

WELCOME TO NORTHPOINTE CHURCH!

AUGUST 2010

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## 3-D VISION

PASTOR STEVE WILLIAMS

VISION WEEKEND 2010

# MID-ANNUAL VISION WEEKEND CELEBRATION

JULY 31 & AUGUST 1, 2010

**WELCOME** to our Mid-Annual Celebration service, which we call "Vision Weekend!" Today's service celebrates some highlights for our congregation at this mid-point in 2010. This report contains what we consider "vital signs" of our Church's health. The numbers and names you'll find are measurable evidence of the life of Jesus we share, our commitment to one another, and our dedication to God's purposes.

Today's message, "3-D Vision," challenges us to living with Christ's vision and passion for our lives and world. Our worship time today will conclude by reaffirming our commitment to Jesus through a meaningful time of worship with Communion. It's always fitting that Vision Weekend combines a peek into our future plans, while also looking back to remember what Jesus did for us through his life, death, and resurrection for us. If you're a follower of Jesus visiting with us this weekend, we welcome your participation in this ancient Church practice of honoring Christ's sacrifice for us through the bread and the cup of remembrance.

We're really glad you're here today!



Pastor Steve Williams



The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. **1 Corinthians 12:12 (NLT)**

*Be sure to see the Membership booklet in your bulletin & celebrate our new members!*

## INCOME & EXPENSE REPORT

### REVENUE

Contributions

### UNIFIED FUND

\$1,273,558.57

### DESIGNATED FUNDS

\$334,539.00

### EXPENSES

Worship Ministry Total

148,196.69

Ministries & Fellowship Total

382,134.15

Teaching Total

319,389.43

Evangelism Ministry Total

91,409.98

Missions Total

49,311.58

Building, Equipment & Debt Interest

336,829.15

Resource Center Ministry

425.00

Other Designated Expenses

\$307,661.28

### TOTAL EXPENSES

\$1,327,695.98

\$307,661.28

Income Over (Under) Expenses

\$(54,137.41)

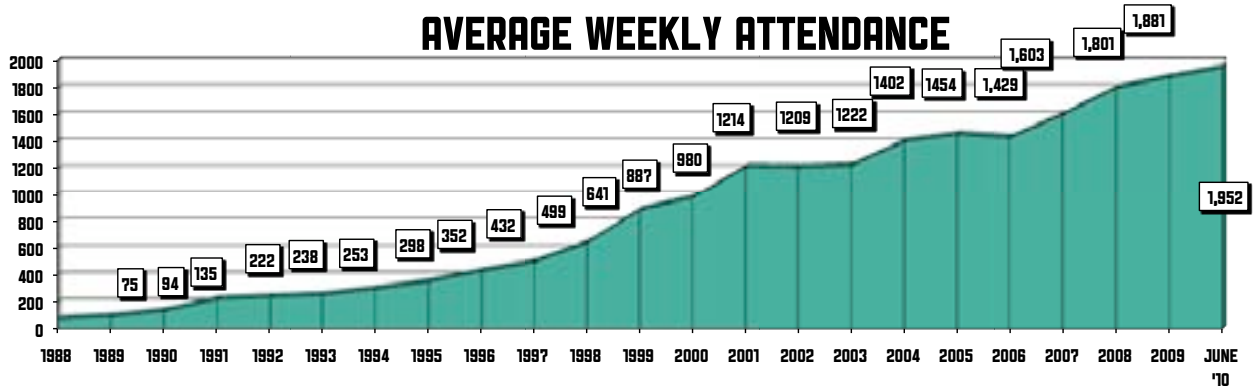
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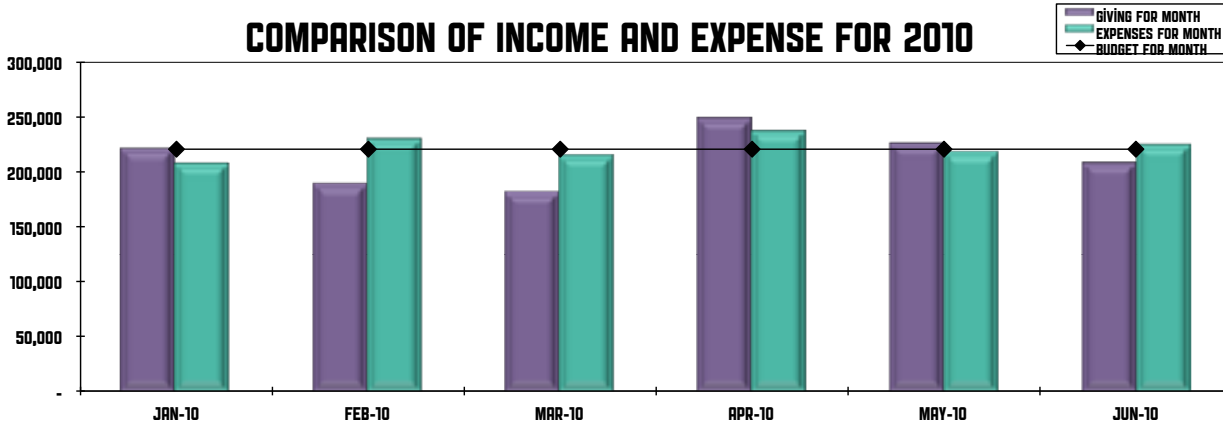
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**CONNECTING  
WITH  
PEOPLE...**

### AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

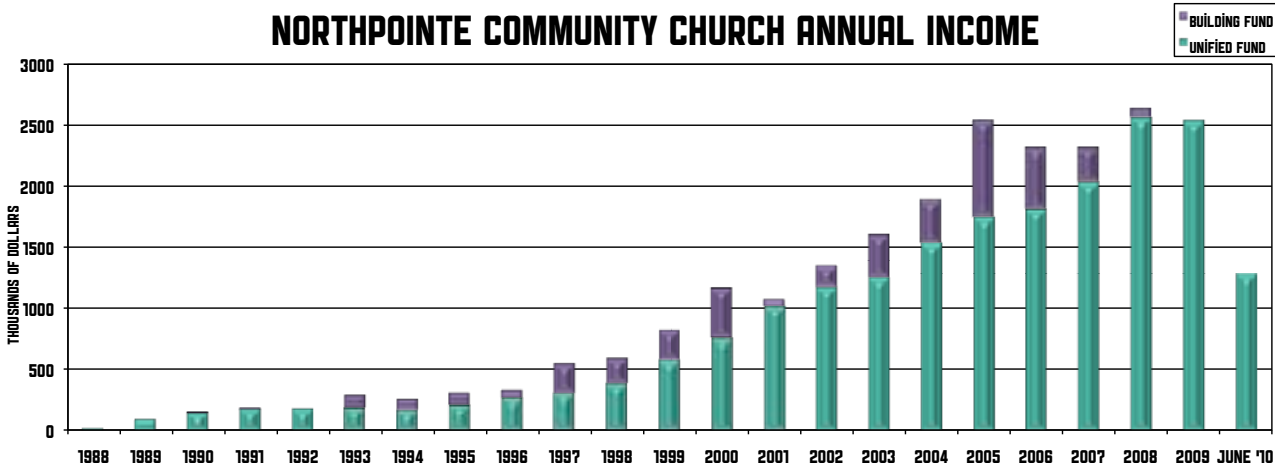


### COMPARISON OF INCOME AND EXPENSE FOR 2010



**PRACTICING  
STEWARDSHIP...**

### NORTHPOINTE COMMUNITY CHURCH ANNUAL INCOME



**SERVING  
FAITHFULLY...**

**TO  
ACCOMPLISH  
OUR MISSION:**

To CREATE a POSITIVE faith ENVIRONMENT where NON-CHURCHGOERS are ENCOURAGED to become FULLY-DEVELOPING followers of JESUS CHRIST at EVERY STAGE of their LIFE

