

# AWAKEN

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**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.**

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## UPCOMING SERVICES

- » Nov 30-Dec 1 | **Advent Week 1** | REDISCOVERING AWE | Unexpected Joy | Luke 2:8-14 | Pastor Nathan Clark
- » Dec 7-8 | **Advent Week 2** | REDISCOVERING AWE | Unexpected Glory | Luke 2:8-14 | Pastor Matt Heard

# What's Current

Get info and sign up at [NorthlandChurch.net](http://NorthlandChurch.net) or ask a connections team member wearing an orange lanyard for assistance.

## Deck the Halls

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26 | 10 A.M. | FOYER

For more info and to register, visit [NorthlandChurch.net/DecktheHalls](http://NorthlandChurch.net/DecktheHalls)

## #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](http://NorthlandChurch.net/GivingTuesday)

## Christmas House

DONATE GIFTS NOW THROUGH WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4

For more info and to sign up to volunteer, visit [NorthlandChurch.net/ChristmasHouse](http://NorthlandChurch.net/ChristmasHouse)

## The Nutcracker Ballet

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

For more info and to purchase tickets, visit [NorthlandChurch.net/Nutcracker](http://NorthlandChurch.net/Nutcracker)

## Tithes and Offerings

**Mark your calendar and save the date!** Beginning at 8 a.m. on December 3rd, we invite you to join us along with hundreds of millions across the world to give, collaborate, and celebrate together.

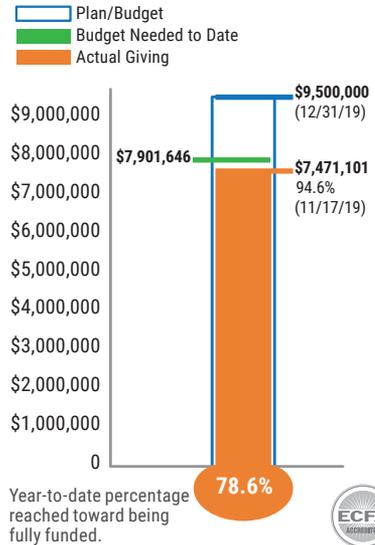
GivingTuesday is a generosity movement created in 2012 as a simple idea: setting aside a day that encourages people to do good. Over the past seven years, it has grown into a global movement. It is our goal to raise \$50K to support our Access Ministry on GivingTuesday.

This year, we are excited to participate in GivingTuesday through Facebook. To raise awareness and amplify donors' generosity, Facebook is matching up to \$7M in eligible donations made through Facebook during GivingTuesday 2019 on a first-come, first-served basis starting at 8 a.m. Northland Church for Access Ministry can receive up to \$100K in matched funds, so please prayerfully consider setting your alarm and contributing first thing in the morning! To learn more, visit [northlandchurch.net/givingtuesday](http://northlandchurch.net/givingtuesday).

The ministry, outreach and missional support work of Northland is not possible without you. Financially, as we enter the final six weeks of the year, we are 5.5% behind where we planned to date. At the beginning of the year, with prayerful consideration, we laid out a ministry plan for 2019. Today, we continue to trust God as our provider and are humbled by your faithful generosity and desire to live out our vision of *Engaging People to be Fully Alive in Jesus*.

Be sure to check out the newly released December *Engage* paper and turn to page 44-45 for a review of the amazing year you've facilitated through 2019!

### January 1 - November 17, 2019



## Ways to Give

Give via mobile text.  
Text "northland" to 77977.



Download and use the PushPay App.



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.

