

NORTHERN PLAINS EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION



ANNUAL REPORT
2011

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Treasurers Report

By Chris Kauffman

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Income & Expense

January 2011-December 2011

Income

Contributions

Capital Campaign	\$80,795.37
Church	\$68,079.86
Fixed Investments	\$45.01
Individual	\$61,022.50
Speaking Income	\$5,383.40
Car	\$8,304.00
Coaching	\$1,450.00
Capital Campaign (Planters Income)	\$47,895.33
White Water Christian Church	\$9,943.33

Total Income **\$235,023.47**

Expenses

Payroll Expenses

Salaries	\$55,003.00
Housing	\$35,359.92
Social Security	\$1,005.00
Taxes	\$10,721.00

Total Payroll Expenses **\$102,088.92**

Insurance

Car	\$1,662.50
Health	\$10,574.46
Health Savings Account	\$1,720.00
Liability	\$1,408.00
Life Insurance	\$101.50
Workers Comp.	\$993.50

Total Insurance **\$16,459.96**

Conventions & Seminar Expenses

Booth Supplies	\$348.12
Leadership Retreat	-\$1,423.32
Presentation Materials	\$139.00
Registration & Fees	\$737.75

Total Convention & Semi. Expenses **-\$198.45**

Treasurers Report

By Chris Kauffman

Administrative Expenses

Assessment	\$126.00
Banking	\$95.25
Board Expenses	\$542.14
Book Allowance	\$475.65
Bookkeeping	\$5,051.90
Computer Equipment	\$245.30
Computer Supplies	\$140.97
Dues and Subscriptions	\$88.00
Internet	\$1,960.68
Office Equipment	\$783.56
Office Rent	\$3,900.00
Office Supplies	\$248.60
Pay Pal Fees	\$155.09
Postage	\$2,767.57
Printing/Coping	\$1,936.40
Telephones	\$1,953.03
Utilities	\$315.00

Total Administrative Expenses \$20,785.14

Travel Expenses

Airfare	\$717.60
Car Maintenance	\$1,621.58
Car Rental	\$533.34
Gas	\$1,895.92
Lodging	\$1,853.82
Meals	\$857.84
Miscellaneous	\$215.14
Shipping	\$133.09

Total Travel Expenses \$7,828.33

Canyon Ridge \$1,200.00

White Water CC \$20,661.81

Bismarck/Mandan \$22,809.59

Total Church Planting Expenses \$44,671.40

Total Expenses \$191,635.30

Net Ordinary Income \$43,388.17

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Board Members for 2011

Executive Board Members: **Other Board Members:**

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The executive board members meet quarterly. The whole board meets semi annually. All board meetings take place in Rapid City, SD. We encourage you to attend any meetings, they are always open to the public.

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Monthly Financial Supporters

Supporting Churches:

Broadwell Christian Church Broadwell, IL	Franklin Heights Christian Church Vincennes, IN	Oakwood Park Christian Church Sioux Falls, SD
Brookings Christian Church Brookings, SD	Highmore Church of Christ Highmore, SD	Pablo Christian Church Pablo, MT
Calvary Christian Church Swartz Creek, MI	Jackson Church of Christ Montezuma, IA	Paradise Valley Christian Church Casper, WY
Christian Church of Gillette Gillette, WY	Kingsway Christian Church Yankton, SD	Preston Christian Church Bruce, SD
Christian Church of Casper Casper, WY	Kingsway Christian Church Avon, IN	Riverside Church of Christ Torrington, WY
Cody Christian Church Cody, WY	Latona Church of Christ Wheeler, IL	Riverton Christian Church Riverton, WY
Concord Church of Christ West Concord, MN	Lewis Church of Christ Lewis, IA	Tamarack Church of Christ Tamarack, MN
Crookston Church of Christ Crookston, MN	Main St. Church of Christ McConnelsville, OH	Tomoka Christian Church Ormond Beach, FL
Fairmont Christian Church Fairmont, MN	McCook Christian Church McCook, NE	The Bridge Christian Church Dubuque, IA
First Christian Church Broken Bow, NE	Meadowview Church of Christ Frazeyburg, OH	Two Timbers Church of Christ Oskaloosa, IA
First Christian Church Kissimmee, FL	Morningside Church of Christ Sioux City, IA	Valley Christian Church Moorhead, MN
First Christian Church Newcastle, WY	New Hope Christian Church Maysville, KY	WestWay Christian Church Scottsbluff, NE
First Christian Church Rapid City, SD	North Christian Church Cheyenne, WY	White Water Christian Church Laramie, WY
First Christian Church Wheatland, WY	North Point Christian Church Spearfish, SD	Watertown Christian Church Watertown, SD

