored resources that God has blessed you with in the past that He might be calling you to give out of during this time. Please let us know if you need assistance with facilitating gifts of property or stock, and we would be happy to help you with that. You can contact Kathleen Soehnlin (kathleen@northviewchristian.org or 317.745.5990) to make a gift of this type.

How long is my commitment?

We are asking that everyone make a two-year commitment. The fulfillment period for your commitment will begin with our First Big Give on Sunday, December 8, 2019 and it will culminate in December of 2021.

What if I am new around here?

Open the Door is about the vision for our church and our personal discipleship in giving as followers of Jesus. We believe that the local church is one of the most compelling missions to give towards, and we would really love for you to make Northview Christian Church your home and join us in Open the Door. If you are ready for it, this is a perfect time for you to put a stake in the ground and make this your church. We need you on the team!

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