NORTHVIEW

to make Jesus known

Dear Northview Family,

Our journey as a church family began and continues with **prayer and fasting**. From that solid foundation, our search team embarked on a journey of **seeking godly counsel** through which we have now **made a good plan**. Today we are thrilled to announce that we have entered a new season of **actively searching** for our next Senior Pastor. That's right. Our search for a new Senior Pastor is now "live." You can click on this LINK to learn more. Now more than ever, your continued prayers and fasting for our church and for our search process is needed. Our main prayer and goal as a search team is to realize God's perfect will in His perfect time. Please continue to pray with us and for us.

Speaking of prayer, we are calling our whole church to show up for a **Night of Prayer** on Tuesday, September 22nd from 7-8pm. Each Northview campus will host a gathering in their worship auditorium during this time. Please note that the Noblesville campus will be joining Westfield for this night. Please make plans with your Life Group, SOAP Group, Serving Team, or other church friends to join your church family as we seek God's favor and blessing on our church and our next Senior Pastor.

In 2025, we did a series of **Vision Nights** where we shared eight strategic visions for our church in the coming years. Because of our Senior Pastor change, many have inquired about the status of those initiatives. Our Executive Team which consists of Jason Pongratz, Kurt Brodbeck, Mike Polster, and Mark Crull have provided an update on each one to our church staff that we now pass along to you.

1. **Worship Album** – Our Northview Worship album project is in full swing with five singles currently released. We will be releasing our sixth single in October. Stay tuned for the announcement of our album release coming soon. Our mission with writing music is no different than the mission of our church, and that is To Make Jesus Known through our worship.
2. **Northview Athletics** – At Northview, we have had an active sports outreach ministry for the past 24 years through various leagues and cross-country events. Hoosiers love their sports as is evident when our fall '26 Northview men's golf league filled up in a matter of days. However, our recent efforts to develop a youth sports organization with designated facilitates has been reevaluated to determine the missional return on investment. Although our team has worked diligently to create a ministry model in this area that is financially viable, it has been met with challenges. Thus, the decision was made to discontinue our lease of The Crash facility which

will end on January 31, 2027. As we move forward, we will continue to seek our best ministry opportunities for sports outreach at Northview.

3. **School of Ministry and Leadership** – With eight students enrolled in the 2026/2027 school year, the School of Ministry and Leadership in partnership with Bethel College is moving forward. At Northview, we are committed to helping raise up the next generation of church leaders from within our own ranks. We believe that the potential for this program to continue to grow is great.
4. **Biblical Expeditions** – Since embarking on the journey of biblical expeditions, we have taken two trips to Turkey and Greece for the purpose of visiting the seven churches found in the book of Revelation. Because the feedback has been very positive, we will continue to offer these learning opportunities where we walk in the same locations of our forefathers and foremothers in the faith. Our current plan is to offer one biblical expedition per year, alternating between the Holy Land in Israel and the Seven Churches of Revelation in Turkey and Greece.
5. **Improved Video Experience** – Our goal is to create environments where distractions are removed and people can fully engage with the message. More than half of our congregation now experiences the weekly message through video, so getting that experience right matters. Last year we upgraded the cameras at Carmel, our broadcast campus, and we are now nearing completion of equipment upgrades and LED wall installations across all of our campuses. These improvements will bring a more consistent and engaging experience to every location.
6. **Exegetical Teaching** – As you know, during this interim period, we have been filling our pulpit with our own Northview pastors. The directive that Mark has given the team is to simply and clearly teach the truth of God's Word as relevant and applicable to our lives. Because the teaching ministry of our church is the primary responsibility of our Senior Pastor, the long-term vision for Northview's preaching ministry will be determined by him. That being said, we are looking for a Senior Pastor who will boldly teach the Bible, share the Gospel, and equip disciples through his sermons.
7. **Rebrand** –Rebranding an organization the size and scale of our church is a significant undertaking and if done all at once is a significant expense. We are committed to our new brand moving forward. You will continue to see our new brand roll out at our campuses in a timeline consistent with good stewardship and as resources allow.
8. **Digital Discipleship Content**—If you do not regularly engage with the Northview Church App (download here) you are likely not aware of the great improvements that

have been made and the many digital discipleship resources that are available to you. We view the Northview App as our primary tool for engagement and connection and will continue to invest time and energy into it. From weekly sermons to Life Group discussion guides to daily devotionals, our digital discipleship creators are helping all who engage grow in their faith and walk with God.

As we closeout this month's update, we want you to know that you have been a great source of encouragement. Thank you for living out what we read in Hebrews 10:24-25.

*"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward **love and good deeds**, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but **encouraging one another**—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."*

Your brothers in Christ,

Northview Elders and Pastor Mark Crull