

# ANNUAL REPORT 2018



**210+** People **visited** Northeast for the **first time**; thanks for sharing your story & inviting!

## **VISITORS**

**COMMIT** ..... **12** People were **baptized** & gave their **life to Christ**

**291** People **attended** service each **Sunday**  
Easter | **422** & Christmas | **470**

## **WORSHIP**

**CONNECT** ..... **105** People are **connected**  
in **Groups** & **Bible Studies**

**124** People **volunteered** their time ..... **SERVE**  
with Northeast

**GIVE** ..... **158** Families **gave**,  
**\$1689** annual giving **per attendee**

**\$44,122** was given to **Ministry Partners**  
& **Change for a Dollar** recipients **GENEROSITY**

**CAMPS** ..... **35 Kids** & **18 Students** attended **summer camp** & **16 Students** attended **CIY**

# MISSION, VISION, BELIEFS, STRATEGY & VALUES

## OUR MISSION

To lead people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ.

## OUR VISION

To be a church that unchurched people love to connect with.

## OUR BELIEFS

### About God

There is one God, eternally existing in three distinct persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. These three are co-equal and each possesses all of the attributes of God. God is the Creator and Sustainer of the universe and everything in it.



### About Jesus Christ

Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He is one with God the Father and the Holy Spirit. Jesus Christ is our Savior, who was born of a virgin, lived a sinless life, died on a cross for all sin, and was raised from the grave after three days to demonstrate His defeat of sin and death. He ascended into heaven and will return again to earth to reign as our powerful King.

### About the Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is one with God the Father and Jesus Christ. Those who accept Christ as their Savior will receive the Holy Spirit to live inside them. The Holy Spirit serves as our comforter, guide and advocate. The Holy Spirit is given to Christians and provides guidance in living, an understanding of the Bible, and prayerfully intercedes for them.

### About the Bible

Our foundation is based firmly upon the Bible as our final authority on Christian beliefs and as the guide to living. The Bible is divinely inspired by God, without error, given to man so that we may know and understand the truth of God and His love.

### About Salvation

Salvation is not something that can be purchased or earned. It is a free gift from God provided by Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and is received through faith. It is available to everyone who accepts Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. That faith is expressed through repentance of sin and baptism by immersion. *(continued)*

## OUR **STRATEGY**

To create an atmosphere where people are encouraged and equipped to pursue an authentic relationship with God, community with other followers of Christ, and influence with outsiders.

- Target the man, to reach the whole family.
- Connect with the next generation so the church always has a future.
- Reach our neighbors, to change our community.

## OUR **CULTURAL VALUES**

### **We honor God and Christ's Church with integrity.**

We embrace worshiping God individually and together as a lifestyle, not simply once a week.

### **We build unity in essentials.**

We uphold what we believe about God, His Son Jesus Christ, the work of the Holy Spirit, the authority of Scripture, and Salvation.

The message doesn't change.

### **We give up things we like for things we love even more.**

We show liberty in non-essentials and will not argue or divide over them. We will actively contribute to the future of the church rather than passively consume that which we like.

### **We pursue healthy living.**

We make disciplined choices today—physical, intellectual, emotional, relational, financial and spiritual—in order to better live tomorrow.



### **We invest in kids, students and developing leaders.**

We believe in the future of the church and put our resources into its growth.

### **We will figure it out, whatever it takes, to reach people who don't know Jesus.**

We problem solve and say, “we could do that if...”, rather than settle for, “we can't do that”. We take risks and experiment with methods, programs and environments to reach people for Jesus.

### **We strive for excellence.**

We consistently bring our best, evaluate, and seek to improve.  
We do not settle for status quo. *(continued)*

**We trust one another and believe the best.**

We give the benefit of the doubt to each other. We are on the same team... and therefore we must trust each other.

**We are generous with who we are and what we have.**

We joyfully use the resources we have and the person we are –money, time, stuff, talent, influence—for Kingdom work.

It is all a gift from God. We are stewards.

**We have fun and laugh together... a lot.**

We smile more and choose to better enjoy the “life to the full” that Jesus offers.

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We **celebrate** where God has taken us in 2018  
and we **look forward** to 2019 with great **anticipation**.

We are especially **grateful** for your **involvement** at Northeast this year  
and **hope** this report has **inspired** you toward your **next step with God**.

