

# 2025-26 Annual Report



**Northside Church of the Nazarene**

*A Year of  
Accomplishments!*

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Church Treasurer	Mark Woldridge
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Facilities Committee	Boyd Brower

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Women's Ministry	Pam Chamberlain
Children's Ministry	Penny Nichols
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Jon Chamberlain	I.T.

# NORTHSIDE CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

## MISSION STATEMENT

Helping People Find God's Direction  
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## CORE VALUES

- A – Authentically Christian
- B – Biblically Accurate
- C – Culturally Relevant
- D – Dynamically Positive
- E – Enthusiastically Motivated
- F – Faithfully Fruitful

## **PASTOR LYNN NICHOLS**

### **ANNUAL REPORT: 2025 - 2026**

I echo the praise in Psalm 100:4-5 NLT, "Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise. Give thanks to him and praise his name. For the Lord is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and his faithfulness continues to each generation." God has been faithful and so good to Penny and me. I am thankful that God continues to bring healing to my mind and body following the accident.

When we began this church year in March of 2025, I had just started preaching after being unable to preach for six months, due to the accident. Thankfully, my speech and strength have gotten much better over the year. Only time will tell how much I will regain. I am thankful to be serving as pastor of Northside Church of the Nazarene. I thought unrealistically that my recovery would be much faster than it had been. It was inevitable that our church attendance would be impacted by my accident, including six months when I was unable to preach. I regret to report that our attendance has gone down; you can see the statistics as reported. Bobby Jester said in a board meeting recently, that he believes we are beginning our recovery. I also see good signs and pray that God will help us reach people for Christ and grow. It is God's will that Northside reach lost and broken people, disciple them and help them become ministers of God grace.

I want to say a huge thank you to Bobby Jester, our Church Board Secretary who gave leadership to the staff, board and church while I was recovering. Thanks also to our paid staff of Carol Jester – Finance Manager and Kelly Eaves – Office Manager, Collin Emmert – Worship Leader and Guy Landrom our Assistant Worship Pastor. Pastor Mark – Associate Pastor, directs our Senior Adult Ministry and leads our prayer emphasis. His enthusiastic preaching and prayer inspire us. Thanks also to Pastor Truman Duncan and Pastor Kirby Hughes, both retired Nazarene pastors, who I have leaned on for support and wise counsel.

Our age group directors, while not staff technically, as they are elected board members, have functioned as staff. Thank you to: Adult Ministries Director – Gwen Shelton, NYI and Youth Ministry Directors - Julie and Brian Brown, Children's Ministry Director - Penny Nichols. These servants are giving quality leadership to our age-group ministries. Also, our church board has stepped up and worked in areas of ministry that were and are needed. They have been prayer partners and encouragers. Gwen Shelton did a good job of facilitating our church board retreat last year. It is wonderful to know that our board members love Jesus and are working hard to help Northside fulfill its God ordained mission of "Helping People Find God's Direction for their Lives."

Often in times of transition and uncertainty, finances struggle, and our losses have impacted our giving. I am thankful for Dan and Gwen Shelton, our Finance Co-Chair, Carol Jester and the finance committee who have kept our finances well managed and on target. This is a great answer to prayer.

Every week we have felt God's presence in our services making every Sunday a special day. I praise God that we were able to baptize Brooklyn Velasquez, Beka Gould and Freddy Arellano. Dedicating babies is another blessing, and this year we dedicated Jethro Gonzales, Madison Emmert, Rory and Anna Cox.

According to Ephesians 4:11-12, Paul taught that equipping people to do the work of ministry is the church leadership's primary responsibility. "Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Their responsibility is to equip (train, delegate, release) God's people to do his work and build up the church, the body of Christ." Every follower of Jesus is called to minister, and we have many who are honoring this call. Additionally, we have given E.J. James, Macy Brown, Julie Brown and Ansu Sesay Local Minister's Licenses, this is the first step in their ordination process. They are taking classes and doing ministry. Please pray for them as they go through this lengthy and difficult process.

Let me say again, thank you for all the grace that I have been shown in this year of recovery. God, as promised, has been faithful! He is an awesome Heavenly Father!

I am thankful for Penny, my wife of forty-three years who has always been my partner in ministry. This year she had to help in areas of ministry that put her out of her comfort zone. Thank you, Penny. Also, my kids and siblings have provided so much love and support during my recovery, I can't thank them enough.

