

2025-2026
MINISTRY YEAR

VISION BOOKLET



TO
Norwalk
AND THE
Nations

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and to the end of the earth.”
Acts 1:8**





OUR MISSION

JOINING GOD'S MISSION
TO DISCIPLE ALL PEOPLES
FOR THE SAKE OF HIS NAME

OUR VISION

TO NORWALK &
THE NATIONS

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Acts 1:8b*

OUR PRIORITIES

- ▶ INCREASE THE IMPACT OF THE GOSPEL LOCALLY & REGIONALLY
- ▶ INCREASE THE IMPACT OF THE GOSPEL GLOBALLY
- ▶ PURSUE A COMMITMENT TO DISCIPLING THE NEXT GENERATION
- ▶ PURSUE A COMMITMENT TO A DYNAMIC CULTURE OF PRAYER & THE WORD
- ▶ PURSUE A COMMITMENT TO AN EVER-INCREASING CULTURE OF GENEROSITY.

OUR PRACTICES

- ▶ WORSHIPING TOGETHER
In Christ-centered, Bible-focused,
Spirit-led services
- ▶ FELLOWSHIPPING TOGETHER
In Growth Groups that foster
spiritual growth
- ▶ SERVING TOGETHER
In the church, the community,
and the world

INCREASE THE IMPACT OF THE GOSPEL LOCALLY & REGIONALLY

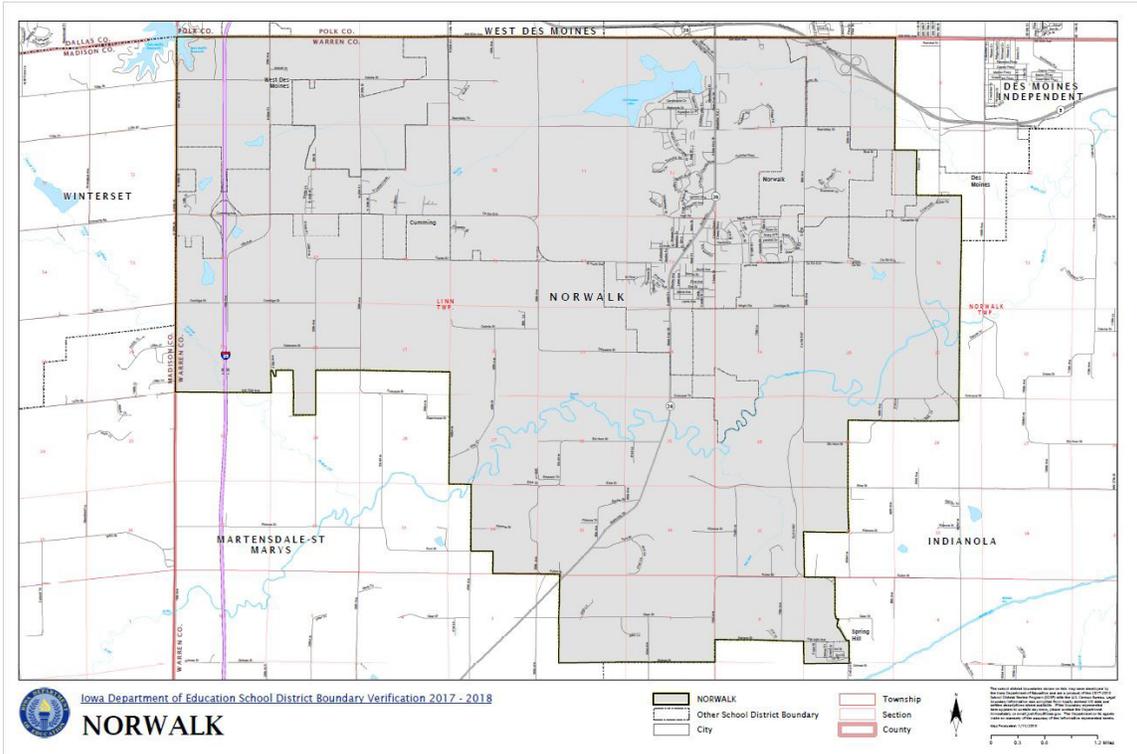


OUR “JERUSALEM”: THE NORWALK AREA (defined by the Norwalk School District boundaries)



