



# NORTHVIEW HISTORY



# NORTHVIEW TIMELINE





# 1972-1980

This was a time of struggles and walking each day by faith.

- August 20, 1972, 22 Christians met and decided to plant a new congregation in Statesville.
- By faith we purchased land and built phase one of our building on Museum Rd.
- 1974- First service there with 82 members present.
- 1979- Met in new auditorium with a record attendance of 120. God blessed us with Max Reed and Stanley Crews as full-time ministers during this period.



First Stage completed in 1974



Second Stage completed in 1979

# 1981-1990

**This was a time of growth in Spirit and numbers.**

- **1983 Jim Smith, Gerald Boan, John Smith and Lowery Lanier were appointed elders.**
- **1984 Kirk Sams became our first full time youth minister and we completed our first youth rally!**
- **1985 John Smith and his family moved to Winston Salem.**
- **1986 Stanley Crews retired and Walter Edwards started work as our pulpit minister.**
- **1987 an addition of classrooms, fellowship hall and offices were added.**
- **The average attendance in 1988 was 159.**



# 1981-1990



First eight elders installed - 1983



First Youth Minister Kirk Sams- 1984



Freed Hardeman College Leadership workshop - 1984



# 1991 to 1995

This was a time of evaluating our Mission; “The Word of Christ, The Work of Christ, in the Spirit of Christ.”

- 1992- a group of youth and adults attended Winterfest for the first time.
- Tim Pinkston became our Associate Minister and VBS and Youth Rallies became yearly events.
- 1991- Kirk Sams leaves Northview to become the pulpit minister in Kannapolis.





# 1996 to 2000

**This was a time of emphasis on reaching the lost in our community.**

- **Two church growth seminars were held, as well as yearly Youth Rallies and Gospel meetings.**
- **1996- Rick Bartlett and Tim Pinkston were added to the eldership. Walter Edwards retired from the ministry**
- **1997- Dan Waller joined us as our minister. In October 1997 we celebrated our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.**
- **2000- Northview began connecting with Small Groups. In June 2000, Jeremy Kughn became our youth minister. Sara Holthouser Paz begin her 4-year mission work in Honduras.**



# 1996-2000



Dan, Debbie and Daniel Waller

## *Waller's looking forward to pastorate at Northview*

Dan Waller is serving as the pulpit minister of Northview Church of Christ. He and his wife, Debbie, and son, Daniel, come to Statesville from Fayette, Ala., where they have served since 1992.

Both Dan and Debbie Waller have B.A. degrees in Bible from Harding University in Searcy,

Ark., as well as the completion of Harding University's School of Biblical Studies.

The Wallers say they are committed to building stronger families for stronger churches for stronger communities, and anticipate a wonderful work in the new pastorate now assumed in Statesville.



Winterfest- Gatlinburg, TN



Nantahala Campground retreat



# 2001 to 2005

This was a time of excitement, big decisions and hard work!

- We continued our out-reach activities with Ladies' Day, Blood Drives, School Supply Give-Away, Friends and Family Days, Super Saturdays, and Teachers' workshops.
- We had outgrown our building and started having two Sunday morning worship services. A land search committee was appointed.
- 2002- January 17, Statesville Christian School purchased our building and we purchased 16 acres on Amity Hill Rd. Elders appointed a building committee headed up by Paul McClanahan.
- 2005- February, Paul McClanahan, Claude Wagner, Joey Griffin and Tim Holthouser were installed as elders.
- 2005, August 21-we met in the new building and TCK Day Care opened.



# 2001 to 2005

## LOCAL NEWS



PHOTO COURTESY OF NORTHVIEW CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Northview Church of Christ elders and others held a groundbreaking ceremony last Sunday to celebrate the upcoming construction of a new 30,000-square-foot facility on Amity Hill Road near Fox Den Golf Club. Last year the church sold its Museum Road building and property to Statesville Christian School. The new church will include a day care, walking track, meeting rooms and classroom space. Breaking ground are (from left) Al Hiatt, Rick Bartlett, Gerald Boan, Jim Smith, Philippe Gilissen, Charles Rhodes, Rusty Allen and David Farris.**