With profound thankfulness,

Lynn Nichols

Pastor, Northside Church of the Nazarene,

**WORSHIP MINISTRIES  
ANNUAL REPORT 2025–2026**

This past year has been another meaningful season for Northside Worship Ministries. We remain grateful for the many individuals who faithfully serve each week, using their gifts to lead our church in worship and support the technical aspects that make our services possible. It is a privilege to gather together as a church family and lift our voices in praise to the Lord.

Our *Night of Worship* continues to be a meaningful part of our ministry. This year we moved these gatherings to a quarterly schedule, allowing each one to remain a special time of extended worship, prayer, and reflection as our church family seeks the presence of God together.

We are thankful for the many volunteers who faithfully serve both on the platform and behind the scenes each week. Their willingness to give their time and talents helps make our worship services possible. Those serving in our worship and tech ministries include Jon Chamberlain, Terry Cox, EJ James, Elijah Nucum, Hannah Walker, Kelly Eaves, Leila Nucum, Olga Landrum, Beau DeBard, Guy Landrum, Pastor Lynn Nichols, Michael Jackson, Sonya Lofton, James Nucum, Matthew Walker, Macy Brown, Steve Madsen, Angela Cox, Mary Jo Galbraith, Josh Arnold, Emma Zuege, and Tristyn Campbell. We are deeply grateful for each person who helps lead our church in worship.

As we look ahead, our ministry is entering a season of transition as we say goodbye to our Worship Director, Guy Landrum. Guy has faithfully served Northside for the past 4+ years, and his leadership and dedication have made a lasting impact on this ministry and our church family. We are grateful for his service and the example he has set.

Moving forward, we remain committed to the vision that has guided this ministry: seeking **“Excellence for the King.”** Our prayer is that God will continue to deepen our worship, strengthen our team, and use this ministry to lead our church closer to Him.

In His Service,

Collin Emmert & Guy Landrum

## **YOUTH PASTOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2025-26**

### **TIMELINE OF SIGNIFIGANT EVENTS**

#### **March 2025**

2<sup>nd</sup> Brown's & Emmert's visited Lance at the Blue Mound Café(His work). He visited Crossfit the previous Wednesday.

7<sup>th</sup> Held Parent Meeting covering expectations/accounts/event

19<sup>th</sup> Youth Garage Sale Workday and Games at ITZ in Eules.

21<sup>st</sup> Youth Garage Sale Fundraiser (Raised \$1275 for Youth Activities)

22<sup>nd</sup> @Northsidenaz Instagram account created

23<sup>rd</sup> Macy did "Sermon in a Sack" during the morning worship.

#### **April 2025**

13<sup>th</sup> Annual Teen Dessert Auction Fundraiser (Raised \$2775 for Youth Activities)

#### **May 2024**

3<sup>rd</sup> Attended District Youth Night of Worship hosted by Lantana Community Church

4<sup>th</sup> Graduation Sunday. We celebrated our graduates: EJ, Lydia, Macy, and Emily

#### **June 2024**

4<sup>th</sup> 3-2-FUN Summer Countdown Party at Bear Creek Park & Bahama Buck's

11<sup>th</sup> Macy led a devotional in CrossFit to get our hearts ready for an amazing camp

16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> CRAVE Camp at Camp Arrowhead (6 campers & 2 Sponsors)

29<sup>th</sup> Baptism Sunday. Brooklyn Velasquez was baptized!

#### **July 2024**

4<sup>th</sup> Bonfire and fireworks at the Brown's

6<sup>th</sup> Jaxon, EJ & Macy spoke during the morning worship about camp. EJ testified about his call to ministry!

27<sup>th</sup> CrossFit Youth Attended the Ranger Game (12 attended)

### **August 2024**

17<sup>th</sup> Promotion “LEVEL UP” Party in The Zone for Freddy and Becca

### **October 2024**

1<sup>st</sup> SNU Recruiter Emma joined us as we had a combined Crossfit service with the Senior Adults.

22<sup>nd</sup> Made treat bags to hand out at Worship in the Park

### **November 2024**

1<sup>st</sup> Teen Girls Day with Julie. Shopping, Starbucks, and a Painting Party.

### **December 2024**

3<sup>rd</sup> Teens participated in the Angel Tree and shopped for gifts for our Angel.

