



NORTHEAST CHRISTIAN

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A LETTER FROM NORTHEAST



As the entire world knows, 2020 and 2021 were incredibly challenging. Obstacles were mostly beyond our control, and our human desire to have control was deeply exposed. This reality made things increasingly challenging off the bat when COVID-19 first began to wreak havoc in 2020. We realized a truth we all need to reckon with; we were never meant to be in control in the first place.

As the church, “ministry” in our controlled capabilities as we once knew it came to a halt. Words like “pivot” were used to hopefully shift perspective from what we once expected. We were required to take on a posture of willingness amidst the unknown.

As we have reflected on the last two years, we are able to say two things confidently: Because of God’s sovereignty, ministry still happened and God is still faithful. These two things are reasons to celebrate daily!

Thank you, Northeast.

Thank you for committing to faithfulness to the Lord amidst the all of the unknown. This is the hardest kind of faithfulness to walk in, yet, a faithfulness that builds deep faith in Him. Thank you for committing to faithfulness to the Church in the unknown. If there were ever a time for us to look at the Church and see that she matters and she plays a vital role in the world, it has been the last two years. Thank you for committing to faithfulness to generosity. Northeast Christian Church has always been gifted in generosity but you, Church, were gifted in generosity in a time that did not make sense. The Lord was able to take your generosity and allow for so many lives, places, and moments to be impacted in deep, kingdom advancing levels.

Keep committing to the Lord daily.

Keep committing to faithfulness.

Keep unleashing Jesus’ love everyday, everybody, everywhere.

- Northeast Christian Church

Home.
Workplace.
City. Church.
Love the 'Ville

WEEKEND EXPERIENCE

BAPTISMS

46

FIRST TIME
GUESTS

155

EASTER
ATTENDANCE

4,097



107

RESPONSES ON
THE CONNECTION
CARD

480

GALLONS OF
COFFEE

5,926

CHRISTMAS
ATTENDANCE

NE KIDS MINISTRY



SERVING IN OUR CITY

Our NE Kids 4th-5th graders partnered with Lifeline Christian mission to pack **30,000 meals** during Thanksgiving. Instead of having our normal service, we spent that time packing meals to be distributed through our local partners here in Louisville. In addition to learning about God and having fun together, we talk all the time about loving like Jesus at home, school, church, and in our city and this was a very practical way for our students to do this.

AVERAGE
K-5TH
GRADERS

150

AVERAGE
PRESCHOOLERS

50

AVERAGE
NURSERY
BABIES

30



GOD'S GOODNESS

Kids are still excited to come to church. Kids are still wanting to follow Jesus even after everything from the past couple years. We are walking with kids as they wrestle through the giant but "Why does God allow this?" Even after seeing their parents lose their minds over differences in politics, worldview, socio economic status, money management, personal freedom, Christian nationalism, etc., the kids are modeling what Jesus calls us to do by loving people from different backgrounds and getting along. Adults could learn a lot from them. **40 4th and 5th graders completed Beyond Belief and got baptized!**

YOUTH MINISTRY



We were not meant to do life alone. Our Youth ministry exists to make disciples who live the Love The 'Ville lifestyle by attracting, connecting, developing, and sending students to unleash love in their homes, schools, city, and church.



BEACH CAMP

2021 was an incredible year for our high schoolers! We resumed in-person services in April 2021 with a newly renovated Student Center. Throughout the summer we had a ton of opportunities to reconnect with our ministry with new monthly rhythms like First Wednesdays and our annual Beach Camp event. We had over **90 students** and 15 leaders head to Panama City Beach for a week full of worship, renewed faith in Jesus, and tons of time growing in friendships at the beach.

497

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS
ATTENDED A MIDDLE
OR HIGH SCHOOL
SERVICE

266

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS
AT YOUTH 6/8 CAMP,
YOUTH 9/12 CAMP OR
WINTER RETREAT



NORTHEAST
YOUTH

SERVING OUR CITY

Our Youth 6/8 students came together to serve the homeless community in the greater Louisville area. As a ministry whole, **we packed 500 warm weather emergency packs** including toboggans, socks, hand warmers, gloves and a note of encouragement. Students found a way to have an immediate impact on the community by meeting these basic needs and seeing how simple it is to impact the Kingdom.

