

North Ridge Church  
Annual Business Meeting  
February 23, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 12:10. The elder board was introduced. John Martin provided an opening prayer in poem form.

The minutes of the 2024 Business Meeting were placed online for viewing at [nr.church/report](https://nr.church/report). A motion was made by Preston Tippen to suspend the reading of the 2024 Annual Business Meeting minutes and accept them as is. Second by Amy Lindner was made. Motion carried unanimously.

124 people have self identified to become spiritual mothers and fathers out of the goal of 500 by the year 2027. By going onto [nr.church/nextsteps](https://nr.church/nextsteps) you will be able to look into the next step that you can take on your faith journey.

Updates on the year of 2024 were given. We have seen a growth of 9 new people serving on the worship team. We have seen 10 new small group leaders emerge that have never done it before. 5 New prayer coaches have emerged. 22 prayer team members have stepped up to help lead on Sunday mornings. The North Ridge School of Ministry was launched in the fall of 2024. 14 students have taken part in the courses. 22 families had dedicated their children to the Lord. 24 people had said yes to Jesus in water baptisms.

Pastor Preston next updated on the freedom course and the impact it is having on people's lives. In the summer of 2024 Mega Sports Camp was supposed to happen with 126 people signed up for it. But was cancelled due to inclement weather. It will be back again in summer 2025. Allie Laufenberg was hired to be the assistant children's ministry coordinator to help meet needs in the children's ministry. Joy Mueller was also hired in 2024 to be the new Youth Pastor.

Financials for 2024 were then discussed. The profit and loss and budget spreadsheets are available to view online. The church exceeded the goal for raising REACH funds. \$237,000 was given in 2024. The tithe numbers dipped 10% from 2023 to 2024. The dreams and wants of each of the ministries were then discussed. Our current debt is \$1.9 million. A new giving option has been developed through the online giving portal. The new options are cryptocurrency and stocks.

#### Questions

Marlene Vanderspeck - If people can't afford to go on missions trips can REACH help fund that? The answer is yes there are scholarships.

Jason Rodeghier - What people expect when they go through the next step process? Who do the men and women meet with? Can meet with either Pastors Aimee or Preston. Are there other mentors to meet with? Yes.

Joey Frenette - Calling everyone higher to worship Jesus.

Ben Reinhardt - Is there a comprehensive list of needs for the worship ministry?

Chuck White of the Elder Board declared that there were 74 members present of 210 total membership of NRC. 98 total people were present for the meeting. A motion was made by Chuck White and second by Jeremy Bauer to accept the number of members at the meeting. The motion was carried unanimously

Pastor Preston closed the meeting in prayer. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bill Ruchti and second Raeann Mueller. Motion carried unanimously.