“You are the light of the world. A city situated on a hill cannot be hidden.” Matthew 5:14

The Norwalk Area is our “hill,” our area of responsibility to make sure that everyone in this area of 44 square miles is evangelized through multiple opportunities to hear or to receive a clear presentation of the gospel. We have been ordained by God to be here at this time and in this place to reach out to demonstrate the gospel with good works and acts of love and proclaiming the gospel message to everyone in our area. Both are necessary. Offering mercy ministries help commend the gospel (Matt. 5:16; 25:45; 1 Peter 2:12) but the gospel must still be clearly communicated either in written or oral form if it is to be considered evangelism. This gospel demonstration and gospel proclamation is most effective when it is lived out both personally by every member and attender, and corporately as we demonstrate and proclaim the gospel together. Missionary C. T. Studd said *“The light that shines furthest shines brightest near home.”* We want to shine the light of the gospel as brightly as we can here in our area and trust that God will shine His light beyond our area into our region and to the peoples of the world.



VISION

GIVE EVERYONE IN OUR AREA MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO HAVE/HEAR THE GOSPEL, DISCIPLING THOSE WHO COME TO FAITH IN CHRIST.

LOCAL OUTREACH – “LOVE NORWALK”

1. TO THE COMMUNITY AT-LARGE

Our goal is to reach out to our area using every available ministry, means and method God provides including:

- Children's Fun Fest
- GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays
- Synchronized Lights & Live Nativity
- Fill-the-Boxes Campaign (non-perishable food items for the Norwalk Food Pantry, including monetary donation - \$1 for every item)
- Community Greetings – gift with church info delivered by CG representative
- New Move-ins Outreach – bag of popcorn with church info. delivered directly to new move-ins by Fellowshipers
- First-time Guests Follow-up
- Angel Tree – assisting needy families at Christmas
- Partnership with Orchard Hills Elementary School
- Church Ministry Outreaches (Children, Youth, Men's, Women's, etc.)
- God Cares Senior Adult Ministry – Monthly services, Bible studies and seasonal outreaches to all senior adult facilities in and close to Norwalk
- Funerals, weddings, and similar special services
- Voting Precinct Outreach

2. TO THE PRIMARY COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURES OF OUR AREA

Norwalk Community School District

- Employees Appreciation Lunch – August
- Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Norwalk Business Community

- Christmas Outreach to Local Businesses – December and on Christmas Eve to businesses that are open (cinnamon rolls)
- Hosting the Norwalk Chamber Lunch – December

City of Norwalk

- City of Norwalk Employee Appreciation Meal – September



3. WITH RECOGNIZED PARTNERSHIPS

- **Norwalk Ministerial Association**

Includes:

- Free Lunch in the Park
- Norwalk Food & Essentials Pantry (housed at New Life Lutheran)
- Needs-Assistance (rent, utilities, furniture, etc.)
- Mobile Food Pantry
- Shoe Love