SMALL GROUPS

Through the fall semester we got to resume in-person! Small groups began in September and are still currently meeting. We have a renewed vision to unleash love to every teenager we meet by creating a place for the to belong, providing a group to grow with, and teaching them how to live the Love the 'Ville lifestyle. We have around **95 students involved in small groups** and we look forward to seeing them continue to learn to follow Jesus and love the 'Ville in 2022!

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

At Northeast, our goal is to help you take your next best step in your relationship with Jesus. For some that might be through a weekly women's or men's bible study. For others that might be joining an ongoing small group or simply getting involved and giving back.



GROUPS

2020-2021 changed the way we were able to comfortably do ministry before, but it did not keep ministry from happening. In efforts to still offer community in a time when people were unable to gather in person, this team offered a 6-week digital group experience for adults.

One group met digitally for six weeks, and has continued to meet in person ever since.

Life has not been easy for the world and as this group began to deepen their intentionality with one another, they have been able to navigate the hard together. Direct loss has existed in this group and they walked it together and it brought them closer. In the hard they have found joy and now that joy is the foundation of who this group is and how they do life together in community, regularly, with Jesus.

GROUP LEADERS

102

GROUPS

68



Doing life together.



THANKSGIVING MEALS PACKED

2000

GENEROSITY



Unleash Love.

We believe God calls us to a life of generosity. That includes your time, your talent, and, yes, your money. One way that we Unleash Love is by being generous with others as God has been with us.

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	\$26,409,282
LIABILITIES	\$615,052
EQUITY	\$25,794,230

TITHES + OFFERING

	ANNUAL GIVING	LOVE THE 'VILLE OFFERING
2017	\$7,480,665	\$731,352
2018	\$7,857,184	\$1,079, 016
2019	\$8,166,855	\$1,220,094
2020	\$8,137,186	\$1,611,481
2021	\$7,928,702	\$1,720,442

LOCAL PARTNERS

PORTLAND PROMISE CENTER

\$10,000

During the school year, they were able to serve the students and help with NTI because of amazing teachers and volunteers. We provided a financial gift to facilitate a Covid-friendly summer program.

GREATER NEW BEGINNINGS CHURCH

\$27,000

One way that they have been called to be light is by reaching out to the youth all around them with the love of Jesus. A complete renovation of their church's basement would provide a safe place for the youth to gather, and we helped!

SPARC HOPE

\$12,000

We were able to help sponsor a single mom as she breaks the cycle of poverty through higher education and supporting her family's needs.

PRODIGAL MINISTRIES

\$8,000

Prodigal Ministries provides a solid foundation through a Christ-centered residential aftercare program for those transitioning from incarceration. This allows their clients to experience a spiritual transformation.



HIGHPOINT CHARITABLE SERVICES

\$50,000

The Grace Center (new building of HighPoint) will give people a hand up with services in mental health, life skills classes, and educational resources. We partnered with HighPoint through a financial gift to make this new center a reality.

THE PRISONERS HOPE

\$5,000

Inmates leaving jail or prison need a valid ID to get back on their feet. The Prisoner's Hope helps reunite families and prepares prisoners to re-enter our society ready to succeed.

SCARLET HOPE

\$5,000

Scarlet Hope exists to engage women in the adult entertainment industry with the hope and love of Jesus, empower them to grow in their relationships with Him, and equip them to pursue God's calling on their lives.

BSIDEU FOR LIFE

\$10,000

BSideU for Life offers support and hope to those affected by unplanned pregnancies. They also provide referrals to adoption services, community resources, financial assistance, and legal advice.



GLOBAL PARTNERS

WORLD IMPACT

\$150,000

World Impact is empowering urban church leaders to reach their cities with the Gospel. World Impact provides affordable seminary training, trauma healing, prison ministry, and redemptive poverty training.

NEVERTHIRST

\$50,000

Neverthirst brings clean and living water to communities that have been unreached with the Gospel. Through a gift of \$50,000, neverthirst was able to accomplish 19 different projects in Uganda that provide over 2,250 people with clean water.