6<sup>th</sup> Annual Progressive Dinner at Buckwheat’s, Emmert’s, and Nichols

9<sup>th</sup> Attended Sophie and Barrette’s School Choir Concert

What a year we had with CrossFit Youth! This was our first full year as Youth Leaders at Northside. Our Students were very present when called upon to assist or lead a variety of ministries within our church (Sound Booth, Children’s Department, Praise Team, Sermon in a Sack, Testimonies) as well as in the community (Angel Tree & Worship in the Park). Wednesday nights have included half-court shot contests, fun team building/lesson centered activities, awesome praise & worship led by Collin, and interactive Biblical lessons from Julie. A few examples of these lessons include “Who’s Missing from Your Circle”, “Pure in Heart”, “Fresh Start”, and “What is Love?”. Crave Camp this year led by Corey Jones and Michael Preston was life changing for our Youth. Each had a unique testimony and left Arrowhead refreshed and fired up! This year we had eighteen new faces that aren’t a regular part of our church join us for at least one event or meeting. Some of them were regular attenders for our Wednesday Night CrossFit. We are blessed to have had the opportunity to show Christ’s love to these students. We really appreciate all the support from the congregation and cherish your prayers as our group continues to grow in spirit and service.

God is Good!

Brian Brown  
NYI President

**LEADERSHIP BOARD  
ANNUAL REPORT 2025-2026**

Time continues to fly by so fast, but you would expect that with such a great church. It was a year where we continued to pull together for the ministry of the church. The Leadership Board continued to work hard on each challenge and did well with each one. Thank you to each of you who served on the Leadership Board during this time. You were a great help to me and to the church. Thank you to the staff and to the church members for stepping up and doing whatever was needed. THANK YOU.

I want to thank Pastor Lynn Nichols. With his leadership, he challenged us to get out in our community and invite people into our church. Thank you to everyone in the Worship Team, Tech Team, the Children's department, the Youth department and all those that worked behind the scenes. It takes a lot of people, and you all did a great job!

Thank you to everyone for all your financial support during the year. The church could not have made it through the year without your help. I'm very thankful we can always call on our people to help.

It has been my privilege to serve as Leadership Board Secretary, working with the Board, church members, and congregation.

Respectfully submitted,

Bobby Jester  
Leadership Board Secretary

2024-25 Leadership Board: Pastor Lynn, Boyd Brower, Bobby Jester, Brian Brown, Carol Chepulis, Claudia Cargill, Dan Shelton, Gwen Shelton, Laura Gonzales, Les Nielsen, Mary Jo Galbraith, Matthew Walker, Penny Nichols

**STATISTICAL PAGE**  
(Numerical and Financial Updates)

Year our Church was founded	1934
Amount raised for all purposes	\$463,119
All budgets paid in full (District, Southern Nazarene University, World Evangelism Fund, Pensions Fund)	\$66,667
Church members reported last year	405
Total Gains	6
Released to other non-Nazarene churches	0
Released per request	4
Transferred to other Nazarene churches	7
Transferred to the Church Triumphant	2
Present Membership	398
Life Group/Sunday School Enrollment	138
Life Group/Sunday School Attendance	40
Morning Worship Attendance	127 (in-person & online)
Value Church Property	3.2 million

<u>New Year</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>New Nazarenes</u>	<u>Baptisms</u>	<u>LifeGroups/ Sunday School</u>	<u>Morning Worship</u>	<u>Amount Raised</u>
2015	385	19	8	177	264	501,496
2016	380	2	10	134	168	393,128
2017	385	7	10	147	182	430,466
2018	403	20	0	169	176	494,656
2019	410	12	11	159	183	501,496
2020	421	11	11	137	184	514,468
2021	415	0	0	----	372	473,841
2022	412	1	4	----	300	513,122
2023	418	4	0	131	187	438,530
2024	405	0	1	61	155	463,928
2025	398	6	3	40	127	463,119

**Finance Report**  
**2025-2026 Church Year**  
**(Beginning March 1, 2025 and Ending February 28, 2026)**

**Informational Items:**

Pinnacle Savings     \$ 39,488.05 (All of these monies are for designated funds.)  
Pinnacle Checking     \$   6,627.98

**Overall Financial Status:**

Receipts exceed disbursements for the 2025-2026 church year.

Receipts =                 \$463,119.84  
Disbursements =         \$448,868.88  
                                       \$ 14,250.96

Year to date receipts exceed disbursements by \$14,250.96.

Budgeted Expenditures for 2025-2026 church year:                 \$472,466.00  
Actual Disbursements for 2025-2026 church year:                 \$448,868.88 (95% of amount  
budgeted was expended during the 2025-2026 church year.)

Current balance on church credit card as of February 28,2026: \$743.44.  
Current balance on loan at end of 2025-2026 church year: \$194,679.24.