- **Fellowship of Christian Athletes**

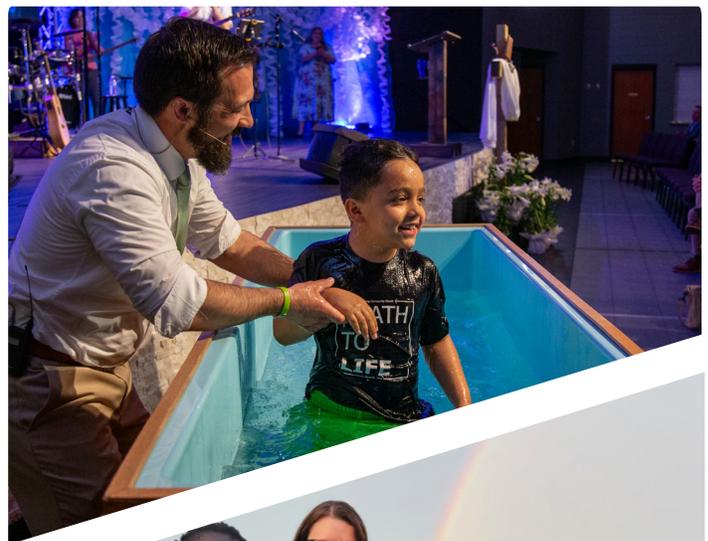
Includes:

- Fields of Faith
- Team Huddles
- School-Wide Huddles

DISCIPLESHIP

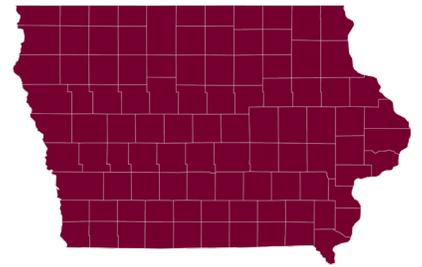
Our Discipleship Elements include:

- Sunday Morning Services
- Growth Groups (INSTE Bible College)
- Women's Ministry
- Men's Ministry
- Young Adults' Ministry
- Youth Ministry
- Children's Ministries
- Senior Adults & God Cares Ministry
- Camps, Retreats, Missions Trips, Seminars, Short-term Classes, Summits, etc.





OUR "JUDEA AND SAMARIA": Central Iowa, Throughout the State & Nation



We impact our "Judea and Samaria", our region, by our financial and prayer support and by serving with our Regional Discipleship Partners. These partners must be:

1. Entities with mutual agreement doctrinally and philosophically
2. Entities with a proven track record of ministry outreach and discipleship
3. Entities who welcome volunteers from our church to serve and must be easily accessible for our people to serve if they wish to
4. Willing to present a ministry update on a Sunday morning once a year

Our Regional Discipleship Partners include:

- Polk County Jail Ministry - Jerry Van Cleave
- Ruth Harbor - Chris Eller
- Agape Pregnancy Center - Leanna Simpson
- Single Parent Provision - Teahl Bader
- Hidden Acres Retreat Center - Steve Pinkley

Our National Discipleship Partners include:

- The 6:4 Fellowship
- Alliance for Defending Freedom



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FREEDOM
FOR FAITH. FOR JUSTICE.



INCREASE THE IMPACT OF THE GOSPEL GLOBALLY

»» **“THE ENDS OF THE EARTH” (every distinct people group beginning with our own)**



“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations...” Matthew 28:20a

Our Global Discipleship Partners include:

- Jacob & Isabelle Buchholz - Brazil - Commissioning in 2026
- Spencer & Kayla Ewert - Papua New Guinea
- Claire Hoyt - SE Asia
- Spencer & Cassidy Hoyt - Mexico Caravan Ministries
- Eddie & Maggi Passmore - Mexico Caravan Ministries

MEXICO MERCY

Since 2010 Fellowship has annually raised funds to purchase and build small homes in Tijuana, Mexico for underserved families in partnership with Mexico Caravan Ministries. These humble structures provide struggling families with a place to call home. But our partnership with MCM is so much more than serving the underprivileged across the border. MCM is also a mobilization ministry whose goal is to raise up individuals and families who will become actively engaged in spreading the gospel to the end of the earth through their own local church at home as well as those who answer God's call to enter some form of cross-cultural missions efforts. Our partnership with MCM assists us in mobilizing the people of Fellowship for both purposes so that we are not just a supporting church for missions, but a sending church as well, making us directly involved in Christ's great commission to all nations.



