

Look What God Longs to Do!

JOF #2

Focus: on what God is longing to do through NW after JOF is completed

Resources:

Attached is the JOF congregational letter that went out to the church earlier this month. It has important stats attached at the end!

Here is the UPG video we used in the service:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4nbXRuStiiE>



NW's 2018 Priority

Bought: we belong to Christ!

we want to ...

- be captivated by the truth that we belong to Christ, that we are His people and...
- be in awe of this privilege...
- respond in willing obedience...

Discussion:

- Review the 3 things that were shared in the service concerning the future of NW by reading these key texts: 1) Sharing Jesus with those who are yet to hear (Rev. 5.9-10), 2) Planting more churches (Matt. 28.18-20; Titus 1:5), 3) Loving our neighbors in need (Luke 10.25-37; Ps. 82.3, 4).
- Which of these 3 things are most encouraging to you as you think of the future of NW?
- What would you add as something you think God would love to do through NW in the future?
- Spend time praying and asking God to do these beautiful works through NW! Pray that we could completely retire our debt next year and that we would be faithful to be generous after JOF is completed!
- Please remind people to be in prayer for the church and their own part as we take up our JOF commitments NEXT SUNDAY in the morning services.
- **Missional Opps!** Grab a neighbor and enjoy the "Lighting of Wake Forest" together!

- <https://www.wakeforestnc.gov/lighting-of-wake-forest.aspx>

Dear North Wake Family,

This could be it! The last year of JOF!! Nearly 15 years ago we built our worship center and added our office and adult classroom buildings to make room for our friends alongside us at NW. We've been steadily sacrificing to pay the original \$2.9 million price tag since that time. At present only \$181,000 remains - by God's grace an amount within our ability to pay off in the coming year! Once we are debt free we will be able to release those funds into direct ministry to others here in Wake Forest, as well as our church plants and around the world!

I am excited about the opportunities that await the fuel of those soon to be freed-up resources! Each year we have been tithing our JOF gifts to whet our appetite for that day when we are debt free! We have given substantial gifts to our church plants, an orphanage in Ethiopia, earthquake relief in Pakistan, our local crisis pregnancy center, upfitting handicapped restrooms in building 2, a ministry in Kazakhstan that reaches out to drug addicts and prostitutes, training Haitian pastors, outreach to Mormons in Utah, ministry after the hurricane in Puerto Rico... and more! Once our debt is paid off, we can potentially multiply those gifts ten-fold!

Each year, each one of us who calls North Wake home prayerfully seeks God concerning our part in paying off our facilities debt (our "journey of faith" - JOF). At the close of this letter are some important numbers pertaining to this need. None of these numbers are more important to me than the percentage of North Wakers who participate. Ours is a church without great wealth, so the participation of each of us matters greatly. This is a responsibility we all must share in if we are to meet this important goal of being debt free next year!

In the weeks ahead, you will be getting additional information on our JOF capital campaign. We'll be taking up our pledges for the coming year on November 11th. I do hope you will prayerfully consider what your part in this is as we trust God to continue to teach us to be gladly generous. When that day comes next year and we are debt free, it's exciting to think about how God is going to use us!

Important JOF Stats:

The current balance owed is roughly \$181,000. We have paid off over \$2,700,000 of the debt and are headed into the home stretch! At the present rate, we will be debt free in 1 year!

Our monthly payments are \$12,970. The interest portion averages \$700 each month!

Last year 175 families and singles pledged \$177,662 towards our facilities debt! There are approximately 267 households that call North Wake home.

<http://northwake.com/resources/articles/jof-building-campaign/>