**2025-2026**  
**BUDGETS**

**TOTAL PAID**

DISTRICT	\$ 21,754.90
EDUCATION	\$ 10,877.45
NBUSA	\$ 8,702.36
WORLD EVANGELISM	
FUND	\$ 25,332.04

**Total Budgets**

**Paid (2025-  
2026)**

**\$ 66,666.75**

Dan and Gwen Shelton  
Finance Committee Co-Chairpersons

**25 - 26**

DESCRIPTION	25-26	25-26 Actual	25-26	25-26
	Proposed Budget	VS Adopted Budget	ACTUAL	Adopted Budget
BUILDING & IMP.	50,000.00	123%	61,491.47	50,000.00
TECH/AUDIO/VISUAL	14,000.00	110%	15,334.07	14,000.00
IN			(44,834.64)	-
OUT			25,393.79	-
OFFICE EXPENSE	3,000.00	92%	2,753.85	3,000.00
JANITORIAL EXPENSE	1,200.00	62%	740.00	1,200.00
MARKETING & ADV	3,000.00	107%	3,195.35	3,000.00
MISCELLANEOUS EXP	7,500.00	102%	7,624.94	7,500.00
DISTRICT EXPENSE	500.00	0%	-	500.00
SCHOLARSHIPS	1,000.00	100%	1,000.00	1,000.00
PASTORS/SCHOLARSHIP	500.00	70%	350.00	500.00
UTILITIES & TELEPHONE	32,000.00	97%	31,126.32	32,000.00
VEHICLE	1,000.00	52%	517.59	1,000.00
BIBLE COLLEGE/SEMINARY	-		-	-
CHURCH MINISTRIES	7,500.00	29%	2,206.11	7,500.00
COMPASSIONATE MIN	2,500.00	36%	909.80	2,500.00
YOUNG ADULT	500.00	0%	-	500.00
CONVENTIONS	750.00	74%	556.23	750.00
WORSHIP ARTS	2,000.00	98%	1,954.19	2,000.00
REVIVALS	2,000.00	15%	300.00	2,000.00
J.O.Y. (SENIOR ADULTS)	400.00	0%	-	400.00
YOUTH	4,000.00	69%	2,765.04	4,000.00
LEAD PASTOR CASH BEN	24,390.00	103%	25,079.69	24,390.00
LEAD PASTOR EDUC	-		-	-
LP PROF REIMBURS	7,200.00	71%	5,107.66	7,200.00
<del>YOUTH PROF REIMBURS</del>	-		-	-
YOUTH PASTOR CASH BEN	-		-	-
YOUTH PASTOR EDUC	-		-	-
YP PROF REIMBURS	2,000.00	18%	365.66	2,000.00
STAFF HEALTH BENEFIT	5,476.80	100%	5,476.80	5,476.80
TAX EXPENSE	18,850.00	104%	19,575.08	18,850.00
TAXES PD	(13,000.00)	103%	(13,345.79)	(13,000.00)
YOUTH PASTOR HOUSING	-		-	-
ASSISTANT WP HOUSING	5,306.00	106%	5,605.60	5,306.00
LEAD PASTOR SALARY	32,384.00	100%	32,384.04	32,384.00
WORSHIP LEADER SALARY	10,081.00	99%	9,929.92	10,081.00
OFFICE MANAGER SALARY	23,920.00	94%	22,540.00	23,920.00
FINANCE MANAGER SALARY	18,000.00	100%	18,000.00	18,000.00
Marketing Director Salary	19,500.00	81%	15,712.50	19,500.00
Church Administrator Salary	1,000.00	25%	250.00	1,000.00
CUSTODIAN	22,000.00	97%	21,285.32	22,000.00
NURSERY	975.00	238%	2,324.99	975.00

<b>25 - 26</b>				
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>25-26 Proposed Budget</b>	<b>25-26 Actual VS Adopted Budget</b>	<b>25-26 ACTUAL</b>	<b>25-26 Adopted Budget</b>
DISTRICT BUDGET	22,500.00	97%	21,754.90	22,500.00
EDUCATION BUDGET	10,850.00	100%	10,877.45	10,850.00
NBUSA Budget	8,750.00	99%	8,702.36	8,750.00
<b>TOTAL CHURCH DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>435,865.50</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>410,011.68</b>	<b>435,865.50</b>
<b>TOTAL CHURCH RECEIPTS</b>			<b>424,421.35</b>	<b>-</b>
SS. Local (Life Groups)	500.00	25%	126.69	500.00
SS. Curriculum	800.00	89%	713.46	800.00
<b>TOTAL SS DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>1,300.00</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>840.15</b>	<b>1,300.00</b>
			<b>670.00</b>	<b>-</b>
WEF BUDGET	25,750.00	98%	25,332.04	25,750.00
NMI - 10 %	5,900.00	96%	5,653.00	5,900.00
NMI - LOCAL EXPENSE	4,750.00	148%	7,032.01	4,750.00
<b>TOTAL NMI DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>36,400.00</b>	<b>104%</b>	<b>38,017.05</b>	<b>36,400.00</b>
<b>TOTAL NMI RECEIPTS</b>			<b>38,028.49</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>473,565.50</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>448,868.88</b>	<b>473,565.50</b>
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>			<b>463,119.84</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Weekly Requirement</b>	<b>\$ 9,107.03</b>			

