

SUMMER EDITION

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"FOR IT IS IN THE GIVING THAT WE RECEIVE"

A NOTE FROM OUR LEAD PASTOR ROB MCDOWELL



Summer is here! I truly hope that you and your family will have time to unwind and enjoy all the things that accompany this season. Last summer, you might remember that we did a series called *NMC At The Movies*. It was a blast and the feedback was outstanding. So, you guessed it... we are bringing it back in June using six different movies to help illustrate God's Word in a way that is creative, helpful, and hopefully memorable.

Over the spring, our Staff, Elders, and Board of Advisors planned and prayed over our new ministry year, which begins in July. **Starting on August 4**, students in 8th-12th grade will gather in the Theater during the 11:30am service. That's right, our high school student ministry is moving to Sunday morning! This time of worship, teaching, and small groups is tailored to their age group, and we're also offering space for their small groups to meet throughout the week should they decide to do so. Additionally, on the second Monday of every month, we'll have a community night at NMC with a different theme, games, and other fun activities. Shift, our 5th-7th-grade ministry will continue to meet

at the normal times on Sunday at 9:30am and 11:30am upstairs in the Shift room. We are excited about this change and believe that this is God's direction as we strive to faithfully serve our students here at NMC.

More awesomeness... we are kicking off an outdoor service for another opportunity to join us on campus! Our new Thursday evening service is starting July 18 through September 5 in the new Pavilion at 7:00pm. This time of teaching and worship will be the same message as the upcoming Sunday. We hope this will accommodate those busier weekends and reach our community in a new way.

I'm excited to invite you to save the date for an Israel Trip on April 20 - May 3, 2020! For the last few years, NMC has had the pleasure of partnering with Faith-Based Expeditions on biblical encounter tours to Israel and Greece. Travel with me to Israel in the spring of 2020! This is an amazing trip to experience the fullness of Scripture, walking in the physical and spiritual footsteps of our Savior in His homeland. You can learn more about

this trip by visiting our Events page at northmetro.org.

If you are new to NMC, you may hear us refer to our volunteers as 'Tablesetters,' that's because those are the ones setting the table for others to see and experience God's immeasurable love and grace. If you want to get involved in serving NMC as a Tablesetter, mark your calendar for our annual Tablesetter Training Day on Saturday, August 3. This morning will be a time of vision casting for the new ministry year as well as time equipping our Tablesetters for the role they are to serve in at NMC. Coffee and breakfast will be provided.

If you feel led to become a Tablesetter, visit our NMC Serve page at northmetro.org to learn about how you can take the next step to get plugged in.

Grateful for you,



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SUMMER AT A GLANCE

- SATURDAY, JUNE 1**
 - » WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY 9:00-10:00AM
- SUNDAY, JUNE 2**
 - » CAMP IN THE CITY EARLY CHECK-IN AFTER 9:30 & 11:30 SERVICES NMC THEATER
- SATURDAY, JUNE 8**
 - » WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY 9:00-10:00AM
- SUNDAY, JUNE 9**
 - » CANCER SUPPORT GROUP 1:00-2:00PM
- MONDAY, JUNE 10**
 - » INFERTILITY SUPPORT GROUP 7:00-9:00PM
- SATURDAY, JUNE 15**
 - » WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY 9:00-10:00AM
- SUNDAY, JUNE 16**
 - » CREATIVE TEAM VOLUNTOUR 7:45-9:30AM
 - » ADULT BAPTISM CLASS 11:30AM-12:30PM
- SATURDAY, JUNE 22**
 - » WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY 9:00-10:00AM
- SATURDAY, JUNE 29**
 - » WOMEN'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY 9:00-10:00AM
- SUNDAY, JUNE 30**
 - » CANCER SUPPORT GROUP 1:00-2:00PM
- MONDAY, JULY 8**
 - » INFERTILITY SUPPORT GROUP 7:00-9:00PM
- SUNDAY, JULY 14**
 - » SHIFT PREVIEW SUNDAY 9:30AM & 11:30AM
 - » CANCER SUPPORT GROUP 1:00-2:00PM
- THURSDAY, JULY 18**
 - » THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE 7:00-8:00PM
- SUNDAY, JULY 21**
 - » CREATIVE TEAM VOLUNTOUR 7:45-9:30AM
 - » ADULT BAPTISM CLASS 11:30AM-12:30PM
- THURSDAY, JULY 25**
 - » THURSDAY NIGHT SERVICE 7:00-8:00PM
- SUNDAY, JULY 28**
 - » CANCER SUPPORT GROUP 1:00-2:00PM

2020 VISION UPDATE

We're getting to the year 2020 by praying our hearts out and being fully dependent on the Lord! He has entrusted us with our mission; **We Help People Find and Follow Jesus**. We don't want to just say our mission statement, we want to live it out! We're following His direction by setting forth two God-sized goals we're running towards as a church.