# GROW, SERVE CONNE

## SPORTS CAMP VOLUNTEERS

Have you ever thought about what kind of influence you could have in the life of a young person? Do you often reminisce about your "younger" glory days of tag, dodge ball, four-square, kickball and other youth sports? Well if so, or even if not, we want to let you know about a great and exciting opportunity to make an impact and have an influence on the lives of young kids in our community and have fun at the same time. We have partnered with "Every Neighborhood Partnership" and we need your help on **SATURDAY, 8/21** from 10am-12pm to put on a Sports Camp for children at Lawless Elementary. Circle **S** if you would like to join us or if you would like more details.

## DAVID CROWDER IN CONCERT

The David Crowder Band is coming to NorthPointe on **WEDNESDAY, 8/4** at 7pm. Tickets are \$30 and open to the public. Visit the Resource Counter to purchase tickets today.

## SMALL GROUP START-UPS

Are you a friendly person? Can you make a pot of coffee and turn on a DVD player? Would you like to help a small group of believers get together to study God's word and spend time together? If so, there is a real need for people with a heart like yours. Circle **U** on your connection card if you're interested in starting a small group and we'll be in touch.

## NORTHPOINTE WORKS

We're a ministry of support, reaching out to you if you're unemployed or under employed and having a difficult time finding the job God has designed for you. We're committed to walking alongside you as you seek to discern how God wants to bless you. We'll connect you to a network of resources that will empower and encourage you as you navigate the path ahead. Join us each Monday evening, from 6:30-8:30pm in The Lounge for support & fellowship as we share God's word. Look for a brochure in the lobby or circle **J** on your connection card for more details and we'll contact you.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

Hey Guys! Make sure to join us **SATURDAY, 8/14** at 7:15am in the warehouse for breakfast & an inspiring message from Jamal Jones, Life Coach with Fellowship of Christian Athletes at Fresno State. Tickets are \$3 and will be available for purchase from the men in the black aprons after each service.

## FEED THE NEED

Feed the Need exists to help the poor in our community. Our first outreach was a huge success and a very rewarding experience. We served the men at the Fresno Rescue Mission's Rehabilitation Academy. The Academy is for men whose lives are broken and provides hope for a normal life, the opportunity for restoration, and the wholeness that comes from faith in God. These men serve the needs of the homeless daily as part of their program. We'll be returning to The Academy to serve and honor their commitment and accomplishments on **SATURDAY, 8/21**. Circle **W** on your connection card if you're interested in helping and we'll contact you.

## HELP NEEDED: GET PAMPERED & GIVE BACK

We're looking for help at our Get Pampered & Give Back event on **FRIDAY, 8/27** from 6-9pm. We need help with all the pampering (manicurist, masseuse, esthetician make up artist, etc...) and people to provide donations (food, gift cards for pampering services and out of town getaways). If you're able to provide a donation of your talent or services, circle **P** on your connection card and we'll be in contact.

## BIG HEART MINISTRY

We are made up of volunteers with a common desire to be of service to the Lord. We're reaching out to meet the physical, financial, spiritual and emotional needs of those less fortunate in our community and church family. We meet once a month and have several annual and ongoing outreach projects throughout the year. If you have a heart for people in our community who are in need, then make plans to join us the **SECOND THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH** at 7pm in The Outlet. Circle **Y** on your connection card if you need more information.

## PRAYING FOR OUR NEIGHBORS

Galatians 5:14 calls us to love our neighbors. A practical way to love our neighbors is to pray with and for them. Join us **SUNDAY, 8/8** at 6:30pm in The Outlet as we gather with local churches to pray for our Sikh neighbors. The night will involve worship, prayer, and for those who are interested, a prayer walk around the campus.