## FACILITIES COMMITTEE

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The church facilities show their age. We will have to start converting our fluorescent fixtures to use LED lights. The tower air-conditioner is also a concern because it is not easily accessible. To prolong its life, it is programmed to only heat or cool if the inside temperature goes below 60 or above 85 degrees.

#### **2024 -2025 Maintenance Activities**

1. Replaced office and nursery air-conditioner/heater.
2. Gas connections at the street and church entry points were replaced.
3. Replace 16 light bulbs
4. Replaced ballast in children's ministry storage room
5. Internet Re-cabling finished
6. Hung men's upstairs bathroom door
7. Installed TV mount and TV in 4 -5 yr room
8. Repaired toilet in women's bathroom.
9. Unclogged toilet in men's bathroom
10. Sprayed weeds in front of church and in parking lot 3 times
11. LED parking lot lights installed and working
12. Installed power strip in 4-5-year-old room
13. Built and installed step for sound booth in Tree House Room
14. Installed new exhaust fan in women's gym bathroom and connected it to the exhaust pipe
15. Shrouding around church sign base installed. Cut and covered Church sign electrical access.
16. Plumbers fixed three leaks: Outside faucet, Men's bathroom, baptism faucet.
17. Used the last ballast for fluorescent lights.
18. Replaced thermostat wire to outside air-conditioner and installed flexible conduit to protect it.
19. Replaced ceiling tiles in choir room.
20. A plug with a pull ring is installed in the baptistry. A pole with a pull hook has been provided.
21. Planted a kaleidoscope abelia along the main entry walk.
22. Secured vent cover in gym. It was swinging open when there were high winds

## FACILITIES COMMITTEE

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#### **Projects and future repairs**

1. Put shelving in Café for electronics and run wires over to speakers.
2. Replace fluorescent lighting in tower with LED lights.
3. Church Shed
4. Patch popcorn ceiling from fire system installation
5. New carpet in Fireside room, adjacent room and hallway.
6. Shelving for storage in upstairs rooms.
7. Install screen protection behind sanctuary screens
8. Install shelves on back walls of screen rooms.
9. Install drywall under stairs in choir room so it can be used for storage
10. Paint Church façade.
11. Repair dings in walls and repaint
12. Repaint wall in 4–5-year-old room.
13. Countertop in kitchen.
14. Install bolt in bollards to protect church sign.
15. Seal the parking lot after several years to prevent water damage. The recommendation is to reseal every 5 years after the initial seal.
16. Purchase and install auditorium LED lighting rack. The ideal set up would be one that can be lowered for bulb replacement. Currently a lift has to be rented at a cost of \$400 to replace the bulbs.
17. Convert fluorescent light fixtures to LED.

**Nazarene Missions International  
Annual Report for 2025-26**

**OUR MISSION:** To mobilize the church in mission through praying, discipling, educating, and giving.

Due to a last-minute cancellation of our scheduled Faith Promise speaker we kicked off the year with an in-house effort. Pastor Kirby and Pastor Lynn led up to the weekend with messages of encouragement. We had a Serve day on Saturday with a number of Northsiders participating in various projects at the church and in the community. On Faith Promise Sunday Pastor Lynn presented our Faith Promise challenge.

Our Faith Promise goal was \$35,000; our final receipts for the year including pledges paid plus other gifts totaled \$42,373.49. The disbursement of this total plus the carryover amount is detailed in the attached financial summary.

We presented five Memorial Roll to honor congregation/family members who passed.

Tommy Fryar – long-time Northside member  
Michael James – father of Robert James, grandfather of EJ and Lydia  
Lois Murray – mother of Kelly Eaves  
Carolyn Ponder – mother of Anita Peacock  
Losee Whitehead – sister of Nell Fernandez

We participated in several church-wide prayer initiatives, praying for our church, our community, and the world mission efforts of the global church.