VISION STATUS

551 PEOPLE FOUND
64% IN LIFEGROUPS

GOAL #1

HELP 1,000 PEOPLE FIND JESUS BY THE YEAR 2020

We're telling our friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers about our great God who loves us immeasurably more than we can imagine. We want to celebrate with you if you've played a part in helping someone move from death to life or if you came to faith in Christ! We invite you to share your story by visiting the 2020 Vision Page at northmetro.org.

GOAL #2

SEE 80% OF NMC ATTENDEES IN A LIFEGROUP BY YEAR 2020

Before Jesus left his disciples, He said, "Go make disciples." A tangible way to see that hope realized is to provide engaging environments for people to get into community and dig deeper into the Bible. We're looking for people to move from Sunday morning rows to small group circles, experiencing real spiritual growth and life change. If you're ready to jump into a LifeGroup visit the NMC Groups page at northmetro.org or stop by the Connections Center on Sunday morning.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY YEAR TO DATE* AS OF APRIL 2019

Income	\$4,513,614.26
Expenses	\$3,944,025.47
Over (under)	\$569,588.79

NMC observes a July 1 - June 30 financial calendar*

CONNECT + CARE

CONNECT

CONNECTIONS CENTER

Being engaged in the life of the church is more than attending Sunday services, and we know at times it can be difficult to get connected or feel a sense of belonging. The NMC Connections Center can help you take that next step in connecting with the NMC family. Whether you're new to our church or attend regularly, our Tablesetters (volunteers) can assist you in everything from navigating Sunday morning and joining a LifeGroup to getting involved in serving. Visit us in the lobby between the Auditorium and Cafe on Sunday mornings, and we'll help you get connected!

WELCOME HOME

Finding a church home can be a challenging process. Some people look at church as just something that they attend once a week, but our hope is that North Metro Church is not just a church, but it's YOUR church; a place where you can plug in and be involved in life-changing ministry. God has an incredible purpose for your life, and our Welcome Home class is designed to help you better understand that purpose. During this four-week session, you will discover who NMC is, meet the leadership team, learn more about our spiritual growth opportunities, and help identify your next step in your discipleship journey. Our next class will begin on Sunday, September 8 at 9:30am. You can always visit northmetro.org or visit the Connections Center to learn more and to sign up.

NMC GROUPS

Getting connected at North Metro Church means participating in some expression of NMC Groups. NMC Groups provides a setting for building dynamic relationships and applying biblical principles to daily life. We have a small group setting for everyone: LifeGroups, Men's Groups, Women's Groups, Young Adult Groups, Young Marrieds, and Short-Term Groups. Visit the NMC Groups page at northmetro.org for more information on these groups or stop by the Connections Center on Sunday mornings.

BAPTISM AT NMC

One of the most important events in the life of NMC is celebrating new spiritual life through water baptism. Baptism is an external declaration of an internal spiritual change made possible by God's grace. If you're ready to take this critical step in your faith journey, we invite you to attend the next adult baptism class on Sunday, June 16 at 11:30am. For more information about our beliefs on baptism and to sign up for the class, visit the events page on northmetro.org.

NMC CONNECT

NMC Connect is our online community created to connect the North Metro Church family. If you're not registered, visit northmetro.org. There you'll see an NMC Connect link on the main page. Create log-in credentials and enjoy access to church calendars, giving statements, church-wide communication, your serving schedule, group events, and more.

SERVING AT NMC

When we serve others, we set the table for them to experience the grace of God. That's why around here we call our volunteers Tablesetters. Our goal is for everyone to experience the joy of serving others as a Tablesetter and serve somewhere within our church. Regardless of your schedule, experience, or gifting, there's a fulfilling place for you to serve! Visit the NMC Serve page at northmetro.org today to see all the awesome opportunities and ways to connect with a serve team or stop by the Connections Center on Sunday.