MISSIONARIES OF NORTHEAST

\$10,000

We were so blessed by God and your generosity to bless some of our Global partners financially. We sponsor three different families to go and unleash the Word to areas of the world that they have access to. One family helps in Santiago, Dominican Republic by running a prison ministry. Another family has helped 31 years in Cape Town, South Africa in four churches that they helped plant. Lastly, another family connects with field workers, mentoring and helping them to succeed in their missions in Europe, Asia, and Africa.

SCHOOL PARTNERS

SCHOOL BLITZ

School Blitz is a huge event that our church hosts every year. On a Sunday morning in August, we move church to the streets to spread love (and mulch) to schools. We partner with 30 local schools to get their campuses ready for the school year to begin and welcome all of the kids. We love this opportunity and we can't wait to see it grow.

LOVE THE 'VILLE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Over 200 children from our partner elementary schools come to our campus every December. We sing Christmas songs, give presents, and show the children that there is a church that sees them, welcomes them, cares for them, and loves them. This is a great way to spread Jesus' love to our kids during the holiday season.



HOUSING

\$225,000



Housing has historically been a source of racial injustice through “redlining”, and continues to be one of the greatest concerns in our city. This year, Northeast has committed over \$200,000 to help people stay in their homes, and for others to get over the finish line in owning their first home. This financial gift will go towards:

- \$50,000 in micro-loans with Louisville Affordable Housing Trust Fund, which offers forgivable loans if no payments are missed. This is the first time a church has been part of their program.
- Northeast is currently walking alongside two teachers at our partner school, Portland Elementary, to provide them down payment assistance to help them own their first homes. By the end of 2021, we hope to help two more teachers from Chancey Elementary to achieve this dream.
- Northeast is partnering with Black-owned businesses in the community to help them achieve first-time home ownership. Newly formed and funded Northeast Construction Team (including over 60 skilled volunteers) offers assistance to help with sustainable housing for both individuals and non-profits.
- \$25K to Hosea's House for renovation for transitional housing for women and children in crisis and for women in recovery.

TRE'VON WATTS

DOWN-PAYMENT ASSISTANCE

“Twenty-Four years old and officially a homeowner. When I first began this journey, I was nervous I did not know what to expect. All I knew was that I wanted to be a homeowner by the time I turned 25. I reached out to my parents for advice and we weighed all of the options.



By this time, I had been living in an apartment for two years and knew I would not be renewing my lease another year so I had no choice but to begin looking for my first home. I reached out to my realtor and he was ready. He sent me home after home after home. Oftentimes I sent him a list of homes that I wanted to go see. It felt like I was the realtor at times. We searched and searched and searched for several months. I started to give up, but I had to remember my “Why”. I wanted to start building equity, start a family, and have something I can call my own. Also, I had just graduated with my Master Degree.

Then, all of a sudden “The House” popped up on the market. When I first saw it, I knew it was the one. I immediately contacted my realtor to schedule a viewing. When I pulled up into the driveway I knew this was “The House”. When I walked into the house it felt like home. I could not stop smiling. My realtor did the paperwork and it went from there. I still remember getting the call days before my birthday that I had got approved for the house. It was the best news to hear. Everything went as planned and now I am able to call myself a homeowner at the age of 24. I thank God for all he has done for me. I am so thankful to the members of Northeast Christian Church for blessing me and helping me turn my dreams into reality.”

CARE MINISTRY

Our Care Ministry exists to be by your side for all of life's moments. We understand that times can be hard. We want you to know that you are not alone and we will always be there for you.



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PEOPLE BECAME
CERTIFIED MENTAL
HEALTH FIRST AIDERS

13

WEDDINGS
OFFICIATED BY
OUR PASTORS

UNIQUE INDIVIDUALS
RECEIVED PASTORAL
CARE FROM OUR TEXT
LINE

36

PEOPLE SIGNED UP
FOR A LISTENING
APPOINTMENT

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ENGAGED
COUPLES THAT
WERE MENTORED

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