Individual Supporters:

The 248 individuals that support us come from all over the United States!

White Water Christian Church

By Chad Halbach

2011 Reflection & 2012 Projection!

At the start of 2011 I remember being filled with excitement and hope as we embarked on the adventure of remodeling our own space. God brought forth many victories here at White Water in 2011. Here is a short list of highlights from the last year:

- God enabled us to move into our newly remodeled community center (8,600 square feet)
- God has established localized leadership
- We have happily given almost \$20,000 to missions in 2011
- God called over ten people to be baptized at our new facility in 2011
- Over 70 people are serving God through the ministry at White Water
- God enabled us to be a part of planting Gateway Community Christian Church
average attendance in **Dec 2010 was 95** average attendance in **Dec 2011 was 130**

Even with all these grand achievements I will remember 2011 as the year that I reached into my pockets to give God a great gift, but all I pulled out was a chewed on pencil, a faded blue button and a few coins. That feeling of not having enough to give is what defined this last year as leader of White Water. I reached into my pocket often intending to give something of value or worth, but again and again my chewed on pencil, faded blue button and a couple coins were all I found.

Miraculously God took my puny offering and wove together broken lives. He knit us together into a community defined by love and compassion, enthralled with grace. He encouraged us to give sacrificially and with great cheer. He spoke to us and fanned the flames of our faith into worship. He bound up our wounds and dried our tears.

In the darkness of 2011 I was brought to the end of myself and I discovered what God wants from all of us: “empty pockets”. In Mark 12:41-44 there is a story about someone with empty pockets. “Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins worth only a fraction of a penny. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, ‘I tell you the truth this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on’”

At White Water our focus for the coming year will be “empty pockets” as we encourage people to move in the direction of giving God everything. Please pray that more people in Laramie would grasp what it is to give yourself completely to God’s purpose.

I still love being Pastor at White Water Christian Church!

In His service, Chad E. Halbach, Lead Church Planter, White Water Christian Church

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Gateway Community Christian Church

By Larry Andrews

2011 Reflection & 2012 Projection!

We are so excited here at NPEA and White Water Christian Church, Laramie, WY to be involved with the birth and raising of a new Christian Church in the Bridger Valley area of Wyoming. They have taken the name of **Gateway Community Christian Church** and it is located in Mountain View, Wyoming. The church also draws from the towns of Lyman and Fort Bridger as well. That is in the SW corner of the state where there has never been a Christian Church before.

The core group of GCCC began as part of a denominational group of Presbyterians who began studying their scriptures and decided they needed something different, something relevant to 21st century culture, something that was based on scripture only. It is ironic that the Campbell's who stated the Restoration Movement broke away from Presbyterianism. That sounds like the beginnings of the whole restoration movement to me! **We are praising God with them in their new adventure!**

Gateway Community Christian Church was born on Sept. 11th, 2011 with 83 people in attendance! GCCC has been meeting together as an official church for about the last 4 months. The average attendance for the 2011 year was 82 people. An incredible feat for a new church plant in Wyoming! Since it's inception it has shown great promise and potential. They have established a presence in the community by doing a number of service oriented outreaches to the community. There were 2 baptisms in December and there have been several others prior to that. They are meeting weekly at the High School auditorium.

NPEA and White Water Christian Church have been serving in an advisory role since their inception. Larry Andrews of WWCC is also a member of their management team, which currently is serving as an eldership oversight for them. WWCC as a congregation is serving in a mother-church role and will be sending a team to worship with them on January 29, 2012.