CARE

PURE DESIRE / BETRAYAL & BEYOND

Pure Desire and Betrayal & Beyond exist to help the church address the heartbreak of sexual addiction. Sexual struggles affect not just the individuals, but also their families. Two groups at NMC exist to help households in their battle with sexual sin: Pure Desire is for men ready to win their freedom from sexual sin and Betrayal & Beyond is for spouses whose husbands presently grapple with sexual sins. In both Pure Desire and Betrayal & Beyond, Christ's healing power and presence become centerpieces for reconciliation and restoration.

For more information about Pure Desire and Betrayal & Beyond groups, visit the NMC Care page at northmetro.org. Additionally, you can contact Tom Crews (tomcrews13@gmail.com) or Leslee Chafee (lhchafee15@gmail.com).

PRAYER

We believe staying connected to God through prayer is essential for everyone who follows Jesus. Our elders, staff, and prayer team feel honored to pray with you and for you in the difficult times of life as well as in times of celebration! To share your prayer requests, you can fill out the prayer request section on a Connection Card or online by visiting the Contact Us page at northmetro.org. Additionally, after every service, we have people located by the stage in the Auditorium to meet with you for prayer.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry is a one-on-one care ministry that provides support for those experiencing difficult times. Stephen Ministers are members of our faith community well trained in encouraging others who are enduring painful times, such as the loss of a loved one, a marriage, a job, one's health, or just difficult times. If you find yourself in a season of hardship, please consider the services of a Stephen Minister to help you bear your burdens. For more information, women contact Virginia Blackwell (678.665.8277) and men contact Jim Pearson (678.458.6097).

FRESH START

We've all been wounded in relationships, resulting in deep hurts we often carry around, sometimes aware of their existence and

sometimes not. If you have tried to forgive someone, but feelings of resentment, bitterness, and hurt still crop up in your life, maybe you need a Fresh Start. Fresh Start is an interactive class with a small group of women or men and facilitators utilizing biblical principles to help you become Forgiveness, Forgiven, and Free. For more information, contact Brad Thomas (770.616.4319) or Susan Thomas (404.323.3804).

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

Cancer is a "no respecter of person" disease. It strikes every age group, every gender, and every socio-economic level. If you or a loved one has been affected by cancer, you may find hope and encouragement in our Cancer Support Group. The group meets on the second and fourth Sunday of every month at 1:00pm.

For more information about the group, please call Jan Johnson (321.795.8189).

INFERTILITY SUPPORT GROUP

Struggling to grow your family can feel isolating and lonely, but we are so much better together surrounded by women who have felt and are feeling your same hurts. Take refuge in knowing you're not alone. If you struggle with infertility or have experienced miscarriage or infant loss, we would love for you to learn about a new support group at North Metro Church.

This group will meet on the second Monday of the month at 7:00pm at North Metro Church. There is no registration required. Just come! For questions, please visit the NMC Care page for more information.

DIVORCE CARE

Divorce Care is for those experiencing separation or divorce, offering both emotional and spiritual support with practical skills for building healthy relationships. Divorce is one of life's most painful events, which is why our Divorce Care ministry is led by individuals who experientially understand the loss of a marriage. You will have an opportunity to process grief and allow yourself to experience feelings of hope and joy again. Our next class will launch again in September. For more information about Divorce Care at NMC, visit our Care page at northmetro.org.

UPCOMING FOR YOU + YOUR FAMILY

OUTREACH

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE - AUGUST 11 & 18

We will be collecting school supplies for Marietta High School students and Hayes Elementary teachers on two Sundays in August. We want to partner with these schools to help their students and teachers feel like they have everything that they need to be successful. So, as you are school shopping for your kids throughout the summer, please pick up extra supplies for these schools. School supply lists will be provided at northmetro.org and in the church lobby in July.

DAYS FOR GIRLS

Monday, August 26 | 9:00am-7:00pm

The women of NMC are partnering with Days for Girls, an organization that is passionate about bringing dignity to the development of young women around the world. They do this by providing Days for Girls (DFG) kits filled with strategically sewn and washable cloth used for personal hygiene items. You can help in this effort by donating supplies or by joining us in making these kits. Let us know you're coming and find the list of items needed by visiting the Events page at northmetro.org. Complimentary childcare is available with registration for infants - 4th grade from 9:00am-Noon. Childcare registration closes Wednesday, August 21.

OUTREACH HIGHLIGHTS

Please pray for our 5 summer teams going to Scotland, Guatemala, and Florida.