In October we hosted missionary Joshua Williams, a special assignment missionary with the Church of the Nazarene. His current assignment is Global Mission IT, working with the a team to develop and deploy technologies that help missionaries, educators and staff disciple, mentor and train leaders around the world. Joshua works with every region to provide technology and support to missionaries, regions, districts, and seminaries.

Our Treehouse-age children participated in mission education and also projects in service to others. Thanks to Carol Chepulis for leading our Children's mission education efforts.

We are on track to receive the highest awards for giving and participation in stated initiatives outlined by West Texas District and the general NMI Council.

Respectfully submitted,



CLAUDIA CARGILL  
NMI President

## NMI Financial Report for Year Ending Feb 2026

<b>Income</b>		
Faith Promise 2024-25 carry over*	\$	3,700.00
Faith Promise Offerings 2025-26	\$	33,864.24
Easter/TG/Extra WEF/Gifts for Jesus	\$	3,232.00
NMI 10% Specials (Designated Gifts)	\$	1,577.25
<b>Total to Account For</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>42,373.49</b>
<b>Disbursements</b>		
WEF	\$	22,712.23
WEF Extra	\$	3,000.00
Transfers to W&W Savings	\$	1,000.00
<b>Local Expenses</b>		
Bibles & Bread (Local CM)	\$	1,750.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$	532.01
CEC (Local CM)	\$	1,250.00
African Relief Ministries	\$	1,500.00
Camp Arrowhead	\$	1,000.00
WTD WEF 2024-25 Help	\$	1,000.00
<b>Total Local Expenses</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>7,032.01</b>
<b>10% Specials</b>		
Alabaster	\$	1,000.00
Cactus NCM Center W&W gift	\$	1,000.00
Children's Mission Project	\$	100.00
NCM – The Greatest Need	\$	500.00
LINKS/Deputation Josh Williams	\$	833.00
Jesus Film	\$	500.00
Missionary Healthcare	\$	770.00
World Mission Broadcast	\$	750.00
WTD Work and Witness	\$	200.00
<b>Total 10% Specials</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>5,653.00</b>
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>39,397.24</b>
<b>Balance Forward**</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,976.25</b>

\* New FY gifts received in Feb 2025

\*\* FP event/contingency carryover

**Adult Ministries**  
**2025-2026 Annual Report**

The following are highlights for Adult Ministries in the 2025-2026 church year:

- Two new Life Groups were started this past year. Pastor Lynn began a Life Group in his neighborhood that meets twice a month on Wednesday evenings. Many of the people who participate in this Life Group call it their “church”.

The second Life Group, Northside 2:42, is led by Hannah Walker and began in August 2025. The name for this new Life Group is based on Acts 2:42— “They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer”. This Life Group is for young adults in their 20s and early 30s who are married or single. They meet on the first and third Sundays of each month immediately following the morning worship service. In order to help this Life Group with childcare for the first three months that they met, the church board voted to provide childcare through Saving Grace Sitters with each board member being challenged to contribute \$40 monthly for the months of September, October, and November.

- Average attendance for Life Groups for the 2025-2026 Church Year:

Northside 2:42 (Young Adults Life Group – Hannah Walker, Facilitator)	13
Cruising for Life Group (Carson West, Facilitator)	9
ROMEO	4
Saginaw Community Life Group (Pastor Lynn, Facilitator)	6
Blessed Ladies Life Group (Carol Chepulis, Facilitator)	6
Upper Room Life Group (Mark Lofton, Facilitator)	<u>9</u>
<b>Total Average Attendance for All Life Groups</b>	<b>47</b>

Senior Adult Sunday School Class (Mark Lofton, Teacher)	15
Multigenerational Sunday School Class (Carson West, Teacher)	<u>10</u>
<b>Total Average Attendance for All Sunday School Classes</b>	<b>25</b>

**Total Avg. Attendance--All Small Groups (Life Groups + Sunday School Classes) 72**

- Northside hosted a Thanksgiving Dinner for the ladies from Valiant Hearts for the second year on Thursday, November 20. The mission and vision for Valiant Hearts is to end sex exploitation for women. It was a privilege to host this Thanksgiving Dinner for these women to show love and concern for them no matter what life circumstances they may come from. Eighteen ladies and eight of their children attended the dinner while over twenty volunteers from Northside provided the meal, served it, cleaned up, and provided childcare to the children.