Important Dates for Our 2026 Mexico Trip:

- October 5th: 1st Informational Meeting
- February 1st: Commitment Sunday for 2026 Trip
- March 21st: Mexico Movie Night Fundraiser
- April 19th: Mexico Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
- July 12th-19th: Mexico Missions Trip



OTHER KEY FEATURES OF OUR DESIRE TO INCREASE THE IMPACT OF GOSPEL GLOBALLY INCLUDE:

- **Missions Roadmap** – Assisting those feeling called into missions to know what steps to take and when to take them
- **Missions Internship Program** – Assisting those preparing to enter cross-cultural missions with education, training and counsel to prepare them to get where God has called them to go
- **GO (Global Outreach) Team** – Assisting our church to possess a continual focus on Christ's mission and on the needs of the world around us
- **Harvest Teams** – Harvest Teams focus their energies on a single missionary that our church supports toward the goal of keeping them supported in every way, from departure to the field, to their return home
- **Missions Month** – Fellowship Community Church is excited to designate November as Missions Month. During the month of November 2025, we are excited to welcome back Chris and Mui Myers. Chris served as a Pastor in Florida before he and his wife went on a vision trip in the fall of 2024 with Fellowship to the country of Laos. Following that vision trip, they have been in the support raising process to go back to Laos, Lord willing, in 2026. We are excited to receive an update from them this month when they visit. In addition, we are excited for Greg and Julieann Allen to join us. Greg and Julieann are the founders of Global Serve International (GSI) missions sending organization. Their story of how God has used them and continues to use them and their ministry is one that is very impactful for all that hear it. With Missions Month, we will be going through the 'Missionary: Obeying the Great Commission' growth group study together. This is a 6-part docuseries that is narrated and guided by Brooks Buser, John Piper, Ian Hamilton, Conrad Mbewe, Mark Dever, and Rosaria Butterfield as they bring us together with the Lord as we get to encounter God's heart for the world. This is going to be an amazing month!

- **Operation Christmas Child** – Operation Christmas Child (OCC) is a ministry from Samaritan's Purse that we partner with in order to send shoe boxes to children around the world. Each shoe box is filled in love with toys, school supplies, clothing, and the gospel. We look forward to the packing party each year as we come together for a night of food, desert, and fun filling boxes for children that otherwise will likely not receive a Christmas gift. What impact this can have on the life of a child!



PURSUING A COMMITMENT TO THE NEXT GENERATION

"We will tell a future generation the praiseworthy acts of the Lord, his might, and the wondrous works he has performed. So that a future generation...might put their confidence in God and not forget God's works but keep his commands."

Psalm 78: 4, 6-7

THE NEXT GENERATION HIGHWAY

One of our priorities here at Fellowship is to pursue a commitment to the next generation. Our whole church family has a part to play in this. Parents that are committed to direct their child's mind to the Bible, God's Holy Word, and their feet to fellowship in the body of Christ; to restrain them from all harmful habits and associates; and as much as lies in us to bring our child up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. A church family that is committed as the Body of Christ to support and encourage these parents as they endeavor to fulfill their responsibilities to their children and assist them by nurturing their child's growth toward spiritual maturity.

Our vision for the Next Generation Ministry here at Fellowship Community Church is to equip volunteers and empower parents to guide the next generation to know God, trust God, and obey God. Our children are precious gifts from God. With this gift comes great responsibility. How do we as parents and as a church body teach, encourage, and empower our students towards living a life of godliness?

This is a journey. Here at Fellowship we call this the Next Gen Highway. What is the commitment of the church? What is the responsibility of the parents? The roadmap for the Next Gen Highway will help us answer those questions and will help us to better raise this next generation through all of the ages and stages. We must be diligent in the arena of raising the next generation. Things of spiritual value must take top priority in the way we raise our kids. These things should be firmly grounded in the way we raise the next generation.