- » **Scotland:** This team will be serving alongside our church plant outside of Edinburgh conducting community outreach and training for their church worship team and local high school students.
- » **Guatemala:** This team will be serving with Orphan Prevention Community ministering to families and kids through various means and working alongside local pastors and church plants.
- » **Florida:** Our three Blueskies teams will be hosting a week-long retreat for families who have kids battling cancer. This is a powerful week for the families to experience God's grace and love through rest, fun, and connecting deeply with other families experiencing the same challenging journey.

CREATIVE

CREATIVE TEAM VOLUNTOUR

Sunday, June 16 & July 21 | 7:45am

If you're interested in volunteering with our Creative Arts team, join us for our next Volontour, a behind-the-scenes look into all of our Creative Arts Tablesetter positions. You will meet the Creative Arts staff, hear more about the heart of this ministry, see the different ways to get plugged in, and we'll give you breakfast! For more info, visit the NMC Events page on northmetro.org. To join our next Volontour, visit the events page on northmetro.org.

KIDS

SHIFT PREVIEW SUNDAY

Sunday, July 14

Attention parents of rising 5th-graders (2019-2020). On Sunday, July 14, your kids will have the opportunity to experience our middle school ministry, Shift, during the 9:30am and 11:30am service times. They will check-in down in Town Square and will go to their assigned

classrooms. Then, their small group leaders will go up to Shift with them for the whole service before returning to Town Square before each service is concluded. This is a great opportunity for your kids to get a feel for their next ministry journey here at NMC!

PROMOTION SUNDAY

Sunday, August 4

With a new school year comes a new church year! On Promotion Sunday, August 4, all children two years old through elementary-age will be promoted to their new Town Square classroom. Preschoolers are promoted by age, elementary students are promoted by grade level. If you have questions about your child's new class, contact Erin at enason@northmetro.org.

ELEMENTARY BAPTISM CLASS

Sunday, August 18 | 9:30-10:15am

Our next Elementary Baptism Class is Sunday, August 18. This is a 45-minute class designed for you and your child to attend. If your elementary-aged child has already taken the step of salvation, this class is the perfect next step! Mark your calendars now for August 18. For more information on the baptism process, visit the NMC Events page or the Parents page on northmetro.org.

BABY DEDICATION

Sunday, October 13 | 3:00pm

We want to partner with you on the things that matter most. Our next Baby Dedication Service will be Sunday, October 13 at 3:00pm. The prerequisite **Baby Dedication Class** will be held **Sunday, August 25**. This family-friendly service is an intentional environment, with the message and worship focused on the celebration of life and dedication of your child to God's teaching and instruction. If you would like more information on dedicating your child or to sign up, visit the NMC Kids Ministry or Parents page at northmetro.org.

SOCIAL MEDIA UPDATES

Please be on the lookout every Monday night on North Metro's Instagram Stories (@wearenorthmetro) and on NMC's Facebook for information on what your kids are learning in Town Square. You'll hear some family discussion starters and an activity to help bring the Bible stories that they have learned on the previous Sunday to life. Our hope in these video recaps is to help ignite conversations in your home.

STUDENTS

SHIFT

Shift is a high-energy environment that helps 5th-7th grade students find and follow Jesus through teaching, worship, games, and connection through small groups. We meet every Sunday morning during 9:30am & 11:30am worship services in the Shift Room at the top of the stairs.

SHIFT - PROMOTION SUNDAY

Sunday, August 4

With a new school year comes a new church year! On Promotion Sunday, August 4, all fifth-grade students for the 2019-2020 school year will be promoted to their new Shift groups. If you have questions about your student's new environment, contact Matt at mjohnston@northmetro.org

NMC STUDENTS SUMMER EVENTS

Stay tuned to our social media for all student events over the summer. Follow us on Instagram at @NMCStudents!

SHIFT BAPTISMS

If your 5th-7th grade student is interested in taking their next step in following Jesus through baptism, please email our Student Pastor, Matt Johnston, at mjohnston@northmetro.org or sign up via the link on our Middle School student page at northmetro.org.

NEW HIGH SCHOOL GATHERING DATE & TIME:

Starting on August 4, our 8th-12th-graders will be meeting on Sunday mornings at 11:30am in the Theater! Here, students can enjoy a time of worship, teaching, groups, and community that is specifically tailored to their age group. Those that would like to enjoy some extended group time, we are offering the opportunity to meet on-campus on another night of the week that works for their small group. We are immensely excited about this change. If you have any questions, check out the FAQs below.

