

A STORY OF FAITHFUL PERSISTENCE

"When we first began the Open the Door journey in December 2019, things were going very smoothly. We felt comfortable with our generosity and made it an intentional priority. Since then, things have definitely changed. Like many people we have been greatly affected financially by Covid-19. It's hard to want to be generous or keep commitments when you lose a large portion of your income and are unsure when it will be restored.

Not only have we been stretched or challenged financially, but with our generosity as a family. Since June, we have had an extra house guest. Adding another adult in a household of 6 has its challenges, but we saw a need and met it. This has been an amazing opportunity to help teach our children a different aspect of generosity. It is not about how much money you can give or throw at a problem, but it is about your heart and your actions.

With all of our kids now in school, I (Jenna) have chosen to go back to work full-time. Partially, to help make up for the income loss, but also because I had a desire to work again, yet never felt like it was the right time. Recently though, a door opened and this time it felt like the right time. A small quiet prayer was answered in a huge way!

We could have never imagined what this journey would have looked like when we started back in December. God is stretching us and challenging us to rearrange priorities. We are grateful for the lessons and opportunities that have come from our faithfulness and God's faithfulness to us and His timing. We cannot wait to see what the future holds for our church, community and our family."

-Zack and Jenna Batsche



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FALL 2020 UPDATE

Northview family, I was so proud of our church as we launched the Open the Door initiative last fall. It was truly amazing to watch so many of us go before God and ask Him boldly what He would have us do with our financial generosity, then take huge steps of faith by responding to His leading!



After completing a little more than 1/3 of our 2-year generosity initiative, I have an even deeper appreciation for the work God did in our hearts last fall. That's because I see the perseverance of his people during the most trying of times. This year hasn't gone the way ANYONE saw it going and yet the commitment to "Help People Take Their Next Step With God" has carried on without hindrance because of the faithfulness, prayers, and generosity of so many people. So, as we continue toward the halfway point, my words to all of us are: FAITHFULLY PERSEVERE!

Without a doubt, we are in a live and active lesson on perseverance! From our health, to our finances, to our relationships, and certainly our faith we are being stretched in every direction. But we still have such great hope! God, in his Word, has constantly reminded us that through perseverance we see Him, feel His presence, and experience transformation that can only come from Him!

I want to thank you for your faithful giving to God this year. Even in the midst of a pandemic, because of your generosity, our projects have all been able to continue on within the timelines we originally planned. The auditorium remodel is set to re-open in November and architectural plans for The Center have been completed. Groundbreaking is targeted for spring of 2021!

Northview family, thank you again for your faithful giving to God this year, and especially during the past months. Your generosity is so very important! I am so proud to be on this journey with you!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nathan".

Nathan | Lead Pastor

Tell us your story. Write to us at:
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AUDITORIUM RE-OPENS NOVEMBER 1ST!



CURRENT UPDATE: The new baptistry has been relocated to the south end of the auditorium, the stage has an updated layout, the concrete floor has been refinished, the new sound booth has been reconstructed, and the walls are being painted.

IN THE COMING WEEKS: Completion of auditorium seating, sound & lighting systems installed, and flooring finished.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

DEVOTE YOURSELVES TO PRAYER, BEING WATCHFUL AND THANKFUL. AND PRAY FOR US, TOO, THAT GOD MAY **OPEN A DOOR** FOR OUR MESSAGE, SO THAT WE MAY PROCLAIM THE MYSTERY OF CHRIST, FOR WHICH I AM IN CHAINS. PRAY THAT I MAY PROCLAIM IT CLEARLY, AS I SHOULD. BE WISE IN THE WAY YOU ACT TOWARD OUTSIDERS; **MAKE THE MOST OF EVERY OPPORTUNITY.**

// Colossians 4:2-5

GOAL UPDATES:

DECEMBER 1, 2019 - SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

✓ PRIMARY GOAL: 100% ENGAGEMENT

TOTAL OTD COMMITMENTS: **399**

TOTAL OTD GIVERS SINCE LAUNCH: **650**

FIRST TIME GIVERS SINCE LAUNCH OF OTD: **68**

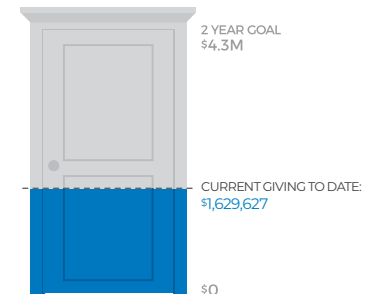
✓ SECONDARY GOAL: \$4.3M RAISED OVER 2 YEARS

ACTUAL GIVING TO DATE
\$1,629,627

TOTAL COMMITTED TO OTD
\$4,054,881

NOTE: All gifts given to Northview Christian Church from Dec 2019 - Dec 2021 will count towards the Open the Door goal.

Thank you for being a part of Open the Door!



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