- Once again, Northside participated in “Sharing CHRISTmas” with First Baptist Church Watauga. Carson and Terry West organized and coordinated the program for our church with FBC Watauga. Underprivileged children from local schools were adopted and received Christmas presents from the churches participating in this project. Our church adopted 52 children from a local elementary school.
- Women’s Ministries under the direction of Pam Chamberlain hosted a Christmas brunch for the ladies of Northside on December 6. The ladies who attended filled stockings for the women at Rescue Hill with gifts donated by the people who attend Northside. Rescue Hill exists to provide safe spaces and innovative options for survivors of human trafficking and to empower individuals to break free from exploitation and rebuild lives filled with hope and purpose.

The women also met together for a Ladies Spring Tea at Spring Creek on May 2, a Ladies Breakfast at First Watch on July 12, and a Ladies Fall Luncheon at Olive Garden on September 27.

- Life groups have begun meeting for the spring semester. The Young Adult Life Group began with three days of prayer and fasting. Some of the couples from the Cruising for Life Group pray and fast each week on Thursdays. As we move forward, I want to encourage all life groups to have a time of prayer and fasting on a monthly basis.
- Adult Ministries sponsored a churchwide 24 hours of prayer beginning at 7:00 pm on Friday, February 27, and ending at 7:00 pm on Saturday, February 28. This was in preparation for the Faith Promise Service on Sunday, March 1. March 1 was also the beginning of the NMI Global Week of Prayer (March 1-7) which incorporates the World Day of Prayer on the first Friday in March each year. Adult Ministries partnered with our local NMI to make plans for the involvement of our church during this week of prayer.

In His Service,

Gwen Shelton

# Women's Ministries

## 2025-2026 Yearend Report

It has been a wonderful year full of many activities and ministry opportunities.

Our activities would not have been possible without the commitment and dedication of our Women's Ministries Council who faithfully served throughout the year. A BIG Thank You to our council: Pam Cox, Carol Chepulis, Mary Jo Galbraith and Melissa Tomlinson. It was a joy to work with each of them this year. They are each a blessing to me.

We hosted four events this year:

May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ladies Spring Tea was held at Spring Creek BBQ in Keller. We had 16 ladies who attended.

July 12<sup>th</sup> – Ladies Breakfast was held at First Watch on North Tarrant in Fort Worth. We had 10 ladies who attended.

September 27<sup>th</sup> – Ladies Fall Luncheon was held at Olive Garden in Alliance Town Center. We had 12 ladies who attended.


December 6<sup>th</sup> – Ladies Annual Christmas Brunch was held at the church in the Grounded Café. The ladies donated various personal items needed for the ladies served by Rescue Hill. We were blessed to help and provide items they needed for their personal grooming and daily needs. We also included some fun gifts to help brighten their Christmas. Our ladies enjoyed some fun games and a delicious breakfast. We had 18 ladies who attended.

Thank you to all the ladies who participated in our events. We hope you each enjoyed and were blessed with these times of fellowship.

Pam Chamberlain,

Women's Ministries Director



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## **Year-End Ministry Report 2025 to 2026 Church Year**

### **Ministry Purpose**

- Disciple children through age-appropriate biblical teaching and worship
- Build strong connections between children, families, volunteers, and the church
- Partner with parents to help children grow in faith and love for Jesus

### **Faith Formation & Discipleship**

- Weekly Bible lessons taught in Treehouse & Fledglings
- Hands-on mission lessons led by Carol Chepulis
- Child participation in worship through Family Sundays and Sermon in a Sack
- Intentional focus on helping children feel confident in “big church”

### **Family & Intergenerational Connection**

- Monthly Family Sundays with pew bags for engagement – Thank you to Linda Brower for putting these together each month
- Sermon in a Sack led by Pastor Lynn
- Faithful Roots / Prayer Partner events connecting children and senior adults – Thank you to Pam Chamberlain & Women’s Ministry for their assistance

### **Special Events**

- Palm Sunday & Easter lessons with family devotionals
- S’more of Jesus program each Sunday over the summer (VBS alternative)
- Activate Kids Camp participation through the West Texas District
- Baptisms and dedications
- Christmas program A King Is Born with 18 children and outreach impact

### **Volunteer Team & Leadership**

- Faithful, dependable volunteer team
- New volunteers added with Ministry Safe compliance
- Regular encouragement and communication
- Teens trained to assist and serve in leadership roles

## Communication & Parent Connection

- Ongoing communication with volunteers and parents
- Birthday cards sent to every child – Thank you to Linda who oversees this ministry
- Follow-up with visiting and unchurched families

## Facilities & Resources

- Classroom improvements through donations and volunteers:
  - Mounted TVs
  - Shelving and updated equipment
- Enhanced learning and functionality across classrooms