## FRESH START WITH GOD VOLUNTEERS

What exactly is the Fresh Start with God Booth? This booth is where we give out free pamphlets designed to welcome, encourage, and assimilate new and recommitted believers as they take steps in their relationship with Jesus Christ. We need warm smiling faces to help hand out the free pamphlets and maybe answer a few questions or refer them to someone on staff. So what do you say? Would you like to get involved in a ministry that could have an eternal impact on someone else's life? If so, circle **G** on your connection card and we'll contact you soon.

# ECT

## CAMPOUT, FISH & HIKE

The Men's Recreational Ministries team has planned a camping, fishing & hiking trip to Big Meadows Campground in Sequoia on **8/20-21**. This trip is open to everyone. Circle **C** your connection card and we'll contact you with the details.

## HAVE A GREAT VACATION!

Don't forget to do the following before you leave:

- Stop the newspaper
- Stop the mail
- Plug in timers on radio, TV & lights
- Ask a neighbor to keep an eye on your house
- Send your tithe to NorthPointe

Even though it's summer, we still rely on your gifts to support our ministries. Thanks again for giving to NorthPointe.

## FACEBOOK & BLOG

The warehouse has a new Facebook page ([facebook.com/thewherehouse](http://facebook.com/thewherehouse)). We now have a new landing page, so even if you don't have a Facebook account, you can still check out all the cool things happening for students at NorthPointe. Make sure to view our page regularly for updated weekly announcements, including those that may not be announced on Sunday mornings. We also have a parents' blog you can find there.

## FOSTERING AND ADOPTION 101 WORKSHOP

Have you ever thought about fostering or adopting? If you're interested or are considering becoming a foster or adoptive parent, we encourage you to sign up for a free workshop called "Fostering and Adoption 101". Join us in the warehouse on **SATURDAY, 8/28** from 9am-12pm. Childcare will be provided. Circle **A** on your connection card if you plan on attending or if you need more details.



## SUMMER SERVE PROJECT

The Extreme Church Makeover is well under way and we still need tons of help!

Volunteers are needed throughout next week beginning **MONDAY, 8/2** from 8am-3pm and concluding with a final Big Saturday work-day on **SATURDAY, 8/7**. Skilled and non-skilled abilities are needed in all areas of construction, plumbing, landscaping, painting, electrical, drywall as well as financial giving and hospitality.

Make sure to stop by the What's Happening Board in the Lobby to pick up a flyer with more details and directions.

## CLINICIANS NEEDED FOR OVERSEAS MEDICAL CARE

We're partnering with Medical Ministries International in providing medical care and sharing the love of Jesus to people living in the slums of Calcutta, India. We're looking for medical and dental professionals interested in providing basic care to those in need. The trip is scheduled to take place January 10-23, 2011 with an estimated cost of \$3,450. For more information, circle **M** and we'll contact you.

## SAVE PAPER, SAVE MONEY

You can help us to save paper and reduce printing costs by asking an usher for just a connection card, message notes and weekly inserts if you don't need multiple copies of the bulletin (ie: couples/families). Also, you can now download the bulletin from our website each week as a PDF file. Just look for the icon on the homepage of [northpointe.org](http://northpointe.org).

**npcc.ME**...because sometimes it is about you.

## LAUNCHING FALL 2010

npcc.ME is your connection point to life as part of NorthPointe Church.

At npcc.ME, you can:

Create & update your profile

View events

Join groups or ministries

Interact with other NorthPointers

Securely view personal information like your giving records & more!

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN...

## GET PAMPERED & GIVE BACK

It's been said "it's better to give than to receive..." So why not do both? Get pampered and give back is **FRIDAY, 8/27** at 6pm in the Worship Center. Expect to enjoy the gift of giving and receive the gift of being pampered! **WHAT YOU'LL GIVE:** Essential items to women in the slums of India. You'll have a chance to shop through a catalog and order items for these women. **WHAT YOU'LL GET:** Facials, massages, manicures, foot rubs, eye brow threading, and much more. Delicious food will be provided by various restaurants throughout Fresno. Do you know someone in need of a little pampering? Pick up a **FREE** ticket for you and a friend this weekend on the patio. Tickets are limited and will go quickly!

