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# Mission Campus Newsletter

Northview Community Church Mission Weekly E-Newsletter



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## A NOTE FROM PASTOR JESSE

### New Years Resolutions

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"So all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord - who is the Spirit - makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image." - 2 Corinthians 3:18

See you later 2020. Don't let the door hit you on the way out! Seriously though, kind of a crazy year and there are a lot of things I won't miss about it. But at the same time, there was much good. Looking ahead to a new year often brings with it the urge to create new year's resolutions. These resolutions often have to do with changing things we don't like about ourselves, and it's fine to make resolutions and strive to better ourselves, but let me encourage you in one specific way at the dawn of another year.

God's resolution for you this year is that you would become more like His son Jesus. In fact, that was His resolution for you in 2020, and believe it or not, He is accomplishing it. The apostle Paul teaches that God's will for us is that we would be sanctified (made more like Christ) and God, by the power of the Spirit, is actively doing just that. So friends, may this year, 2021, be a year where we joyfully submit to the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit as He makes us more like our Saviour Jesus and make no mistake, this is one resolution that will not end in failure by mid January!

I am excited for what God will do in us and through us this year church. Happy New Year!

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## Upcoming Events

**Bible Studies** | Men and women's bible study start again in January and will be available on a few different days and times in Mission and Abbotsford, and online. There's a \$5 book fee. To register, Women contact [women@northview.org](mailto:women@northview.org) and Men contact [men@northview.org](mailto:men@northview.org)

**Church Planting** | In the new year we will be having an info night with Church Planter Joshua Dool regarding the Kelowna Church Plant that Northview is partnering in. We currently don't have a date set, but we encourage those who are interested to visit [praxischurch.ca](http://praxischurch.ca) for more information.



## Serve

Interested in serving alongside Northview Mission? God calls us to serve Him by serving others, and we would love to help you find a way to use your unique talents and gifts to serve your church! There are lots of opportunities to get involved, even during this unique season. Check out our [Northview Cares page](#) or contact Frank at [fsawatsky@northview.org](mailto:fsawatsky@northview.org).

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**"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."  
Matthew 5:6 (NIV)**

# On My Shelf

NORTHVIEW MISSION EDITION

Danae Friesen,  
Youth Pastor at the  
Mission Campus,  
shares a reading that  
has helped shape  
her.

Reading *Desiring God: Meditations of a Christian Hedonist* by John Piper was pivotal in my journey with God. I grew up knowing lots of things about God and I knew how to speak and act like a Christian, but if I'm being honest, my fight to look and be perfectly good was a heavy weight. I viewed God as mostly displeased with me and felt like I was often playing catch up just to get into His good graces. Joyful pursuit of God and a delight in desiring Him was foreign language to me, but as I read Piper's book, his words helped me begin to make sense of what I had read in the Bible. Jesus said: "If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete" (15:10-11). These words seemed so disconnected from my experience of Christianity, but Piper unpacked the fullness of what it means, biblically, to seek completeness of joy in God. How it is not only life-giving to believe Jesus' words, but it is necessary. This kind of joy is what we were made for, and that changes everything.