NMC STUDENTS FAQS

Our high school student gathering for 8th-12th grade students is starting a new year.

- 1. What's different about this gathering?** It's now happening on Sunday mornings at 11:30am in the upstairs Theater beginning August 4 with teaching, worship, games, and small group time.
- 2. Why aren't we meeting on Wednesday nights anymore?** Many of our students have commitments with sports, clubs, and homework, and they aren't able to attend on a regular basis. We want new families coming to NMC on Sundays to have a place for their 8th-12th grade students to worship. Additionally, we want to reach the unchurched and Wednesday nights doesn't work in our current culture, so we're offering Sunday mornings with the desire to invite students without the conflict of their busy weeknight schedules.
- 3. Will Shift still be on Sunday mornings?** Yes, Shift will run its regular service times on Sunday morning at 9:30am & 11:30am in the same location.
- 4. What if I serve in Town Square during the 11:30am service?** If you serve in Town Square, you will be invited to serve during the 9:30am service so that you can attend the new NMC Student Service during the 11:30am service. Recommitments for serving start this week, so be sure to let Nathan know at nwoodward@northmetro.org or Brittany at bwallace@northmetro.org.
- 5. Will there be any more nighttime events?** Yes, monthly! On the second Monday night of every month, there will be a NMC Student Community Night to bring all students, guests, and small group leaders together for a fun night of community!

NMC STUDENTS - PROMOTION SUNDAY

Sunday, August 4

With a new school year comes a new church year! On Promotion Sunday, August 4, all 8th-grade students for the 2019-2020 school year will be promoted to their new student groups. If you have questions about your student's new environment, contact our Student Pastor, Matt Johnston, at mjohnston@northmetro.org

YOUNG ADULTS

SUMMER GATHERINGS

Make sure to follow us on Instagram (@NMCYoungAdults) and see where we will be having our spontaneous summer gatherings! We will be picking locations around the city and telling you when to meet us!

FALL VISION NIGHT

Want to know what's coming this Fall? Want to hear about some changes and vision for what's ahead? Join us on **Tuesday, July 9 at 7:00pm** for our Vision Night! We are excited to share what we have planned!

YOUNG ADULT GROUPS

Wanting to connect to a College or Young Adult LifeGroup? Join us for our first Tuesday night gathering on August 20, and we will get you connected! We have SUCH a fun semester planned! Stay in the loop by following @NMCYoungAdults on Instagram or on the NMC Events page at northmetro.org.

GROUPS

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Summer Study

June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 9:00-10:00am

As we dive into summer with calendars full of plans for sun and fun, pencil in Bible study for every Saturday in June at NMC in "The Park" (adjacent to the cafe). Each week our time together will be a stand-alone lesson of expanding our knowledge of our Heavenly Father through a study of the Hebrew Names of God. No registration is required, so join us for one—or for all! Whether this is your first Bible study or your hundredth, whether you're a young adult or an empty nester, ladies of all ages... we have coffee and a seat saved for you!

SERVE WITH US!

Are you looking for a place to serve at NMC? Do you love to welcome people to our campus? Or maybe you prefer working behind the scenes? As we plan for various events throughout the year, we are looking for more Tablesetters to help us. Maybe you can't serve on a regular basis, but would love to jump in as the need arises...if that's you, please visit the Women's page at northmetro.org to join our Tablesetter list!

MEN'S MINISTRY

Every man should have a Band of Brothers - men he can count on as he walks through life and men he can invest his life in. Our goal in everything we do is to help men lock arms with other men and WIN in life. WIN stands for men who are **Whole-hearted, Independence** upon the Father and others, and men who have **Nothing to hide, prove, or fear**. Stay tuned on the groups ministry page of northmetro.org for events and ways to get involved!

RE|ENGAGE

Attention all married couples! This brand new environment at NMC will be launching on Monday, August 19!

RE|ENGAGE is a marriage enrichment program that can either help a troubled marriage or prevent one. Marriages in any condition can benefit, whether you are struggling to get along, your marriage is broken, or you simply want to grow closer together as a couple. RE|ENGAGE examines God's design for marriage and applies principles from the Bible to guide couples towards growth in their relationship with each other. You can expect to:

1. Receive encouragement by hearing stories from other couples that have experienced victory in the midst of hard times.
2. Be placed in a small group with a facilitator couple and other couples to work through a 16-lesson curriculum.

Please go to northmetro.org to sign up, be part of this awesome community launching this fall!