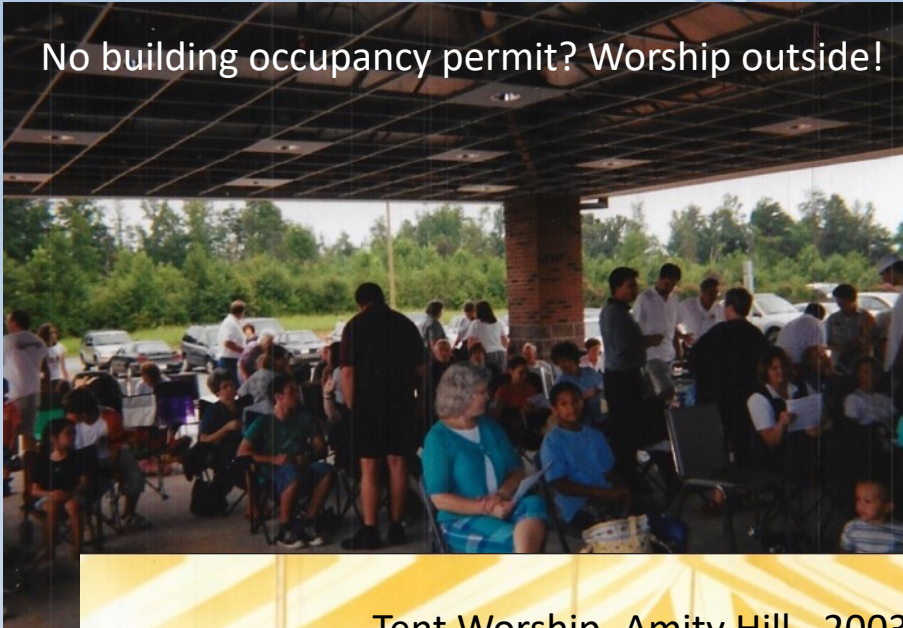


# 2001 to 2005





No building occupancy permit? Worship outside!



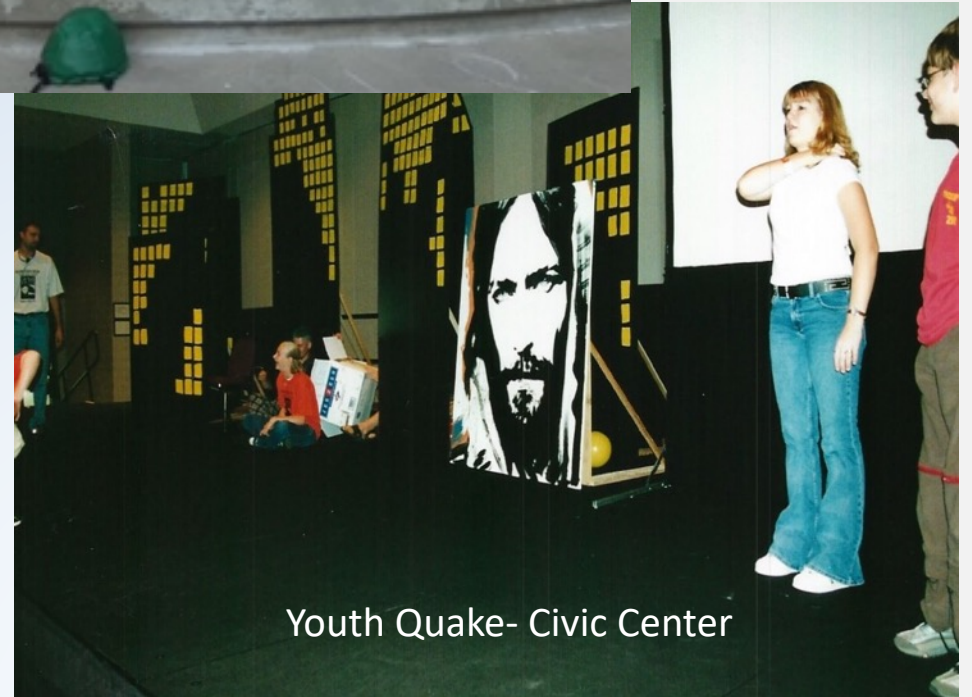
David Lipscomb - IMPACT



Tent Worship- Amity Hill - 2003



Youth Quake- Civic Center





# 2001 to 2005



Neighbor's Day



Singing at Brookdale Place

# 2006 to 2010

This was a time of looking at Northview and how we could reach our new neighborhood.

- Jeremy Kughn resigned and moved to Florida and Ryan Russell was hired. Our outreach continued with Friends and Family Day, Daughters of the King, Christmas Dinner Theater, Financial Freedom workshops, Evening VBS, Fall Festivals, Super Saturday and TCK day care.
- 2007- Jim Smith retired after serving 25 years as an elder.
- 2009- Dan Waller resigned to go home to take care of family.
- 2010- Hoss Ridgeway began work as our pulpit minister. In December 2010, “Restore the Dream” project asked members to make pledges to be paid over a 3-year period to reduce our debt. By end of 2020, \$553,715 has been given in addition to regular contributions.
- 2010- began partnership with Second Harvest to provide food to needy families. Northview began several mission projects including full time support for the Ramirez family in Mexico. Preaching and Medical Missions in Haiti became a yearly event. Many Northview families became sponsors of school children in Haiti.





Northview Guys – Christmas Tool Exchange





Ladies Retreat- Hendersonville - 2007



Men's Retreat - BonClarken





Daughters of the King



Scrapbooking Workshop



Northview Seniors



Northview Golf Tournament



Northview Ladies – Ornament Exchange



Cleaning Amity Hill roadsides



Hoss Ridgeway - 2010





# 2011 to 2015

- Northview became very mission minded.
- Many members are involved in trips to Haiti and Mexico. Members were also involved in trips to areas impacted by hurricanes and floods.
- Amos Gutierrez began work as our youth minister.
- To reach our community we had Neighbor's Day, Run for God, Hope for Haiti's Children races, Fall Festivals, Food Box Giveaway, Financial Peace University classes, Christmas Theaters, and TCK Day Care.
- 2012- Hoss Ridgeway resigned. On Sept 16, 2012, we celebrated our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- 2014- Rick Burgin, Billy Ellenburg, Bob Underwood and Ernie Ulmer are installed as elders and Lowery Lanier retired as an elder. Later that year Billy Ellenburg resigned to return to Broad St.
- 2015 Gerald retired as an elder. Senior's ministry revived as "Silver Saints".



