

AWAKEN

NOVEMBER 16-17, 2019

**NORTHLAND
CHURCH**

Sleepwalking. It's what most of us do—not just at night but every day. Going through the motions, experiencing the routines, fulfilling the obligations, fighting the challenges... all the while pushing back a question gnawing at our core:

"What is life for?!"

Is life merely when cells are reproducing and a heart is beating? Every one of us has a persistent hunch there's more to the depth and dance of our existence than mere physical and scientific definitions. But where do we turn for a fuller, more accurate and credible understanding?

Two thousand years ago, a Galilean fisherman named Zebedee had two sons, James and John. The brothers were adventurous and opinionated and lived life in large fashion—in fact, they were given the nickname "Sons of Thunder" for their exuberance.

One day while they were working with their father repairing their fishing nets, a Rabbi named Jesus came to the lakeshore and called them both to be His disciples. Little did they know the dimensions and implications of that call or the true identity of the One who was calling them. But follow Him they did... and their understanding and experience of life were forever changed as a result.

The two brothers developed a close relationship with Jesus—especially John. Not only was he one of Jesus' disciples, but he became part of Christ's "inner circle" of companions, and of those, John was probably the closest to Jesus. It was John who sat next to Jesus, and actually leaned against Him, during the disciples' final supper together the night before He was crucified. And it was John to whom Jesus, as He was being crucified, entrusted the future care of Mary, His mother.

During those years of following Jesus—absorbing His teaching, watching Him live, listening to His laughter and wisdom, observing Him interacting with people, seeing Him die on the cross, witnessing His resurrection from the dead and ascension to the Father, receiving His Spirit and then devoting his life to serving Christ's Kingdom purposes—John was impacted at the core of his life story and eternity.

As the days turned into decades, John became a principal leader of the expanding community of Christ's followers hundreds of miles north in the large and influential region of Asia Minor. In the sunset years of his life, John, under the leadership and inspiration of Christ's Spirit, began to write down what he had seen and heard so people like us could enter into the same understanding and experience of life John had—a view of Life authored and enabled by Jesus.

Through John's firsthand observation and experience of Jesus... through his relationship with Him... and through the inspired words he wrote... we meet the Author of Life and the Redeemer of our stories. On the pages of this Gospel of John, Jesus beckons us with an invitation. With a call. With a summons.

"Believe and follow Me, and you'll taste Life as I intended for it to be lived."

In other words—**AWAKEN.**

UPCOMING SERVICES

» Nov 23-24 | AWAKEN | Thankful For Life | John 6:60-71 | Pastor Matt Heard

» Nov 30-Dec 1 | **Advent Week 1** | REDISCOVERING AWE | Unexpected Joy | Luke 2:8-14 | Pastor Nathan Clark

What's Current

Get info and sign up at NorthlandChurch.net, or ask a connection team member wearing an orange lanyard for assistance.

Deck the Halls

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26 | 10 A.M.-12:30 P.M. | FOYER

For more info and to register, visit NorthlandChurch.net/DecktheHalls

The Nutcracker Ballet

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 | 7-9:30 P.M. | SANCTUARY

For more info and to purchase tickets, visit NorthlandChurch.net/Nutcracker

#GivingTuesday

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3 | GIVE VIA FACEBOOK BEGINNING AT 8 A.M.

We are asking for \$50,000 to impact those with special needs in our community.

For more info, visit NorthlandChurch.net/GivingTuesday

Support Student Ministries Camps

STOP BY THE TABLE IN THE FOYER AND PURCHASE A TASTY SNACK

Donate online at NorthlandChurch.net/StudentCamps

Tithes and Offerings

Raising the temperature of water by just one degree, from 211° to 212°, is the difference between it being merely hot or generating enough force to power a machine.

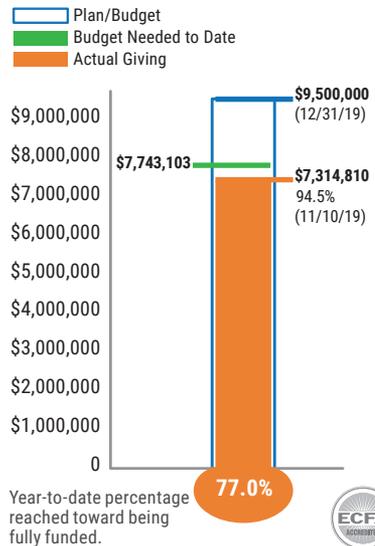
"212 The Extra Degree" in practice: A door needs opening... open it. A piece of trash is in your path... throw it away. A person needs encouraging... reach out a hand. Over and over, we can apply the "extra degree," causing tremendous impact in small, meaningful ways.

Today, one way we can respond to God's desire for us to be Life-giving energy for His Kingdom is by faithfully contributing our tithes and offerings. If everyone who calls Northland their church home turns up the degree of our giving just slightly, we—as a family of God's people—will confidently enter 2020 with the funds needed to continue our ministry unencumbered.

Based on the \$7,314,810 you have generously given to date, we want to let you know we are on pace to end the year short of our need by approximately \$525,000. That is a 5.5% potential shortfall, reflected on the chart to the right.

In the face of this challenge, we trust God and look forward to experiencing His provision together. We remain deeply thankful for your continued partnership on this path of *engaging people to be Fully Alive in Jesus*.

January 1 - November 10, 2019



Ways to Give

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Give online at NorthlandChurch.net/Give or use the Northland App.



Give by cash or check and drop it in any of our tithe boxes.



Give at the iPad stations located throughout the foyer.

