



# AWAKEN

FEBRUARY 29-MARCH 1, 2020

**NORTHLAND  
CHURCH**

# Gateway to Life

A message from Matt Heard, Lead Pastor

Read about Pastor Matt at [northlandchurch.net/pastormatt](http://northlandchurch.net/pastormatt).

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## JOHN 10:1-10 (NIV)

<sup>1</sup>“Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. <sup>2</sup>The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup>The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup>When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup>But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice.” <sup>6</sup>Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.

<sup>7</sup>Therefore Jesus said again, “Very truly I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup>All who have come before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep have not listened to them. <sup>9</sup>I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. They will come in and go out, and find pasture. <sup>10</sup>The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

## NOTES

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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**

» **Mar 7-8** | AWAKEN | Courageous Living | John 10:11-13 | Pastor Matt Heard

» **Mar 14-15 Communion** | AWAKEN | The Shepherd's Sacrifice | John 10:14-21 | 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.

## This Weekend in the Foyer: Upcoming Mission Trips

Connect with the mission teams in the foyer or visit [SomedaysToday.net](http://SomedaysToday.net)

## Daddy Daughter Dance Volunteers Needed

**NOW THROUGH FRIDAY, MARCH 6**

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

## Local Serve Day

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7 | 8 A.M.-NOON | MEET IN THE FOYER**

For more info and to sign up for a project, visit [NorthlandChurch.net/LocalServeDay](http://NorthlandChurch.net/LocalServeDay)

## Living Room Reset with Kirk Cameron

**SUNDAY, MARCH 29 | 7-9 P.M. | SANCTUARY**

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

# Tithes and Offerings

**Thanks for checking** out our weekly stewardship report! Sharing stories of your tithes and offerings at work and keeping you informed of how your church is doing financially is of the utmost importance.

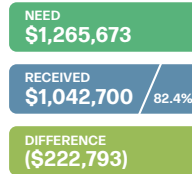
For many years, those who call Northland their church home have given a traditional Easter Offering. As we begin the season of Lent, we would like to ask you to prayerfully consider a special expression of financial generosity according to the ways God has blessed you. We are deeply grateful for your partnership in **Engaging People to be Fully Alive in Jesus!**

*Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.*  
—Ephesians 3:20-21 (NIV)

**First Quarter (QTR) 2020**  
January 1 – March 30



**RESULTS AS OF 2/23/2020**



**TOTAL NEED FOR QTR**  
**\$2,131,132**  
**PERCENT OF NEED MET**  
**48.9%**

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, contact our finance team at [FinanceTeam@NorthlandChurch.net](mailto:FinanceTeam@NorthlandChurch.net).*

## Ways to Give

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



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Give online at [NorthlandChurch.net/Give](http://NorthlandChurch.net/Give) or use the Northland App.



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