In 2012 they will continue to learn about the Restoration Movement and all that entails. They have already adopted communion on a weekly basis and baby dedications. They will strive to become more of a Bible based church in the upcoming year. It is our hope and dream that over time there will be an eldership in place with a full time minister. It is only by developing these two principles that the church will leave a lasting legacy in the years to come.

Bismarck/Mandan, ND

By Derek Olsen

2011 Reflection & 2012 Projection!

After spending the first half of the year touring the Midwest raising funds and awareness of the new church plant in Bismarck, we spent the last part of the year getting acquainted with Bismarck and North Dakota and the fact that it takes 3 hours to get anywhere up here. We have nearly 120 prayer partners with over 35 individuals and churches financially supporting us as we move forward to plant this church. I cannot say enough about Morningside Church of Christ in Sioux City, IA. They partnered with us and paid 1/2 of our salary from July - Dec so we could come to Bismarck early and begin to build relationships.

I (Derek) have worked at UHaul here in Bismarck up until now as well. This not only helped make ends meet, but God led me to meet some really great men. It has been a rewarding experience to get to know these men, along with parents from school, our neighbors and others in the community. With Bismarck expected to continue to grow over the next 5-10 years, we are so blessed and excited to be called to plant this church.

As we look ahead to 2012 we realize:

January is a month that many decisions get finalized as we head to church planting boot camp, have churches come and pray and we prepare to release our church name and vision.

We are planning many events that will not just help the community but make an impact in lives. One surprising thing lacking here in this small city is community. Throughout neighborhoods and the area, we are finding out that we have forgotten to be neighbors.

Each month we will have another group or church here to pray for our church, our neighborhoods, our city and also partner with us in serving our community.

We desire here in Bismarck to be a church that is not only different doctrinally, but the way we do church as well. Bismarck is full of come and see churches. Our plan is to be a go and do church.

As our launch team grows, our hope is to begin a growing and reproducing small group model that will focus on discipleship and service.

We will launch Sept. 9th 2012. We hope to have a launch team of 120 people and a first Sunday attendance of 450.

The extra time in Bismarck has been wonderful. We have a great neighborhood and the start of relationships that will only get better. I know that God is faithful and will bless this new church with people and stewards. There is a lot to do before Sept 9th. This is His church, and its for the unchurched people of Bismarck, Mandan and the surrounding area.

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By Mike Sojka

2011 Reflections & 2012 Projections

2011 was a unique year for me between my sabbatical, personal days (the many health challenges I had) and some vacation time, I was out of the office for 142 days. **I like to believe I assist God with this ministry, but He was very active in spite of my absence!**

- ◆ God provided us with a lead church planter for Bismarck/Mandan, ND!
- ◆ God started Gateway Community Christian Church on Sept. 11!
- ◆ God has directed us to plant our next church in Sheridan, WY, Lord willing, in the fall of 2013!
- ◆ God raised the remaining funds we need to purchase a new vehicle for NPEA!

At the same time, we did not achieve any of the following objectives:

- ◆ 212 5/5 Prayer Challenge Partners
- ◆ 259 10/10 Financial Challenge Partners
- ◆ 10 new supporting churches
- ◆ Hire Creative Arts and Children's Ministers for Bismarck/Mandan
- ◆ Achieve our yearly financial goal of \$160,000 a year in our general budget.

God was, however, more than gracious in taking the time to heal me emotionally and spiritually! I appreciated all the timely prayers and contact by some of you as I struggled with my spine.

My physical pain is a constant reminder that when I am weak, He is strong. He has rejuvenated my heart with an unspeakable passion to plant churches that save souls. He has impressed on my mind the need for grace and compassion for a lost and dying world. There is much work ahead of us!

The greatest single event that will take place this year, will be Revive Christian Church starting on Sept. 9th in Bismarck, ND! A historic event – there will then be no states in the United States, without at least one Christian Church! We pray this will be the start of many more plants in the state of North Dakota.