A Biblical Parenting Class is offered several times throughout the year, in which we break down each mile marker, bridge, and monument on the Next Gen Highway. This is a great opportunity for parents of kids of any age as we identify goals, the church's commitment, and parent's responsibilities as we together seek to nurture, build, guide, and launch children for the kingdom of God. Childcare is provided.



FELLOWSHIP KIDS JUNIOR & FELLOWSHIP KIDS MINISTRIES

Our Fellowship Kids Ministries include Fellowship Kids Jr. for birth through PreK and our Fellowship Kids for kindergarten through 5th grades on Sunday mornings.

Our mid-week Awana Clubs Ministry meets on Wednesdays from 6:20 - 8:00pm.

2025-26 Ministry Year highlights for Fellowship Kids Ministry include:

- Baby & Family Dedication - November 23rd
- Nursing Home Visit - November 23rd
- Nursing Home Visit - February 15th
- Awana Awards Night - April 29th
- Baby & Family Dedication - May 10th
- Next Generation/Graduation Sunday - May 17th
- Fun Fest 2026 featuring Jesse Joyner - July 29th-31st



AWANA CLUBS

Awana Clubs is a global, evangelical Christian ministry that provides Bible-based programs for children and youth. At Fellowship, Awana is offered for children from ages 2 through 5th grade, to help them learn about Jesus Christ and build a lifelong foundation of faith. The program's name is an acronym for "Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed," taken from 2 Timothy 2:15. Awana is designed to equip leaders, disciple children through Scripture memory and group activities, and provide resources for families to support their children's faith journey.



FELLOWSHIP Students

Follow Fellowship Students on Social Media!

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FELLOWSHIP YOUTH MINISTRY

2025-26 Ministry Year highlights for our youth ministry include:

- Flapjack Friday - 1st Friday of each month, September - May
- 5th Quarter Outreach - October 3rd
- 5th Quarter Outreach - January 23rd
- Super Sunday Party - February 8th
- Ignite Youth Leadership Conference - March 13th & 14th
- Next Generation/Graduation Sunday - May 17th
- Mexico Missions Trip - July 12th - 19th



FELLOWSHIP Young Adults

FELLOWSHIP YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

2025-26 Ministry Year highlights include:

- Worship Nights - 1st Mondays each month
- Half Day Prayer Summit - September 27th
- Cross Conference - January 1st - 3rd

Additional opportunities within the Young Adults Ministry include holiday gatherings and various scheduled ministry-wide events throughout the year. Fellowship offers adult Growth Groups that are specially designed for 18-30 year olds, including groups for singles, young married couples, and those with young children.

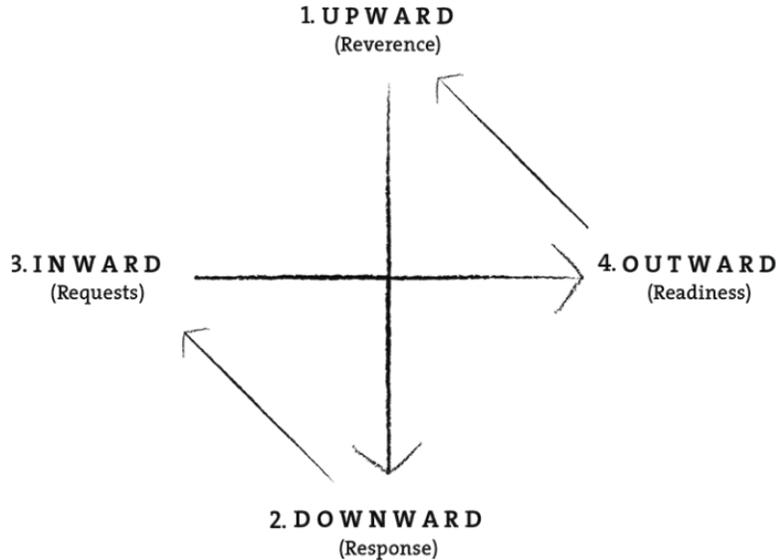


PURSUING A COMMITMENT TO A DYNAMIC CULTURE OF PRAYER & THE WORD

“Devote yourselves to prayer; stay alert in it with thanksgiving.” Colossians 4:2

CULTURE OF PRAYER & THE WORD

Our goal at Fellowship is not to be a church with a prayer ministry, but to be a praying church. It is our desire to develop and experience an ever-growing dynamic culture of prayer, depending on God for everything. We seek to view the kind of prayer Jesus taught in Matthew 6:9-13 as something He intended for us not to recite, but to put into practice, and to follow His model prayer both personally and corporately.



