



AWAKEN

JANUARY 25-26, 2020

**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

- » **Feb 1-2 Communion** | AWAKEN | Freed for Life | John 8:31-36 | Pastor Sean Cooper
- » **Feb 8-9** | AWAKEN | No Longer Orphans | John 8:37-47 | Pastor Matt Heard

What's Current

Find out more information at NorthlandChurch.net or ask a connections team member wearing an orange lanyard for assistance.

Fully Alive 5K

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8 | 7:30-10 A.M. | MEET IN THE FRONT PARKING LOT

For more info and to register, visit NorthlandChurch.net/FullyAlive5K

Belong & Grow

SUNDAYS, FEBRUARY 9 THROUGH MARCH 1 | 12:30-2:15 P.M. | THE HUB

For more info and to register, visit NorthlandChurch.net/Belong&Grow

"Make Magic: Share Joy" Tour with Justin Flom

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 | 6-8 P.M. | SANCTUARY

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

An Evening with Amy Grant

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28 | 7-10 P.M. | SANCTUARY

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

Tithes and Offerings

In the January 11-12 services, Pastor Matt shared the exciting news regarding our finances for 2019. As you know, we ended the year receiving \$9,465,362 on a need of \$9,500,000.

Your incredible generosity and faithful financial partnership coupled with your prayer, service, and love for this community is so appreciated. We pray God will allow Northland, through you, to continue *Engaging People to be Fully Alive in Jesus* in the new decade!

Moving into 2020, we have updated the "giving tracker" to the right. We will be sharing our **Quarterly Progress** by tracking the ongoing needed, what has been received, and the difference between those two numbers to date.

If you would like to check out our 2019 year end summary, you can find it on our stewardship page at NorthlandChurch.net/Stewardship.

First Quarter (QTR) 2020

January 1 – March 30



RESULTS AS OF 1/19/2020

NEED
\$420,308

RECEIVED
\$379,883 90.4%

DIFFERENCE
(\$40,425)

TOTAL NEED FOR QTR
\$2,131,132

Track along with us on the Northland App giving page!

If you'd like to learn more or have questions related to finances at Northland, join us at our **Financial Forum, February 9th** after the 11 a.m. service in the Main Sanctuary.

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.