Christmas Dinner for Second Harvest Guests



Northview Mission Trip – Mexico- 2014





Senior Saints - 2015



New Members - 2013



Mike Fulton  
Youth Minister

Les Bonnett  
Minister



# 2016 to 2020

We entered an era of comfort and moved to electronic communications.

- Continued our outreach with Neighbors Day, Concert on the Lawn, Dessert Christmas Theater, and the Star Ministry for Special Needs children and adults.
- 2018- A special classroom was set up for the Star Ministry. A Carnival for Special Needs individuals was started. Food Box Giveaway continued along with providing a meal on the night the boxes were distributed. The support for the Ramirez family was discontinued after 10 years. Our support of the children in Haiti with Joy Boxes and funds were raised to build a kitchen and solar panels for a school in Robert' and a library in Delmas School. Tim Holthouser and Bob Underwood retired as elders.
- 2020- March, we began worship online due to Covid-19, followed by parking lot worship and finally back in the building under restrictions on June 21, 2020.
- 2020- Les Bonnett resigned and elders decided to partner with IMP to search for a new minister.
- 2020- September, marked the death of Jim Smith.





Teens enjoy adventures together



David Lipscomb - IMPACT



Weekend Retreat



Marriage Retreat - 2017



Jim and Martha Smith



Delivering Joy Boxes - Haiti



Carolers lifting our spirits - 2020



Thanksgiving Dinner – Second Harvest



Jeff and Carrie - Haiti



## Special Needs Carnival







STARS Ministry – Special Needs Carnival – 2018



Winterfest Teen Retreat - 2019





Covid-19 Pandemic - 2020





# HISTORICAL THEMES





# Unity

Ephesians 4:3 says to “make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.” We are not told to create unity, but to keep the unity that the Spirit has created.

Northview is a beautiful blend of quite different individuals who love one another and love serving the Lord together. Unity on fundamental truths of the Word is foundational, but diversity in thought and style across the membership is applauded and a strength of our fellowship. Our elders are steadfast in their commitment to God and to Northview. Northview is a place where young and old, rich and poor, conservative and progressive can all worship and serve together in peace and love.





# Community Service

Serving our community has always been a cornerstone of Northview. From allowing Statesville Christian School to use our building to our involvement with 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest. At that time, we began providing boxes of food to needy families and serving many meals for them at our building. We have also been involved with 5<sup>th</sup> Street Homeless Shelter, Power Cross, Pregnancy Resource Center, Upper Room and Special Treasures. In 2018 we began our Stars Ministry, serving Special Needs individuals in our community.





# Missions

A strong theme in the spiritual life of Northview has been the continued engagement in missions. In our worship center are the 14 flags of the countries where our members have done mission work. Some of these are Russia, Brazil, Honduras, Mexico, and Haiti. Currently we are involved with Hope for Haiti's Children where our members sponsor over 80 school children in addition to the construction of kitchens and a library. Northview regularly send teams to Haiti and all return changed forever and more dedicated to continuing our work in Haiti. Many Northview members have also been involved in disaster relief efforts.







Haiti - 2007



Haiti - 2019



Haiti - 2006



# Boundless Faith

- One of the monumental “leaps of faith” was in 1972 when 22 individuals planted a new congregation in Statesville. It was by faith that they were able to move into the first phase of a building in 1974.
- The next big “leap of faith” was selling that property and moving to a new location. A “Land Committee” studied about 59 available plots of land and our county dynamics before selecting our current site.
- To borrow over \$2,000,000 and start construction was another “Leap of Faith”, All of this illustrates that we are truly open to yielding to God’s will and walking by faith.

Background photo – Groundbreaking 2003



# Importance of Youth

- Since 1984 Northview has felt it is important to have a youth minister to work with teens, parents and members. Northview has held many youth rallies and helped build a cabin at Carolina Bible Camp. Our elders and ministers have felt it was important to involve our youth in Christian based activities such as bi-weekly Bible Classes, VBS, Fall Festivals, Royal Heir Force, Daughters of the King, Lads to Leaders, NVKidz, Winterfest and Impact at Lipscomb University.









# Importance of Seniors

- Northview is not a place to retire from serving the Lord and His Church. It is a place where importance of the experience and talents of seniors are valued. In the beginning was the OWLS which evolved into Silver Saints, which is one of the most active groups in our congregation. This group is regularly meeting sending cards, sewing dresses, bags and toys for children in Haiti or just enjoying fellowship with one another.







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