

# AWAKEN

DECEMBER 28-29, 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.**

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## UPCOMING SERVICES

- » **Jan 4-5** | **AWAKEN** | The Bigness of His Smallness | John 7:25-36 | Pastor Rob Hemphill
- » **Jan 11-12** | **Communion** | **AWAKEN** | Rivers of Life | John 7:37-52 | Pastor Matt Heard

# What's Current

Find out more information at [NorthlandChurch.net](http://NorthlandChurch.net) or ask a connections team member wearing an orange lanyard for assistance.

## Belong & Grow

*Discover how you can connect to what God is doing here at Northland.*

**SUNDAYS, JANUARY 12 TO FEBRUARY 2 | 11 A.M.-12:15 P.M. | THE HUB**

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

## Start Here!

*Whether you are just starting your journey of faith or you need a refresher in the basics, you can start here!*

**WEDNESDAYS, JANUARY 29 TO MARCH 11 | 6:30-8 P.M. | ROOM 4218**

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

## Connections Weekends

**JANUARY 18-19 | JANUARY 25-26 | IN THE FOYER BEFORE AND AFTER WORSHIP**

For more info, visit [NorthlandChurch.net/ConnectionsWeekend](http://NorthlandChurch.net/ConnectionsWeekend)

## Download our new App

*Text NORTHLANDCHURCHAPP to 77977 to download our new App!*

For more info, visit [NorthlandChurch.net/App](http://NorthlandChurch.net/App)

## Tithes and Offerings

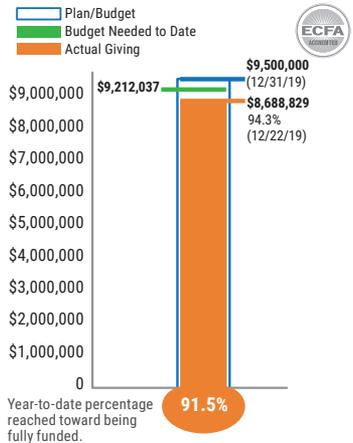
**Northland family, we are overjoyed** that so many of you invited family, friends, neighbors, and coworkers to Northland's Christmas Eve services. Over the four services, **9,827** people encountered the story of Jesus' birth in a way that left all who would hear knowing the truth of the Gospel—He came to meet us in our mess.

Thank you for your prayers and willingness to equip the Christmas Eve services to touch so many lives, locally and around the world. We have no greater calling than to be enabled by our Savior to present the Life-giving Gospel to those God puts in our path.

To update you financially, we began December needing \$1,896,174 to be fully funded for 2019. As of December 22nd, we are \$811,171 away from closing out the year with all ministry, missional, and operational commitments being met! Please prayerfully consider how God is leading you to support your church and the Kingdom work that happens here every day. To see the most up-to-date financial stats, simply go to the Northland App.

Your incredible generosity, not just financially, is so appreciated. We pray that God will continue to allow Northland, through you, to **Engage People to be Fully Alive in Jesus** in the new decade!

### January 1 - December 22, 2019



If you would like to support Northland Church, a few simple ways to give are listed in the icons below. Or, visit the Welcome Desk in the foyer during regular business hours, including any time on New Year's Eve before 7 p.m.

### Ways to Give

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



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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.