## Areas of Growth

- Additional volunteers
- Follow-up with visiting families

## Goals

- Improve visibility of children's ministry
- Deepen family discipleship and parent partnerships
- Expand outreach to unchurched families
- Continue creating joyful, Christ-centered spaces where children belong

## Closing Reflection

Northside Kids was marked this past year by faithfulness, fruit, and visible growth. Children are being disciplined weekly, families are being supported intentionally, and volunteers are serving with joy. From baptisms and dedications to weekly lessons and joyful worship moments, Northside Kids continues to reflect the heart of Jesus for children. It has been a joy to see children grow in confidence, faith, and love for Jesus, and to watch the church body embrace them as the future—and present—of the church.

***I have been blessed to work alongside an awesome council: Linda Brower, Jessica Allerano, Dani Campbell, Kelsey Emmertt. We are losing Kristin McClain as they prepare to move out of state. All are always willing to support in whatever way they can and I am truly grateful to have them on the team!***

Thank you for your prayers, support, and trust as we serve the children and families of Northside. It is a blessing to be part of what God is doing in this ministry.

*Penny Nichols*  
Northside Kids Director

## Mark Lofton – 2025 Annual Report

It has been a joy and a privilege to serve at Northside. The ministry of serving our senior adults as well as others in the church has been very rewarding. On Sunday mornings I have the privilege of teaching our senior adults (the Cornerstone Class). Our average attendance is around 12, which depends a lot on vacation schedules and sicknesses. We use The Foundry Publishing for our weekly lessons. It never ceases to amaze me how the Lord reveals something new each time we study His Word. Each Sunday we pray for one another's needs before going into the weekly lesson. We celebrate monthly birthdays/anniversaries with a donut and coffee breakfast. We also meet once a week at Joe's Coffee Shop for a time of fellowship outside of church.

Each Wednesday evening at 6 p.m. we have a prayer group that meets in the prayer room. It's a time of testimony and intercessory prayer. Before we begin, I start out with a short devotional. Wednesday evening attendance averages 10. This age group varies. Recently we've had Jerry and Kristin McLain as well as Kristin's brother, Chuck, join our prayer time. They are very hungry for God's word and the fellowship. It's such a joy to see that! Sadly, Jerry and Kristin will be moving to South Carolina in June. I'm currently taking all three of them through a discipleship course after Wednesday evening prayer meeting.

In addition to life groups, phone calls and hospital/home visits are a vital part of this ministry that I'm privileged to be a part of. Building relationships is very important with this age group because of the season of life they're in. Building relationships may consist of getting a hamburger and taking it to one of our seniors for fellowship, visiting a senior in the hospital, or going over to another's home to fellowship and watch sports. This age group is limited by their ability to get out and go do things that they were once able to do in previous years. That's the importance of building relationships and being able to meet them where they're at. No matter who I interact with, I always glean wisdom and knowledge from them when I take time to listen.

Reaching those outside the church is important as well. I have several people in the community that I meet with on a regular basis who have needs and are in need of spiritual encouragement. Lending a listening ear can do more than a thousand words. I'm thankful God has allowed me to be used in this way.

It's an honor and privilege to serve the Lord in this capacity. I am so appreciative of the seniors here at Northside. Some of our seniors went home to be with the Lord his past year, but their faithfulness to the Lord was a beautiful example of what it means to serve the Lord until the end. Our seniors are such a huge blessing not only to me, but also to our congregation here at Northside.

In His service,

Mark Lofton

Associate Pastor/Senior Adult Ministry

# 2025-26 IT Report

## Completed Tasks during the 2025-2026 Church year

1. Sound booth worship media and Office Manager computer upgrade to Windows 11.
2. New emails created for [adultministries@northsidenaz.org](mailto:adultministries@northsidenaz.org) (for adult ministries person), [associatepastor@northsidenaz.org](mailto:associatepastor@northsidenaz.org) (Pastor Mark Lofton) [youthpastor@northsidenaz.org](mailto:youthpastor@northsidenaz.org) (Pastor Julie Brown), [churchadmin@northsidenaz.org](mailto:churchadmin@northsidenaz.org) (church administrator person) and [socialmedia@northsidenaz.org](mailto:socialmedia@northsidenaz.org) (Sarah Wall).
3. The church administrator user is set up on the server.
4. Old server turned off in June.
5. Additional Sonic Point Wi-Fi Access Point has been purchased and will be installed at the beginning of the next church year.
6. Church App and Website pages have switched from using the sbcglobal.net email to the appropriate department email.

Jon Chamberlain