## 9 TO 5 FOR CHRIST

9 to 5 for Christ is a group designed to encourage and equip working women. They meet once a month to share ideas, dinner, fellowship, and prayer. Make plans to join us here at NorthPointe to hear these awesome speakers! August 9 at NorthPointe, Connie Clendenan, CEO of Valley Teen Ranch; September 13 at NorthPointe, Ashley Swearengen, Mayor of Fresno. Stop by our Women's Ministry table August, 7-8 to purchase tickets for \$13 or go to [www.9to5forchrist.org](http://www.9to5forchrist.org).

## WOMEN'S RETREAT

All FINAL payments for Women's Retreat are due no later than **AUGUST 29TH**. If you have questions about your balance, email [kaseyjackson@northpointe.org](mailto:kaseyjackson@northpointe.org).

## FALL BIBLE STUDIES

### SIGN UPS BEGIN AUGUST 14 & 15

Join us as we go deeper in relationship with each other and go further in our personal growth in the company of other women.

### CHOOSE FROM SEVERAL OPTIONS:

#### *Jesus The One and Only* by Beth Moore

An 11-week study on the life of Jesus based on the book of Luke. Get to know Jesus intimately, as though you had walked with Him during His days of earthly ministry.

#### Starting September 7th

Tuesdays 7pm-8:30pm (Worship Center), Thursdays 7pm-8:30pm (The Outlet)

Friday 9:30am-11am (The Outlet)

#### *Precept Upon Precept – Knowing God's Covenant* by Kay Arthur

Get into the word and learn to study inductively. See the incredible thread of God's Covenant running from Genesis through Revelation. God enters into a binding agreement with His people and always keeps His promises. This 26 week study will transform the way you read the scriptures.

Starting September 9th on Thursdays from 9:30-11am (The Lounge)

## MOM 2 MOM

If you're in the trenches of raising children & could use some encouragement along the way, then Mom 2 Mom is just for you! Our Wednesday morning gathering will inspire, equip and renew you in your unique role as a mom.

Enjoy small group discussion, guest speakers, delicious snacks and new friendships. Join us beginning **WEDNESDAY, 9/15** from 9-11am in the Lounge. The cost is \$25 for the whole year. Registration for this group begins August 28 & 29.

## MOM 2 MOM FOR TEENS

We're launching a new ministry for Teen Moms. Every 2nd & 4th Monday of the month pregnant teens and teen moms will come together for dinner, fun and support. They'll build adult/teen friendships that will provide support, guidance and practical help. If you know someone who could benefit from this group, please invite them. For more info, circle **Z** on your connection card and we'll contact you.

Do you have a student who's in Junior High or High School? If so, the warehouse is where they need to go. JH meets each Sunday at 9am and HS meets Sunday at 11am. This is an energetic service for students. If you would like your student to get plugged in, develop meaningful relationships and grow deeper in their faith, then Small Groups would be perfect for them! Call the office at 276.2300 for more details.

**MOVIE NIGHT** Join us **SATURDAY, 8/14** at 5:30pm for "To Save a Life". This movie does an amazing job at portraying the temptations and choices that students face and will give students encouragement as they head back to school. Students, bring your friends! For more info, call us at 276.2300.

**LIFE HURTS, GOD HEALS (LHGH)** The Fall semester of Life Hurts, God Heals (LHGH) begins on Sunday, August 22. LHGH combines large group teaching and small group discussion to help students with life's pain, bad habits, and other situations that prevent them from growing in a relationship with Christ. They will learn steps that they can take to heal from life's hurts and they will partner with caring people to help them through it all. We meet from 5-7pm in the warehouse and the cost is \$20. For more info or to sign up, please stop by the warehouse on Sunday or call 276.2300.

