



EVEN JUST 1%

The unclaimed population in this 5-mile radius is 34,000 people, so just 1% is 340 people.

The increasing population growth in our area is focused on families.

With outstanding schools, parks, jobs and family-friendly events already in place, our backyard is full of people who need Jesus and a good church family.

The Hurricane area is a proven destination for families and individuals who are seeking a quality place to live and grow their family. Additionally, there are approximately 53,000 people within a 5-mile radius of our church. Out of this number, 65% are not claimed by any church or religious community. When we consider that our area is growing and that forecasts for new family housing developments are real, our congregation must rise to meet the challenge so that we can reach new people in our own backyard with the gospel. Jesus said, "I am sending you to them to open their eyes and turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan to God, so that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me." Acts 26:17-18 (NIV)

LEAD THE WAY

WHAT'S THE HURRY?

A Note from Leadership

Since Pastor Paul Whiteford's arrival in 2021, we have systematically addressed the significant aging tilt of our congregation. We began by creating a new children-centric ministry space (the Pathfinders Basecamp). Then we added a fulltime staff person to focus on our family ministries. The results of those efforts are affirming. Our children's department has doubled, and our youth attendance has gone from about 8 participants to near 30 in just over a year! Because of this, both of these areas are overcrowded due to the growth. Recently our church board received letters from our youth group expressing their desire for a building expansion so they can invite their friends and have room to breathe in large group settings. We simply have too many young people in too small rooms. Our facility, while wonderful, is currently set up for an older congregation. If we want to reach young adults, teens and children with the gospel, we must level the playing field. On the positive side, it's a wonderful problem to have! It is evident that our efforts to move our average age down is working! However, we are running out of options. How sad would it be to start losing young families, kids and teens simply because we don't have adequate room for them to feel comfortable and welcome?

Note: This isn't just for the kids, though! More space is needed for all. We can serve our community better, host large-scale events easier and simply have more opportunity to gather and serve others. We must expand to grow and spread the Good News! Happily, we **can** do this! With visionary people, like you, who have a heart to see Hurricane Nazarene alive for future generations, it can happen.

OUR HISTORY AND VISION



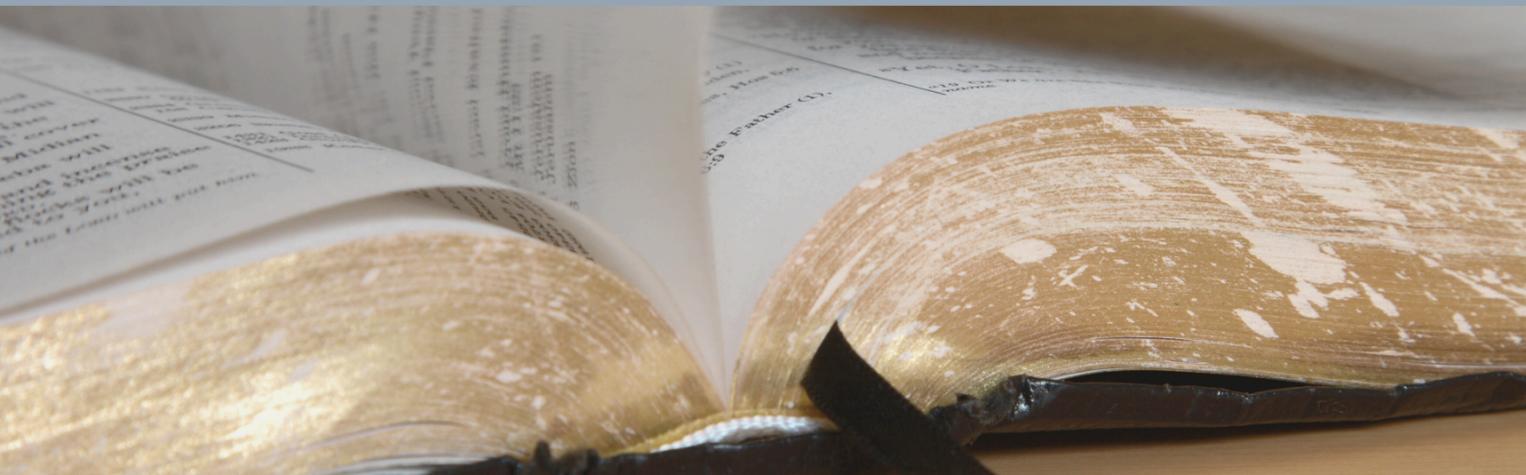
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A BRIEF HISTORY

**SINCE 1939:
STEADY GROWTH IN MINISTRIES,
FOOTPRINT AND FINANCIAL STRENGTH.**

Hurricane First Church of the Nazarene has been a fixture in the Hurricane community since it was officially organized in 1939 with 23 charter members. In 1940, the new congregation purchased property at 212 Dudding Avenue, and a new sanctuary was completed as World War II was imminent and the world on fire in 1941! In the 1970s, a multi-phased expansion program added an educational wing and a larger sanctuary. This made additional growth possible, and the year the new sanctuary was completed in 1979, HFCN recorded 107 members, an average attendance for worship of 110 with an annual church income of just over \$56,000 for the year. An additional activities building was added in 1984.

After more than 40 years of ministry in the space on Dudding Avenue, Pastor Jim Baker and the church board took the bold step of purchasing property on our current site at 358 US Route 60. The congregation entered a \$1.2 million loan to build our current sanctuary. This new building was completed under Pastor Phil Bower's leadership. In 2009, another addition was constructed for a fellowship area and kitchen along with additional Sunday School space. In that exciting year, the church averaged 251 in worship attendance, had 279 members, and raised \$415,000 in total income. Then, a beautiful parsonage was added to the property in 2011, and by 2019 the church was debt free, and the mortgage was burned!



BELONG

BELIEVE

BECOME

OUR APPROACH

WE PROVIDE COMMUNITY FOR PEOPLE WHO NEED TO FEEL THEY **BELONG**; WE PROVIDE MINISTRY WHERE PEOPLE WILL FIND HOPE AND **BELIEVE** IN GOD AND A CAUSE BIGGER THAN THEMSELVES. FINALLY, WE CAN HELP PEOPLE **BECOME** AGENTS OF LOVE, SERVICE AND CHRIST-LIKE WITNESSES IN THIS REGION.

THE CHALLENGE

WE HAVE A NICE BUILDING, BUT WE LACK LARGE SPACES FOR OUTREACH, YOUTH, CHILDREN AND FAMILY MINISTRIES. IN ORDER TO KEEP THE MOMENTUM OF GROWTH, WE NEED SPACE.

OUR CHURCH IS STRONG FINANCIALLY AND GROWING AGAIN POST-PANDEMIC. OUR COMMUNITY IS BRIMMING WITH NEW DEVELOPMENT. PEOPLE ARE MOVING TO OUR AREA! LET'S MAKE SPACE SO THEY CAN BELONG, BELIEVE AND BECOME WITH US! THE OPPORTUNITY IS HERE WAITING.

THE OPPORTUNITY

In Ecclesiastes chapter 3, God tells us that there is a time for everything. We believe that **NOW** is the time to build. More importantly, it is a time to be a beacon in the darkness! People are looking for an active and authentic faith community and to know God for themselves. Let's get set and be ready for the outreach it takes to meet people where they are – so they can come grow alongside us!



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