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Important Dates in 2025-26:

- **Sunday, September 28th:** Praise & Prayer Service, 6:00 p.m. - Focus: Local Community
- **Sunday, October 26th:** Praise & Prayer Service, 6:00 p.m.
- **Thursday - Saturday, October 30th- November 1st:** Fellowship Summit at Hidden Acres
- **Sunday, November 2nd:** "International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church" in Morning Services
- **Sunday, November 30th:** Praise & Prayer Service, 6:00 p.m. - Focus: Missions / The Unreached
- **Sunday, January 25th:** Praise & Prayer Service, 6:00 p.m.
- **Thursday - Saturday, February 19th - 21st:** Men's Summit at Hidden Acres
- **Thursday - Saturday, February 26th - 28th:** Women's Summit at Hidden Acres
- **Sunday, March 1st:** Praise & Prayer Service, 6:00 p.m. - Focus: Men's & Women's Summit Testimonies
- **Sunday, March 29th:** Praise & Prayer Service, 6:00 p.m. - Focus: Easter Weekend Outreach
- **Thursday, May 7th:** National Day of Prayer Gathering at Norwalk City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- **Sunday, May 17th:** Praise & Prayer Service, 6:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, June 28th:** Praise & Prayer Service, 6:00 p.m. - Focus: Summer Outreaches
- **Sunday, July 26th:** Praise & Prayer Service, 6:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, August 23rd:** Prayer for Children / Schools in Morning Services
"Inspire our Schools" - Prayer on site at area schools, 6:30 p.m.



PURSUAE A COMMITMENT TO AN EVER-INCREASING CULTURE OF GENEROSITY

“One person gives freely yet gains more; another withholds what is right only to become poor. A generous person will be enriched, and the one who gives a drink of water will receive water.”

Proverbs 11:24-25

Repeatedly throughout the Scriptures we see the generosity of our Lord and His call for us to be generous like him. Generosity comes in all shapes and sizes, not just in financial forms, and the promises that are attached to this calling are numerous and varied, such as the one in Proverbs 11 where it promises enrichment to those who are generous. Our generosity always attracts God’s attention and His favor. No matter if a person is wealthy or in want, anyone can receive the blessings God promises to those who are generous from the heart. A person’s lifestyle of generosity, and a church’s culture of generosity are intertwined, the one dependent on the other, because Biblical generosity is tangible, joyful, indiscriminate and expressed in community. It’s also a journey God has called both individual Christian and every church to pursue (2 Cor. 8:7; 9:7) and that’s why pursuing an ever-increasing culture of generosity is one of our top priorities as a local church. Our calling is to put our God-given and God-owned temporal possessions in their proper place as a tool for the meeting of our needs, for meeting the needs of others, and to advance God’s kingdom and Christ implores us to live by this priority, *“But seek first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you.”* (Matt. 6:33). Our generosity as a local church is seasoned throughout all our other priorities as we seek to meet the needs of one another, the lost, the broken, the hurting, and those in any kind of need – physical, spiritual, financial, material, etc. in our community and beyond.



*“Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD,
and he will reward them for what they have done.”*

Proverbs 19:17

*“And do not forget to do good and to share with others,
for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”*

Hebrews 13:16



*“The generous will themselves be blessed,
for they share their food with the poor.”*

Proverbs 22:9



*“Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed.
Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the
widow.”*

Isaiah 1:17





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