**EXILE** COLLEGE AGE  
THURSDAY AT 7:30PM

**CURRENT SERIES** When God works in the world, when he breathes His life giving power into our lives, the result is an unstoppable force. Join us at exile as we start the first series of a three part series going through the book of Philippians. This week we're preaching out of Philippians 1:12-18 and learning how God's work is unstoppable even in the midst of adversity and trial.



### NP KIDS ORIENTATION

If you're ready to join one of the most exciting ministries here on campus, or if you just want more information, come and join us for an informational meeting and lunch this **SUNDAY, 8/7** in The Outlet following the 11am service.

### SUMMER EXTREME DAYS...A GREAT SUCCESS!

Thanks to all of you who helped out with or brought kids to our Wild Wonders adventure this summer! If you want to see some great highlights of the week, check out the video at [npkids.org](http://npkids.org) or visit us on Facebook (NorthPointe Kids).

### KIDSCORE SIGN UPS

Hey Parents! It's time to start talking to your kids about KidsCore! Starting **TUESDAY, 9/21** our 3rd thru 6th graders will meet every Tuesday night to discover what it means to know and follow Jesus. It's a whole lot of fun... so head out to our table on **8/14-15** to sign your kids up! If you have any questions, give Laura a call at 276.2300.



### KIDSCORE LEADERS NEEDED!

KidsCore is a great way to impact the lives of kids for Jesus....and YOU could be a part of this exciting ministry! If you have a heart for kids and would be interested in leading one of our KidsCore small groups, or just have some questions about it, circle **R** on your connection card.

### CURRENT SERIES

August should be a "Peaceful" month here at NorthPointe as our Elementary students spend the month studying Peace (Proving that you care more about others than winning an argument). During our weekend services, our live drama teams will share a new Bible story which will demonstrate God's plan of peace for all of our lives. Following the live drama their classroom leaders will engage them in activities and conversation detailing ways to apply His plan to our daily lives.





# CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Our purpose is to celebrate God's healing power in our lives through 8 recovery principles that are found in the Bible, and by working the 12 steps of Celebrate Recovery.

**WHO'S IT FOR?** CR is for anyone who is struggling with a hurt, hang-up or habit – such as: depression, anger, sexual integrity, physical, sexual, or emotional abuse and addictions.

**WHAT CAN I EXPECT IF I GO?** We're all in recovery here, so we're going to greet you like you're one of the family (because you are!) and then we're going to give you some room so you can settle in at your own pace.

**OPEN SHARE GROUPS** Men & women have separate rooms for their Open Share Groups. In these groups, we share our experience, strength and hope with one another.

**WOMEN'S STEP STUDY FORMING** Join us **THURSDAY, 8/19** from 11am - 1pm in the Holding Zone. Step Studies allow each participant to work through the steps as the Holy Spirit begins to heal your heart. Contact Robin at 357.1970 to sign up and for more details

**WEDNESDAYS** at 6:30pm in the Worship Center.  
Childcare is provided. Call 276.2300 for more information.

## NORTHPOINTE ON THE WEB



### "TWEET" WITH US

Follow us at [twitter.com/npccfresno](https://twitter.com/npccfresno).



### BECOME A "FAN"

Visit our Facebook page at [facebook.com/npccfresno](https://facebook.com/npccfresno) and become a fan to get updates via Facebook.



### WATCH VIDEOS ONLINE

We're on Vimeo at [vimeo.com/npccfresno](https://vimeo.com/npccfresno). Stop by to view the latest videos we've produced.



### CATCH UP ON OUR SITE

Something we're excited to let you know about is that we're now posting message videos on our site. We'll be posting these usually by lunch on Tuesdays. Just click on the image of our current series (on our homepage) and it'll take you to the right place. Take some time and explore [www.northpointe.org](http://www.northpointe.org).



## WORSHIPTIMES

Saturday at 5:30pm & Sunday at 9am & 11am

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY** Weds. at 6:30pm  
**EXILE** Thurs. at 7:30pm