We will begin a national search for a lead church planter for Sheridan, WY. We will reformulate the Great Northern Church Planting Network, to provide the funding for this project. We will set into place a management team and pray that God would provide us with at least 3 launch team families. He has already provided three Mother Churches. **We will also be in need of mission teams to come and pray once again to the Lord of the Harvest to work the soil in preparation of expanding His Kingdom with another new bride.**

Planting three churches in three years takes a lot of time and effort. As our pace to plant churches increases, we need to build on the administrative foundation of this ministry. The paperwork is being completed so that we can move the office to Fargo, ND, by March. We are also hiring an administrative assistant who will provide us with more working hours than previously. A volunteer office assistant is also a possibility in helping with our day to day tasks. Also a new web presence and a more complete social networking (Facebook & Twitter) package will be unveiled by March as well.

It is sad that the only thing preventing us from planting churches more often, is more of God's resources. Our annual general budget is short approximately \$26,000 of where we need to be. **I know saving souls is God's top priority. May more people and churches make it theirs in 2012!**

Faith Objectives By the NPEA Board

2011 Faith Objectives in Review

- Gain 212 new individual prayer warriors, with the 5/5 Prayer Challenge. We did not accomplish this.
- Gain 259 new individual donors, with the 10/10 Financial Challenge. We did not accomplish this.
- Gain 10 new supporting churches. **God blessed us with 5 new partners!**
- Raise our monthly income by \$1,615, that would give us \$160,000 annually. This did not happen in fact we went backwards here.
- Secure 12 short term mission teams to come pray in Bismarck/Mandan, ND starting in August of 2011. We need 7 more teams to come and pray.
- Acquire 5 more Living Links for Bismarck/Mandan by July 15th, 2011. **God accomplished this task!**
- Hire a Creative Arts Minister, and Children's Minister for Bismarck/Mandan by July 15th, 2011. Neither position is hired yet.
- Acquire 1 Launch Team family to help with the new work in Bismarck/Mandan by July 15th, 2011. **God accomplished this!**
- Decide where to plant our next church, Lord willing in the fall of 2012. **God accomplished this, Sheridan, WY!**
- Determine the budget for our next church plant. We will determine this by Jan. of 2012.
- Start a national search for our next lead church planter. We will start this by Jan. of 2012.
- Re-establish the Great Northern Church Planting Network to assist in planting our next plant in fall of 2012. This is in process.
- Investigate church planting possibilities overseas. We haven't fully accomplished this yet.
- Continue to grow and promote our Leadership Couples Retreat, March 3-4th, 2012. **God is doing this!**
- Recruit 4 more board members. We did not accomplish this task.
- Raise the remaining funds (\$7,650) to purchase another vehicle for NPEA. **God blessed us here!**
- Move Npea's office to Fargo, ND by April 1st, 2011. We have not accomplished this yet.
- Let God be in control of this ministry! **We are getting better at this!**

Faith Objectives By the NPEA Board

2012 Faith Objectives

- Gain 178 new individual prayer warriors, with the 5/5 Prayer Challenge.
- Gain 255 new individual donors, with the 10/10 Financial Challenge.
- Gain 10 new supporting churches.
- Raise our monthly income by \$2,126 that would give us \$160,000 annually.
- Continue to oversee and direct Gateway Community Christian Church, Mountain View, WY.
- Secure 7 short term mission teams to come pray in Bismarck/Mandan, ND.
- Hire a Creative Arts Minister, and Children's Minister for Bismarck/Mandan by Feb. 2012.
- Start a new church in Bismarck, ND on Sept. 9th, 2012.
- Re-establish the Great Northern Church Planting Network to assist in planting, in Sheridan, WY.
- Raise \$260,000.00 for the Sheridan Project.
- Start a national search for a Lead Church planter for Sheridan, WY.
- Recruit 3 launch team families for the Sheridan Project.
- Establish a management team for the Sheridan Project.
- Investigate church planting possibilities overseas.
- Continue to grow and promote our Leadership Retreat, March 2-3rd, 2012.
- Recruit 4 more board members.
- Move Npea's office to Fargo, ND by April 1st, 2012.
- Let God be in control of this ministry!